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JAXA Approach for Mission Success ~close coordination with contractors~

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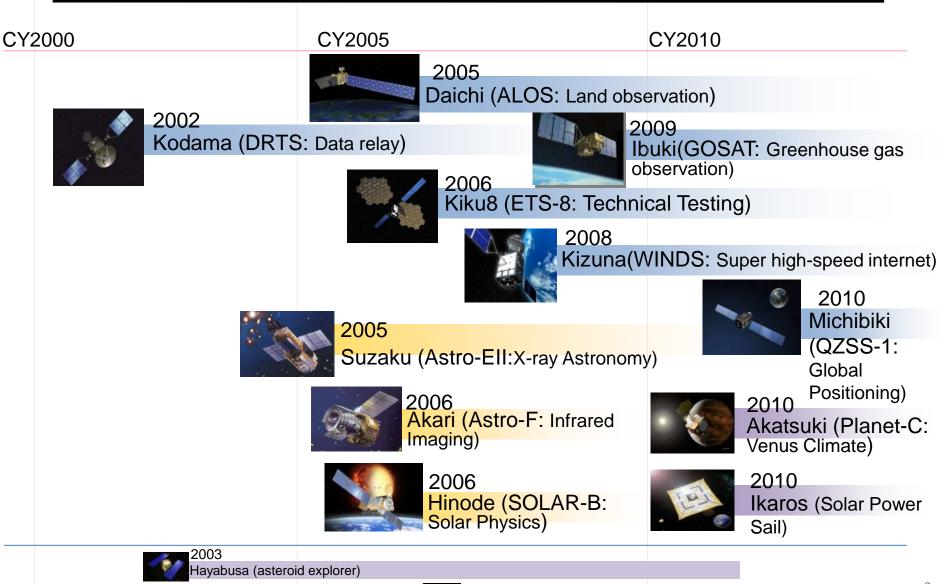
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1. Recent JAXA Space Flights

Currently-operating JAXA's satellites on-orbit



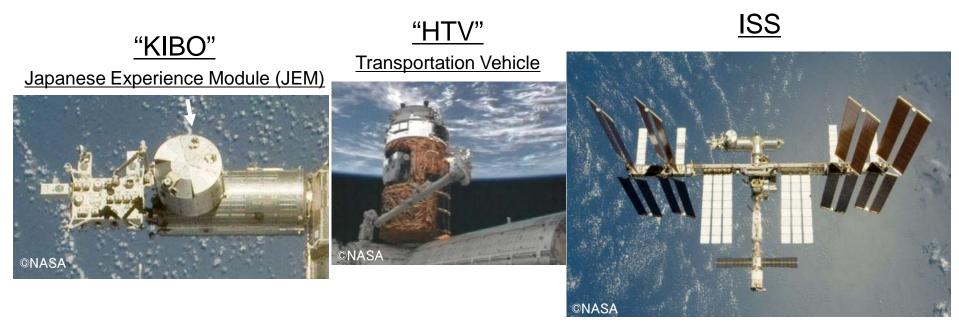
1. Recent JAXA Space Flights

Japanese Launch vehicles



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International Space Station Program







<u>Wakata</u> 2009.3 – 2009.7





<u>Noguchi</u> 2009.12 – 2010.6



<u>Yamazaki</u> 2010.4



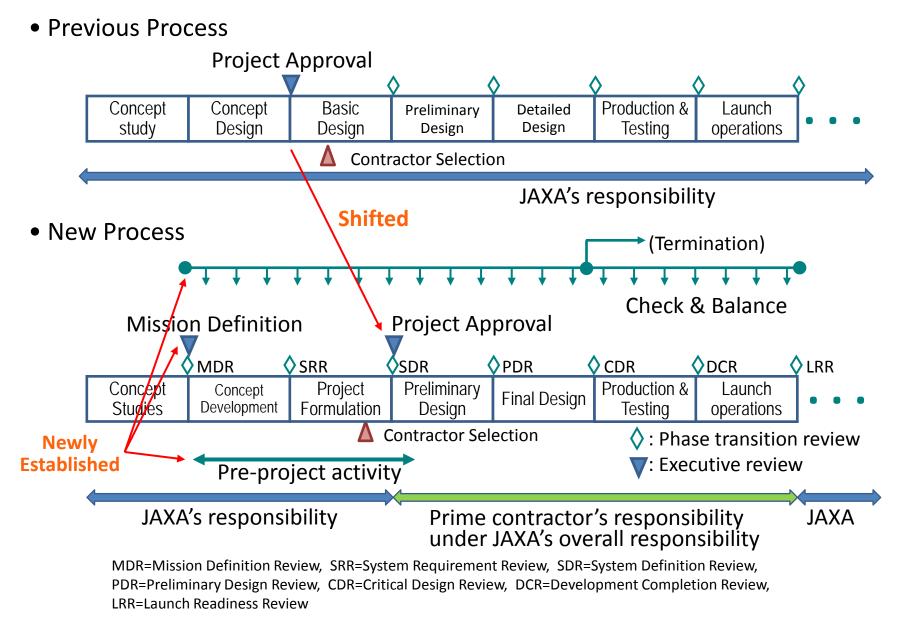
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2. JAXA's Role and Responsibility

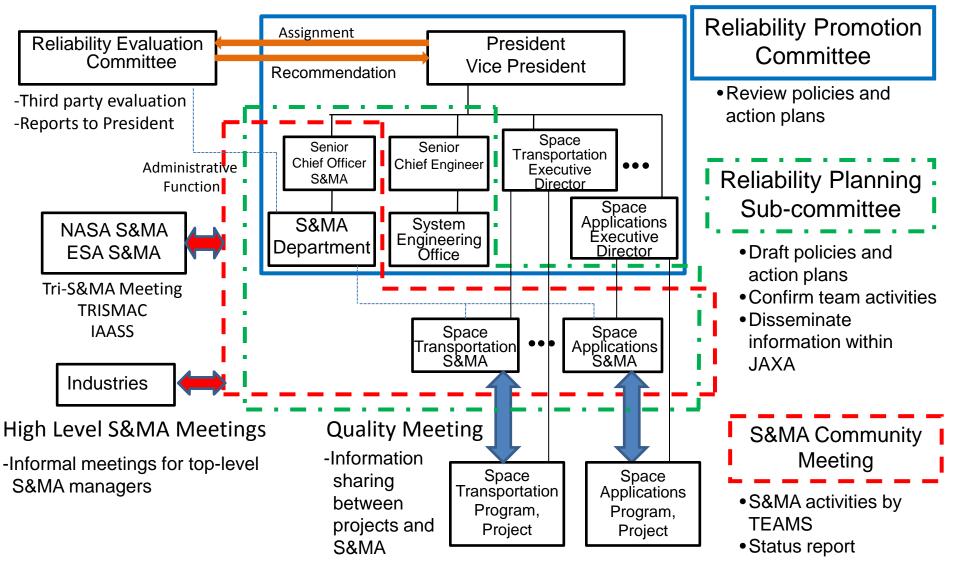
- ✓ Emphasizing upstream process and front-loading
 - Apply Systems Engineering (SE) that emphasizes upstream process management in the project lifecycle
 - Allocate adequate resource to upstream process (front-loading)
- Define appropriate level of JAXA responsibilities and roles in development projects
 - JAXA is responsible for requirements/specification definition, and flight operations.
 - A manufacturer is responsible for detailed design, fabrication and testing.
 - To implement front-loading, JAXA S&MA disseminates information that are obtained from all JAXA's activities to JAXA and contractors.

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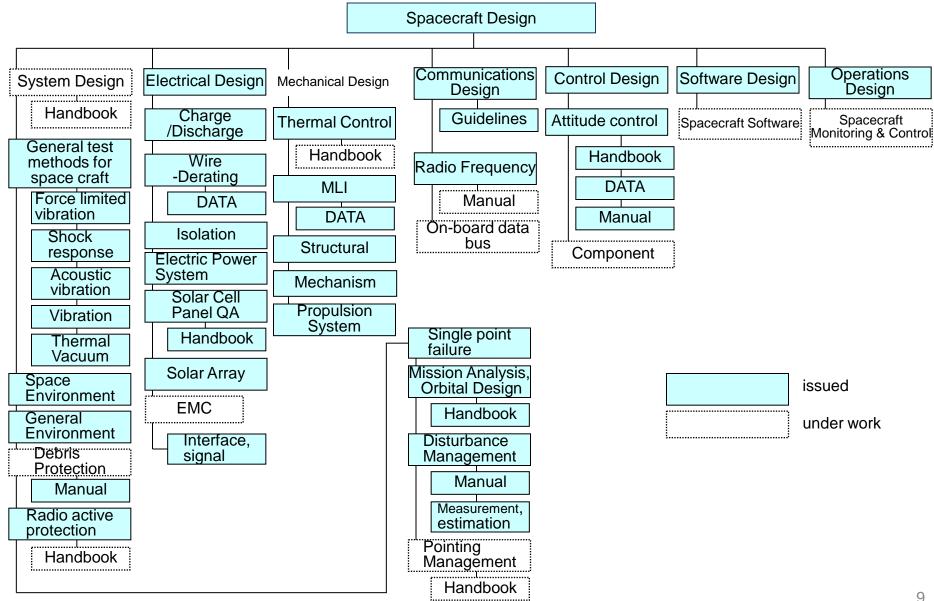
Re-establishment of Project Lifecycle Process



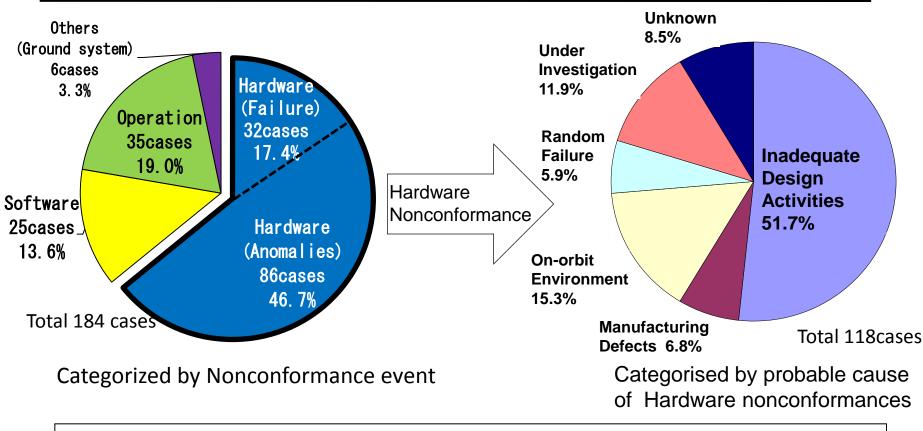
JAXA S&MA Organization and Major Activities



Spacecraft Design Standards



Nonconformance Analysis



✓ two-thirds of nonconformaces occured in hardware.

✓More than half of hardware nonconformance caused by inadequate design activities

Countermeasure for inadequate design activities

Sample : Visibility improvement in design activities at contractors

Visibility improvement of design activities in contractors

JAXA proposed contractors to consider "Mieruka of design activities and improvement of design related activities" to reduce the number of nonconformances caused by inadequate design activities

(1) Purpose

- To promote the "Mieru-ka (visibility improvement) of design, evaluation for test results" so that a designer and his/her manager can identify risks and concerns at upstream
- (2) Flow down of requirements to a prime contractor as a part of the reliability program
 - Improvement of descriptions in design evidence documents and careful check and review by organization that has design responsibility.
 - Clear description of such as design philosophy, design parameter with reference source, analysis condition, analysis method and so on
 - Development of a process to consult with experts inside contractors and JAXA.
 - The designer's technical review and documentation for evaluation of test result.

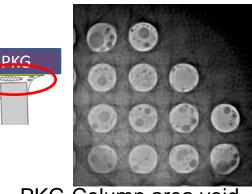
Development of new assembly technology

Reliability of Column Grid Array(CGA) and Lead Free Parts assembly were evaluated for space application

<CGA>

CGA is greatly preferred due to high-speed signal processing, availability of numerous I/Os, and reduction in size and weight of components for space application as for BGA.

JAXA started to study technical issues of CGA usage for space application.



PKG-Column area void



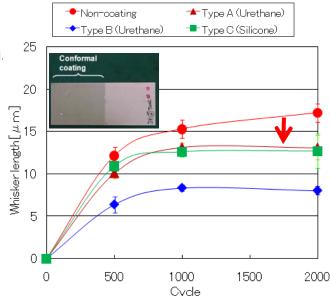
Inspection Method (X-ray, CT), New-Criteria for void, etc

<Lead-free>

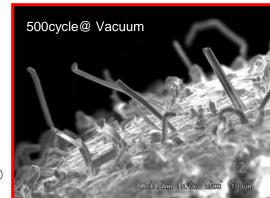
Whisker mitigation and evaluation method for space application.

-Conformal coating effects evaluation -Thermal vacuum test

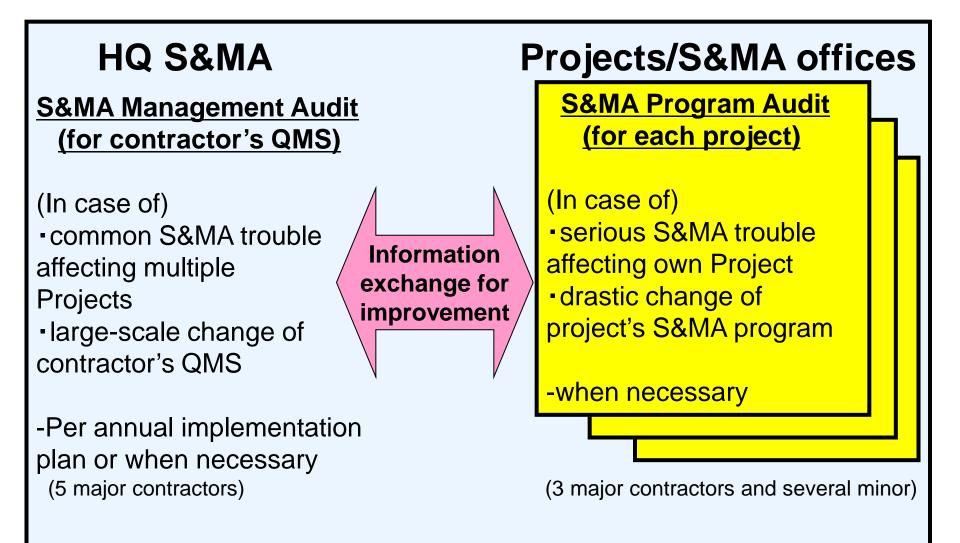
JAXA S&MA shares these information with the projects and contractors.







Audit and surveys of contractors



Informal opinion exchange meetings with contractors

(1) Purpose and Outline

-Meeting between JAXA S&MA Management and Contractors' Management

-Understand Contractor Management S&MA policy (difficult to discuss during audits) and introduce JAXA's S&MA policy

-Free discussion about S&MA matters including issues and requests.

-Enhancement of mutual understanding and the Managers' leadership for S&MA improvement

(2) Information acquired from these meetings (examples)

-Necessity to watch for nonconformance prevention and work site organization, utilizing site inspections.

-More attention should be paid to vendors management.

-Human factors related issues should be resolved.

-Contractors expect JAXA to provide information related to parts and so on.



Meaningful opinion exchanges between Managers (JAXA plans to continue these meetings.)

JAXA's Quality Assurance Activities for Foreign Products

≻lssue:

Multiple parts/components purchased from foreign countries had nonconformances and failures. This caused project schedule delays and led to on-orbit non-conformances.

≻Major Efforts at JAXA/Prime for Quality Assurance:

(1) Monitor parts manufacturer which may have potential issues for parts performance and schedule.

(2) Survey of manufactures .

(3) Strengthen procurement activity such as process inspection and product data review etc.

- (4) Survey of the other source if needed.
- (5) Share information among JAXA and contractors.

4. Technical improvement at development projects

(1) Launch Vehicle development (J:JAXA, c:contractors)

- Development policy (J)
 - Risk minimization by minimization of new component development
 - -Component commonality of H-2A and H-2B
- Benchmarking from various launch vehicle failures in the world (J)
- Reliability improvement campaign (J/c)
 - Design countermeasure for
 - -Oxygen Turbo Pump cavitations, Valves trouble, SRB-A nozzle erosion/corrosion
- ➤To take advice of experts and well experienced personnel (J/c)
- To build high quality into the products in the manufacturing process (c)
 - Thorough evaluation of two sigma deviation from standard value
- Launch operation dry run (c)
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(2) Satellite development (J:JAXA, c:contractors)

➤Development policy (J)

Ensure satellite Bus system reliability: Minimize newly developed components
The first priority on the mission achievement using existing engineering techniques except essential new engineering techniques

Detailed evaluation of applied techniques (J/c)

Reinforcement of analysis, test and inspection (Reflection of analysis result on-orbit satellite nonconformance information) (c)
 Identification and minimization of single failure points

•Improvement of charge and discharge tolerance and isolation tolerance

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Launch Plan (Reference)

