

## EDUCATION / AWARENESS ACTIVITY REPORT

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Name of the Activity: **Japan's Space Education Program, The "Cosmic College"**

The "Cosmic College", started in 1997, offers the educational program to learn more about space for children who hope to go to space some day in the future. In every spring and summer, several courses in proportion to different age groups are offered as follows;

### Courses:

1. "Kids course" for 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the elementary school students with their parents
2. "Fundamental Course" for 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary and junior high school students
3. "Advanced course" for junior high school students who have completed the "Fundamental Course"
4. "Educator course" for elementary and junior high school teachers

### Duration (Latest)

Fundamental Course" for 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary and junior high school students

March 26-March 29 at Tsukuba, Tanegashima and Hokkaido

March 27-March 29 at Osaka and Hiroshima

**No of Attendees:** 242 students (5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary and junior high school students)

### Comments

The "Cosmic College" is sponsored by JAXA and managed by [Young Astronauts Club-Japan \(YAC\)](#). In the programme of "Cosmic College", children make their own rockets and compete with each other in horizontal range. The most important point in this program is that children make several launches and extend the range by improving their rockets design step-by-step. They receive only minimal advice from the leaders and thus learn the importance of their own thinking.