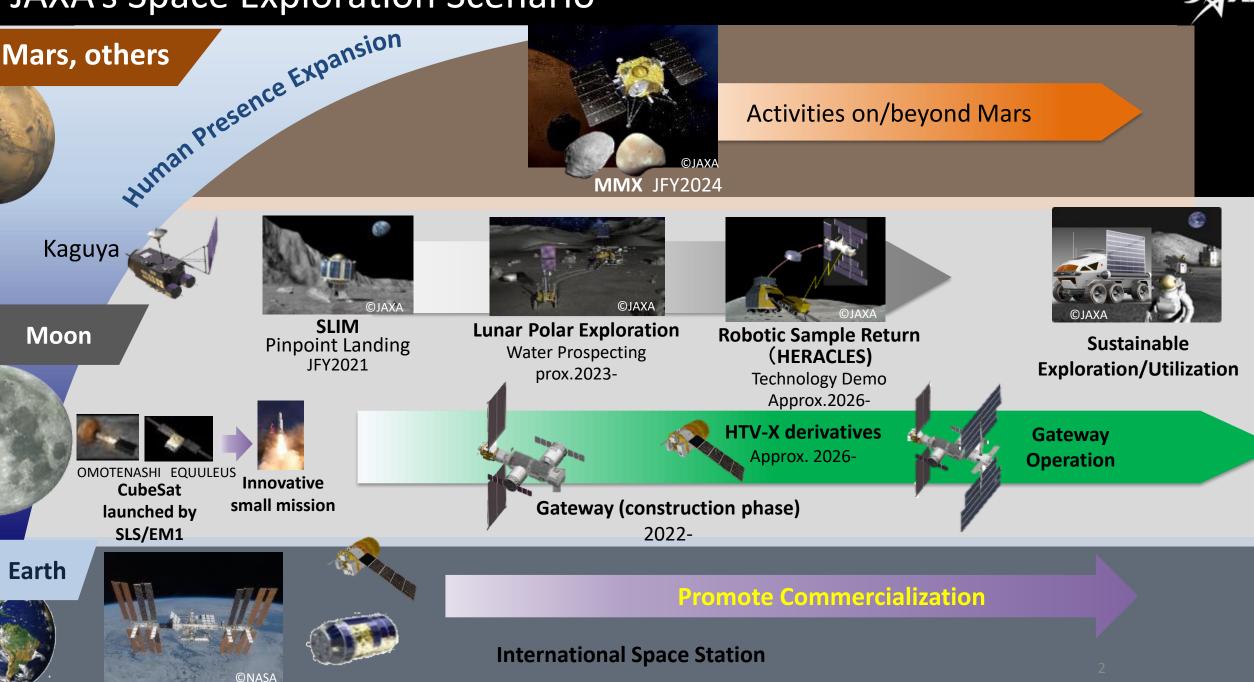
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# JAXA's Lunar Exploration Activities

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### JAXA's Space Exploration Scenario



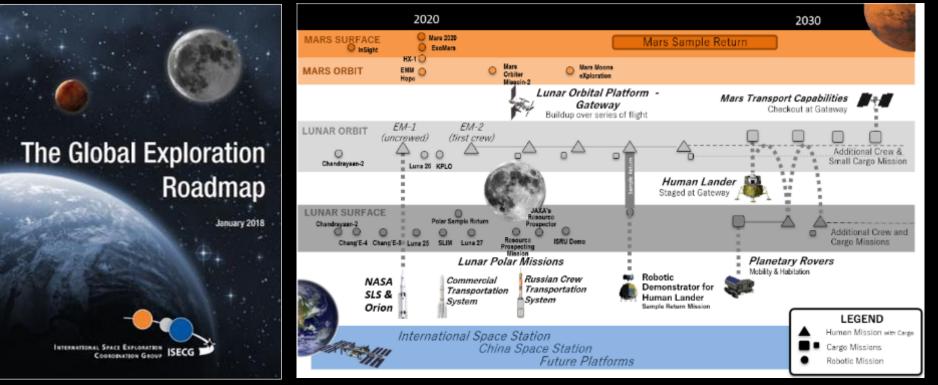


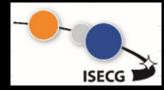
# International Space Exploration Coordination Group (ISECG):

- ISECG is a non-political agency coordination forum of space organization from 18 countries and regions.
- JAXA is currently the chair of ISECG.
- ISECG agencies work collectively in a non-binding, consensus-driven manner towards advancing the Global Exploration Strategy.

The Global Exploration Roadmap (GER3) recognizes the importance of increasing synergies with robotic missions while demonstrating the role humans play in realizing societal benefits.

GER3, released in January 2018







# Significance of Lunar Exploration



#### **Expand Human Activities**



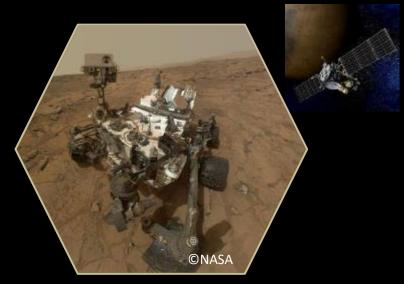
### Promote Industry



International Cooperation



#### Gain Knowledge



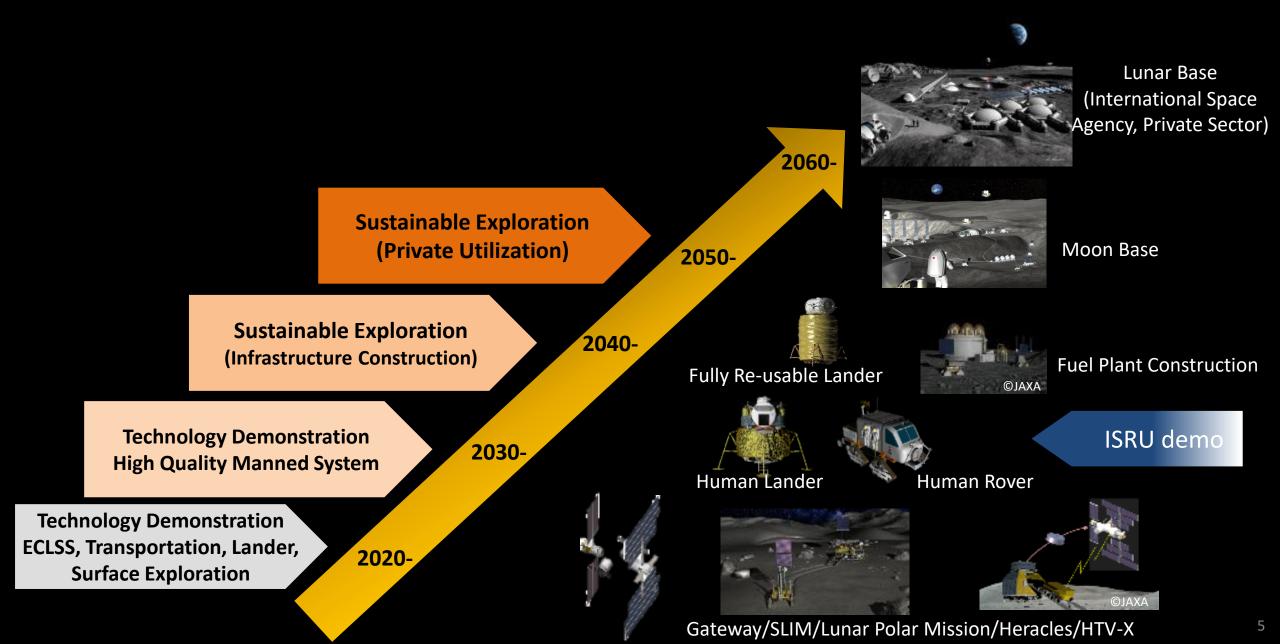
#### **Inspire Young Generation**





### JAXA's Lunar Exploration Roadmap (Long-Team)





## The Start of JAXA's Lunar Exploration : Kaguya 2007-



# KAGUYA (SELENE: SELenological and Engineering Explorer)

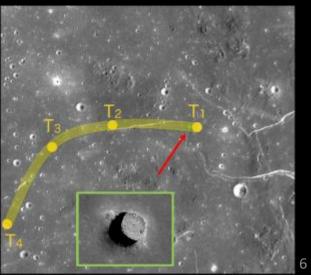


- Japan's first large lunar explorer, consisting of the Main Orbiter and two sub-satellites
- Scientific data from Kaguya is important for future lunar exploration.
- 15 observation missions on the Moon, including observation of elemental and mineralogical distribution of the Moon, geography, surface and subsurface structure, magnetic field and gravity field.



Detection of intact lunar lava tubes in the data from SELENE (Kaguya) radar sounding (2017)

- Detection of a 50-km long intact lava tube underground along a lava flow river "rille" on the Marius Hills of the Moon
- Unique values for both science and human expansion to space



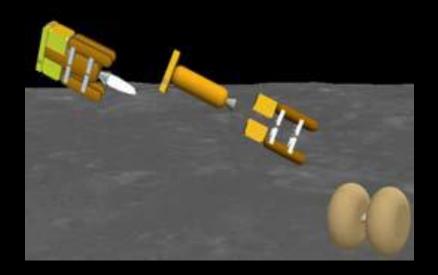
# Small-Sized Lunar Exploration Missions:



# OMOTENASHI

\*Outstanding MOon exploration TEchnologies demonstrated by NAno Semi-Hard Impactor

#### The World's Smallest Moon Lander

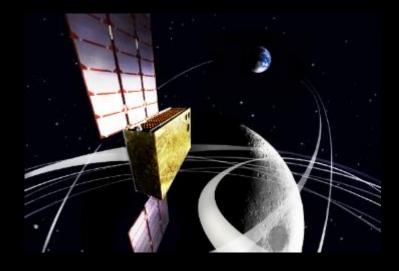


- The technologies will enable multipoint observation with low cost.
- Observe radiation environment in cislunar region.

# EQUULEUS

#### \*EQUilibriUm Lunar-Earth point 6U Spacecraft

#### **Trajectory control demonstration within Sun-Earth-Moon region**



- Imaging of the Earth's plasmasphere
- Lunar impact flash observation
- Dust detection at EML2

(Developed by JAXA and The University of Tokyo)

# Lunar Surface Exploration:



## SLIM

\*Smart Lander for Investigating the Moon

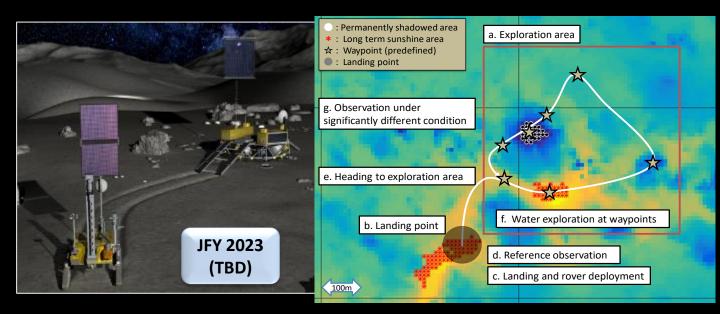
# Demonstration of pin-point lunar landing technologies



Mass	210 kg at the time of landing	
Landing Accuracy	Up to 100m	
Science instruments	Multi-band camera for mineralogical characterization	
Science objective	Characterization of rocks from deep interior	

# **Lunar Polar Exploration Mission**

#### Obtain knowledge of water resource on the Moon



- Explore lunar polar region suitability for establishing a lunar base for sustainable activities
- JAXA and ISRO are conducting joint study on lunar polar exploration mission.
- Demonstrate lunar and planetary surface exploration technologies e.g. vehicular transport and overnight survival.

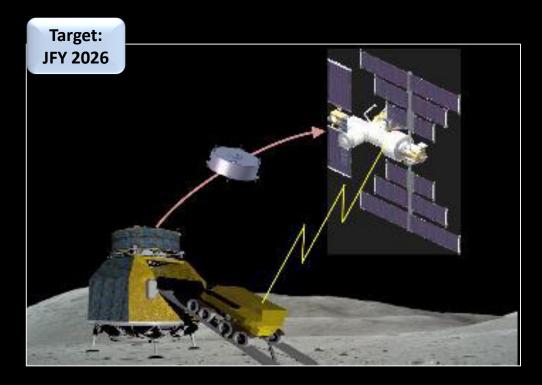
### Lunar Surface Exploration:



### HERACLES

\*Human Enhanced Robotic ArchiteCture for Lunar Exploration and Science

#### Technology demonstrations for lunar landings, surface exploration, and sample return



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Technology demonstration for human lunar surface mission and sample return through Gateway

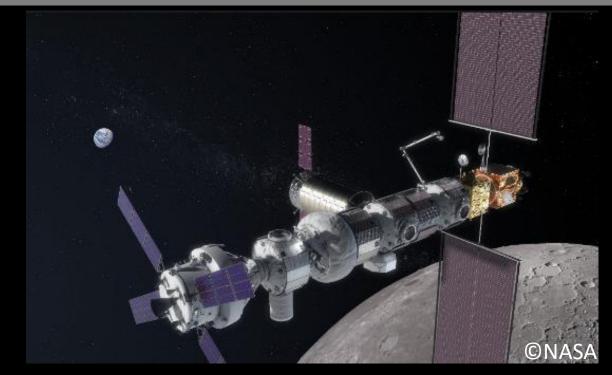
Contributing by;

- collected sample on lunar surface
- share-ride of mission equipment

Mass	Spacecraft mass: 8500 kg (wet) Payload: 1430kg
Operational period	> 6 months
Landing site	Selection is on going
Technologies to be demonstrated	Human rated landing Ascent and RVD to Gateway Large scale rover

### Lunar Orbital Platform – Gateway: (JAXA's Potential Contribution)

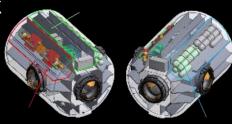




#### Habitation technology

- Contributing by
  - ECLSS system
  - Thermal control system
  - Power system component
  - Air(O2/N2) high-pressure tank





#### Logistics resupply by HTV-X



Kounotori (HTV)



- Targeted for JFY2025~2026(1<sup>st</sup> flight)
- Resupply logistics and utilization for the Gateway including lunar lander support
- Contributing by:
  - Transport utilization on the Gateway
  - Transport small probe and equipment on lunar orbit.
  - Share-ride of mission equipment.



#### Human Pressurized Rover

TOYOT

Contributing by long range excursion capability for human lunar surface exploration as well as autonomous or remote operated excursion capability during unmanned period.

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No. of Crew:	2 (4 for contingency)
Cabin function:	ECLSS, TCS, Autonomy
Travel distance:	10,000 km (total life)
Max speed:	20km/hour
Power:	Fuel cell + Solar panel
Chassis:	6 wheels
Size:	6m x 5.2m x 3.8m
Space suits:	2

- Targeted for 2029~
- Jointly studying with TOYOTA.

Preparation for Full-Fledged Human Exploration : Partnering with the Industry

Space Exploration Innovation Hub Center



Cooperating with private companies/research institutes to bring together cutting-edge technologies for creating innovation in Space Exploration and on Earth.

#### **Examples of Projects:**

#### **Construction**

Remotely contolled/ automated construction technology



#### Mini Robots Technology

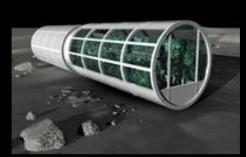
Develop low cost insectroid robot for luar surface activities



#### Agri Technology

Concept study for lunar plant factory









□ JAXA will continue to actively participate in space exploration.

- For realizing our challenging missions based on the common goals, JAXA will cooperate with international and industrial partners, and looks forward to working widely with new players from diverse background.
- International frameworks such ISECG, and COPUOS will stimulate discussions for coordinating and creating cooperation. By using such frameworks, JAXA hopes to continue discussion among various players.