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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

**First Quasi-Zenith Satellite MICHIBIKI
Result of the Third Apogee Engine Firing**

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) performed the third apogee engine firing (AEF) of the first quasi-zenith satellite “MICHIBIKI” for about 7 minutes from 12:21 p.m. on September 14, 2010 (Japan Standard Time, JST) by sending commands from the Okinawa station in Japan.

We have confirmed that the third AEF was successfully carried out through telemetry sent from the satellite.

The satellite is in good health.

(Scheduled next information release)

We plan to announce the orbit calculation result of the AEF this time and the fourth AEF schedule at around 0:30 a.m. on September 16 (JST).