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Mission of Earth Planetary Science

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Earth and planetary science is the most crucial science for human being of the 21st century, which investigates interactions between the human sphere and the Earth system. The importance of Earth planetary science is in particular high in Japan, which is surrounded by ocean, which is afflicted by various natural disasters, and which has limited natural resources. On the contrary, current research and educational status of this field has been seriously declined. The reason is considered to be its extremely wide research fields, which cannot be covered by individual universities or institutions. Now we have to seriously discuss how this field will be promoted.