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Future vision of the lunar exploration

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The successful launch of SELENE (KAGUYA) is a turning point for the start of a future landing mission on the Moon by Japan. Originally SELENE had a test lunar lander where the VLBI radio source was the only mission instrument. The lander of SELENE was cancelled in 2000. And another landing mission SELENE-B was not approved finally. The scheduled LUNAR-A was finally cancelled. Thus, the ongoing plan for the lunar landing mission is very important for the study on the Moon interior and the surface.