



## **The East Asian Observatory**

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The East Asian Observatory (EAO) was established by the East Asia Core Observatories Association (EACOA) in December 2014. The members of EACOA are ASIAA, KASI, NAOC, and NAOJ. The main mission of the EAO is to compete internationally by combining the funding resources, the technical expertise, and the manpower from the East Asian regions. The goal of EAO is to construct large scale astronomical instrumentation which would leverage and enhance existing and planned regional facilities. In March 2015, EAO took over the operations of the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope in Hawaii, as its first initiative. Here, we will report on the current status and plans for the EAO.