

Direction of "Lunar and Planetary Data Analysis Group" of ISAS

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Japanese lunar orbiting mission, Kaguya, launched in 2007 and successfully finished its mission life in 2009, have brought many scientific discoveries to progress the lunar and planetary science, which has produced the second most published papers among lunar missions in the couple of decades. To maximize outcomes of the lunar and planetary exploration missions with leading the planetary science from now on, both system and environment to handle and to analyze large amount of data obtained by exploration missions. These are also important for designing strategies and technical studies, however, these activities depend on the ability and effort of personal data users while they are implemented systematically such as in NASA and in USGS. With taking this situation into consideration, we will state a new trial of the "Lunar and Planetary Data Analysis Group", an ISAS organization of which starts at the beginning of FY2016.

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