the next space shuttle to launch to the International Space Station took another step toward its targeted liftoff of April fifth on February 22nd. Discovery moved from Orbiter Processing Facility 3 to the Vehicle Assembly Building at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida. The move from Discovery's hangar is referred to as a rollover following the move. Technicians in the Vehicle Assembly Building attach the lifting sling to Discovery for rotation and hoisting and attach the spacecraft to its external fuel tank and twin solid rocket boosters.
sts-131 will be a 13-day mission its

crew of commander alan poindexter pilot

jim Dutton and mission specialists Rick

Mastracchio clay Anderson Dorothy

Metcalf lindenberger stephanie wilson

and japan aerospace exploration agency

astronaut Nalco Yamazaki will deliver a

multi-purpose Logistics Module filled with science racks to be transferred to

the space stations laboratories

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