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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Result of the First Apogee Engine Firing of the Engineering Test Satellite VIII “KIKU No. 8”

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) performed the first apogee engine firing of the “KIKU” No. 8 by sending commands from the Masuda Station in Tanegashima for about 92 minutes from 7:06 a.m. on December 19, 2006 (Japan Standard Time, JST.)

We have confirmed by telemetry data sent from the satellite that the first apogee engine firing was successfully carried out.

The satellite is in good condition.

Next Update:

The orbit determination results due to the first apogee engine firing will be released along with the second apogee engine firing schedule at around 00:00 a.m. on Dec. 20 (JST.)

This information is also available on the following website:

<http://www.jaxa.jp/>

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