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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

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

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) performed the third apogee engine firing of the “KIKU” No. 8 by sending commands from the Masuda Station in Tanegashima for about 86 minutes from 8:00 a.m. on December 23, 2006 (Japan Standard Time, JST.)

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

The satellite is in good condition.

Next Update:

The orbit determination results due to the third apogee engine firing will be released along with the fourth apogee engine firing schedule at around 0:30 a.m. on Dec. 24 (JST.)

This information is also available on the following website:

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

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