





H-IIA Launch Vehicle No. 14 for KIZUNA (WINDS) -Special Website-

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Countdown Report

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February 23, 2008 18:23 JST

KIZUNA (WINDS) separation

The separation of KIZUNA (WINDS) was confirmed.

An updated status of the KIZUNA (WINDS) will be given on JAXA's website.

This is the end of the Countdown Report.

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February 23, 2008 17:56 JST

X + 1'00"

H-IIA F14 is flying smoothly.

February 23, 2008 17:55 JST

Liftoff!

The H-IIA Launch Vehicle No.14 carrying the KIZUNA satellite lifted off at 17:55 JST on February 23, 2008 from the Tanegashima Space Center.

February 23, 2008 17:50 JST

Automatic countdown sequence start

Four and a half minutes to liftoff. The automatic countdown sequence has started.

February 23, 2008 17:45 JST

The launch time has been reset to 17:55 JST

The countdown operation is now held in five minutes.

So new launch time is set to 17:55 JST.

February 23, 2008 17:20 JST

X-30 (=T-30) minutes

We have 30 minutes to launch.

February 23, 2008 16:50 JST

X-60 (=T-60) minutes terminal countdown

The X-60 minutes terminal countdown operation has started.

JAXA live launch webcast will start at 16:20 JST.

February 23, 2008 16:50 JST

Third Go/NoGo decision - "Go"

The green light was given for the X-60 minutes terminal countdown operation.

February 23, 2008 16:41 JST

The launch time was rescheduled

The H-IIA F14 launch time was changed again, because a boat went into the predetermined restricted area.

New launch time is 17:50 JST.

February 23, 2008 15:30 JST

The launch time has been changed

Due to the expected severer ground wind than the constraint at the current launch time 16:20 JST, the H-IIA F14 launch time has been changed to 16:55 JST.

February 23, 2008 14:47 JST

Attitude control system flight slew test completed

The second attitude control system flight slew test has been completed.

February 23, 2008 11:35 JST

Radio frequency system checks completed

Checking of the radio frequency system between the launch vehicle and ground stations has been completed.

February 23, 2008 11:28 JST

First stage and second stage liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen tanks fully loaded

It was confirmed that the first and second stage liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen tanks have been fully loaded.

February 23, 2008 9:25 JST

Attitude control system flight slew test completed

The attitude control system flight slew test has been completed.

February 23, 2008 8:44 JST

Access restriction to be imposed inside a 3000 meters radius from the launch pad

Access is restricted inside a 3000 meters radius from the launch pad.

February 23, 2008 7:40 JST

Pre-cooling operations started

Pre-cooling operations for the liquid hydrogen and oxygen loading systems have commenced.

February 23, 2008 7:04 JST

Terminal countdown operations started

Terminal countdown operations have started.

Access is restricted inside a 400 meters radius from the launch pad.

February 23, 2008 6:37 JST

Second Go/NoGo Decision - "Go"

All aspects of the operation - the readiness of the launch vehicle, the spacecraft, the launch facility, the vehicle tracking and control system, and weather conditions - have been confirmed, and we are go for propellant loading operations. Preparation for the loading will start soon.

February 23, 2008 4:00 JST

H-IIA F14 arrives at the launch pad

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Launch vehicle and pad facility connection operation starts.

February 23, 2008 3:30 JST

H-IIA F14 on the way to the launch pad

H-IIA F14 carrying KIZUNA atop the second stage leaves for the launch pad.

The launch vehicle, mounted on a mobile launcher, will travel approximately 500 meters from the VAB to the launch pad. This takes approximately 30 minutes.

February 23, 2008 0:30 JST

First Go/NoGo Decision - "Go"

This is an updated Launch Countdown Report on KIZUNA (WINDS) which will be launched using the H-IIA Launch Vehicle No.14 (H-IIA F14).

The weather conditions were checked and the green light given, for transportation of H-IIA F14 from the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) to the launch pad.

The scheduled launch window of today February 23 is from 16:20 to 17:55 JST.



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