

From the editor:

It is tragic that the beginning of a brilliant new century has been darkened by the devastating terrorist attack in New York. It is our heartfelt wish that the peaceful world recovers quickly through the contributions of satellite technology, such as reconnaissance satellites and GPS.

In Japan, we are very happy to announce the successful launch of the H-IIA rocket this past summer. The Deputy Editor-in-chief interviewed the Technical Manager in charge who provided key support to its success. And our impression was that he behaved as if he was raising his own daughter. Also in this issue, we have a lot of foregoing articles.

As this magazine was issued on the web, we have flexibility in editing and presenting. All the editorial members are endeavoring to release the issue within the month. This issue will be delivered with a slightly shorter delay.

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