

Japan's First Purely Domestic Rocket

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Registration Date	October 9, 2008	Registration Category	Category 2

Name (Model, etc.)	H-II Launch Vehicle No. 7
Location	Minamitane-cho, Kumage-gun, Kagoshima
	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Tanegashima Space Center
Owner (Custodian)	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
Manufacturer (Company)	The National Space Development Agency of Japan
Year Manufactured	1997
Reason For Selection	Developed over a ten-year period by the National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA became part of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) in 2003), the H-II launch vehicle was Japan's first purely domestic liquid fuel rocket. It had the ability to lift two-ton satellites into geostationary orbit. From its maiden flight in 1994 until 1997, the H-II was used to successfully launch the Space Flyer Unit (SFU) and numerous other satellites into orbit. The rocket on display is H-II No. 7, the only flight that was cancelled. The H-II rocket was a critically important achievement in the development of Japan's science and technology, which is now clearly recognized internationally.
Registration Standard	1-A (Show an important aspect or stage of the development of science and technology.) 1-B (Show a uniquely Japanese scientific or technological development from an international perspective.)

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