

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 to BSAT-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.
Sep.08	Began construction of ground facilities (digital-terrestrial broadcasting transformers and uplink facilities) related to measures to use satellite for terrestrial digital broadcasting in poor reception areas.(~February 2010)
Nov.08	Received preliminary license for broadcasting satellite service related to measures to use satellite for terrestrial digital broadcasting in poor reception areas.
Dec.08	Contracted with U.S.-based Lockheed Martin to build and launch BSAT-3c/JCSAT-110R, jointly procured by B-SAT and SKY Perfect JSAT.
Jan.09	Began construction of uplink facilities used from 2011.

May.09	Began study and implementation of countermeasures commissioned by liaison meeting on radio interference of some types of BS broadcasting reception systems.(~March 2010)
Feb.10	Began BS digital broadcasting services relating to measures for terrestrial digital broadcasting in poor reception areas.
Dec.10	Took delivery of BSAT-3b from Lockheed Martin.
Sep.11	Took delivery of BSAT-3c from Lockheed Martin.