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中央研究院與日本宇宙航空研究開發機構的日本宇宙科學研究所(Japan Aeros pace Exploration Agency, JAXA; Institute of Space and Astronautical Science, ISAS)今(17)日就ERG科學衛星合作計畫舉行合作協議簽約儀式,這個合作計畫將使本國太空科學家能獲取ERG第一手觀測資料,以研究及分析地球所在的太空環境了解地球外圍物理現象。

此外,更提升我國尖端太空科技儀器製造經驗與能力,並預期在太空研究領域創造其他國際合作的機會。

日本宇宙航空研究開發機構(JAXA)與美國航太總署(NASA)及歐洲太空總署(ESA)同列世界三大太空科學機構。日本宇宙科學研究所研究所(ISAS)則負責日本太空科學衛星研究開發,本計劃是臺灣與國際重量級太空研究機構首次正式合作。

該合作協議由中研院院長翁啟惠代表與ISAS所長常田佐久簽訂合作協議。國內 參與這項計畫的單位還有國立成功大學。

## ERG衛星全名為Exploration of energization and Radiation in Geospace

,屬於小型科學研究衛星。主要科學目標是用來研究太陽磁暴期間,范艾倫(Van Allen)輻射帶中高能粒子消失以及之後電子加速至極高能量的物理機制。ERG是近年最新的太空計劃之一,使用完整量化方式研究地球磁層的特定部分。臺灣團隊會負責其中電子能量分析儀LEP-e之研發,LEP-e是EGR衛星上搭載的五個科學儀器之一,用來觀測低能量電子之能量與密度分布。

此次簽約儀式,邀請到國立成功大學黃煌煇校長、國家太空中心張桂祥主任、中研院劉兆漢院士、中研院地球所所長李羅權院士及中研院天文所所長賀曾樸院士等人出席。

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