



Newest Station modules to be welcomed in ceremony June 18

NASA NEEMO crew on undersea mission

▲ **NASA announces space station module welcoming ceremony** – A ceremony to highlight the arrival of two major components of the International Space Station is scheduled at 9 a.m., Wednesday, June 18 at the Space Station Processing Facility. NASA's Node 2, built by the European Space Agency (ESA) in Italy, arrived at KSC June 1. It will be the next pressurized module installed on the Station. The pressurized module of the Japanese Experiment Module (JEM), named "Kibo" (Hope), arrived June 4. It is Japan's primary contribution to the Station. Speakers at the ceremony include, NASA's Michael C. Kostelnik, deputy associate administrator for International Space Station and Shuttle Programs, and William Gerstenmaier, International Space Station program manager; Alan Thirkettle, International Space Station program manager for Node 2, ESA; Andrea Lorenzoni, International Space Station program manager for Node 2, Italian Space Agency; Kuniaki Shiraki, JEM project manager, National Aerospace and Development Agency of Japan.

▲ **Veteran long-duration space flier leads NASA undersea crew** – For the first time, an astronaut with months of experience in space will compare that time to life underwater. Peggy Whitson, a veteran of the International Space Station, is commanding a NASA crew for two weeks on the bottom of the ocean. Whitson, who called the Space Station home for six months last year, is joined by astronauts Clay Anderson and Garret Reisman and by scientist Emma Hwang for a NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO) mission June 16-29. The quartet is serving as the NASA members of a crew living in the Aquarius Underwater Research Facility off the coast of Key Largo, Fla. The Aquarius facility is similar in size to the Zvezda Service Module. The crew will use the undersea habitat as practice for long-duration space habitation, while conducting scientific research on the human body and coral reef environment. They will also build undersea structures to simulate Space Station assembly activities.

◆ **BEST Panel Discussion – “Inspiring the Next Generation of Explorers”** – KSC employees, summer students and faculty are invited to attend a panel discussion, hosted by the Black Employee Strategy Team (BEST), for KSC's summer students participating in the Coop, Intern, SHARP, Stay-In-School, and other programs. The purpose of the panel discussion is to inform the students of the exciting career opportunities, outstanding employees, and innovative space technology available to them at KSC. The discussion will take place Thursday, June 26, in the O&C Mission Briefing Room, from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Michelle Amos-1 at 7-6681 or via e-mail.

◆ **Federally Employed Women's National Training Program** – Federally Employed Women (FEW) will hold their 34th Annual National Training Program (NTP) “Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today” in Chicago, July 7-10. The workshops provide opportunities for employees to strengthen communication skills, assess and enhance their leadership abilities, and become more knowledgeable about equal opportunity and diversity issues. Information about the FEW NTP, including workshop descriptions, can be found at the web site <http://www.fewntp.org> or e-mail Kimberly.A.Boatright@nasa.gov.

◆ **Did You Know? KSC Visitor Complex Summer Special kicks off Friday, June 20** – All KSC employees, just by showing their badge at the ticket booth, will have free admission to the Visitor Complex through Labor Day. This offer includes all exhibits, IMAX films and the LC39 and Apollo/Saturn V bus tour. and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. Also, up to four accompanying guests are entitled to 50 % off the Maximum Access Pass.