

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	<p>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.</p>		
Registration Standard	<p>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.)</p>		

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