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### **NASA Tweetup Gives Public Birds-Eye View Of Space Shuttle Mission**

WASHINGTON -- For the first time, NASA Twitter followers can personally go inside the heart of a space shuttle mission at the agency's Johnson Space Center in Houston. NASA is hosting a unique Tweetup on Wednesday, Feb. 17 during Endeavour's STS-130 mission to the International Space Station. Endeavour is targeted to launch on Sunday, Feb. 7.

"We're excited to be hosting NASA's seventh Tweetup," said NASA astronaut Mike Massimino, who also is known as

@astro\_Mike. "This is the home of all of the astronauts and the historic Mission Control Center. It's an outstanding location to provide our Twitter community with an insider's view of human spaceflight. I'll be on one of the two mission control teams working at that time to keep Endeavour and space station operating safely. Hopefully a few of my Twitter followers can participate in this exciting event."

NASA will randomly select 100 individuals on Twitter from a pool of registrants who sign up on the Web. An additional 50 registrants will be added to a waitlist. Registration opens at noon EST on Tuesday, Jan. 26, and closes at noon EST Wednesday, Jan. 27. For more information about the Tweetup and to sign up, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/tweetup>

The event will provide NASA Twitter followers with the opportunity to take a tour of Johnson; view mission control and astronauts' training facilities; and speak with flight directors, trainers, astronauts and managers. The Tweetup will include a "meet and greet" session to allow participants to mingle with fellow Tweepers and the staff behind the tweets on @NASA.

To follow NASA programs and astronauts on Twitter visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/collaborate>

For more information about space shuttle Endeavour's STS-130 mission, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/shuttle>

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