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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

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

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) performed the first apogee engine firing (AEF) of the first quasi-zenith satellite “MICHIBIKI” for 67 minutes from 12:02 p.m. on September 12, 2010 (Japan Standard Time, JST) by sending commands from Perth station in Australia.

We have confirmed that the first 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 calculation result of the AEF this time and the second AEF schedule at around 05:00 a.m. on September 13 (JST).