

BIRDS Project Newsletter

Issue No. 20 (18 September 2017)



Members of BIRDS-1 Team and BIRDS-2 Team -- 16 May 2017, at Tobata Campus Note the mock-up being held by Antara in the front row.

Project website: <u>http://birds.ele.kyutech.ac.jp/</u> All back issues are archived at this website.

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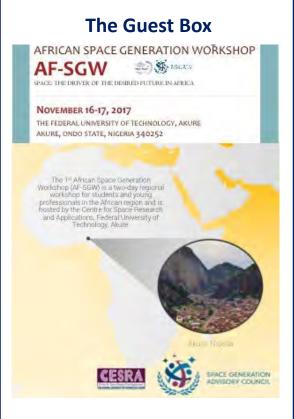






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The Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria, will be hosting this event in November of 2017.



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01. An outstanding video by JAXA about JAXA-Kyutech collaboration (BIRDS-1)



This 6.5-minute video can be downloaded from here <u>http://birds.ele.kyutech.ac.jp/video.html</u>

The video is really well produced.



JAXA×Kyutech had an agreement to promote utilization of J-SSOD and to contribute capacity building around the world through BIRDS Project.



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02. Events - UNOOSA

Check out these UNOOSA events – many are related to small satellites and to BIRDS – at their website

http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/events/search-events-

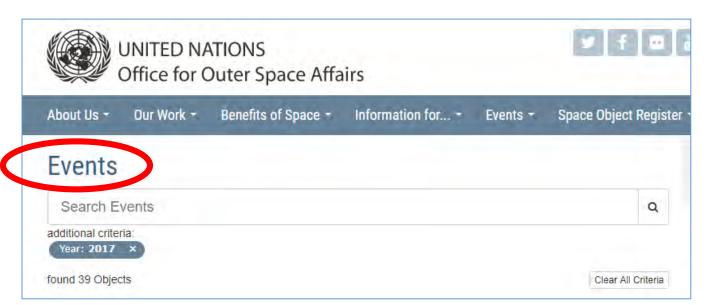
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Upcoming:

- UNOOSA will have a booth at 2017 IAC in Adelaide, Australia, 25-29 September 2017, to explain various international space activities.
- United Nations/Russian Federation Workshop on Human Capacity-Building in Space Science and Technology for Sustainable Social and Economic Development; starts 30 Oct.; G. Maeda will be there. http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2017/workshop_russianfederation_capacity.html
- From 20 to 21 June 2018 the international community will gather in Vienna for UNISPACE+50, a special segment of the 61st session of COPUOS. If possible, please attend it so that capacity building is supported at the UN do not take it for granted. See the next page for more.







The seven thematic priorities of UNISPACE+50 are:

- 1. Global partnership in space exploration and innovation;
- 2. Legal regime of outer space and global space governance: current and future perspectives;
- 3. Enhanced information exchange on space objects and events;
- 4. International framework for space weather services;
- 5. Strengthened space cooperation for global health;
- 6. International cooperation towards low-emission and resilient societies;
- 7. Capacity-building for the twenty-first century.

If you want the UN to do more for capacity building, your nation needs to support Thematic Priority 7. If it is not supported, UN member states will conclude that capacity building is not important.



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03. Malaysians of BIRDS-2 offer celebration event for the entire BIRDS-2 team







Mutton Curry



Chocolate Muffins







Pickled veggie salad

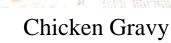


Carrot Cake



Tomato Rice

'Roti Jala'



A fantastic and colorful array of food from Malaysia



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Akmal gives a presentation about Malaysia



Fadhilah and Syazana hold the nicely-made menu.

Below: Yummy food.



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[A] Azami
[B] Akmal, Syazana's husband
[C] Syazana
[D] Fadhilah, Azami's wife



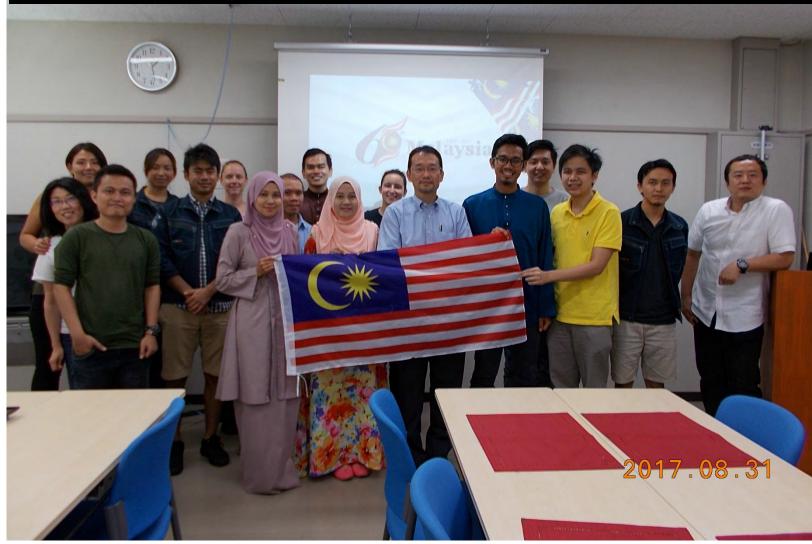


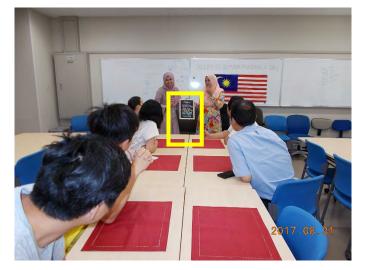




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2017 Malaysian Independence Day Group Photo





Explaining the menu

Great Job Malaysia BIRDS-2 Team !

Photo taken by G.Maeda



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04. BIRDS Project is one of three finalists for the GEDC-Airbus Diversity Award



See the next 3 pages for social media announcements by **Airbus** regarding this competition:



GEDC Airbus Diversity Award applications are now being reviewed.



Apply | 2016 Award | Past Recipients | Evaluation Criteria | Terms & Conditions

The GEDC has teamed up with Airbus, the global leader in aeronautics, space and related services, to present the GEDC Airbus Award for Diversity in Engineering Education. This award is **aimed at shining a light on successful projects which have encouraged more young people of all profiles and backgrounds to study and succeed in engineering.** The 2017 Award has been placed under UNESCO patronage.

The long-term aim of the GEDC Airbus Diversity Award is to increase diversity among the global community of engineers so that the engineering industry reflects the diversity of the communities it supports, and the wide-ranging work that engineers do. The 2017 Award, which is the fifth edition, will be presented during GEDC 2017 Niagara Falls, Canada between October 10th and 13th, 2017.





http://www.gedcouncil.org/gedcairbusdiversityaward



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Statement by the organizers of the Award

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Note: BIRDS-1 Project Manager Taiwo will be at GEDC 2017 Niagara Falls to compete in the final round. <u>Hang tough, Taiwo !</u>



The announcement on Twitter

Congratulations to @kyutech; BIRDS Satellite project on #DiversityAward2017 shortlist company.airbus.com/diversityaward #EmbraceDiversity



https://twitter.com/AirbusCareers/status/901822110871552005



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The announcement on Facebook



Like This Page - August 28 - @

Congratulations to Kyushu Institute of Technology in Japan for their Joint Global Multi Nation Birds -BIRDS project, a unique collaboration with universities from developing countries including Ghana, Mongolia, Nigeria and Bangladesh. This exciting programme joins 10 other inspirational #DiversityAward2017 projects from around the world on our 2017 shortlist: www.company.airbus.com/ diversityaward #EmbraceDiversity

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The Three Finalists for 2017

Attached media Airbus, UNESCO and GEDC select Australian, Canadian and Japanese projects for Diversity Award final



http://www.airbus.com/newsroom/press-releases/en/2017/09/airbus--unesco-and-gedc-select-australian--canadian-and-japanese.html



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05. Messages from BIRDS members who return to their homelands this month

> I invited them to say a few words; and to furnish one last photo.

They shall be missed.

G. Maeda Editor

Dear Fellow Members of BIRDS-1 Team:

First of all, thank you very much for being part of my life. I am really proud to have been member of this great team. We made history to our countries. I hope this will be also future of our country and our friendship will become our countries collaboration in that future.

For me this project is opportunity to see life from wider angle. I wish you all the best for your career and personal life. Thank you very much see you in further.

> Sincerely, Erdenebaatar Dashdondog, Mongolia, 2017/09/08



Mid-December of 2016, atop the Cho Lab building



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Dear Fellow Members of BIRDS-1 Team:

I believe the BIRDS project has served as a platform for a good multi-cultural experience aside all the technical opportunities it currently serves. It has been good. My two year experience with this honourable team actually disproves a fact to me. An idea is painted that people from different places can be very different in any aspect we can think about. Well, it didn't seem so. I personally didn't realize any significant difference in a particular person for which other team members have to be over-conscious about in order to prevent trespass or offenses. Ironically, I will say; "Different people are same everywhere". Therefore I believe that the same basic ethics hold to all people and any good team, which is

"The Right Intension, the Right Heart is the real boss"

Thank You Ernest, Ghana, 2017/9/12

Image taken on 27th June 2016 at the 1st BIRDS International Workshop reception at the Blue River Walk, Nishi Kokura, Japan.



Dear Fellow Members of BIRDS-1 Team:

As always said, there is time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. So there came a time we all set foot in the four walls of Kyutech [Specifically Prof. Cho-Lab]. It was a moment of adventure, studies, fun and teamwork. Our coming together as colleagues was really interesting and historic. Especially working together on a multicultural platform to build, launch and operate the first satellite of our home countries. Thanks to you all for sharing ideas and encouraging each other, not forgetting the moment of teasing and sharing of Jokes with the international flavour! In moment like this, it usually not exciting to say goodbye to comrades like you.... I opt to say "Hello" to us all on our next phase of Life! Let's continually strengthen the international human network! Cheers!

Sincerely, Quansah Joseph Neenyi Kojo Krobo, Ghana, 11/09/2017

First Attempt of BIRDs-1 CubeSat Launch by SpaceX. [Seminar Room-LaSEINE]





Dear Fellow Members of BIRDS-1 Team:

A team is not about joining hands, it is about joining hands no matter what. The definition and meaning of teamwork is not found in management textbooks, but in the minds and hearts of team members. It makes me sad to have to leave, but also makes me feel happy to remember the good times we passed as a team and the satisfaction of having done the right thing. I'm going to start a new path in my life soon. Since now, we stop being co-workers, today I say goodbye to all of you who have been my friends and I thank you for making pleasant the moments we spent together. I know you will remember me every time, when you will search for your old picture of BIRDS

project. :D I hope to meet you again one day. Good job team, thank you.

Sincerely, Raihana Shams Islam Antara, Bangladesh, September 11, 2017.



BIRDS Clean Room

Dear Fellow Members of BIRDS-1 Team:

Last two year was a nice journey with you all. When I first came here I was very excited about the project because of its multicultural features.

This two years was very eventful. We work together, cooked together, organized space world, went to conferences. I will never forget the last day of 31st ISTS at Matsuyama when I got second best poster award for one of the BIRDS missions. Every member was very happy as it was the first of any award received by BIRDS.

I learned a lot in these two years. Before coming here, I was not in touch with corporate world. This project gave me the idea how corporate world and its politics goes on.

Last I want to thank you all to make this two years one of the

most memorable one.

Sincerely, Abdulla Hil Kafi Bangladesh, September 11, 2017

> Clean Room of CENT February 8, 2017





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06. Update of the camera mission of BIRDS-2



Hearing 100 times doesn't compare to seeing once https://blog.skritter.com/201 7/02/japanese-proverbs-

BIRDS-2 CAM Mission Update

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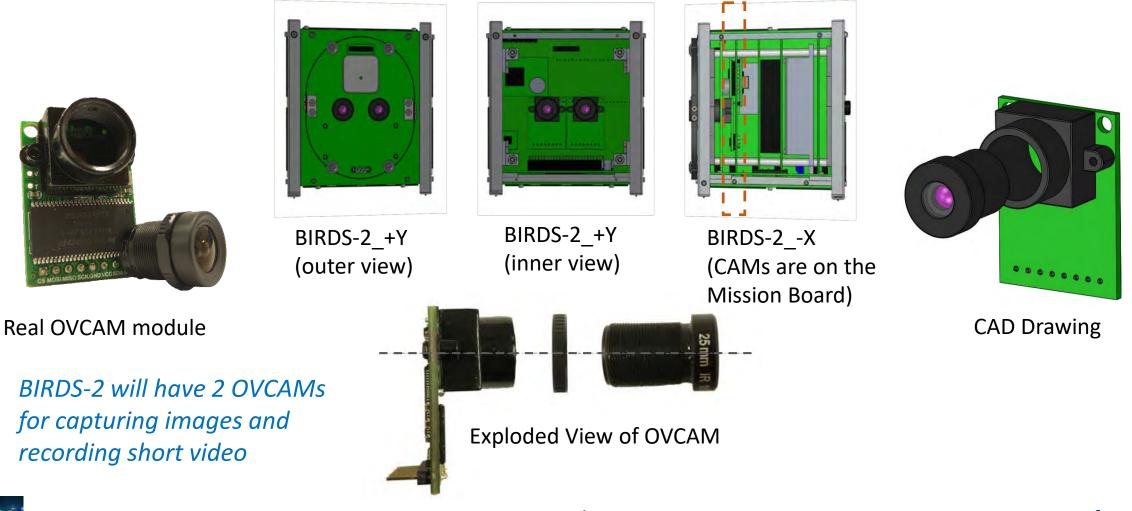
Article prepared by: Muhammad Hasif Bin Azami (Malaysia) 11th September 2017



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Current Design of CAM Mission





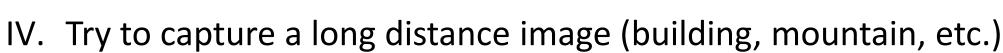
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Installation of CAM Lens

Steps of tuning the camera's lens at infinity focus

- I. Place the special pattern
 - a. Near distance (3m)
 - b. Far distance (10m)
- II. Try to focus at the centre point of the pattern
- III. Check the pattern's other lines



V. Finally, ensure the camera captured sharp and clear images

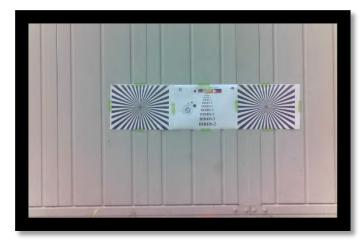


Guidance from Amara (BIRDS-1)



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Results of Tuning CAM Lens



OVCAM1 in 5MP resolution (f=25mm)



OVCAM2 in 5MP resolution (f=8mm)



Random image in low resolution (f=8mm)





Sequential of images saved into full FIFO memory create a short video at low resolution

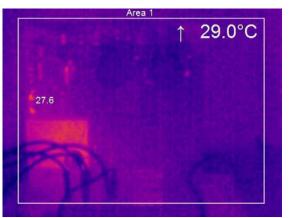




High Power Consumption Issues

(action taken after CDR of 18 July 2017)

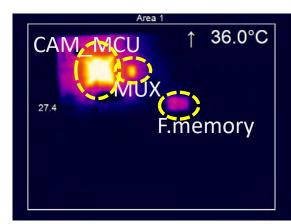
- Carried out **Thermal Camera Observation Testing** to monitor power leakage of CAM subsystem on mission board
- From the testing, we make some changes:
 - I. We will use CAM_MCU of Atmega2560V (3.3V) instead of Atmega2560 (5V)
 - II. Controlling both OVCAMs by adding 1 power switch for each camera



Before power line turned ON

27.5 OVCAM

After 3.3V power line only turned ON (front side view)



After 5V power line only turned ON, the flash memory and MUX shouldn't turned ON because they are using 3.3V power line (back side view)

End of CAM article by Azami



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07. Reminder: The Ten Rules of the 基本的なルール 1. No Excuses **BIRDS Project** (for students) The Ten 2. Be on time 3. Respect others **Rules** BE PUNCTUAL AND INSIST 4. Be responsible ON IT IN OTHERS. for **BIRDS** 5. Watch the schedule engineers, now 6. Act as a team player THERE IS NO and forever 7. Maintain a long view SUBSTITUTE FOR HARD WORK 8. Be clean **Thomas Edison** 9. Work hard This page was originally published in Issue No. 10 of the BIRDS Project Newsletter. 10.Have fun

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08. Reminder: The 2nd BIRDS International Workshop, in Ghana

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See pages 12-14 of Issue No. 16 of this newsletter for the original announcement.

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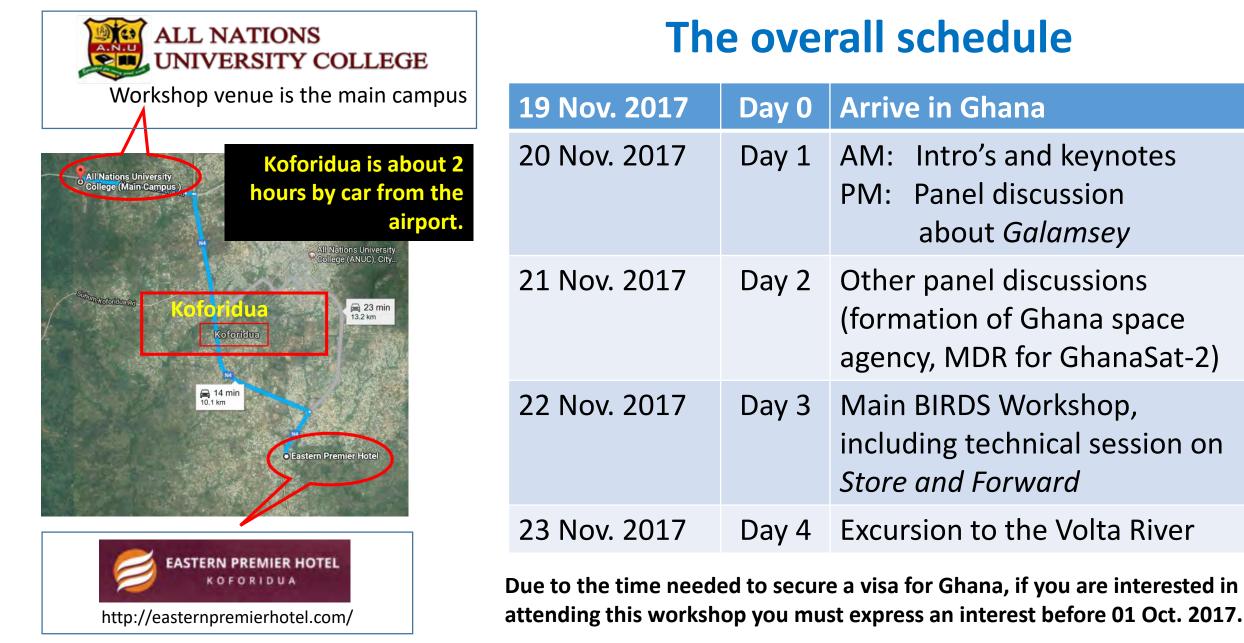


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The 2nd BIRDS Int'l Workshop is conducted in parallel with: The 6th Space Science and Satellite Technology Applications Conference (SSTA)

5th Annual International Conference On Space Science and Satellite ShareThis Technology Applications - SSSTA2016

Some scenes from the 5th Annual SSTA

5th Annual International Conference On Space Science and Satellite Technology Applications SSSTA2016



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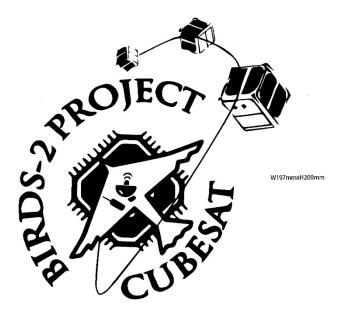


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09. The current situation of the BIRDS-2 antenna system

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BIRDS-2 Antenna Selection Design & Configuration

This article was submitted by Syazana Basyirah (Malaysia) on August 30th 2017.

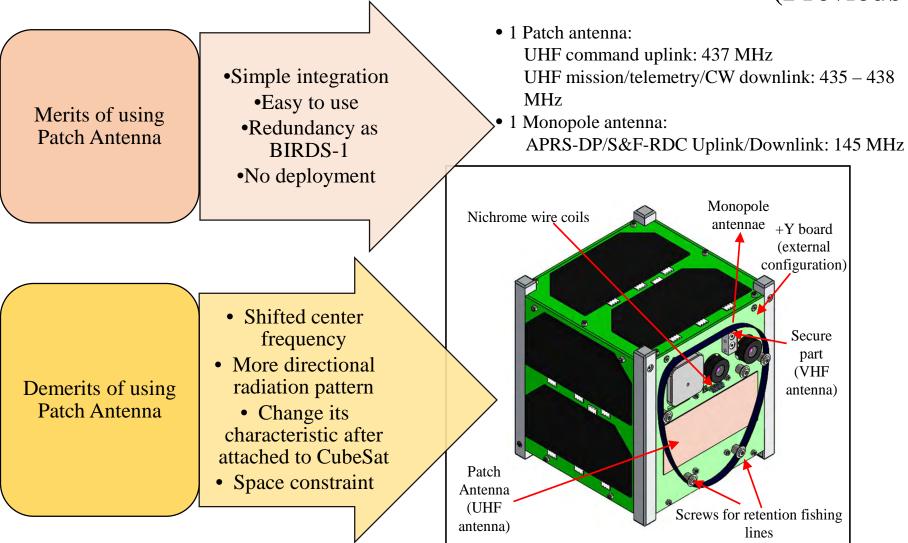
From the antenna radiation pattern measurement test performed in an anechoic chamber, we realized that patch antenna (redundancy from BIRDS-1) did not meet BIRDS-2 link budget estimation (gain within 0 - 2.2 dBi). Since we have an APRS and Store & Forward mission that require higher gain in VHF uplink and downlink, we need to select the best option of our antenna subsystem to achieve successful communication.



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BIRDS-2 Antenna Design Configuration at +Y Board (Previous Design)





Monopole Antennae Deployment Mechanism for BIRDS-2 CubeSat

Nano-satellite has faced problems in designing antennae deployment system due to space and deployment mechanism constraints. After discussing this matter among BIRDS-2 team members, we finally came out with an approach to implement the design of UHF and VHF deployable monopole antennae in BIRDS-2 CubeSat.

Both monopole antennae deployment will be using a nichrome wire burning release mechanism which when activated, it will be heated up and thermally cut through fishing lines, and allowing the two monopole antennae to be deployed on +Y board and at +Z axis direction of the satellite.

The UHF frequency band was used for command uplink, mission, telemetry, and CW beacon downlink whilst the VHF frequency band was used specifically for APRS-DP/S&F-RDC mission for both uplink and downlink.

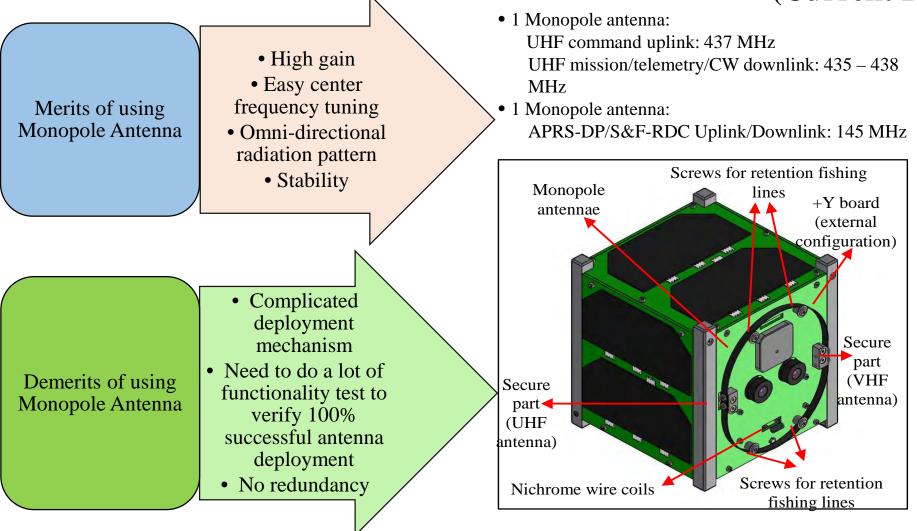
In order to achieve the effectiveness of the BIRDS-2 CubeSat communication system agreed with the link budget estimation, the dimensions of antennae on the CubeSat structure depend on the required gain and operating frequency.

Thorough analysis and experiments need to be performed to ensure the mechanical, electrical interfaces of monopole antennae fit with the satellite. The nichrome wire burning release mechanism should be verified 100% works successfully on the ground. The functionality test results of the antennae deployment will be analyzed particularly on the deployment time, current drawn across the nichrome wire and the nichrome wire temperature differences (during thermal vacuum test).



BIRDS-2 Antenna Design Configuration at +Y Board

(Current Design)

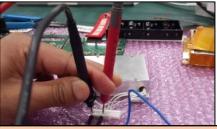




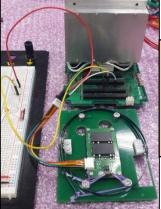
Challenges of Implementing Current BIRDS-2 Antennae Design Configuration



Monopole antenna dislocated easily from the mounted screw if the tightened technique is not followed accordingly



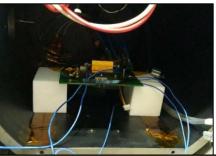
Battery capacity used is charged to 10% capacity charging and the capacity need to monitored throughout the functionality test



Room temperature functionality test should be performed frequently to ensure the deployable antenna works 100% successfully on ground



The fishing lines has to be tightened and secured carefully to ensure both antennae will be deployed successfully. This pic shows one of the UHF antenna got stuck due to the wrong technique of tightening the fishing lines



The antenna deployment test needs to be conducted in a few thermal cycle (hot and cold) temperature condition to ensure that the burner circuit can withstand the worst condition in space, especially at -40°C

The vacuum chamber needs to be opened/closed before/after performing the functionality test for every thermal cycle because the antennae need to be tightened from the beginning



End of BIRDS-2 antenna article by Syazana



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10. Three BIRDS students attend UN symposium in Austria

Section 10 is comprised of 8 pages, including this page.

UN/Austria Symposium Access to Space: Holistic Capacity Building for the 21st Century

Graz, Austria

3rd – 7th September, 2017

Organized by United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

Written by: Yeshey Choden for Issue No. 20 of BIRDS Project Newsletter



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Bonsu, Yeshey and Reuben at the symposium







(Left) Venue of symposium : Technical University of Graz

(Right) Welcome note by the organizers





Presentations by Kyutech BIRDS students



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There were a number of interesting panel discussions on various topics



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TUGSAT-1/ BRITE-AUSTRIA BETERREICHS ERSTER SATELLIT IM WELTALL

TUGSAT-1/BRITE-AUSTRIA entwicket das Institut für Kommusistat Graz ze und Satellienkommunikation [IKS] der Technischen Universität Graz hemsam mit der Universität Torotto [UTIAS/SFL], der Universität Wien und zensam mit der Universität Torotto [UTIAS/SFL], der Universität Wien und remsam mit der Universität Torotto [UTIAS/SFL], der Universität Wien und rim Liener Indischen Trägerrakte ins All abheben wird, Mit diesem würrmit einer Indischen Trägerrakte ins All abheben wird eine Mission zur singfarfiger Frägision realisiert, wie dies auch nur vom Weltraum aus singfarfiger Frägision realisiert, wie dies auch nur vom Weltraum aus lich ist. Die Messwerte sollen neue Erkenntnisse über Rotation und die nichises sollen hellen, die Theorien über die Entstehung des Universums nichises sollen hellen, die Theorien über die Entstehung des Universums

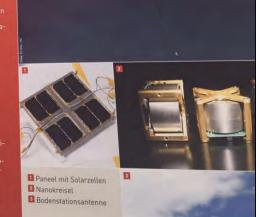
bessen, rTU Graz ist die Entwicklung einer kostengünstigen Nanosatellitenrm, die für zukünftige wissenschaftliche und technologische Missione ezt werden kann. Ein wichtiger Aspekt ist die Ausbildung. Zahlreiche ende sind in das Projekt im Rahmen von Diplomarbeiten und Dissertä einbezonen.

AT-1 BESTEHT AUS FOLGENDEN HAUPTELEMENTEN:

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station und Kontrollzentrum des in ca. 800 km Höhe um die Erde krei-Statelliten entstehen in Graz. Das Projekt wird von der Forschungsngsgesellschaft FPG im Rahmen des Österreichischen Weltraumpros, einem Impulsprogramm des Bundesministeriums für Verkehr, Inund Technologie, gefördert.







Facility tour at TU Graz

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Dinner hosted by the Mayor of Styria and governor on separate days







Meeting new friends and spending quality time with them



11. BIRDS students participate in LaSEINE Summer Camp at a retreat in Oita Prefecture

Monday, 4 Sept. (2017)		Tuesday, 5 Sept.		Wed, 6 Sept	
8:40	Gather at LaSEINE ground floor	7:00	Rise	7:00	Rise
8:50-9:00	Depart with rental cars	8:00-9:20	Breakfast	8:00-9:20	Breakfast
9:00-13:00	Drive to Kujyuu - lunch enroute	9:30-10:00	Lecture-5 (Taiwo) < practice BIRDS presentation for Airbus competition at Niagara Falls, Canada >	9:30	Checkout and depart
13:30-14:00	Break	10:00-10:30	Lecture-6 (G. Maeda) "How to start a space business"		
14:00-14:30	Lecture-1 (Bhutan Student Kiran) "School System & Student Life in Bhutan"	10:30-10:40	Break		
14:30-14:40	Break	10:40-11:10	Lecture-7 (Dr Amelia) "Tasmania"		
14:40-15:10	Lecture-2 (Dr Yamauchi) "Gourmet Map in Kokura"	11:10-11:40	Lecture-8 (Dr Masui) "Units"「単位」について		
15:10-15:40	Lecture-3 (Dr Kate) "How to become an astronaut"	11:40-13:00	Lunch (bento box)		
15:40-15:50	Break	13:00-13:30	Lecture-9 (Dr Pauline) "Synchronized Swimming"	2	
15:50-16:20	Lecture-4 (Prof Cho) "Introduction to Standards"	13:30-14:00	Lecture-10 (Dr Kim) "Trans Siberian Railway"		
16:30-18:00	Free Time	14:00-14:10	Break		
18:10-18:30	Leave for dinner	14:10-14:40	Lecture-11 (Prof Toyoda) "Vacumm Systems"		ST.
18:30-19:30	Dinner (restaurant)	14:40-18:00	Free Time		
19:30-22:30	Free Time	18:00-20:00	BBQ - barbecue		
22:30	Movie: "Shin Godzilla" [in large student tatami room]	20:00	Free Time		H









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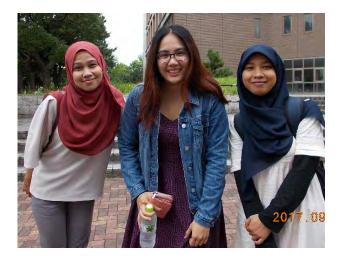
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9 AM Departure from Kyutech on 4 Sept.



Convoy of 9 rental cars







Loading the cars















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Road trip from Kyutech to Kyujuu Camp





Many tunnels and bridges







Lunch in Yufuin



Trip takes about 3 hours



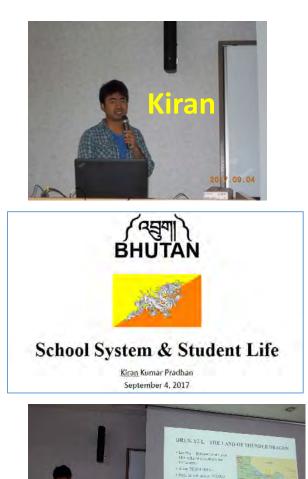


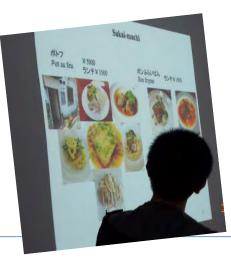




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Lectures of Day 1





Gourmet map in Kokura

4-6 Nov. 2017 Summer seminar

Yamauchi 山内







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Lectures of Day 1 -- continued







Basketball and indoor soccer after the lectures





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Off to dinner of Day 1













A rental car develops trouble





push the car

Students

The problem: Transmission broke down

-- the car had to be replaced the

暗い山の中でちんたら運転に **next day** なりました。



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The screening 上映 of <u>Shin Godzilla</u>





















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Lectures of Day 2



Taiwo practices his Airbus Diversity Contest presentation





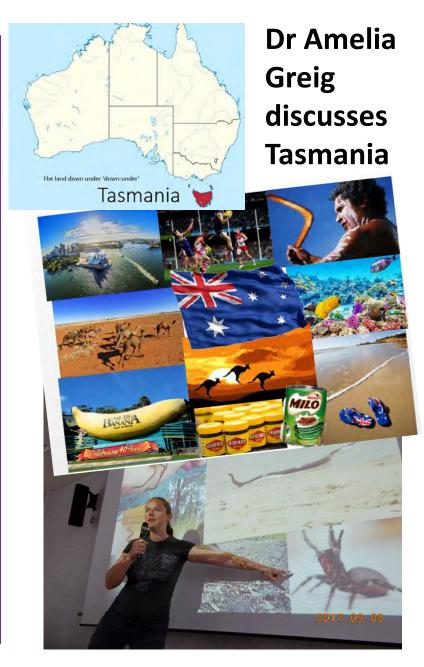




How to start a space business

- •By G. Maeda •For 平成 29年度 合宿
- 2017 Summer Camp, Cho Lab
- 4-6 September 2017







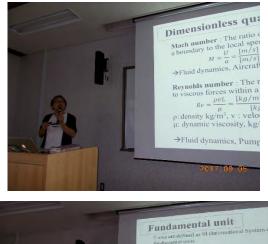
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Lectures of Day 2 -- continued



Dr Masui discusses "Units" 「単位」 について

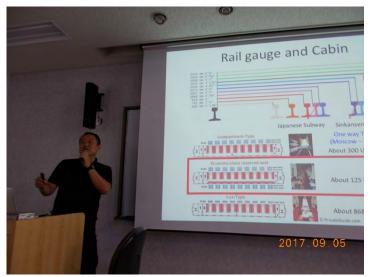




Synchronized Swimming A short-lived story on my best efforts to become a mermaid LaSEINE Summer Camp, September 4-6, 2017 **Pauline Faure** Competition • Near perfection example



Dr Kim



Traveling the Trans Siberian Railway



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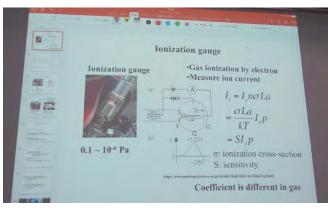
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Lectures of Day 2 -- continued



Prof. Toyoda "Vacuum Systems"











2017 Summer Camp BBQ Barbeque















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The dance session . . . occurred after the BBQ



























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2017 LaSEINE Summer Camp Group Photo – with a large number of BIRDS Project members.

This was taken just before leaving the facility (on 6 Sept) to return to Kyutech.

This photo courtesy of Dr. Kim



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