

## ~~~The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Incorporated Administrative Agency, to be Started~~~

It was already reported that three space development organizations in Japan, National Space Development Agency, National Aerospace Laboratory, and Institute of Space and Astronautical Science was determined to be unified in August, 2001<sup>(1)</sup>. The law of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Incorporated Administrative Agency, for the unification was concluded at the end of last year. The integrated organization will restart as an incorporated administrative agency on October 1, 2003. An outline of the new organization is briefly introduced below based on the Reference (2).

- Name of the organization
  - Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Incorporated Administrative Agency (abbreviated as JAXA)
- Purpose of the organization
  - To conduct the following businesses comprehensively and systematically only for peace utilization of space
    - ✧ Research on space science in cooperation with universities
    - ✧ Basic research on space technology
    - ✧ Research and development for space fundamentals
    - ✧ Development, launching, tracking and operation of satellites
    - ✧ Related business
  - To conduct the following businesses comprehensively to improve the academic study in the universities, to advance the level of space science and technology, and to promote space development and utilization
    - ✧ Basic research on aeronautical science and technology
    - ✧ Fundamental research and development on aeronautics
    - ✧ Related businesses
- Place of Office
  - Headquarters is placed in Tokyo, Japan.
- Executive officers
  - One president, one vice-president, less than seven executive directors and two inspectors.
- Duty of maintaining secret for executive officers and the staff
  - To be imposed secret maintenance duty on the executive officers and the staff.
- Main businesses
  - To conduct space science in cooperation with universities
  - To conduct basic research on space and aeronautical science and technology and fundamental research on space and aeronautics
  - Development of rockets and satellites
  - To launch, track and operate satellites
  - To spread results
  - To provide facilities for attendant use
  - To educate researchers and engineers, and to improve their quality
  - To cooperate on education with universities
- Launching standard of satellites

- Satellites to be launched must be based on a standard authorized by the minister in charge
- Long-term plan for space development
  - A mid-term aim must be based on a long-term plan of space development when the minister in charge establishes or changes it.
- Consideration to a characteristic of scientific research
  - The Minister for Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology must consider independence of a researcher and a characteristic of academic study, when he or she establishes or changes a mid-term aim.
- Conclusion of an insurance contract for launching satellites
  - The organization must be imposed duty of the conclusion of the insurance contract that can do security an amount of money that the minister in charge determined to compensate another person for the damage that occurred on the occasion of launching satellites
  - The organization can tie up a special contract with contractors for launching satellites to compensate another person for the damage
- Demand by the minister in charge
  - The minister in charge can demand the necessary measure to the organization, in case of necessary, to execute faithfully a contract of an international treaty or other contract
- An exception of an application of a law of national civil servant cooperative association
  - The national civil servant cooperative association law is not applied to an executive officers and the staff.
  - But a necessary step will be taken to a person whom the national civil servant cooperative association law is now applied.
- Date of the establishment
  - October 1, 2003
- Others
  - The law of Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Aerospace Laboratory and the law of National Space Development Agency are abolished.
  - To prepare the necessary measures and to prepare the necessary amend for the related law, to prepare progress steps for abolishing the law of National Aerospace Laboratory and the law of National Space Development Agency and for integrating the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science.

In addition, the mid-term aim and the mid-term plan for the incorporated administrative agency are now preparing.

## References

- (1) "Topics from Within: Report of Preparations Committee for Integration of Three Space Organizations Was Released", Space Japan Review, No.22, April/May 2002.
- (2) Document #2-1-1 for the Second Space Development and Utilization Promotion Committee by Three Space Development Organizations and Space Industries, June 2, 2003.

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