

Why Japan's Earth observation has not yet been settled

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Thirty years have passed since Japan launched its first Earth Observation Satellite MOS-1 in 1987.

Due to the introduction of the Information Gathering Satellite Project in 1999, our space program had to suffer heavy staff reduction and budget cuts.

Even after the Basic Space Law was enacted in 2008, the program for the future Earth Observation Satellites is still in a blank state.

In this presentation, a review on the Earth Observation Satellites since the NASDA era and the Task Force Meeting/Remote Sensing Subcommittee (TF) in 2016 together with some proposal for the future program will be presented.

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