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The orbit of the ISS and Kounotori 2 as seen from Earth

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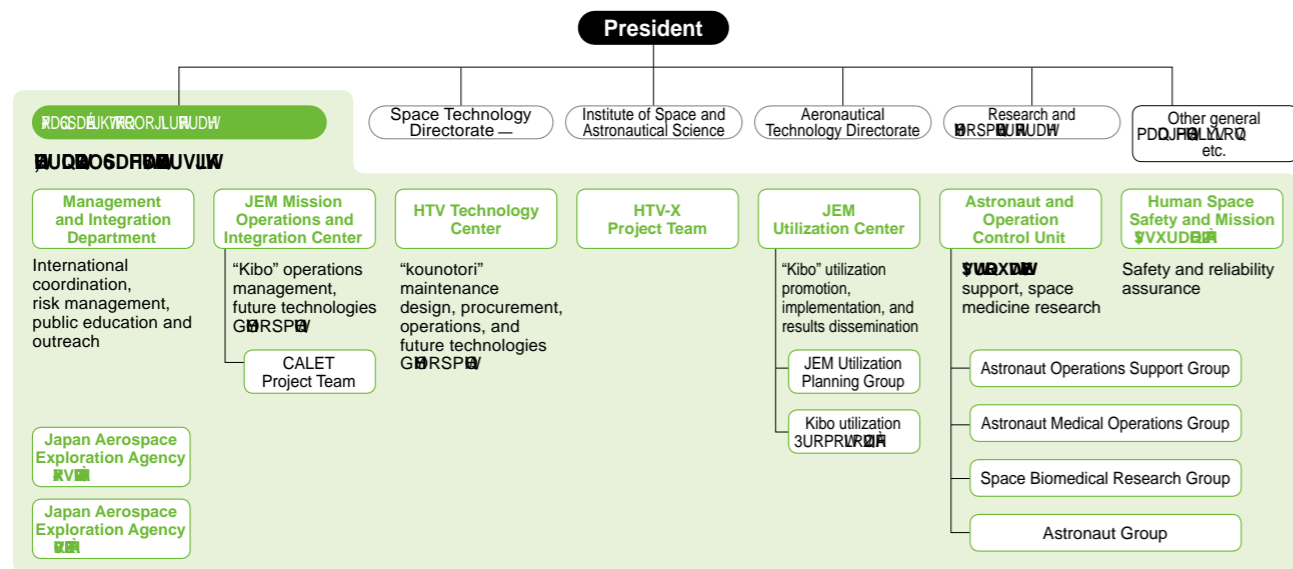
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Japan's participation in the ISS Program



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