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Mitsubishi Electric and Lockheed Martin to Collaborate on Geostationary Defense Communications Satellites

Contributing to greater security in space domain through Japan-U.S. corporate cooperation



(from left) Masahiko Arai, Corporate Executive, Group Senior Vice President, Defense & Space Systems, Mitsubishi Electric, and Marc Hanlon, Vice President, Product Center, Lockheed Martin Space (Courtesy of Lockheed Martin)

TOKYO, March 4, 2026 – [Mitsubishi Electric Corporation](https://www.mitsubishielectric.com) (TOKYO: 6503) announced today that it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT), a U.S.-based global defense technology company, to collaborate on geostationary defense communications satellites.

Under the agreement, the two companies will pursue delivery of advanced geostationary defense communications satellites to customers in Japan and overseas. Satellite communication has become indispensable for national security due to its extensive coverage and flexibility. In particular, global demand is growing for next-generation systems offering enhanced performance and superior resistance to interference. As a mission partner, Lockheed Martin will develop and manufacture a communications payload for a next-

generation defense communications satellite that Mitsubishi Electric was contracted to supply to the Japan Ministry of Defense on February 6. Incorporating Lockheed Martin's anti-jamming payload will strengthen resistance to interference and help establish a secure satellite communications network serving as the operational backbone for the Japan Ministry of Defense and Self-Defense Forces.

Lockheed Martin, with cutting-edge technologies and extensive experience in the defense and space sectors, provides solutions that enhance space-based defense capabilities for the United States and other nations.

Mitsubishi Electric has cultivated advanced satellite capabilities through projects both in Japan and overseas. In line with Japan's Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology, the company is also engaged in the export of defense equipment, international joint development, and global supply chains. Going forward, Mitsubishi Electric will continue leveraging its technology to strengthen deterrence and security.

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About Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

With more than 100 years of experience in providing reliable, high-quality products, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (TOKYO: 6503) is a recognized world leader in the manufacture, marketing and sales of electrical and electronic equipment used in information processing and communications, space development and satellite communications, consumer electronics, industrial technology, energy, transportation and building equipment. Mitsubishi Electric enriches society with technology in the spirit of its "Changes for the Better." The company recorded a revenue of 5,521.7 billion yen (U.S.\$ 36.8 billion*) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025. For more information, please visit www.MitsubishiElectric.com

*U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen at the rate of ¥150=U.S.\$1, the approximate rate on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market on March 31, 2025