

### Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology



### **VIETNAM NATIONAL SPACE CENTER (VNSC)**



# Higher Education via small satellite R&D projects



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## Government's strategies



1. Strategy for development and application of space science and technology towards 2030 (approved on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

The strategy's overall goal is to widely apply achievements of space science and technology; selectively invest in some areas related to national defence, security, and management of natural resources and the environment; and improve the country's scientific and technological capacity.

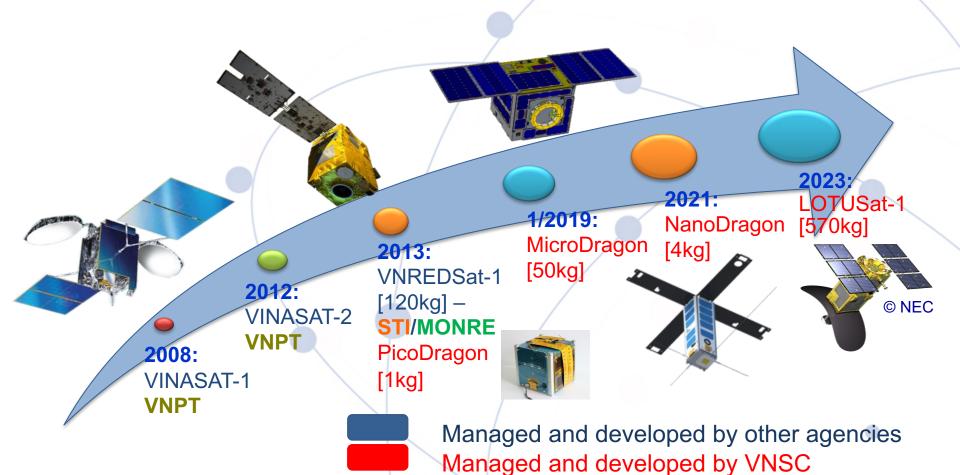
2. National remote sensing development strategy by 2030 with a vision towards 2040 (approved on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019)

By 2030, Vietnam will master manufacture technology of RS satellites, receiving station system, processing of RS data, RS satellite stations,...; build systems to collect and process of national RS data in favor of socio-economic development, national defense and security



## **Vietnam Satellites**



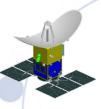




## **On-Going Infrastructures in Vietnam**







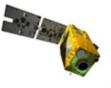
Vietna m Space Center R & D Center, AIT Center

Mission Data Utilization Center

Satellite Operation Center

LOTUSat-1 SAR Satellite





**VNREDSat-1 Satellite** 

**VNREDSat-1 Operation Center** 

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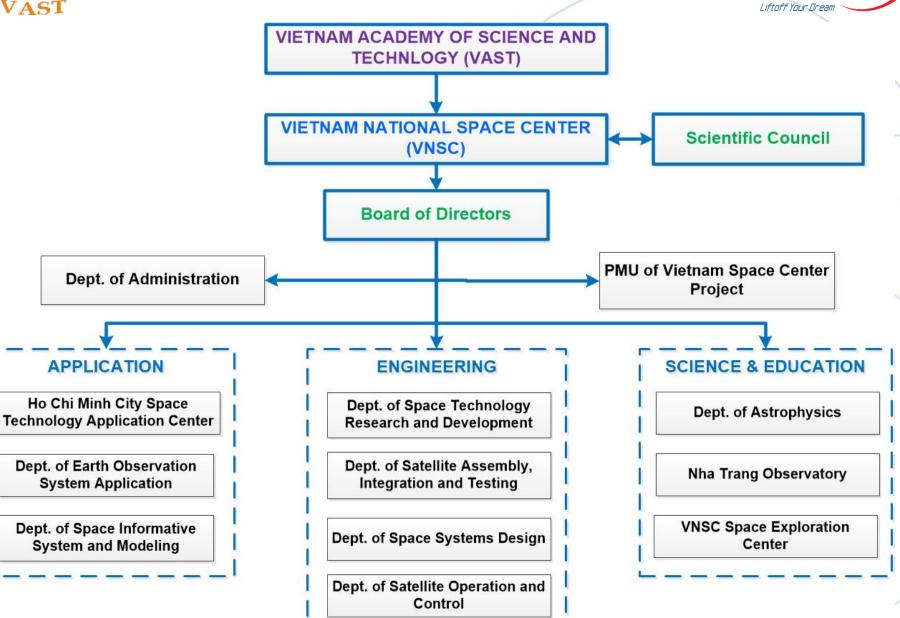
MONRE National Remote Sensing Center

2008 2013 2018



## **Organization Chart**



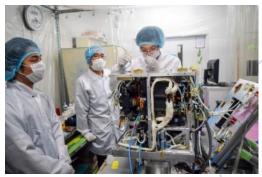




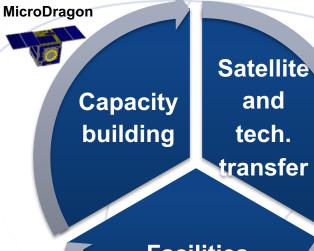
## Vietnam Space Center Project



## PROJECT FOR DISASTER AND CLIMATE CHANGE COUNTERMEASURES USING EARTH OBSERVATION SATELLITE

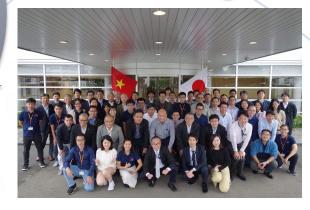


Capacity Building for Satellite Development (over 100 staffs)



**Facilities** 

LOTUSat-1 (570 kg) SAR payload



Infrastructure in Ha Noi, Nha Trang and HCM City



AIT facilities for small satellites up to 180kg



## **Vietnam Space Center Project**



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## AIT facilities for 180kg-class satellites AIT

Equipment and software are invested to enable the design, assembly, integration and testing of 180kg-class satellites

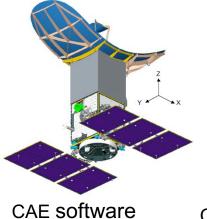


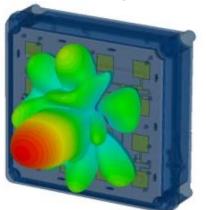


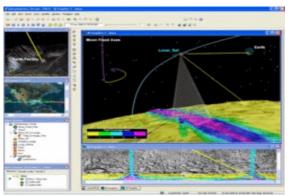
Vacuum chamber

Vibration Machine

Mass property measurement







CAD/CAM software Antenna design software

Orbit design software (STK)



System safety

safety review:

Vibration

shock test

Calculation

test

Safety Factor

Thermal chamber

related to HII-A

## **Satellite Development Projects in VNSC**



Hazard analysis and software counter measure for mission assurance

System safety related to Epsilon-4 safety review:

Hazard Analysi Pragon Bus

- Vibration & spock test
- Thermal vacuum test

2020-2023 (570 kg)

AgriDrago

**MicroDragon** 

SeaDragon

2013-2018

2017-2021

(4-6 kg)

(50 kg)

**LOTUSat-1** 

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2013 (1 kg)

2011 **Start** 

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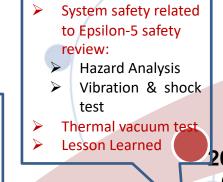


**PicoDragon** 

**NanoDragon** 

#### **Advance Course:**

- > AIT, Hands-on, PM
- Mission assurance management
- Reliability
- **Quality Assurance**
- **Mission Operation**
- System safety







## **Towards "Made in Vietnam Sats"**



2016-2020	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2040	
MicroDragon Demo:50kg	**Dragon Demo:50-100kg (similar level with MicroDragon)	**Dragon 150-300kg	**Dragon 150-300kg		
				Apply to practical satellite	
			Phase 3: Full Designed and integrated by		
		Phase 2: Partially Designed and integrated by	Vietnam	Enhance capabilities by repeating	
		Vietnam		Dragon project	

Phase 0: Acquisition

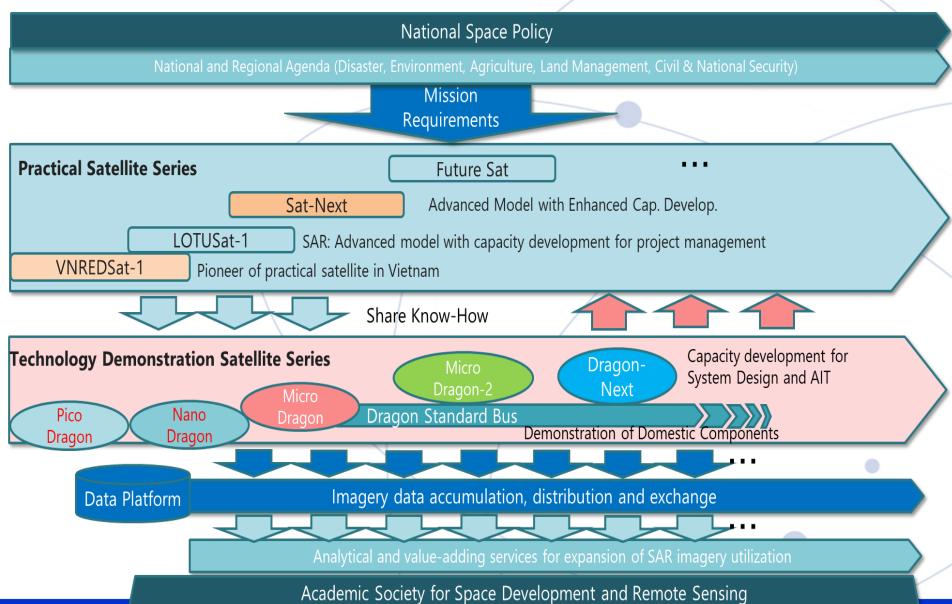
Phase 1: Verification

Category	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2040
Sat System Design		Partial (cw foreign company)	Full	Enhance each capabilities
Procurement Requirement Design	Limited	Partial	Full	
Manufacturing Assembly/Integration	Partial	Full	Full	
Manufacturing Parts/Component *SW = Software *HW = Hardware	SW (Limited), HW (Limited) Ex) Wire harness, Data processing software	SW (Partial), HW (Partial) Identify strategic components	SW (almost full), HW (Partial) including strategic components	



## **Towards "Made in Vietnam Sats"**







## "Made in Vietnam" satellites



#### **Phase I: Technology Development**

Funding: Vietnamese local542197

Phase II: Project on improving national earth observation capacity based on high and super high-resolution small satellite system

Funding: Vietnamese local & other sources

2022

2025

2030

Self. Dev. > 85% 2035

#### MicroDragon-2

Self Dev.: 50%

- Mass: 20-40kg
- Partly: technology demonstration
- Spatial Res.: 5m
- Hardware: STR, THER, others for backup or testing
- Software: Main Flight software, drivers of Vietnam's hardware

#### MicroDragon-3

Self Dev.: 70%

- Mass: 40-60kg
- Partly: technology demonstration (less)
- Spatial Res.: 2m
- Hardware: STR, THER, some others (PSU, OBC, ADCS parts)
- Software: Main Flight software, drivers of Vietnam's hardware

#### MiniDragon-1 Self Dev.: 90%

- Mass: 80-100 kg
- Mission: optic
- Spatial Res.: <=1m
- Hardware: import some ADCS parts (RW, FOG), Propul., payload
- Software: Vietnam

#### MiniDragon-2

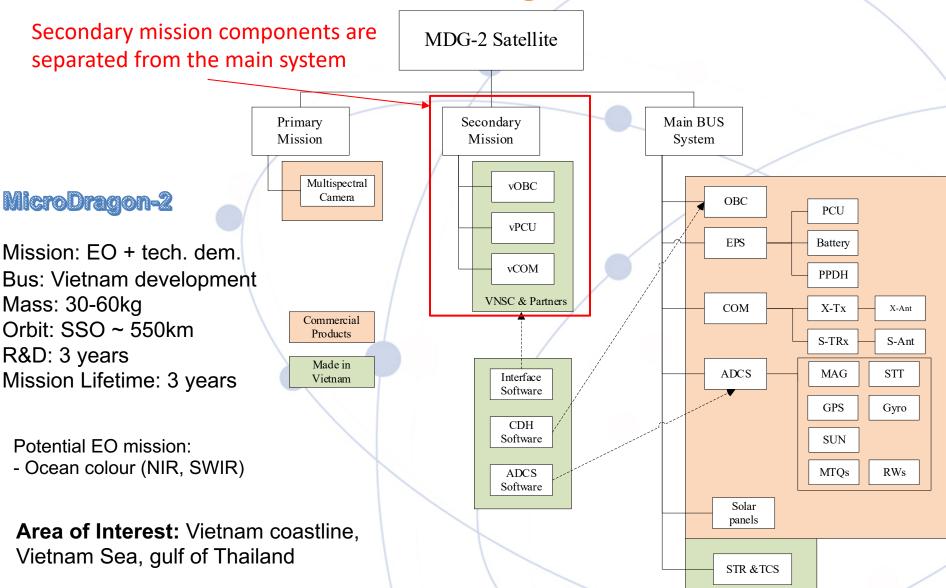
Self Dev.: 90%

- Mass: 100-150 kg
- Mission: SAR
- Spatial Res.: 1m
- Hardware: import some ADCS parts (RW, FOG), Propul., payload
- Software: Vietnam



## MicroDragon-2 General Configuration







### **Education and Technology Transfer**





Basic course 36 master in 5 Japanese Universities







MicroDragon (50 kg)

Successful launch and receive data on Jan. 18, 2019

#### **Space Segment**





- Project Management
- Satellite technologies
  - ✓ Mission Design
  - ✓ AIT
  - ✓ Launch
- Support Technologies
  - ✓ Design and manufacture Subsystem

#### Advance course

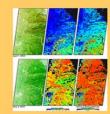
#### **Ground Segment**



- Ground Station Technologies
  - ✓ Bus system operation
  - ✓ Mission control
  - ✓ TLM control
- On-orbit operations
  - ✓ Mission management

#### **Users Segment**





- Data ultilization technologies
  - √ GIS
  - ✓ Remote sensing
  - ✓ GNSS
- Ground networks system

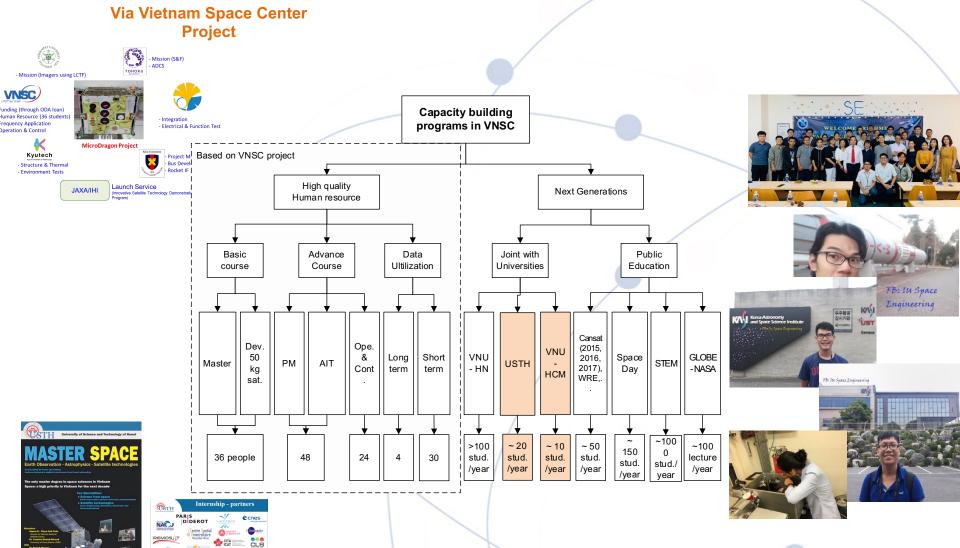


LOTUSat-1 (570 kg)



## Main Vietnam capacity building programs





International University, Vietnam National University in HCM



## Public Outreach Space Exploration Center





**STEM Day** 



**Space Day** 



**Optical Telescopes** 

**Education course** 



**CanSat Competition** 





## Public Outreach Space Sci. and Tech. Museum







## Conclusion



- 1. Vietnam Strategy of space science and technology development and application to 2030" was approved on February 4, 2021;
- 2. It's clear a demand on high quality human resources in Space Engineering in Vietnam;
- International cooperation and technology transfer from developed countries is the key for the fast development;
- 4. Vietnam needs improving human capacities and creating space industry ecosystem for sustainable development.





Thank you for your attention!