

## **Space BD Delivers Satellites to Space During SpaceX Rideshare Mission**

**Global project with satellites from 6 organizations in Japan and overseas**



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Tokyo— Space BD, a leading Japanese space startup, announces that it completed delivering 9 satellites from all over the world via SpaceX's Falcon 9 during the Transporter-6 mission. The launch to a sun synchronous orbit (SSO) was successfully completed at 9:56 a.m. EST on January 3, 2023.

In November 2021, Space BD purchased the satellite rideshare slot on the mission. Through sales activities and technical support, Space BD gathered satellites from 6 organizations in total, including the UK company (6 total countries). To date Space BD has provided satellite developers with launch method proposals and technical support as well as support for various screenings required prior to launch. On this occasion, all satellites serviced by Space BD have been delivered to orbit.

Since Space BD was selected as a commercial service provider by JAXA (the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) for the small satellite deployment from the International Space Station (ISS) in 2018, Space BD has provided launch services for 50+ satellites for users in Japan and overseas using JAXA's launch opportunities, including ISS utilization, rideshare on the next generation flagship rocket H3, and the next ISS resupply vehicle HTV-X.

To respond to the growing and diverse demand for the use of space, in 2021 Space BD began adding global launch methods to the existing Japanese launch methods. This enabled Space BD to provide more flexible launch timeframes, accommodate a wider variety of satellite sizes, and made it possible to achieve launch to desired orbits. This launch was the first satellite launch using an overseas rocket.

Space BD continues to energize the commercial use of space by creating an environment to respond to more diverse demand through these expanded transport options into space.



Space BD engineers completed the satellite integration with engineering team from ISILaunch at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station

■ **Comment from Hirokazu Yokoyama, Engineer, Business Development at Space BD**



We are thrilled that we could safely launch our customers' satellites and release them into their scheduled orbits.

This was our first launch using an overseas rocket, and we are delighted to have reached this day in collaboration with our partner company, ISILaunch. Space BD continues to help expand space utilization by providing one-stop support for everyone considering launching satellites with a more flexible launch and supporting a wide range of satellite sizes.

■ **About Space BD**

Space BD is a space business development firm that aims to be a company that represents Japan and develops a world-class industry. Since its foundation in 2017, Space BD has provided a one-stop service from proposing business plans to providing engineering support regarding space utilization, including the International Space Station (ISS). Space BD provides broad support as a space business development firm with over 100 projects to date, including the handling of approximately 50 satellites.  
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