

### **Press Release**

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# ASPINA Space Blower Launched to the International Space Station!

# Contributing to Space Exploration with Compact, Lightweight, and Quiet Technology

ASPINA (Shinano Kenshi Co., Ltd., President & CEO: Yukihiro Kaneko) is proud to announce that its space-grade blower has been launched to the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the H3 Launch Vehicle No. 7 and the new HTV-X1 cargo spacecraft on October 26, 2025, from the Tanegashima Space Center in Japan.

This blower is integrated into the Demonstration of Removing Carbon-dioxide System (DRCS), a CO<sub>2</sub> removal apparatus developed by Chiyoda Corporation (President & CEO: Koji Ota) under contract from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA, President: Hiroshi Yamakawa). The DRCS is part of JAXA's technology demonstration mission aboard the ISS, aimed at validating CO<sub>2</sub> removal technologies for future crewed lunar and Martian exploration.

In space habitats, maintaining a safe and healthy environment is critical due to unique constraints such as microgravity, enclosed spaces, and limited resources. CO  $_{2}$  accumulation from human respiration poses serious health risks, making efficient and sustainable removal essential.

ASPINA's blower plays a key role in the DRCS by enabling stable air circulation within the system.

#### **Key Features of ASPINA's Space Blower:**

- Compact and Lightweight: Ideal for installation in limited space environments.
- **High Output and Pressure**: Ensures reliable and consistent air circulation.
- Quiet Operation: Enhances comfort within crewed living spaces.

These features make ASPINA's blower a vital component supporting the DRCS's CO<sub>2</sub> removal capabilities.

ASPINA remains committed to developing innovative solutions for the challenges of space environments and contributing to the advancement of the space industry.

#### **About DRCS (Demonstration of Removing Carbon-dioxide System):**

DRCS is a technology demonstration unit designed to validate CO<sub>2</sub> removal systems for crewed space missions. It draws cabin air, removes CO<sub>2</sub> within the device, returns purified air to the cabin, and exhausts the removed CO<sub>2</sub> into the vacuum of space.

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