



Dr. Yasunori Matogawa

Dr. Yasunori Matogawa is widely considered to be the most prominent person in Japanese space education today.

As the former Associate Executive Director of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), he reported directly to the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, Sports and Technology. Until his recent retirement, he served as the Director of JAXA's Space Education Center.

He is also the former Director of the Kagoshima Space Center in Kyushu.

Internationally, he is known for his service as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).

Following his graduate studies in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Tokyo, Professor Matogawa has been engaged in projects to design and launch rockets, satellites, and spacecraft.

He has also been a long time advocate of, and participant in, international aerospace cooperation. He is deeply committed to educating and promoting space science for the general public and children.

Upon his retirement from JAXA in 2008, he created and endowed a non-profit foundation for space education, named the Kodomo Uchu Mirai Association, which translated, means 'Children Space Future Association'.