

Lunar and Planetary Science Consortium Plan

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The missions Kaguya and Hayabusa have brought us many of scientific discoveries about the solar system. As a result, a new stream of research is growing in the Japanese planetary sciences which have been chiefly driven by theoretical researches and ground-based experimental ones so far. On the basis of scientific and public expectations for the future missions, many new plans are being proposed and examined extensively. On the other hand, it becomes urgent need to construct an infrastructure in the planetary science community, which is relatively young in our country, so as to involve and support the lunar and planetary exploration missions being of big science. Here we present our Lunar and Planetary Science Consortium Plan as a solution for this need.

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