

News Release

Himawari-9 successfully launched

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Japan Meteorological Agency

The new-generation geostationary meteorological satellite of the Japan Meteorological Agency, Himawari-9, was successfully launched using H-IIA Launch Vehicle No. 31 at 6:20 UTC on 2 November 2016 from the Tanegashima Space Center in Kagoshima, Japan.

The satellite successfully separated from the launch vehicle about 28 minutes after lift-off, and will fly unaided for around 10 days before settling into geostationary orbit.

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<http://www.jma-net.go.jp/msc/en/support/index.html>

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