



## First anniversary of the STAR Program

It has been more than one year since the STAR Program started at the Sagami-hara Campus in April 2009. In addition, the office of the STAR Program moved to a new building in this March. There are an engineers' room, an assistants' room, a laboratory and a meeting room in the new building.

So then, we had a small party at the meeting room of our new office with the STAR Program members and some JAXA personnel on June 16. Each of the STAR Program participants introduced himself/herself, and Mr. Shin from KARI (Korea) expressed his pleasure of joining the STAR Program and eagerness to succeed this project once more. Both Mr. Quang and Mr. Huynh from VAST/STI (Vietnam) made some Vietnamese foods for us and they delighted all the attendance very much. We communicated each other and enjoyed cultural exchanges as well. This party was held in a harmonious atmosphere from beginning to end. We greatly appreciate the celebratory messages from ISRO (India) and GISTDA (Thailand).



We always welcome you to our new office and hope more people will participate in the STAR Program. Please be sure to visit us!!

Also, JAXA's asteroid explorer "HAYABUSA" probed an asteroid "Itokawa", and its capsule which might have brought a sample from "Itokawa" returned to the JAXA Sagami-hara Campus on June 18. If you participate in the STAR Program, you can see the full-size model of "HAYABUSA" at the Sagami-hara Campus. For more information concerning the six billion-kilometers journey of "HAYABUSA", please check the web-site below.

<http://hayabusa.jaxa.jp/e/index.html>

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