

Japan-India Space Industry Cooperation Event
(Remarks by KAZEKI Jun, DG of NSPS, Japan, 31 March 2025)

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen,
My name is KAZEKI Jun, Director General of the National Space Policy Secretariat, the Government of Japan.

First of all, I would like to thank you all for coming to the Japan-India Space Industry Cooperation Event today. I would also like to welcome our guests from India to Tokyo.

Japan and India are both major countries that are actively engaged in space activities. We have steadily accumulated achievements in space development and utilization.

For example, while India successfully landed the Chandrayaan-3 near the South Pole of the Moon in August 2023 as the fourth country in the world, Japan also succeeded in pinpoint soft-landing on the Moon's surface and experienced three overnights by the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (called SLIM) in January 2024.

Both countries are building upon these achievements and cooperating on a lunar exploration mission (called LUPEX).

In the mission, a Japanese H3 rocket will be used with a lunar lander developed by India and a lunar rover developed by Japan.
The mission will conduct observations to clarify the amount and state of water in the polar regions of the Moon.

In addition to the project, the cooperations between space agencies of both countries have been deepened and the international cooperation by both countries in the United Nations and other forum such as QUAD has been in progress.

In addition to the field of space science and exploration, both countries are also responding to the global trend of private-sector-led space development and utilization.

The Japanese Government has been supporting not only established space companies, but also start-ups by formulating the Space Technology Strategy and establishing the Space Strategy Fund where the JAXA is functioning as a focal point.

I recognize that the Government of India is also providing strong support for the private space industry and look forward to exchanging views regarding several initiatives in the presentations today.

Last year in March, there was an active dialogue by private sectors and government officials from both countries in India. And today, this will be a continuous forum for sharing information and exchanging views by private sectors and government officials involved in the space industry.

I hope the discussion today will pave the way for further cooperations between the space industries of both countries. Thank you.