Status Update of Hayabusa2



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Flight model of Hayabusa2



27 October 2014 in Tanegashima Space Center



Launch of Hayabusa2

3 December 2014



Launch by H-IIA



Spacecraft Separation

One hour and 47 minutes after the launch...





bottom side



Technology and Science of Asteroid Sample Return

Technology : round-trip to asteroid



New technologies

- •Ion engine
- •Autonomous navigation
- •Sample collection system
- •Reentry capsule
- •Impactor system
- •Ka-band communication etc.

Science : origin and evolution of the solar system and life



Mission Scenario of Hayabusa2



Hayabusa2 Mission CG

Hayabusa2 Spacecraft



Target Asteroid : 1999 JU3

Asteroid (162173) 1999 JU3

Discovered in May 1999 by LINEAR Team

Shape : almost spherical Size : 900 m Rotation period: 7.6 h Albedo : 0.05 Type : Cg







1.8 Tp=7.625 hr assumed 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3

 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1
Rotational phase
(by Kim, Choi, Moon et al. A&A 550, L11, 2013)

Shape





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International Cooperation on Hayabusa2



Current Status

- After its launch (3 Dec. 2014), its critical operations were successfully carried out and then the initial check operations are continuing today.
- Up to now, the following functions were verified: power generation, communication (X and Ka band), ion engines, attitude control, orbit determination, and some of the scientific instruments.
- The initial check will continue up to the end of February this year, and then the normal operation will starte.
- The next important event is the Earth swingby in Dec. 2015.

Sampler horn was extended in the critical phase. This photo was taken by a small camera, which was installed on board by public donation.





Significance of Asteroid Exploration



Summary

- Hayabusa2 was launched successfully on 3 Dec. 2014, and the operation of the spacecraft is going well as scheduled.
- With the Hayabusa2 mission, Japan will contribute not only to the science for the solar system and the life but also to the social issues related to NEOs.



Thank you!

