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Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

EXPO 2005 Final Event at the Morizo & Kiccoro Exhibition Center

“ Our Future in Space: Japan Explores the Universe ”

= Japanese space development attracting the world s attention =

**September 17 (Sat.)**

**Regarding the special appearance of Astronaut Soichi Noguchi**

On Sat. September 17, Astronaut Soichi Noguchi will make a special appearance via a live relay broadcast from Huston, U.S.A., for the opening of the final event of EXPO 2005 entitled “ Space, Earth and the Future ” (Subtitle: Japanese space development attracting the world s attention) at the Morizo & Kiccoro Exhibition Center.

Outline

Title

EXPO 2005 Final Event at the Morizo & Kiccoro Exhibition Center

“ Space, Earth and the Future ”

= Japanese space development attracting the world s attention =

Special appearance by Astronaut Soichi Noguchi

“ Let s talk with astronaut Noguchi! ”

Time / Date

9:30 10:15 a.m. Sat. September 17, 2005

#### Venue

Morizo & Kiccoro Exhibition Center (Interactive Fun Zone)

#### Lecturers

- Soichi Noguchi, JAXA astronaut
- Yasunori Matogawa, Associate Executive Director of JAXA / Director of Space Education Center, JAXA
- Koji Yamamoto, Executive Director of JAXA ... “ EXPO 2005 Banner ” return ceremony
- Toshio Nakamura, Secretary-General of EXPO 2005 ... “ EXPO 2005 Banner ” return ceremony

#### Outline of the event

JAXA Astronaut Soichi Noguchi, who returned to Earth on August 8, 2005, on the Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-114) after completing 15 days in space performing manned space activities, will talk about his experience and impression of his first space flight via a live relay broadcast from Huston, U.S.A. As this is a communication event with Astronaut Noguchi, he will spend most of his appearance time directly responding to questions from children at the event.

After the special appearance of Astronaut Noguchi, a return ceremony for the “ EXPO 2005 Banner, ” which astronaut Noguchi took on the Space Shuttle Discovery, will be presented.

#### Hosts

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#### Admission

No reservation necessary. First 200 guests on the day can participate.

Admission may be restricted in case of overcrowding.

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