

## New Cooperation Programme "KiboCUBE": Invitation to

## CubeSat Deployment into Orbit from the Japanese Experiment Module "Kibo" of the ISS

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#### 1. CubeSat Deployment from "Kibo MEXT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-JAPAN





Japanese Astronaut, Koichi Wakata, deploying CubeSats at Kibo

- Characteristics of "CubeSats"
  - Able to be developed in short period, with low cost.
  - An effective tool to demonstrate space technology and for the capacity-building of young engineers.

#### Small Satellite Orbital Deployer

- Unique CubeSat Deployment system developed by JAXA.
- Enables deployment of CubeSats from ISS easier than direct deployment by a launch vehicle thanks to the lower vibration environment during launch.
- CubeSats are stowed in a soft bag and carried to the ISS together with other cargo.
- Use the Robotic Arm and Airlock of Kibo without Extra-Vehicular Activity of astronauts.
- Kibo is the sole facility of ISS for conducting this mission.

#### 1. CubeSat Deployment from "Kibo MEXT MINISTAY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-JAPAN

- 71 CubeSats from Japan, USA, Vietnam, Peru, Lithuania and Brazil have been deployed from Kibo so far by the CubeSat Deployers developed by Japan or the US.
- □ Further deployment of CubeSats from Kibo are being scheduled.

#### Past records of CubeSat Deployment from Kibo

- Oct. 2012 5 CubeSats (3 from Japan, 2 from USA)
- Nov. 2013 4 CubeSats (1 from Japan/Vietnam, 3 from USA)
- Feb. 2014 33 CubeSats (30 from USA, 2 from Lithuania, 1 from Peru)
- Aug. 2014 12 CubeSats (12 from USA)
- Feb. 2015 1 CubeSat (1 from Brazil)
- Mar. 2015 16 CubeSats (16 from USA)





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CubeSat from Peru Deployed in Nov. 2013

CubeSat from Vietnam

CubeSat from Brazil Deployed in Feb.2015





## SHORT VIDEO (1 minute)



# 2. New Cooperation Programme "KiboCUBE"

#### Concepts:

- Provide UN Member States with an opportunity to deploy a "CubeSat" of their design and construction from the ISS Kibo.
  - Approximately one CubeSat will be selected and expected to be deployed into space. Each selected entity will be provided with one-time opportunity to deploy a 1u(10cm × 10cm × 10cm) CubeSat.
  - In line with the mission and objectives of the UN Programme on Space Applications - Basic Space Technology Initiative (BSTI) and the Human Space Technology Initiative (HSTI).
- Target entities are educational and research institutions from developing countries.
  - Raise awareness of role that space science and technology plays in promoting sustainable development.
  - Contribute to building capacity in spacecraft engineering, design and construction.
- Broaden space activities and applications more equitably and facilitating the development of human resources.



# KiboCUBE Cooperation - Milestone MEXT Science and Technology-JAPAN

Application	6 months
Selection	3-4 months
Agreement between JAXA and Selected Entity, I/F coordination	6-9 months(tbd)
Launch/Cubesat Deployment	Launch would be conducted in late 2016 at the earliest but cannot be confirmed at this stage (TBD).



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Photo: JAXA/NASA



# Summary

- Japan has offered to establish a cooperation programme on CubeSat deployment from "Kibo" of ISS in cooperation with UN.
- This UN-Japan cooperation is aimed to allow newer users access to ISS and "Kibo". Moreover, this cooperation offers developing countries an opportunity to deploy CubeSat easier.
- Japan continues contributing to the ISS program and sharing the values of the ISS with the world.





