ISAS/JAXA Deep Space Fleet Cut into the Solar System

Hitoshi Kuninaka Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) June 13, 2019 "Hayabusa" spacecraft brought back the material of Asteroid Itokawa while establishing innovative ion engines. "Hayabusa2", while utilizing the experience cultivated in "Hayabusa", has arrived at the C type Asteroid Ryugu in order to elucidate the origin and evolution of the solar system and primordial materials that would have led to emergence of life.

SpacecraftHTargetItLaunch2Arrival2Return2

Hayabusa Itokawa 2003 2005 2010 Hayabusa2 Ryugu 2014 2018 2020



Hayabusa2 executed to land on the asteroid on Feb 22, 2019.



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SCI collision experiment science: crater



- Terrain change before and after the SCI collision.
 (Blink image before and after collision for comparison)
 - Crater formation
 - Boulder evacuated and moved
 - Boulders dispersed around the region

(Image credit: JAXA, University of Tokyo, Kochi University, Rikkyo University, Nagoya University, Chiba Institute of Technology, Meiji University, University of Aizu, AIST)



MMO/BepiColombo is a probe to Mercury to elucidate its magnetic field and its interaction with the harsh solar wind in the close proximity to the Sun. Due to the technical difficulties such as Mercury orbit insertion and intense thermal environment, Mercury has remained mysterious. BepiColombo is a cooperative inter-disciplinary project between Japan and Europe for answering the questions inherited from NASA MESSENGER.

Spacecraft BepiColombo/MMOMercury Magnetospheric OrbiterJapanese Nickname MioTargetMercuryLaunch2018Arrival2025

SpacecraftS L I MSmart Lander for Investigating MoonTargetMoonLaunch2022 (TBD)

SLIM has the purpose of demonstrating a high-precision landing technology. Pin-pointed landing to a desired location on a gravitation body is a required technology for the efficient future exploration program in which multiple landings and sample returns are foreseen.

Spacecraft MM XMartian Moons eXplorationTargetPhobosLaunch2024Arrival2025Return2029

MMX will visit two Martian moons, Phobos and Deimos, land on the surface of Phobos, and collect a surface sample, then return to Earth in 2029. The objective of the mission is to reveal the origin of the Martian moons. The goal beyond the objectives is to progress our understanding of the behavior of small bodies that delivered water from outside the snow line to the habitable zone of the solar system.

SpacecraftDESTINY+Demonstrationand Experiment of Space Technology forINterplanetaryvoYage, Phaethon fLyby and dUst ScienceTargetPhaetonLaunch2022(TBD)

DESTINY+ is a planned mission to demonstrate the small platform for planetary exploration by the spiral raising from Earth orbit. It will reveal the physics of cosmic dust from the in-situ analysis during interplanetary cruise and from flyby observations of the Geminid meteor shower parent body 3200 Phaethon.





Recovery mission of the ASTRO-H installing Soft X-ray Spectrometer and Soft X-ray Imager. Pioneering new horizon of the Universe with unprecedented high resolution X-ray spectroscopy. International collaboration with NASA and ESA.

SpacecraftXRISMX-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy MissionTargetX-rayLaunch2022(TBD)

Notional Concept

SpacecraftLiteBIRDLight (Lite)Satellite for studies of B-modepolarization and Inflation from cosmicbackgroundRadiation DetectionTargetSun-Earth L2Launch2027(TBD)

LiteBIRD will carry out all-sky millimeter-wave surveys to map the polarization of cosmic microwave background (CMB) with an unprecedented precision. The mission will provide a definitive search for the CMB B-mode polarization from cosmic inflation, either making a discovery or ruling out well-motivated cosmic inflation models.

