

February 24, 2008 (JST) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

KIZUNA (WINDS) Result of the First Apogee Engine Firing

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) carried out the first apogee engine firing of the "KIZUNA" for about 87 minutes by sending commands from the Okinawa station at 9:29 a.m. on Feb. 24, 2008 (Japan Standard Time, JST.) We have confirmed that the firing was successfully performed through telemetry data from the satellite.

The satellite is in good health.

(Scheduled next information release)

We plan to announce the orbit calculation results after the first apogee engine firing as well as the schedule of the second apogee engine firing at around 9:30 a.m. on February 25 (JST.)