

Milestones

Jun.94	Contracted with U.S.-based Hughes (now Boeing) to build and launch BSAT-1.
Apr.97	Completed Kawaguchi and Kimitsu Satellite Control Centers. Successfully launched BSAT-1a by Ariane rocket.
Jul.97	Took delivery of BSAT-1a from Hughes, and began operations on August 1.
Apr.98	Successful launched of backup satellite BSAT-1b by Ariane rocket.
Jul.98	Receive preliminary license for BS digital broadcasting services using BSAT-2 spacecraft from Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. Took delivery of BSAT-1b from Hughes, and began operations on August 1.
Nov.98	Commissioned by NHK and WOWOW to conduct BS-3N control operations, and took over these operations.
Mar.99	Contracted with U.S.-based Orbital Science to build and launch BSAT-2.
Jan.00	Commissioned by the Hi-Vision Promotion Association to transmit engineering streams, and began deploying support system.
Nov.00	Completed BS digital broadcast Uplink Center.
Dec.00	Began commercial BS digital broadcasting services using BSAT-1b that is temporary licensed due to the delay of BSAT-2a launch.
Mar.01	Successful launch of BSAT-2a by Ariane rocket.
Apr.01	Took delivery of BSAT-2a from Orbital Sciences, and succeed BS digital broadcasting services on April 26 toBSAT-1b.
Jul.01	Launched backup satellite BSAT-2b by Ariane rocket but failed to place satellite in the proper orbit.
Oct.01	Contract with U.S.-based Orbital Sciences to build and launch BSAT-2c as replacement for BSAT-2b.
Jun.03	Successful launch of backup satellite BSAT-2c by Ariane rocket.
Jul.03	Took delivery of BSAT-2c from Orbital Sciences, and began operations on July 15.
Mar.04	Finished contract of the engineering streams commissioned from the BPA.
Jun.04	Received preliminary license for BS broadcasting services using BSAT-3a (to replace BSAT-1a and BSAT-1b) spacecraft from ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications.
May.05	Contracted with U.S.-based Lockheed Martin to build and launch BSAT-3a.
Aug.07	Successful launch of BSAT-3a (to replace BSAT-1a and BSAT-1b) by Ariane rocket.
Sep.07	Took delivery of BSAT-3a from Lockheed Martin.
Nov.07	Began BS analogue broadcasting services (November 1), and BS digital broadcasting service (November 26), using BSAT-3a. Received preliminary license for BS digital broadcasting services using BSAT-3b&BSAT-3c (successor to BSAT-2).
Apr.08	Contracted with Lockheed Martin to build and launch BSAT-3b.