



## Press release

### ***Dr. Junichiro Kawaguchi, asteroid exploration pioneer, joins the Luxembourg Space Resources Advisory Board***

Luxembourg, December 13, 2019 – The Luxembourg Government today announced that Dr. Junichiro Kawaguchi, Senior Fellow at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) will be joining the Advisory Board of the [spaceresources.lu](https://spaceresources.lu) initiative.

#### **Asteroid exploration**

Dr. Kawaguchi initiated and led the Hayabusa project from the '90s, and in 2010, he served as project manager on the mission, which was first to successfully bring back samples from a near Earth asteroid.

Dr. Kawaguchi graduated in 1978 from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Kyoto University. Five years later, he completed his doctorate in Aeronautics at the Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo.

Furthermore, Dr. Kawaguchi has been a professor at the University of Tokyo for decades. He was a member of the Science Council of Japan. He is the author of numerous books and articles, and appeared on cinema and television.

Étienne Schneider, Luxembourg's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy, stated: "*quote here quote here*"

#### **Space Resources Advisory Board**

The Advisory Board helps guide the Luxembourg government and the Luxembourg Space Agency in positioning the country as a European hub for the exploration and use of space resources.

Dr Kawaguchi will be joining space industry luminaries including Jean-Jacques Dordain, former Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA), Prof. Seung Jo Kim, former President of the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI), Pete Worden, former Director of NASA's Ames Research center and Wu Ji, Chief Scientist and Project leader of the Strategic Priority Programme on Space Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Jean-Louis Schiltz, Attorney and Guest Professor at the University of Luxembourg, and Georges Schmit, Special Envoy of the Government of Luxembourg.

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