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Notice of Release of the First Images ("First Light") Captured by the GRUS-3 Next-Generation Earth Observation Microsatellites

We hereby announce that our consolidated subsidiary, Axelspace Corporation, has obtained the first images ("First Light") captured by its GRUS-3 next-generation Earth observation microsatellites, which were launched on July 7, 2026 (UTC).

We are currently conducting the initial operation phase to verify the performance of the onboard equipment in preparation for commercial operations. We successfully captured images by two of the seven satellites on July 16, nine days after launch.

*These images are the first test data obtained during the initial operations to verify the satellites' functions and performance. No geometric or radiometric corrections have been applied.

Our Group will continue preparations for the commercial launch of services utilizing Earth observation data captured by GRUS-3, with the aim of commencing such services by the end of 2026.

For more information, please visit our website:

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Okayama Prefecture, Japan, Captured by GRUS-3



The Turkish Coast Captured by GRUS-3