

## XII Important Dates

**April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015**

### 2014

4 April	Spring 2014 Special Stargazing Party held at Okayama Astrophysical Observatory, with 92 visitors in attendance (out of 519 applicants).
13 April	Fifth Open Observatory event held at the Ibaraki University Center for Astronomy and the NAOJ Mizusawa VLBI Observatory Ibaraki Station, with approximately 700 visitors in attendance.
26 April	Subaru Telescope staff participated in Merrie Monarch Festival Parade with observatory group of Mauna Kea and interacted with the local community.
3 May	Subaru Telescope staff provided a big booth with many hands-on activities about the Subaru Telescope at the AstroDay event in Hilo and interacted with hundreds of families in the local community.
2 June ~ 6 June	Radio Astronomy Observation training held at Nobeyama Radio Observatory for Undergraduate Students with 12 participants
28 June ~ 29 June	Pre-event workshop held for 5 high school students scheduled to attend the Eighth Z-star Research Team event using the radio telescope at the VERA Mizusawa station to search for masers, to improve the understanding of the participants.
6 July	The Star Festival held using the 6-m antenna at the NAOJ Mizusawa VLBI Observatory Kagoshima station in Kagoshima city Kinko Bay Park, co-hosted with Kagoshima city and Kagoshima University, with approximately 350 visitors in attendance.
21 July ~ 25 July	Subaru Telescope staff provided astronomy workshop during the Pacific Astronomy and Engineering Summit (including high school students from Japan, U.S.A, Canada, China, and India).
28 July ~ 1 August	Facility Guide Week for Educational Organization was carried out at Nobeyama Campus.
1 August ~ 28 September	Fifth International Festival of Scientific Visualization—Connecting with Others Through Science—held with over 1 million visitors attending during the festival period.
2 August ~ 4 August	Eighth Z-star Research Team event held for high school students from Iwate Prefecture, including tsunami-struck areas, with 5 participants attending. The team succeeded in detecting a water-maser signal from an astronomical object.
2 August ~ 10 August	The Southern Island of Star Festival 2014 held together with a special open house event at the VERA Ishigaki-jima Station and Ishigaki-jima Astronomical Observatory with approximately 10,950 visitors to the whole Star Festival. Events included an astronomical observation party at the Ishigaki-jima Astronomical Observatory, attended by 877 visitors; and a special public opening of the VERA Station attended by 264 visitors.
4 August ~ 5 August	“Summer Break Junior Astronomical Classes + You are Galileo” held in Mitaka.
10 August	The special open house of VERA Iriki station was scheduled to be held jointly with the Yaeyama Kogen Star Festival 2014, but was canceled due to a typhoon.
16 August	A mission debriefing session by JAXA astronaut Koichi Wakata was held as a pre-event of Iwate Galaxy Festival 2014, a special open house day of Mizusawa campus. There were approximately 1,000 visitors in attendance.
18 August ~ 20 August	Chura-boshi Research Team workshop for high school students in Okinawa Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture and Fukuoka Prefecture held at VERA Ishigaki-jima Station and Ishigaki-jima Astronomical Observatory, with 21 participants in attendance. One team using radio-waves discovered 1 masers. A second team using visible light observations with the Murikabushi telescope discovered 2 asteroids.
23 August	Open House day of Nobeyama Campus. There were 2,698 visitors for this event.
30 August	Iwate Galaxy Festival 2014, a special open house day of Mizusawa campus, held with 847 visitors in attendance.
30 August	Special open house event held at Okayama Astrophysical Observatory, with 632 visitors in attendance.
30 September	The 21th Astronomy Lecture for Science Reporters “The Start of Construction for TMT” held, with 37 participants in attendance. The event was also broadcast over the internet for reporters who could not attend.
19 October	The second “Third-term Election of the Japanese Stars, Starry Sky Summit” was held in Ishigaki-shi through cooperation between the Beautiful Star Astronomical Observatory of Biseicho, Ihara-shi, Okayama and Nobeyama Radio Observatory. 350 guests entered the main event area, were the program included a memorial event (in honor of Tetsuo Hasegawa, ALMA). 1,364 guests attended the planetarium show “Wish upon the Starry Island” which was shown simultaneously (October 17–23) at Ishigaki-jima Astronomical Observatory and Ishigaki-shi.

24 October ~ 25 October	Mitaka Open House Day held, with 4,768 visitors in attendance.
1 November	Fall 2014 Special Stargazing Party held at Okayama Astrophysical Observatory, with 78 visitors in attendance (out of 338 applicants).
8 November	“Jimoto Kansha Day (Thanks Day for the locals)” was held with Tsukuba and Shinshu Universities at Nobeyama Campus. There were 65 local participants.
15 November	The NAOJ/Subaru Telescope lecture meeting 2014 “Subaru Telescope: Looking to Space” held in Sendai Astronomical Observatory Kato Kosaka Hall with 147 visitors in attendance.
25 November	A ceremony for FY 2014 continuous service recognition held. 11 NAOJ staff members were recognized: Kazuhiro Sekiguchi, Junichi Nomaru, Naruhisa Takato, Hidehiko Agata, Yutaro Sekimoto, Hirohisa Hara, Kazuyoshi Sunada, Takuji Tsujimoto, Makoto Miyoshi, Ryutaro Takahashi, Koji Omata.
7 December	A NAOJ lecture meeting “Cool Universe: Tracing Our Roots with ALMA” held in Tokyo International Exchange Center, Plaza Heisei, International Conference Hall with 196 visitors in attendance
8 December ~ 11 December	291 astronomers (182 astronomers from 21 overseas countries ) gathered and discussed the latest research results by ALMA at The “Revolution in Astronomy with ALMA 3rd Year”, which was held at the Tokyo International Forum hosted by NAOJ.

## 2015

27 January	Subaru Telescope staff made presentation about the Subaru Telescope at the Onizuka Science Day event at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and interacted with hundreds of families in the local community.
15 February	Star Island 14 open house event of VERA Ogasawara Station held, with 213 visitors in attendance (more than the average year).
1 March ~ 5 March	For the Journey through the Universe program, Subaru Telescope staff went to 26 classes in local public schools and delivered presentations, hands-on experiences, and other demonstrations.
30 March	A ceremony for FY 2014 continuous service recognition for retiring staff members held. 9 staff members were recognized: Masanori Iye, Norio Oshima, Kazuo Ono, Hisashi Koyano, Toshiyuki Sasaki, Kiyoto Shibasaki, Tadayuki Hyuga, Hideo Fukushima, Masami Yutani.