MTSAT Monthly Operations Report October 2013

1. Special operation events

1.1 Equinox operation

MTSAT-2 autumn equinox operation was performed from October 1 through October 21.

1.2 Solar-interference operation

MTSAT-2 solar-interference operation was performed from October 3 through October 12.

2. Imagery dissemination

2.1 High Rate Information Transmission (HRIT) imagery via MTSAT-1R HRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R was performed according to the regular schedule. The following tables show the performance of HRIT dissemination and a summary of canceled HRIT dissemination during October 2013.

Performance of HRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

	HRIT	Remarks
Scheduled	1730	
Performed	1730	Observed by MTSAT-2 and MTSAT-1R
Performance in %	100.00	

Summary of canceled HRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

Date	HRIT	Reasons
	None	

2.2 Low Rate Information transmission (LRIT) imagery via MTSAT-1R

LRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R was performed according to the regular schedule. The following tables show the performance of LRIT dissemination and a summary of canceled LRIT dissemination during October 2013.

Performance of LRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

	LRIT	Remarks
Scheduled	2971	
Performed	2971	Observed by MTSAT-2 and MTSAT-1R
Performance in %	100.00	

Summary of canceled LRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

Date	LRIT	Reasons
	None	

2.3 HRIT imagery via landline

HRIT dissemination via landline was performed according to the regular schedule. The following tables show the performance of its dissemination and a summary of canceled HRIT dissemination during October 2013.

Performance of HRIT dissemination via landline

	HRIT	Remarks
Scheduled	12370	
Performed	12370	Observed by MTSAT-2 and MTSAT-1R
Performance in %	100.00	

Summary of canceled HRIT dissemination via landline

Date	HRIT	Reasons
	None	

3. Data Collection System

3.1 International Data Collection System (IDCS)

The following table shows the status of reception and dissemination of International Data Collection Platform (IDCP) messages that were received in MTSAT-1R's area of responsibility.

Reception and dissemination of IDCP messages

IDCP channels	Numbers of IDCPs a)	Received messages	Error messages b)	Massages disseminated to the GTS
I06	0	0	0	0
I07	0	0	0	0
I12	3	0	0	0
I14	0	0	0	0
I15	2	0	0	0
I16	4	0	0	0
I18	0	0	0	0
I20	2	0	0	0
Total	11	0	0	0

a) IDCP numbers are those registered in MTSAT-DCS as of October 1, 2013.

3.2 Interference on IDCP channels

The following table shows interference on MTSAT International Data Collection System (IDCS) channels that occurred during October 2013.

Interference on MTSAT IDCS Channels (October 2013)

Channel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Interference											
Channel	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Interference											
Channel	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Interference	Н	Н									Н

Note - W: weak interference / H: harmful interference

b) No message, or message unsuitable for WMO codes.

4. Satellite system status

4.1 Satellite status

MTSAT-2 located at longitude 145 east was performing the observation operation until October 22, and MTSAT-1R located at longitude 140 east took over the observation operation from MTSAT-2 due to its ground system maintenance on October 22. MTSAT-1R is operating telecommunication services such as data dissemination and DCP data relay.

4.2 Maneuver

1) An east-west station-keeping maneuver of MTSAT-2 was carried out from 19:16 UTC on October 3, 2013.

4.3 Orbit elements of MTSAT-1R/2

The orbit elements of MTSAT-1R and MTSAT-2 are shown in the following table.

Epoch 08:00:0.00 UTC on November 4, 2013 – MTSAT-1R

	Element	Unit	Value
	Semi-major axis (a)		42164.131654
	Eccentricity (e)	-	0.000100112
Orbit	Inclination (I)	Degree	0.058630
Orbit	Right ascension of ascending node (Ω)	Degree	254.890287
	Argument of perigee (ω)	Degree	356.934477
	Mean anomaly (M)	Degree	51.857331

Epoch 00:00:0.00 UTC on October 31, 2013 – MTSAT-2

	Element	Unit	Value
	Semi-major axis (a)		42166.827600
	Eccentricity (e)	-	0.000378202
Orbit	Inclination (I)	Degree	0.004968
Olbit	Right ascension of ascending node (Ω)	Degree	259.576696
	Argument of perigee (ω)	Degree	320.355148
	Mean anomaly (M)	Degree	324.547739