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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

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

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) performed the fifth apogee engine firing (AEF) of the first quasi-zenith satellite “MICHIBIKI” for about 6 minutes from 8:27 p.m. on September 17, 2010 (Japan Standard Time, JST) by sending commands from the Katsuura station in Japan.

We have confirmed that the fifth 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 drift orbit injection status at around 1:00 p.m. on September 18 (JST).