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Appointment of ALMA Deputy Project Manager

The ALMA Director is pleased to announce that Dr. Tetsuo Hasegawa has been appointed Deputy Project Manager of the Atacama Large Millimeter/sub-millimeter Array (ALMA) effective November 1st, 2008. Dr. Hasegawa's appointment follows a search by an international committee.

Dr. Hasegawa has considerable experience in management of astronomical projects, as well as a distinguished academic career. He has been serving as ALMA Interim Project Manager since May 2008. Before coming to Chile, Dr. Hasegawa was ALMA Project Director and Project Manager at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan.

Dr. Hasegawa holds a Ph.D. in Science from the University of Tokyo, where he taught at the Institute of Astronomy (1988-2000) and Nobeyama Radio Observatory (1980-1988). He specialized in interstellar medium physics and has published extensively on this and other topics.

The Atacama Large Millimeter/sub-millimeter Array (ALMA), an international astronomy facility, is a partnership of Europe, Japan and North America in cooperation with the Republic of Chile. The ALMA Board, consisting of members representing the partners, has created the Joint ALMA Observatory (JAO) in Chile. The JAO is responsible for the overall leadership and management of construction, commissioning and operations of ALMA. ALMA is funded in Europe by the European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere, in Japan by the National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS) in cooperation with the Academia Sinica in Taiwan and in North America by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) in cooperation with the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). ALMA construction and operations are led on behalf of Europe by ESO, on behalf of Japan by the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) and on behalf of North America by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), which is managed by Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI).