

## Moon Village Association announces the Moon Market Annual Award



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The Moon Village Association (MVA) is delighted to introduce the prestigious "MVA Moon Market Annual Award," celebrating outstanding contributions to lunar commerce. This award highlights the progress in building a robust global space and lunar commercial ecosystem. It recognizes exceptional achievements within market segments, as outlined in the Lunar Commerce Portfolio by the MVA Lunar Commerce & Economics Working Group.

The inaugural award, starting in 2023, will be presented at the MVA Workshop in Japan, with a focus on the "Market 1: Transportation to/from the Moon" segment. We are proud to announce that the 2023 recipient is ispace, inc., a Japanese company that has excelled in lunar transportation. They achieved 8 of 10 lunar mission objectives in 2023 and demonstrated outstanding prowess in fundraising for lunar infrastructure development.

The unanimous selection of ispace, inc. as the winner underscores their exceptional contributions to lunar exploration. This award not only recognizes their excellence but also serves as an inspiration to all organizations dedicated to advancing lunar commerce.

For more information about the Moon Village Association and the "MVA Moon Market Annual Award," please visit <u>www.moonvillageassociation.org</u>

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## About the Moon Village Association

The Moon Village Association (MVA) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Vienna, founded in 2017. Its goal is the creation of a permanent global informal forum for stakeholders like governments, industry, academia and the general public interested in the development of the Moon Village. The MVA is the assembling of all efforts from private industry, governments and others aimed to explore and use the Moon in a sustainable manner. The MVA fosters cooperation for existing or planned Moon exploration programs, be they public or private initiatives. It comprises more than 800 participants to MVA activities and 27 institutional members from more than 60 countries, representing a diverse array of technical, scientific, cultural and interdisciplinary fields. The MVA partners with non-space organizations to promote international discussions and formulation of plans to foster the development of the Moon Village, and is creating international, national and regional networks to engage civil society around the world. The Moon Village Association's mission is unique, bridging together both spacefaring and non-spacefaring nations offering them the opportunity to play a role in its realization. There is no other organization on the international scene having such a mission.