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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

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

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) performed the fourth apogee engine firing of the “KIKU” No. 8 by sending commands from the Masuda Station in Tanegashima for about 10 minutes from 6:53 a.m. on December 24, 2006 (Japan Standard Time, JST.)

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

The satellite is in good condition.

Next Update:

The orbit determination results due to the fourth apogee engine firing will be released along with the deployment schedule of the Large Deployable Antenna Reflectors at around 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 25 (JST.)

This information is also available on the following website:

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

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