

NSAS AND JAXA SIGN MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION TO STRENGTHEN SPACE COLLABORATION AS PART OF SJ60

1. The National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) to strengthen cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. The MOC was signed by Chief Executive of NSAS, Ms Ngiam Le Na, and President of JAXA, Dr Hiroshi Yamakawa on 6 July 2026 at SPACETIDE 2026 in Tokyo, Japan.
2. The MOC is the first bilateral space agency agreement between Singapore and Japan and implements the commitment by Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to expand space cooperation under the Singapore-Japan Strategic Partnership announced in March 2026 on the occasion of 60 years of diplomatic relations between both countries (SJ60).
3. Under the MOC, NSAS and JAXA will exchange information and explore opportunities for cooperation in areas such as space technology development and applications, space science and exploration, industry development, education and outreach, as well as policy and regulatory exchanges on the safe and sustainable use of the orbital environment.
4. Alongside the MOC, NSAS and JAXA exchanged letters on business and industrial promotion cooperation under JAXA's Co-funded Business Promotion Framework (CBPF). Through the CBPF, both agencies will support greater collaboration between Singaporean and Japanese companies and facilitate partnerships in areas of mutual interest. Singapore is the third partner, after the United Kingdom and France, to establish cooperation with JAXA under this framework.
5. Chief Executive of NSAS, Ms Ngiam Le Na, said: "NSAS believes that strong international partnerships are essential to unlock opportunities for our growing space ecosystem. We are pleased to formalise our partnership with JAXA through this Memorandum of Cooperation, as we commemorate 60 years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Singapore. This cooperation marks NSAS's first bilateral agreement since our establishment in April this year, and it is fitting that this is with Japan, a longstanding and valued partner of Singapore. Together, we hope to deepen collaboration across our space ecosystems and create globally competitive opportunities for innovation and industry growth, while contributing to safe and sustainable uses of outer space."
6. President of JAXA, Dr Hiroshi Yamakawa, said: "It is my great pleasure to welcome the conclusion of the Memorandum of Cooperation between JAXA and the National Space Agency of Singapore, especially as we celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Singapore. Over the years, we have built strong partnership across a wide range of space activities such as launching and deploying Singapore's satellites by H-IIB

rocket and from the ISS Kibo module, Kibo-ABC space education activities, collaboration within a regional satellite-based disaster monitoring and emergency response framework called “Sentinel Asia,” and co-hosting of “Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF),” a forum promoting space collaboration across space stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region. As we mark this new milestone, we look forward to further deepening our cooperation with Singapore — a key partner with whom we share common values, to contribute to addressing global challenges and advancing space science and technology.”

7. The NSAS-JAXA MoC and exchange of letters were accompanied by additional partnerships between Singaporean and Japanese organisations at SPACETIDE 2026. These included agreements between the Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) and the Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies, Transcelestial Technologies and Warpspace Inc., as well as between Nanyang Technological University and FUSIC. Together, these partnerships reflect growing collaboration between Singapore and Japan across government, industry and academia.

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Picture: Ms. Ngiam Le Na, Chief Executive, National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS) and Dr. Hiroshi Yamakawa, President, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



Picture: Mr. Jonathan Hung, Deputy Chief Executive, National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS) and Dr. Hiroshi Yamakawa, President, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

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About National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS)

The National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS) was established on 1 April 2026 under the Ministry of Trade and Industry to advance Singapore's national space ambitions and be a credible contributor to the global space ecosystem. NSAS carries out five core functions: (i) developing and operating Singapore's national space capabilities, (ii) advancing space technologies through research and development, (iii) growing a vibrant space industry in Singapore, (iv) forging international partnerships with like-minded nations, and (v) shaping national space legislation that promotes space safety and sustainability while supporting business growth.