

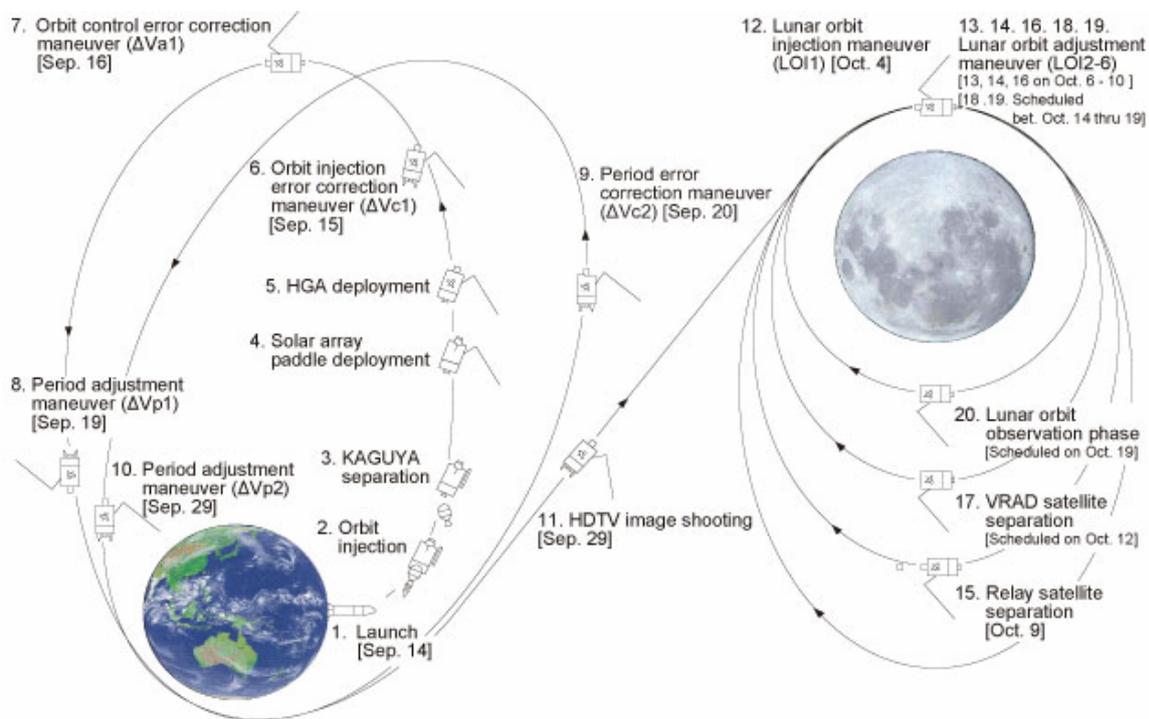


October 12, 2007 (JST)

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

KAGUYA (SELENE) Separation of the VRAD Satellite (Vstar)

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) plans to start release operations of its baby satellite, the VRAD (Very Long Baseline Interferometer) satellite (Vstar), of the "KAGUYA" (SELENE) at around 1:28 p.m. on October 12, 2007 (Japan Standard Time, JST.)



VRAD Satellite (Vstar) separation: 17 in the above figure.

*VRAD Satellite (Vstar): an onboard baby satellite of the KAGUYA equipped with a radiation source for relative VLBI (Very Long Baseline Interferometer)

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