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MTSAT-2 is scheduled for launch on 15 February, 2006

It was reported at the recent session of the Space Activity Commission (SAC) of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan today that MTSAT-2 is now planned to be launched on 15 February 2006.

Liftoff aboard an H-IIA Launch Vehicle is scheduled for the evening of the day from the Tanegashima Space Center of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) in Tanegashima Island of Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan.

After the launch, MTSAT-2 will be stationed above the equator at 135 or 145 degrees East as the in-orbit back-up for MTSAT-1R.

In 2010, MTSAT-2 will take over the meteorological mission of MTSAT-1R above the equator at 140 degrees East as MTSAT-1R terminates its lifetime of five years.

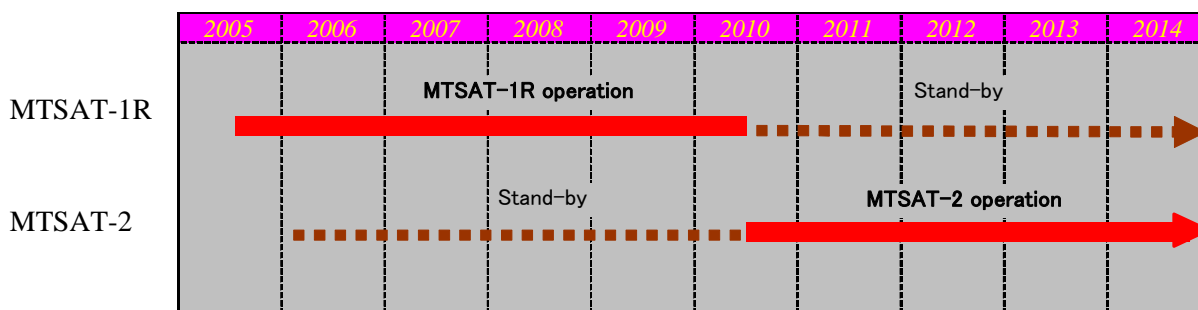


Figure Plan of satellite operation

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