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Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite "IBUKI" (GOSAT) Shifted to Earth Pointing Mode Operation

JAXA confirmed that the Greenhouse Gases Observation Satellite "IBUKI" (GOSAT) was successfully moved to the Earth Pointing Mode Operation *1 through the telemetry data received at the Maspalomas Station in the Canary Islands, Spain, at 10:59 p.m. on January 23 (Japan Standard Time, JST.)

The satellite is currently in good condition.

*1 Earth Pointing Mode: the mode to make the onboard observation devices face the earth direction by using the thrusters (gas jets) to control the satellite's attitude.