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Soichi appears to be a very quiet person and yet he comes out with some fantastic one-liners.

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Soichi is probably the quietest, but he is probably the funniest as well.

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Earlier I used the word dignified to describe him, so his humor is very dry and subtle.

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but it is extremely witty and it just makes it that much more funny. Konichiwa [hello], my name is

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Soichi Noguchi, I am mission specialist one on Crew-1 mission to International Space Station.

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Soichi Noguchi Crew-1 Mission Specialist

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Well, my mission will be help support commander and the pilot on Crew Dragon and of course once I arrive

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on the space station I'll be a border engineer and do lots of science and maintenance and spacewalks,

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robotics, all kinds of work. I'm really fortunate enough to have a good crew member and obviously

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we have a lot of a different background and the diversity definitely gives us a great rigidity

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to our crew. I wanted to be an astronaut for a
long time. High school days I watched the shuttle

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launch. I studied aerodynamics and aerospace engineering. When I turned 30, Japanese space

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agency started recruiting another astronaut
class. I was fortunate enough to be selected and

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sent immediately to Johnson Space Center. My
first flight was 2005, that was on the space

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shuttle Discovery, STS-114, and the next
flight was 2009, that was on the Russian Soyuz.

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The vehicle is definitely like a living
creature. All the pipes, all the pipelines

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are alive. I really remember the morning of the
launch day arrive at the pad. Hey, this vehicle is

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alive and waiting to go up. And liftoff of space
shuttle Discovery, beginning America's new

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journey to the Moon, Mars, and beyond. I'm really
looking forward to go back to that launch day.

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The Crew-1 is the first operational space
flight after the certification given by NASA.

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The important thing is this is brand new

design from scratch, 21st-century spacecraft\h\h

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and this is a new design and obviously the SpaceX\h
did a very nice job. The spacecraft of this century\h\h

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is not just for America, but this is international\h
cooperation and all the other people around the\h\h