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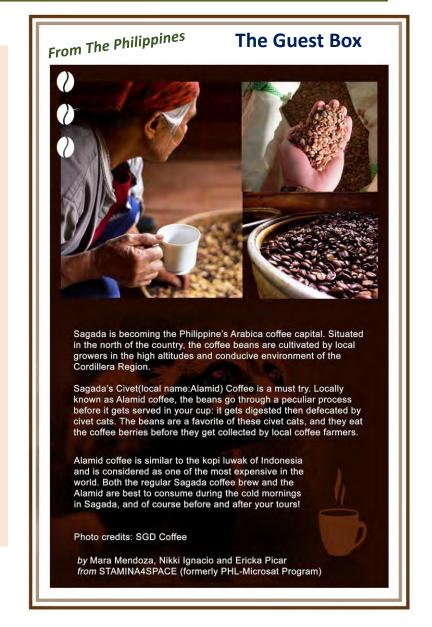


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01. Tutors (for incoming overseas students) received a training session



Tutors of SEIC

Tsukinari-san, Makino-san, Ou-san, Shinsho-san



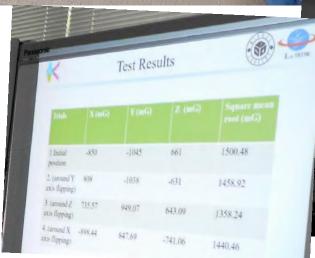
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02. A visit to ICSWSE (Kyu Dai@Ito Campus) to consult on matters of BIRDS-3 magnetometer

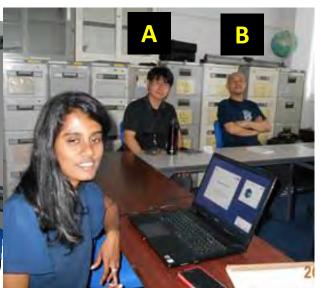


On 19 Sept 2018, Dulani (BIRDS-3, Sri Lanka) and G.Maeda visited ICSWSE (for the full name in Japanese and English see wall board at the far left) at 4:00 PM. The topic of discussion was about calibrating the magnetometer used by the BIRDS-3 final design. Dulani needed some expert advice of ICSWSE research staff. She learned some important things in this one-hour meeting.

THANK YOU STAFF OF ICSWSE FOR YOUR WISE ADVICE



Location of the magnetometer (a chip) on the BIRDS-3 PCB



A. Dr Uozumi

В.

Dr Abe

Both are members of the technical staff of ICSWSE.

Thanks also to Dr

Yoshikawa, who is not shown here.



Brief presentation by Dulani

03. Kyutech Open Campus is written up in "Kyutech Journal"





2018 Kyutech Open Camp (Tobata) occurred during 3 and 4 August. It was written up in the BIRDS Project Newsletter (see Issue No. 31, pages 42 – 44).

On the next six pages, you can find the write-up of the same event by "Kyutech Journal" No. 896.





This is what you see as you

the main gate (north side of

the campus)

enter the Tobata Campus from

入口の様子

A new department was born this fiscal year:
"Department of Space Systems Engineering"
... it was introduced to Open
Campus visitors (future students)

宇宙システム工学科は今年度



体験実験(機械知能)



研究室プース(宇宙システム工学科)

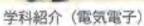
スタートした学科です。展示会場には「宇宙」を感じさせる有異ロケット実験機や人工衛星が展示されていた、来場者の目を引いていました。て、来場者の目を引いていました。て、来場者の目を引いていました。とげた機体と実験の様子を記録した上げた機体と実験の様子を記録した人工衛星の模型を見せながら、また衛星開発プロジェクトでは自分たちで開発した人工衛星の模型を見せながら、研究人工衛星の模型を見せながら、研究したの展示のまわりには宇宙に関連した様々な研究を行っている各研究をの展示ブースが並んでいて、なかなか現実のものとして来場者が想

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ラボツアー (応用化学)



大学の体験授業(応用化学)

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開催報告

学生達も和やかな雰囲気で 感切丁寧に質問に答えてい

女子カフェ



スタンブラリーの景品



公開講義の様子



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AO 入試デモ体験の様子

学生が対応しています。多くの女相談コーナーで、情報工学部の女生相談コーナーで、情報工学部の女生相談コーナーで、情報工学部の女

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End of the *Kyutech Journal* article about 2018 Open Campus at Kyutech.

女子学生相談コーナー「女子カフェ」の様子

子高校生がほほ途切れることなく相

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04. Kyutech Fall Commencement Ceremony for Graduate Students 21 Sept. 2018



Kyutech President Y. Oie delivers address (in English)





Very international (13 countries)



Joven (Philippines) and Azami (Malaysia) - both BIRDS-2







Joven (Project Manager of BIRDS-2) holds his Kyutech diploma

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Dean
Serikawa
with the
graduates





Azami receives diploma from Dean Serikawa

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05. BIRDS-2 mentioned in "CQ Ham Radio" magazine

In the October 2018 issue of "CQ Ham Radio" [published in Japan], there is an article about BIRDS-2 and its recent deployment from the ISS. See the next page for that article.

Thanks to BIRDS-2 member Mr. Nakayama (Kyutech student) for providing this article.

You can buy the issue from Amazon for about 1000 yen https://www.amazon.co.jp/CQ-ham-radio-2018年10月号/dp/B07G1WXT1N







衛星通信情報

アマチュア無線用に運用されている [人工衛星] について のホットな話題と最新情報をお伝えする連載ページです。

JN1GKZ 新井 雅裕 Masahiro Arai

♪ BIRDS-2 ISSから放出される

BIRDS-2の3機の衛星 BHUTAN-1, MAYA-1, UiTMSAT-1は、8月10日に国際宇宙ステーション (ISS) から放出され、順調に運用されています。

● 衛星3機からのCWビーコンを受信

放出直後の衛星はISSとほぼ同じ軌道なので、ISSの 軌道要素で追尾できます。軌道を確認すると、放出か ら約35分後に日本上空を通過することが分かりました。衛星は放出から30分後にアンテナを展開し、32分 後からCWビーコンの送信を開始する予定でしたの で、産声を上げた直後の信号を受信できるはずです。

衛星を待ち構えていると、無事に3機のCWビーコンが受信できました。同じ周波数での運用のため、送信が重ならないように順番で送信していることも確認できました。送信機の周波数誤差や温度の違いのためか、同じ周波数でもCW信号は、衛星によって違って聞こえました。

● APRSのビーコンも送信中

8月末現在、APRSの運用はビーコンを送信しています。APRS動作時は45秒間隔での送信です。デジビート用のコールサインは衛星のIDが使われます。 alias (別名)はAPRSATとARISSです。

APRSをモニタしていると、衛星からの信号がデコ

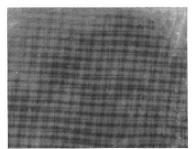


図1 DSLWP-Bが撮影した初めての月の画像 8月12日の運用で得られた画像、クレータがたくさん写っ ており、月の特徴をうまく捉えている (出典: ハルビン技術研究所)

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ードできることもあるでしょう。QSLが発行されているので、衛星からの信号を受信した局は、BIRDS-2 のWebサイト http://birds2.birds-project.com/data-submission から受信報告を行い、QSLを申請してみてください。

衛星放出の様子をYouTubeでチェック

ISSからの放出の模様は、宇宙航空研究開発機構 (JAXA) がYouTubeでライブ中継を行いました。ライブ中継された動画は、https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wp0bV2LMQJEで見ることができます。放出の場面だけではなく、衛星や放出機構の解説が行われているので、ぜひご覧ください。

DSLWP-B 月の画像を送信

DSLWP-A/Bにオスカーナンバーが付与されました. DSLWP-AはLunar-OSCAR 93 (LO-93), DSLWP-BはLunar-OSCAR 94 (LO-94) です.

LO-94は運用されていますが、LO-93は軌道修正時に 不具合が生じたようで信号が途絶えています。DSLWP-Bの運用は不定期ですが、8月3日から画像データの送信 を始めました。640×480画素のJPEG画像をJY1-SAT でも採用されたSSDV (Slow Scan Digital Video)の フレームにし、GMSK 250bpsで送信しています。8月 12日には図1に示す月の画像取得に成功しています。

ISS パケット運用再開

ISSからのパケットの運用は、2017年後半から機器の放降のため休止しています。運用再開のために、JVCケンウッドの144/430MHz帯FMデュアルパンダー TM-D710GAをベースとした新しい無線設備IORS (Interoperable Radio System) の準備を進めています。TM-D710GAはTNC (Terminal Node Controller)を内蔵し、パット運用もできます。しかし、今年初めの温度試験で電源ユニットに問題が見つかり、熟設計を見直す必要が生じました。このため、目指していた年内の運用再開には間に合わず、2019年にずれ込む予定です。

パケット運用の早期再開のため、パケット・モジュ

CQ ham radio

ールの予備機をISSで稼働させる案が浮上しました. 倉庫の奥に眠っていた予備機は,正常に動作するこ とが確認できました。ISS内で稼働させるための NASAの審査は青類審査のみでバスしました。予備 機は10月31日に打ち上げが予定されているロシアの 補給船プログレス 71PでISSに運搬するよう調整が 行われています。順調にいけば、11月末からパケット の再開が期待できます。

この朗報が伝えられたのは8月1日でした。ところが、8月下旬から、突然パケットの運用が再開されました。故障していたパケット・モジュールが自然に復旧したようです。今後、何があるか分からないので、予備機の運搬計画は進められています。

衛星の打ち上げ情報

●ロシアの衛星4機 ISSから放出

予定どおり8月15日, ISSの船外活動時に宇宙飛行士の手からTanusha SWSU-3 (RS-8), Tanusha SWSU-4 (RS-9), SiriusSat-1 (RS-13S), SiriusSat-2 (RS-14S) が放出されました。Tanusha SWSU-4は受信報告がないようですが、他の3機については信号が受信されています。

ISSから放出直後は、ISS内のリピータ・システムを 稼働させ、Tanusha SWSU-3/4の信号をISSで受信 し、145.800MHzで再送信していました。

Tanusha SWSU-3/4の姉妹機と思われるTanusha SWSU-5 (RS-10)とTanusha SWSU-6 (RS-11)が、 2019年にISSから放出される計画があるようです。

●中国 CAS-5A/5B, CAS-6の打ち上げ

9月に打ち上げられるとの情報があります。CAS-5AとCAS-5Bは親子衛星で、軌道上でCAS-5Aから CAS-5Bを放出します。CAS-5Aは3UのCubeSat、 CAS-5Bは9×8×5cm、重さ500gの小型衛星です。 CAS-5AはK/T、K/U、V/U(Tは21MH2帯、Kは29MHz帯のこと)のリニアトランスポンダとV/UのFMリビータを搭載しています。JARLのパンドプランでは、21MHz帯は衛星にアサインされていないため、日本からはモードK/Tの運用はできません。

CAS-6は $49 \times 50 \times 43$ cm、重さ50kgと大型の衛星です。モードU/Vのリニアトランスポンダを搭載しています。

● こうのとり7号でISSにCubeSatを運搬

9月11日に打ち上げが予定されている宇宙ステーション補給機 こうのとり7号機 (HTV-7)で、3機の CubeSatがISSに運搬されます、このうち、RSP-00 (一般社団法人 リーマンサットスペーシズ)とSTARS-Me (静岡大学)がアマチュアパンドで運用を行います、ISSからの放出は10月が見込まれます。 @@

表1 紹介した衛星の運用周波数

衛星名の後ろのかっこ内はコールサインまたはID. CAS-5A/5Bは親子衛星で軌道上で分離. STARS-Meは親子衛星で2機はテザーでつながる. リニアトランスボンダ周波数のかっこ内は帯域

衛星名	開発	周波数、モード FSK 9600bps、音声メッセージ 437.050MHz			
Tanusha-SWSU-3/4 (RS8/9)	ロシア サウスウエスタン州立大学				
SiriusSat-1 (RS-13S)	ロシア	GMSK 4800bps 435.570MHz			
SiriusSat-2 (RS-14S)	シリウス教員区センター他	GMSK 4800bps 435.670MHz			
BHUTAN-1 (BIRDBT)	プータン	APRSデジビータ 145.825MHz CW 437.375MHz			
MAYA-1 (BIRDPH)	フィリピン				
UiTMSAT-1 (BIRDMY)	マレーシア				
CAS-5A	中国	リニアトランスポンダ K/T: 日本からの選用不可 K/U: up 29.490MHz, down 435.505MHz (15KHz) V/U: up 145.820MHz, down 435.540MHz (30kHz) FMリピータ V/U: up 145.925MHz, down 435.600MHz CW 29.465MHz, 435.570MHz GMSK 4800/9600 bps 435.650MHz			
CAS-5B		CW 435.720MHz			
CAS-6		リニアトランスポンタ U/V:up 435.280MHz, 145.925MHz (20kHz) CW, GMSK 4800bps 145.910MHz			
RSP-00	リーマンサットスペーシズ	デジトーカ、CW、AFSK 1200bps 145.890MHz			
STARS-Me	静岡大学	マザー CW 437.245MHz, デジタル 437.405MHz ドータ CW 437.255MHz, デジタル 437.425MHz			

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06. Welcome new SEIC students (Kyutech entrance ceremony)



New SEIC students
There are 5 Master course students
and 7 Doctor course students.

- Hoda Awny A. A. ELMEGHARBEL(Master)
- Hari Ram SHRESTHA (Master)
- Hind MOHMOUD ELHAJ MOHAMMED (Master)
- Senior SHIMHANDA (Master)
- Timothy Ivan LEONG (Master)
- ◆ Lakhdar LIMAM (Doctor)
- Yasir Mohamed Osman ABBAS (Doctor)
- ◆ Izrael Zenar Casople BAUTISTA (Doctor)
- ◆ Marloun Pelayo SEJERA (Doctor)
- Mustapha Femi ISHOLA (Doctor)
- ◆ Mark Angelo Cabrera PURIO (Doctor)
- Yigit Cay (from Master to Doctor)



This photo taken on 01 Oct. 2018 by Ms. Miwa Makino

07. Welcome message from the Graduate School Office



To all SEIC students:

Welcome to Space Engineering International Course (SEIC)!

On behalf of Kyutech staff, I convey our fervent hopes that you will enjoy a rich experience here at Kyutech. I hope you will learn a lot, experience amazing things, and make friends for life.

Upon completion of SEIC, I hope you will use the world as your stage to make contributions as a researcher or as a "high-performance" engineer. I hope you will successfully promote space in your home countries in terms of education and industrialization.

And I hope you can make many bridges between Japan and your homeland -- using the skills and human contacts that you acquired during your years at Kyutech.

The staff of Kyutech will work tirelessly on your behalf -- and we will endeavor to show you that your decision to study at Kyutech was the right decision.

Kazuyo SAKAGUCHI Graduate School Office, College of Engineering 28 September 2018



08. Staying in touch with the global space industry: Attending IAC in Bremen, Germany



Dinner meeting with Prof. Cho, Dr Danielle Wood (MIT) and Dr Javier Stober (MIT—rocket propulsion expert) in front of main IAC entrance.

Some staff and students of Kyutech attended UN/IAF workshop and the IAC in Bremen



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Per the table below, the workshop occupied the first three days. The next five days were for IAC.

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct
IAF workshop	IAF workshop	IAF workshop	IAC	IAC	IAC	IAC	IAC
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5





Cheki's talk during UN/IAF workshop





Cheki was invited to this UN/IAF workshop, and talked about Bhutan and space.





Dr. Jorge Kurita (director of Paraguayan Space Agency) and Cheki during a coffee break.



IAC-18-B4.6B-07 15:35 - 15:43

Design, Development, Testing and On-orbit Performance Results of a Low-cost Store-and-Forward Payload Onboard a 1U CubeSat Constellation for Remote Data Collection Applications Salces, Adrian; Kim, Sangkyun; Masui, Hirokazu; Cho, Mengu



PM of 4 Oct. 2018

IAC presentation by Adrian of BIRDS-2







The official flag of Bremen

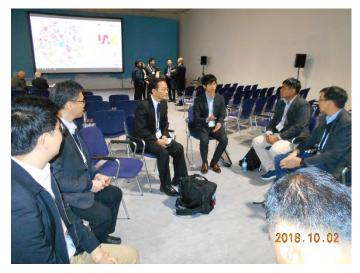
"Kyutech Night" was held at Bremen's 600-year-old restaurant, "Ratskeller"







Many productive meetings occurred during the Bremen IAC . . .



Meeting with Dr Pom and the Thai delegation

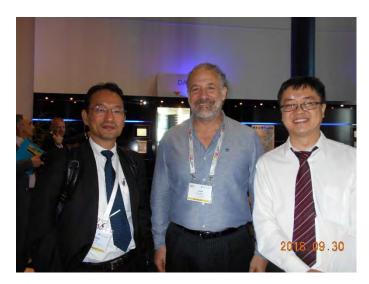


Meeting with Kafi and Antara (BRAC Univ.)



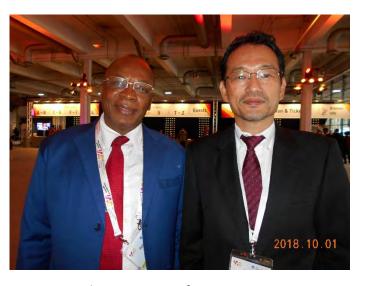


Meeting with Dr Chizea and the DG of NASRDA



Meeting with Dr Livio and Dr Kurita





Meeting with Dr Spencer of NASRDA



Dinner with Adrian, Cheki, and Prof Taiwo (ISU)

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IAC Student Reports

on the next three pages with photos

[in the order submitted]

All received on 15 Oct. 2018



My First IAC Experience in the "City of Space" by Adrian Salces (BIRDS-2)



Inspired by this year's theme #InvolvingEveryone, the International Astronautical Congress 2018 has brought more than 6000 people in the global space community in Bremen, dubbed as the "City of Space". I had the great privilege of participating in the largest space event in the world to present our work on BIRDS-2 Project's S&F Mission but I experienced much more than that! As a first-timer, it was exciting to "see" and "hear" about the various work and issues that people, organizations and companies are doing in their respective fields. One general observation I had is that participants from almost everywhere in the world utilize space to deal with distinct and common issues – be it economic, political, technological or driven by humanity's innate desire for "future exploration" - but regardless of the motivation, everyone had a platform to share!

Indeed, IAC2018 serves as a learning experience that is beneficial to my career as a space engineer. Aside from witnessing wonderful presentations, panel discussions, exhibits and even performances, I met old and new friends who I can collaborate with in future endeavors. Overall, IAC2018 was inspiring, knowledge-enriching, and a great venue for sharing experiences and meeting with people!

My Thoughts on IAC 2018 - Cheki (BIRDS-2)

IAC: International Astronautical Congress

Venue: Bremen, Germany

Date : 1 - 5 October 2018



This was my first time to attend IAC, which is an annual event. It is one of the largest conferences on space with more than 6,000 participants from around the globe. The participants are not just technical people involved in space but rather consists of lawyers, entrepreneurs, musicians and so on. It is good opportunity to meet many people at one place.

To mention two highlights of IAC2018: 1) Plenary event on "Gravitational Wave Astronomy: Sounds from the Dark Side of the Universe." As predicted by Einstein, a gravitational waves, created when 2 Black Holes merge, was detected on ground in 2015. A paper was published on it. Who were authors of the paper? 1,004 authors for one paper!

2) Listening to astronauts talk. Seven real life astronauts from different countries took a stage to share their ideas. Even the current commander of ISS joined live from space to answer few questions.

Advice: There are many parallel sessions. Plan well before hand so as to not miss any session of your interest.

Repetitive quote at the IAC 2018: Competition is driver. Cooperation is enabler.





It was a great experience to attend IAC2018 in Bremen, Germany. I met and talked with many professionals including professors, researchers, also students that has interest of space science and technology. We gathered and shared the knowledge with each other. I also had the chance to present my research about ionosphere observation in front of so many people, which was an exciting experience! I got feedbacks from the audience that may improve the research as well.

But the things that even more exciting were the lectures and talks that I attended during IAC2018. There were many people talking about going back to the Moon and build a moon base over there. Many also talked about exploration to farther outer space, with Mars as the first step. Listening to all these lectures, not only it broaden my knowledge but also gave me the positive energy to keep pursuing the dream, even though it may sounds too impossible for the others.

I remember in one of the presentations that I attended, the presenter said in the last slide: the process of pursuing something is to get fascinated, then inspired, and motivated. With my background as a student from a developing country, IAC2018 left me a great impression and motivated me to do more especially in space technology. Overall, I encourage another student to gain experience as much as possible that will also support our future career as well.

- Rahmi (SPATIUM)









The next IAC is in Washington, DC: https://www.iac2019.org/

21-25 October 2019



09. SEIC Orientation – general explanations to the incoming batch of new SEIC students

During 10:30 am through Noon of 10th October 2018, SEIC Orientation was done for the incoming SEIC students.







Ms. Makino explains course registration and other SEIC matters







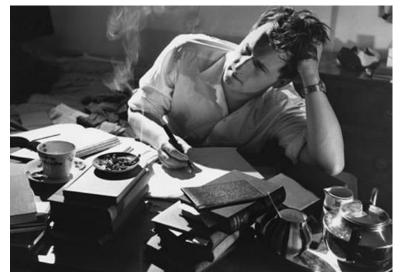


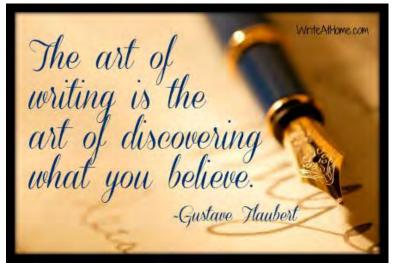


We concluded with a group photo



10. INVITATION TO ALL BIRDS GRADUATES: We welcome your news as articles





This is a request from the PI of the BIRDS Project (Prof. Mengu Cho) and from the Editor of the BIRDS Project Newsletter (George Maeda)

The graduates of **BIRDS-1** and **BIRDS-2** are cordially invited to submit articles to this newsletter as information to all members of the BIRDS community – which is quite large now. Tell us what you are doing. Or show us local media reports that are related to BIRDS or to yourself. If it might interest the entire BIRDS community, please send it in for publication in this newsletter. *Share your news, experiences, accomplishments, and technical developments.* We are deeply curious.

Format details:

- Use PowerPoint
- Use a good mix of text and graphics, photos, etc.; text only is deadly dull
- Keep it interesting and entertaining
- Write your name and affiliation, and date of completion
- Keep the bottom 1.5 cm clear for newsletter footers [you can see them below]
- Dead line is the 15th of each month, for that month



11. Antenna protection during violent storms

BIRDS GS Antenna Safe Mode



Objective

To prevent unwanted damage/accident on the antenna of BIRDS ground station, especially during typhoon/strong wind

> Article prepared by: Muhammad Hasif Bin Azami October 11th, 2018



Precautions for Satellite Operation

- Before operation:
 - Double check the weather forecast and wind's speed sensor (<10)
- After operation:
 - Ensure the antenna position at <u>0 degree</u> for both azimuth and elevation
 - Make an operation report and notify weather forecast for tomorrow

If there is a warning (i.e typhoon or strong wind)

I. Immediately set the antenna position auto/manually using the controller to

https://www.jma.go.jp/en/warn/346.html

- **a. Elevation** of <u>90 degree</u>
- **b.** Azimuth of 0 degree Refer to the picture in the next page!
- II. Suspend the operation until the weather is OK
- III. Check the antenna at the roof top after the incident



Wind's speed sensor



Reference Pictures



Antenna rotator controller



BIRDS GS UHF/VHF Antenna (at Kyutech)



12. A report from UiTM in Malaysia

STEM ACTIVITIES at UTIMSAT



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Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)

15.October.2018





STEM@UiTM Carnival was held at Menara Kejuruteraan Tuanku Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

STEM is an abbreviation for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Center for Satellite Communication (UiTMSAT), Faculty of Electrical Engineering was selected to participate in this program and to provide STEM activities.

Students from upper primary school and secondary school from 500 different schools came to visit the UiTMSAT and participated in an interactive game conducted.



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16.October.2018







During the event, UiTMSAT1 received a visit from The Honorable **Teo Nie Ching,** Deputy Minister of Education, Malaysia, accompanied by the top managements of UiTM.





Interactive game and activities during STEM@UiTM:

- 1. All about aurora.
- 2. Journey to Antartic and experiment conducted by Dr. Huzaimy and team members.
- 3. Demonstration on the antenna's deployment of BIRDS-2 nanosatellite, and how a satellite can orbit the Earth.
- 4. Quizzes using Kahoot.







Visit from MARA-JAPAN Industrial Institute

Center for Satellite Communication (UiTMSAT), Faculty of Electrical Engineering received a visit from MARA-JAPAN Industrial Institute (MJII). The purpose of this visit is to gain knowledge on BIRDS-2 nanosatellites, to take a look on the facilities, especially the satellite ground station, and to foster collaboration between MJII and UiTMSAT.





Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohamad Huzaimy Jusoh presented about UiTMSAT to the visitors.



14-16 CEPTEMBER 2018

PETROSANS SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2018

for Center Satellite Communication (UiTMSAT), Faculty of Engineering Electrical an invitation received from Petrosains to open a booth Petrosains Science Festival 2018. This festival took place at KLCC, Kuala Suria Lumpur.

UiTMSAT-1
featured in the
Petrosains Science
Festival 2018's
booklet





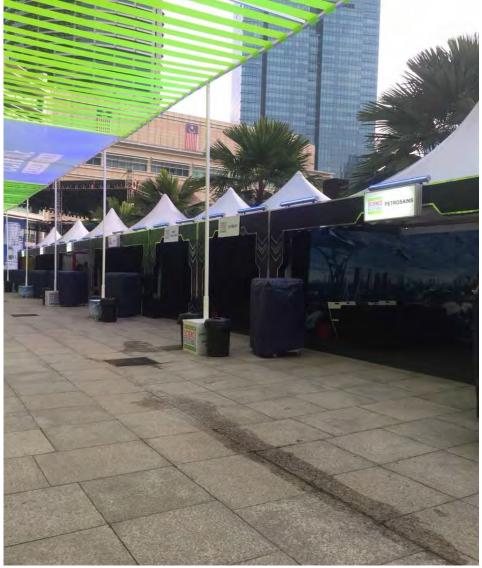


The venue: Suria KLCC, Kuala Lumpur



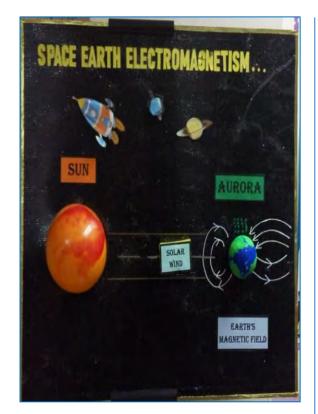








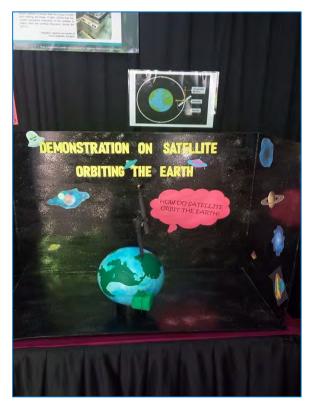
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Aurora borealis



Deployable antenna mechanism



How satellite orbits the Earth



Reading the Morse code

STEM activities @ UiTMSAT's booth during Petrosains Science Festival

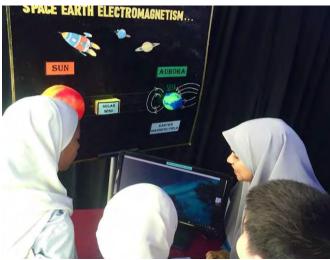


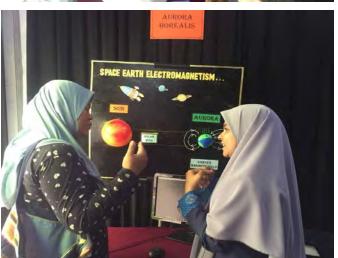
The festival was held for 3 days (14-16 September 2018). Our booth received many visitors who were interested with UiTMSAT-1 and BIRDS projects.















The visitors were interested with UiTMSAT-1 and BIRDS project.





Children were curious about how satellite can orbit the earth.

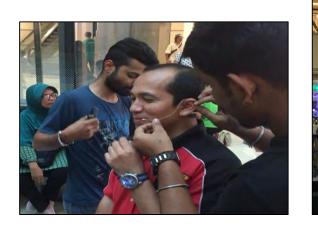


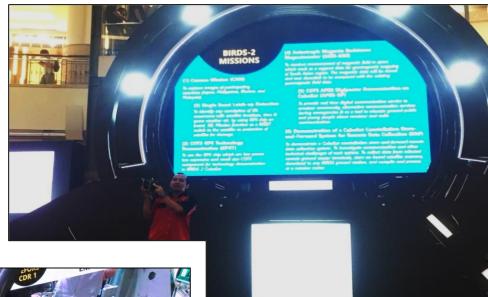




Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohamad Huzaimy Jusoh was invited as a speaker during the festival. He delivered his talk on **UiTMSAT-1** and BIRDS-2 project on 15 September 2018.











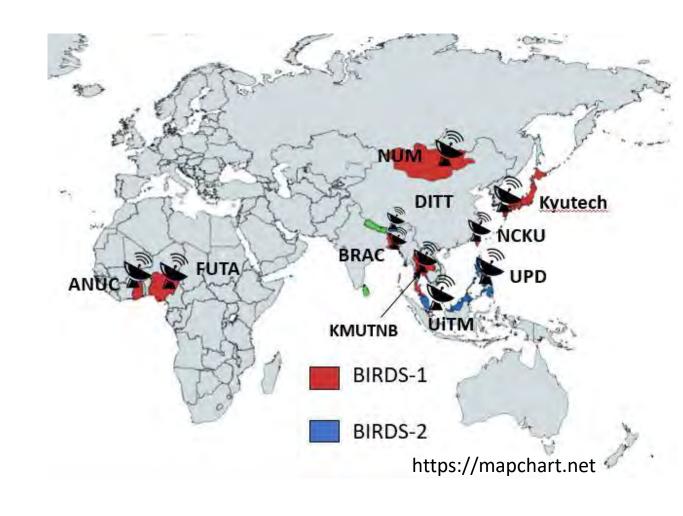




13. BIRDS-2 CW Decoding Competition

Prepared by Kiran, BIRDS-2

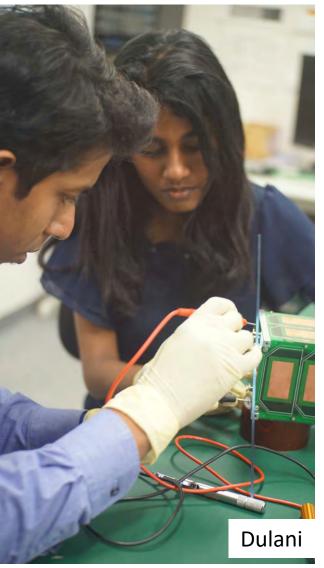
- A competition among BIRDS GS network
- Competition period: August 24 September 24, 2018
- 5 Ground Stations actively participated:
 - BRAC, Bangladesh
 - DITT, Bhutan
 - UiTM, Malaysia
 - UPD, Philippines
 - NCKU, Taiwan
- The Competition continues for another month: October 1-31, 2018.
- Winner for first month: UiTM GS, Malaysia

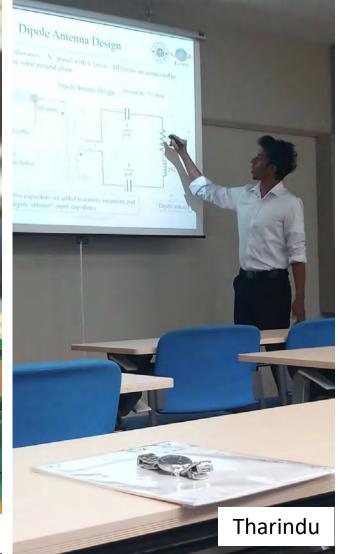




14. BIRDS-3: Monthly activities report









BIRDS-3
Sept-Oct 2018
Monthly Report
by
Abhas

(BIRDS-3 Project Manager)



BIRDS-3 Activities on Sept-Oct 2018 (Abhas)



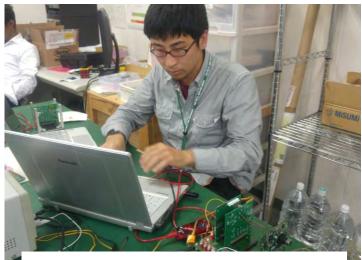




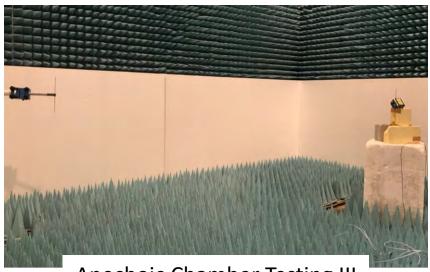








Kakimoto Preps for EM-2 OBC



Anechoic Chamber Testing III



BIRDS-3 September 2018 Potluck Dinner







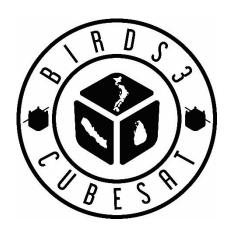








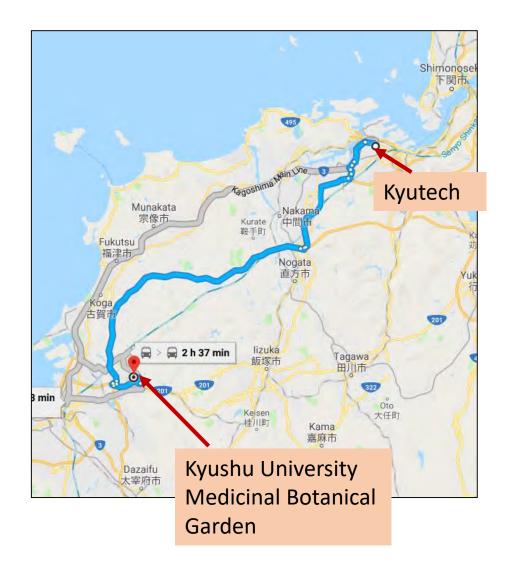
15. BIRDS-3: Magnetometer calibration at Sasaguri (Kyushu Univ. facility)



BIRDS-3 MAGNETOMETER CALIBRATION IN SASAGURI

by
Dulani Chamika and Yuta Kakimoto
13 October 2018





As BIRDS-3 needed to calibrate the magnetometer used in the satellite we visited Kyushu University Medicinal Botanical Garden in Sasaguri.

International Center for Space Weather Science and Education (ICSWSE), of Kyushu University owns a Helmholtz coil.

We visited this place on 25th of September. Professor Uozumi from Kyushu University ICSWSE joined to help us with the test.



Entrance of the botanical garden



The Test Location



In front of the main building/ Prof Uozumi in the left





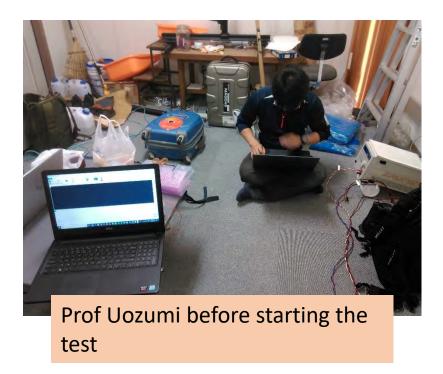




After entering from the small gate



Preparing for the test





Kakimoto checking the UART connection



Prof Uozumi controlling the Helmholtz coil



Specifications of the Helmholtz Coil



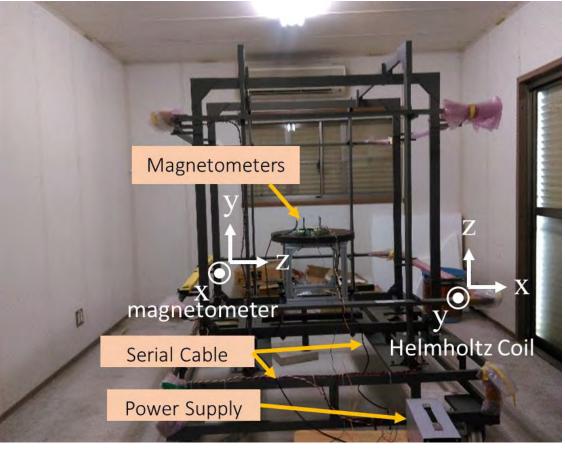
	X	Υ	Z
Inside Dimension	1290mm x 1290mm	1180mm x 1180mm	1400mm x 1400mm
Outside Dimension	1390mm x 1390 mm	1280mmx 1280mm	1500mm x 1500mm
Coil Space	723mm	661mm	781mm
Magnetic field	77010nT	83897nT	71459nT
Current	2.0A	2.0A	2.0A

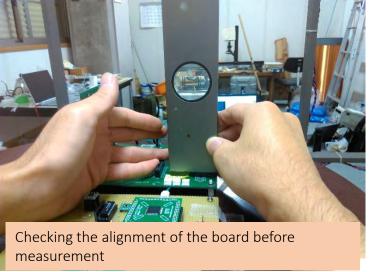
According to Prof. Uozumi, uniform magnetic field can be generated at the center 20 cubic centimeters area. So we should set up our magnetometer within this 20 cubic centimeters area.

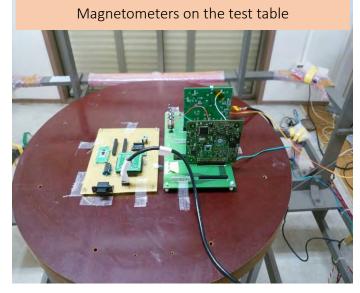


Test Set Up

From this room, the north is the X axis of the Helmholtz coil. If we set the magnetometer properly, in our magnetometer, Y and Z axis should get some negative value of earth magnetic field, and X axis should be almost 0. We installed the MSN board vertically by checking the spirit level.









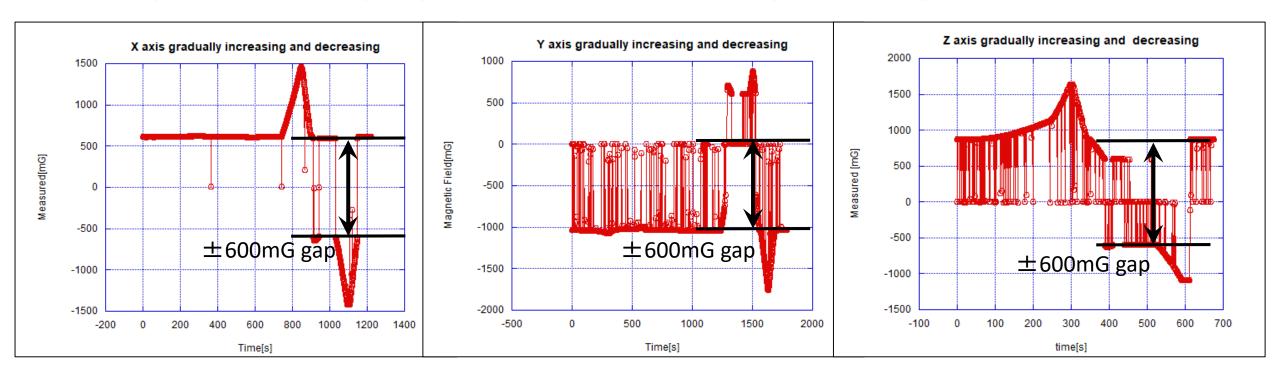
Testing Procedure

No.	Operation
Procedure 1	Checked the initial value of the magnetometer
Initial value measurement	
Procedure 2	250mG and 500mG was given to X, Y, Z axis and checked
Rough check for magnetometer working	the magnetometer readings.
	(The magnetometer readings had some dropping points)
Procedure 3	To check the dropping points the Magnetic Field was
Find the error of the magnetometer	gradually increased and decreased manually
Procedure 4	After modifying the program again the magnetic field was
Measurement after modifying the error	gradually increased and decreased manually to check the
	whether there are dropping points.
Procedure 5	A magnetic field was generated for 60s and the switched
Measure the magnetic field value for the	off for 60s. The generated magnetic field was from
calibration of the Magnetometer	60000nT to -60000 nT(\pm 20000nT, \pm 40000nT, \pm 60000nT).



Correct the Magnetometer Error

At the procedure (Rough check for magnetometer working), we found some error of our magnetometer working, by gradually increase/decrease the generated magnetic field.

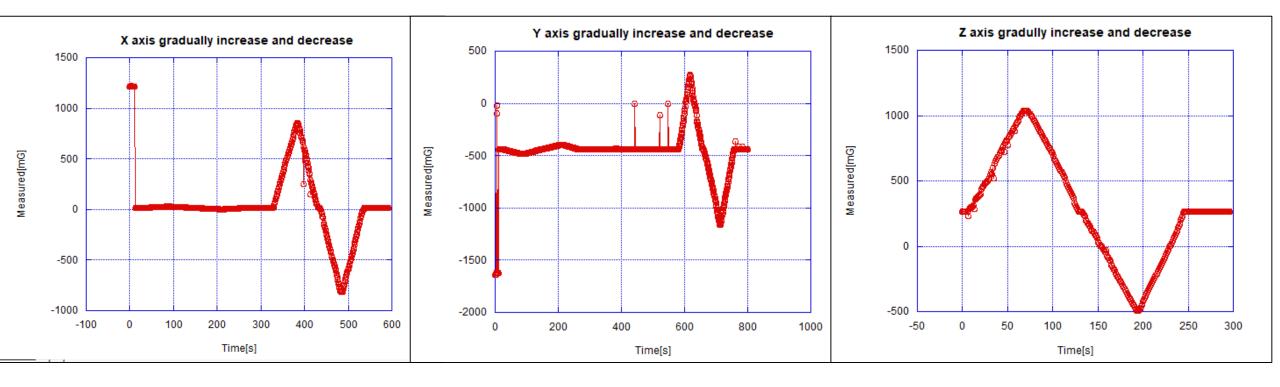


For each axis value, there is a large gap between ± 600 mG. Before we start the calibration test, we needed to correct the error. Also, the value was very noisy, so we also added some function to remove the noise.



Correct the Magnetometer Error

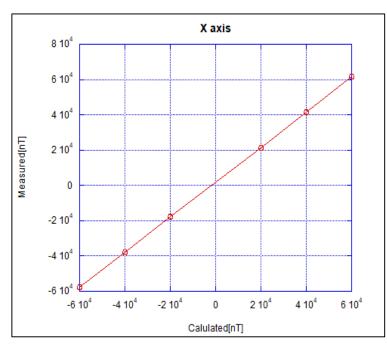
After correct the gap error and noise problem, we checked the gradually increase/decrease the magnetic field again (test procedure 4).

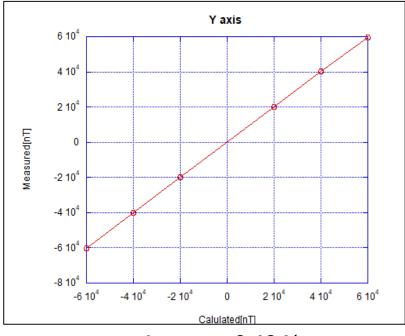


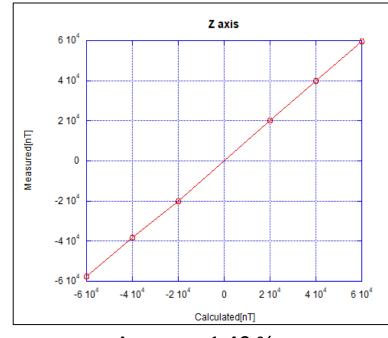
As you can see from this result, the $\pm 600 \text{mG}$ gap had been removed. Actually, some noise still there, but they are the tolerance for this test. Also, as mentioned on the previous page, X axis value is almost 0mG. Now we were ready to start the proper calibration test (procedure 5).



Test Results







Accuracy 1.20 %

Accuracy 0.40 %

Accuracy 1.40 %

The purpose of the test was to check the linearity between the measured magnetic field (from the magnetometer) and the calculated magnetic field (generated from the Helmholtz coil). According to the graphs measured magnetic field and the calculated magnetic field are linear.



Conclusion

- In this magnetometer test, we could get the linearity in the graph of the theoretical value and measured value.
- Currently, our magnetometer meets the requirements of satellite stabilization mission.
- As a future task, we will execute some test about whole ADCS system which includes this magnetometer, gyro sensor, GPS, and magnetorquer by using some test equipment in our laboratory.

We, the authors, wish to gratefully acknowledge the huge amount of assistance from Prof. Uozumi of Kyushu University.



16. BIRDS-3: The news from Nepal

Summary of recent news out of Nepal

by Hari Ram Shrestha 12 October 2018



"Launching of Nepal's First Satellite in Nepalese Media"

On behalf of Government of Nepal, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) and Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech) Japan had signed the MOU to launch the first Nano-Satellite of Nepal in Space. Besides this, Kyushu Institute of Technology has been supporting NAST time and again both technically and academically in order to gain knowledge on Nano Satellite technologies. As this is the first time Nepal is launching its first Nanosatellite, various national and local medias such as televisions, newspapers, FM Radios, online portals, etc. are taking interest in covering up the news on BIRDS-3 project as well as Nepal's first Nano-Satellite. Curiosity on this topic amongst the youngsters, technical experts, students of Science and Technology is growing at a greater pace. Along with this, medias has been supporting to this project highlighting and publicizing this Birds-3 project as well as Nepal's first Nano-satellite. Dr. Buddhi Ratna Khadge, Secretary of NAST, in an interview quoted to establish a Ground Station along with Space Centre by this year with the cost of seed money of NPR. 2 crores for hardware and launching cost to Kyutech. Similarly, Dr. Rabindra Pd. Dhakal, Chief of Faculty of Technology, NAST, marked to provide opportunity for the Engineers and Space related students in the field of research, development of satellite in the home country as well as its application therein encouraging the youth. The former Vice-chancellor of NAST, Prof. Dr. Jiba Raj Pokharel has initiated this program and had been focusing on its importance and ultimately develops skilled manpower in Nepal. For this, Hari Ram Shrestha has been nominated from NAST to take a step forward and make a remarkable effort in the field of Nepal's first Nano-satellite.



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Photos from different media





























17. Abstract dead line for 32nd ISTS & 9th NSAT, all students should take note



Dead line for abstracts is the end of October 2018

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