

Joint Press Release
Cooperation for the Development of the Space Industry Base
between Japan and the UAE

On January 14, 2025, in Abu Dhabi, Mr. Muto Yoji, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry and H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology decided to enhance collaboration and explore opportunities that will further develop the space industry base in both countries. This collaboration will be within the framework of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC), between the two ministries, and in coordination with the UAE Space Agency and other relevant agencies. Both sides look forward to conclude and sign the MoC within a year.

This comes within the framework of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Initiative between the two countries, signed in September 2022, and follows the outcomes of the Japan-UAE Space Public-Private Workshop organized by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, the Cabinet Office, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, the Japan External Trade Organization and the UAE Space Agency, and held aside Abu Dhabi Space Debate conference on December 12, 2024. The workshop was attended by approximately 200 space stakeholders from both countries, marking a significant step towards deepening the cooperation in space between the two countries in light with the UAESA initiative to support the program of Space Economic Zone which was launched in the recent years.

This strategic partnership aligns with the UAE Space Agency's initiatives, particularly the Space Economic Zones program, which aims to support the establishment and sustainability of local companies through collaboration with strategic partners. It also focuses on creating an integrated business environment that addresses both local and international needs, fosters innovation, and applies space technology to commercial endeavors, thereby

contributing to the development of a diverse and sustainable knowledge economy.

The two sides also decided to initiate discussions on the development of a roadmap for the space industry base in both countries, and to hold seminars to realize the roadmap.