

# From CLTP1 to CLTP14: A 15-Year Journey in Space Engineering Education

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# Self-Introduction

## • Professional Career

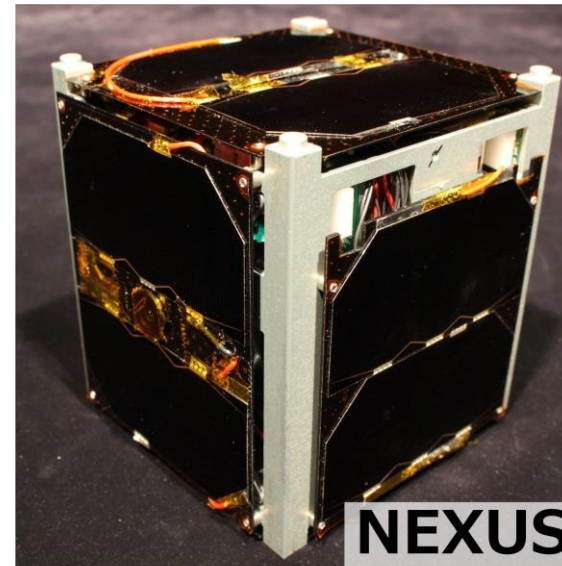
- B.Sc. in AE 1991 (Cairo University)
- M.Sc. in AE 1996 (Cairo University)
- Ph.D. in AE 2002 (Nagoya University, Japan)
- Assistant Professor (2003-2008)
- Associate Professor (2009-2013)
- Professor (2014 – Present)
- Deputy Executive Director of the Egyptian Space Agency EgSA (September 2019- July 2022)
- Sabbatical (MHI, Volvo, NU, KFUPM, Nihon U./UNISEC, E-JUST)
- Founder of Space Systems Technology Lab. @ Cairo University in 2011.

## • Research Interest

- High Speed Aerodynamics, Aeroacoustics, and Micro/Nano-Satellite Developments

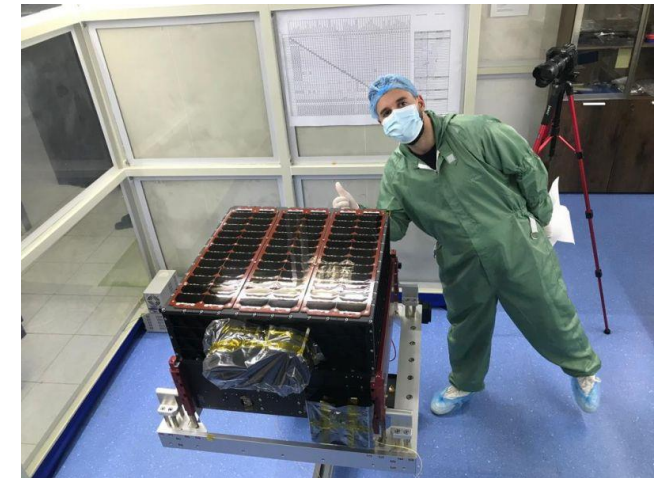


First CLTP in Japan (Feb-March 2011) @ Wakayama University



**NEXUS**

NEXUS 1U CubeSat Launched in January 2019  
@ Nihon University (2016-2017)

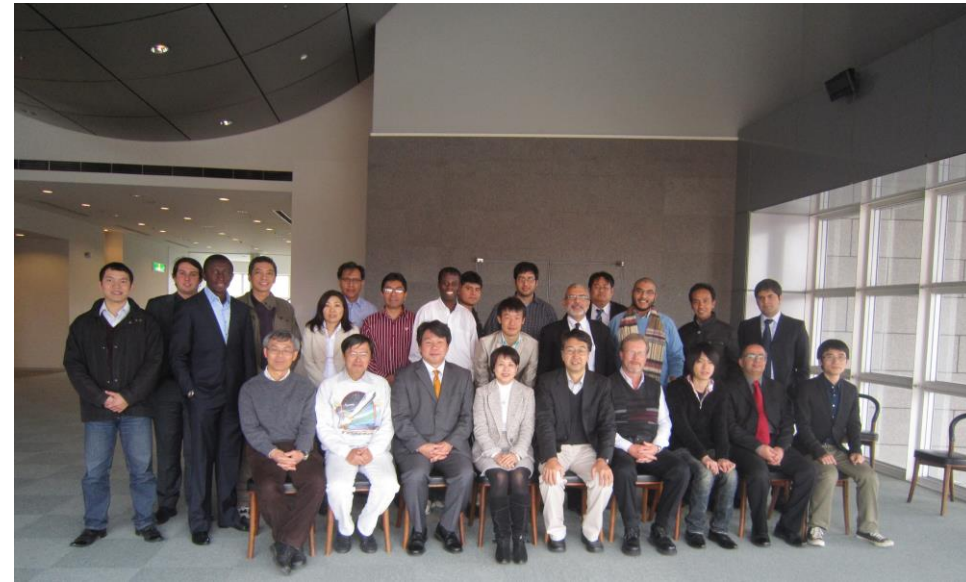


NEXSat-1 @ EgSA

*“When I joined CLTP1, I thought I was attending a short satellite training program. I never imagined that 15 years later, CLTP would still be shaping my career, my teaching philosophy, and my international collaborations”*



**2011 → CLTP1 (Participant)**



**2011 → CLTP2 (Observer)**



**2016 → CLTP7 (Participant)**



**2017 → CLTP8 (Teaching Assistant)**

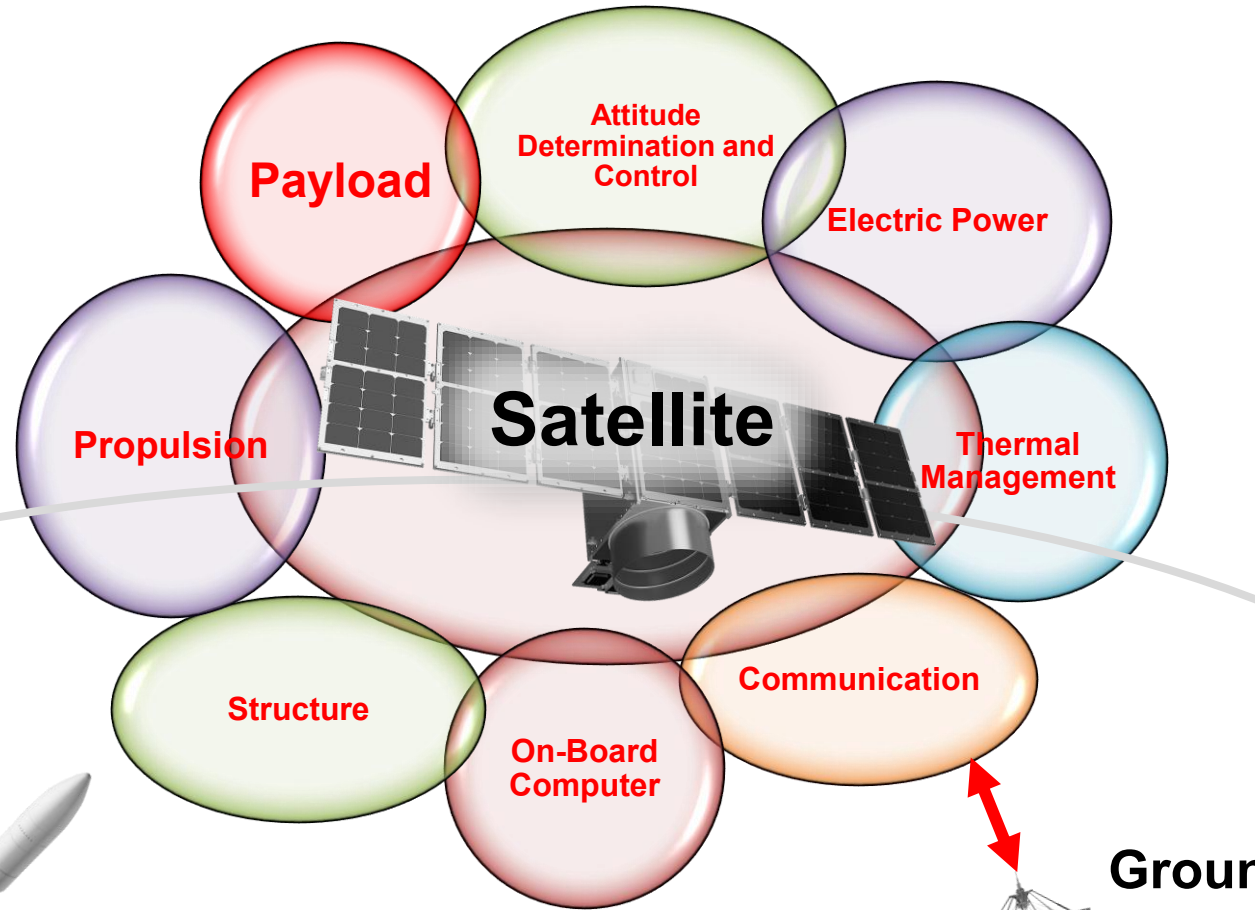
# Background - CLTP

*The CubeSat/CanSat Leader Training Program (CLTP) is a training course that was established for participants to experience the entire cycle of CubeSat/CanSat development from the design to launch of model rockets. Through the program, you will learn the space technology and teaching methods utilized in space engineering.*

# Intended Learning Outcomes of CLTP

- Realizing the Vision of UNISEC-Global, “*By the end of 2030, let’s create a world where university students can participate in practical space projects in All countries*”
- Experience the whole AIT (Assembly, Integration, and Testing) processes of an educational satellites.
- Develop and realize a payload subsystem.
- Practice teaching of educational satellite engineering to a group of people with different background.
- Disseminate the CubeSat/CanSat technical knowledge to his/her local community (Localize the CLTP)

# Background – Space System



## Orbit

- Orbital Mechanics
- Space Environment

## Launch Vehicle

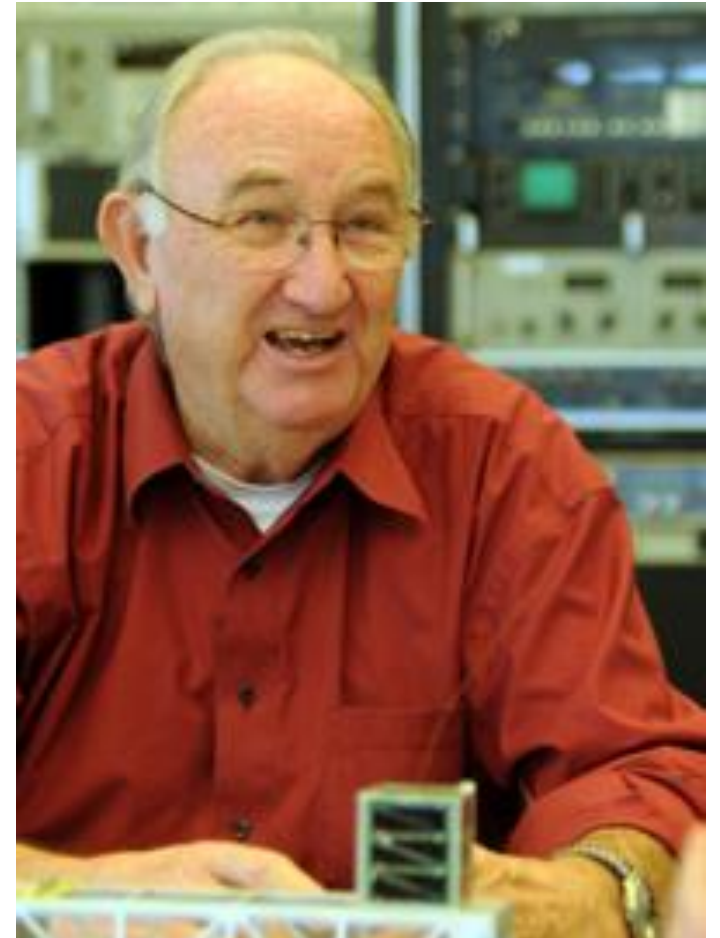
- Aerodynamic
- Propulsion
- Structure
- Control

## Ground Control and Receiving Station

- Communication
- Tracking
- Image Processing (Remote Sensing)

# Background: Idea of CanSat

- Proposed in 1998 Prof. Bob Twiggs of Space Development Laboratory of Stanford University
- Student made satellite
- Suborbital launch experiment called ARLISS (A Rocket Launch for International Student Satellites)

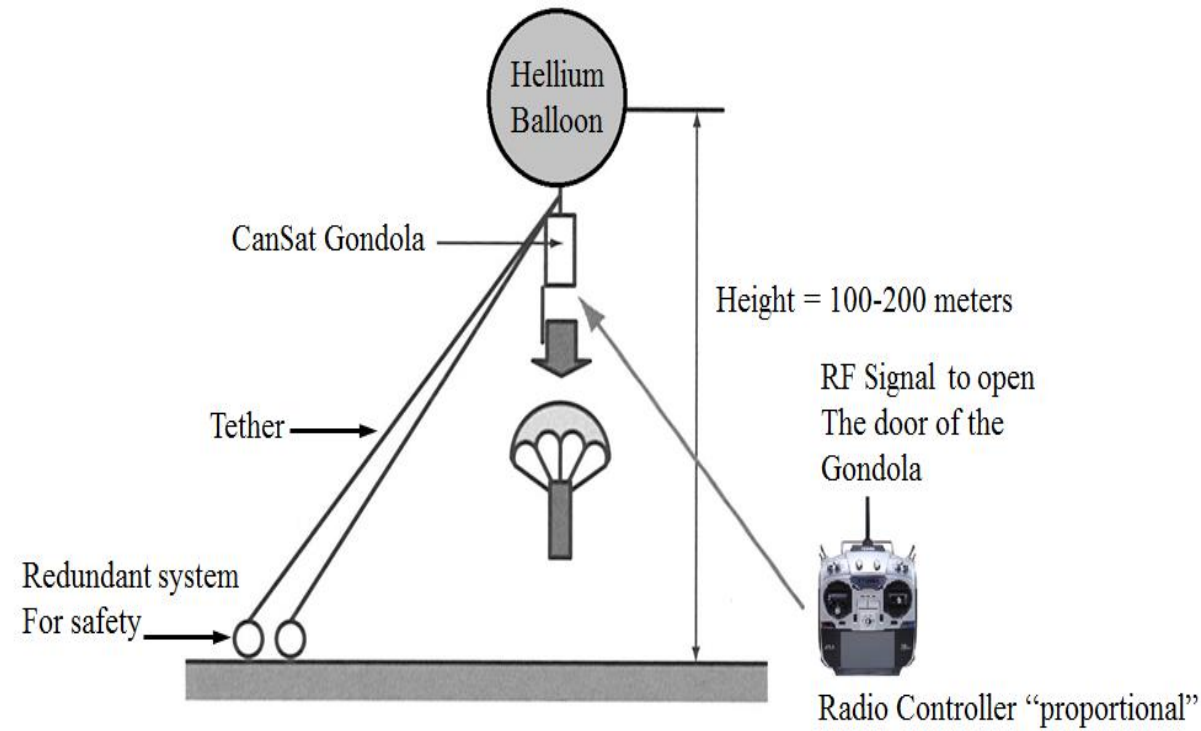
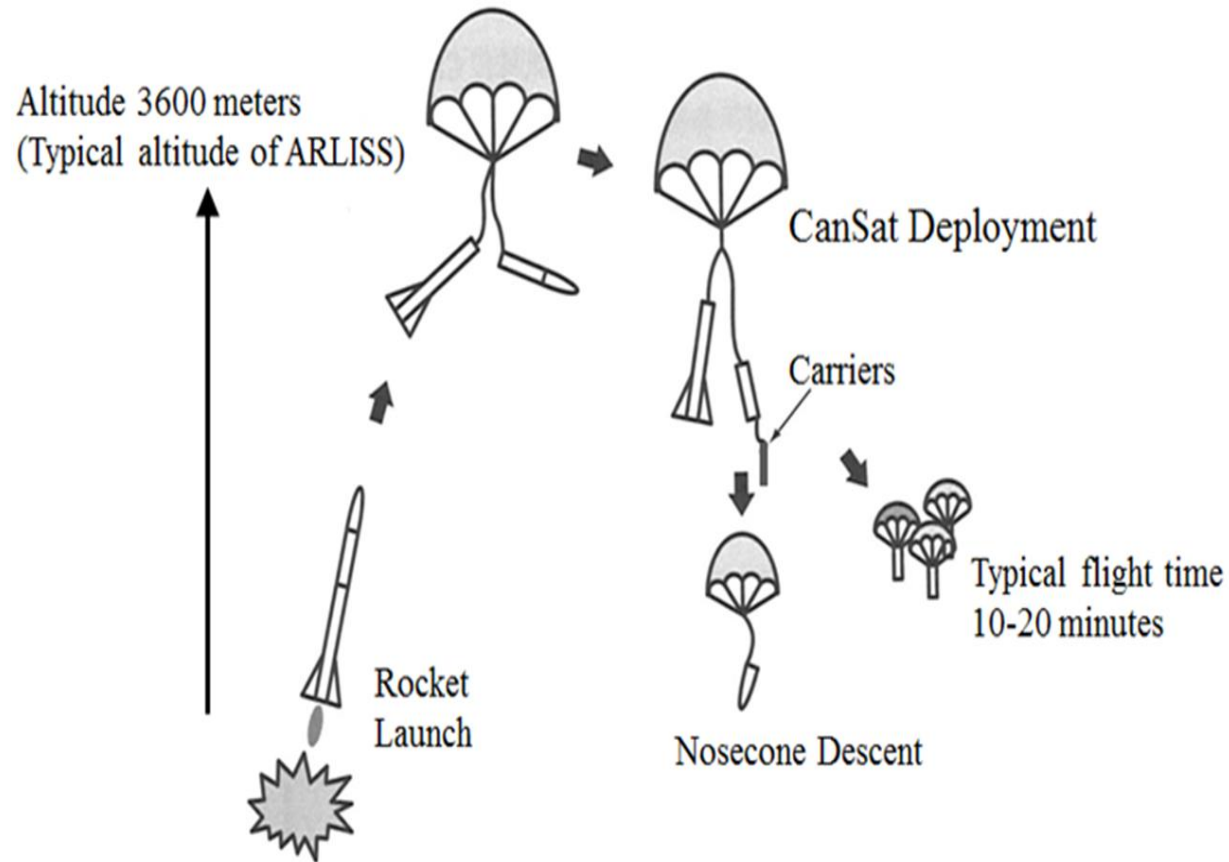


# Background: CanSat

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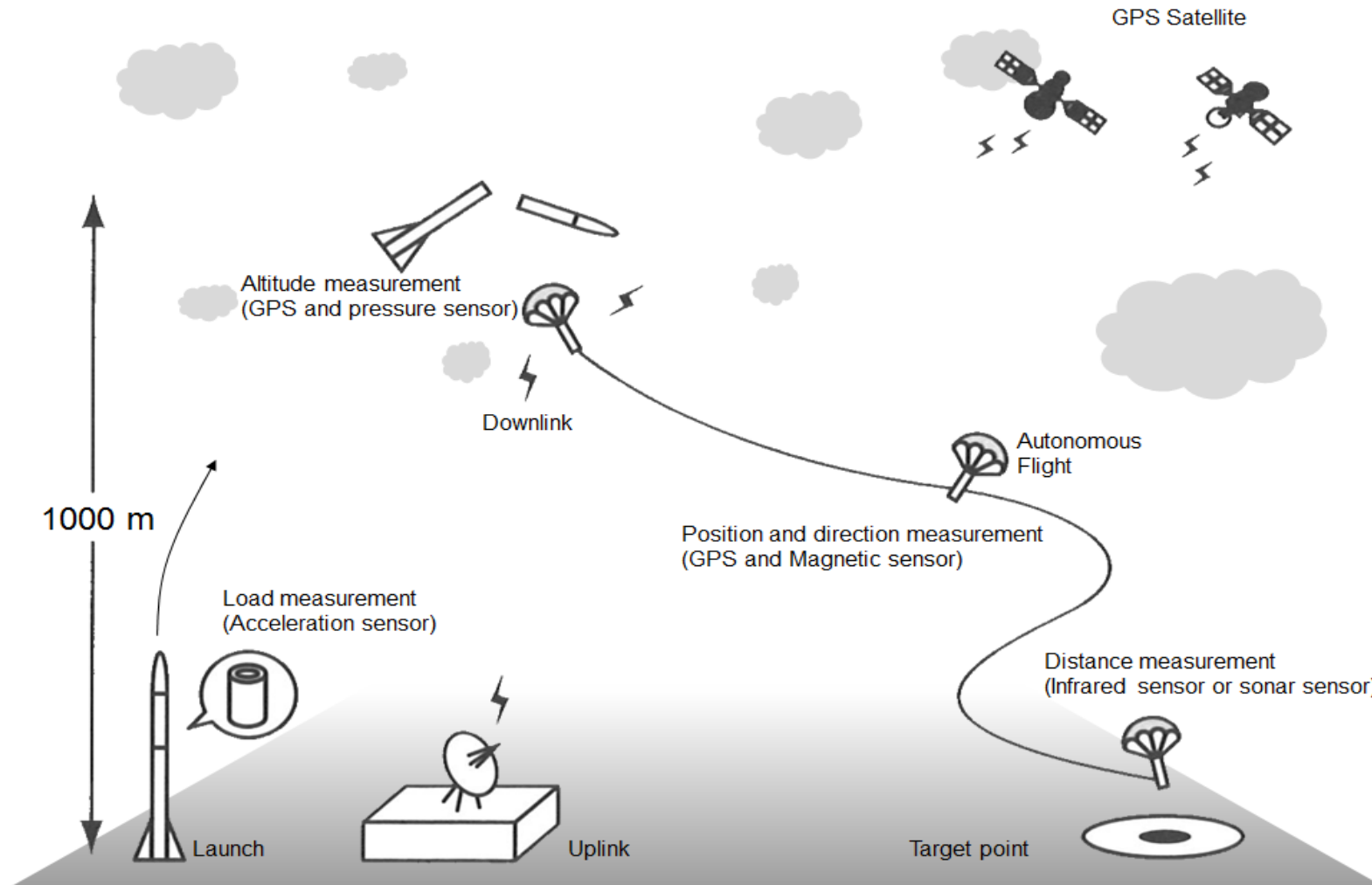
# Background: CanSat Mission



**A Rocket Launch for International Student Satellite (ARLISS)**

**CanSat Launch using Balloons**

# Background: Come Back CanSat Mission



# Background: CanSat Vs Satellite

Category	Subsystem/Test	Educational	Flight Model
Subsystems	EPS	○	○
	Communication	○	○
	ADCS	△	○
	C&DH	○	○
	Structure	○	○
	Thermal	×	○
Testing	Vibration	○	○
	Thermal	△	○
	Thermal Vacuum	×	○
	Radiation	×	○
Time	Development	0.25-6 months	1-2 years
	Operation	5-600 seconds	0.5 – 5 years

# Background: When it is started!



**Ms. Rei Kawashima Visit to Cairo University in February 2010**

# The Beginning: CLTP1



CLTP1: Wakayama University, February 12 – March 18, 2011

# The Beginning: CLTP1

- Training Program Coordinator: **Prof. Hiroaki Akiyama, Wakayama University, Japan.**
- Teaching Philosophy: ***“Animal Spirit” A teaching philosophy emphasizing passion, initiative, and hands-on learning***
- Contents: **On-site set of lectures + Hands-on training**
- Duration: **Feb 12, 2011 – Mar. 18, 2011**
- Participants: **12 Participants; (Turkey (3), Egypt (1), Bangladesh (1), Vietnam (1), Guatemala (1), Algeria (1), Australia (1), Mexico (1), Nigeria (1), Peru(1).**
- Education Platform: **Build from Scratch (Basic CanSat + Comeback CanSat)**



Prof. AKIYAMA Hiroaki  
Wakayama University  
CLTP1

# The CLTP1 Experience



Feb. 12, 2011



Mar. 10, 2011



Mar. 15, 2011  
(cancelled)



Feb. 18, 2011

Mar. 11, 2011

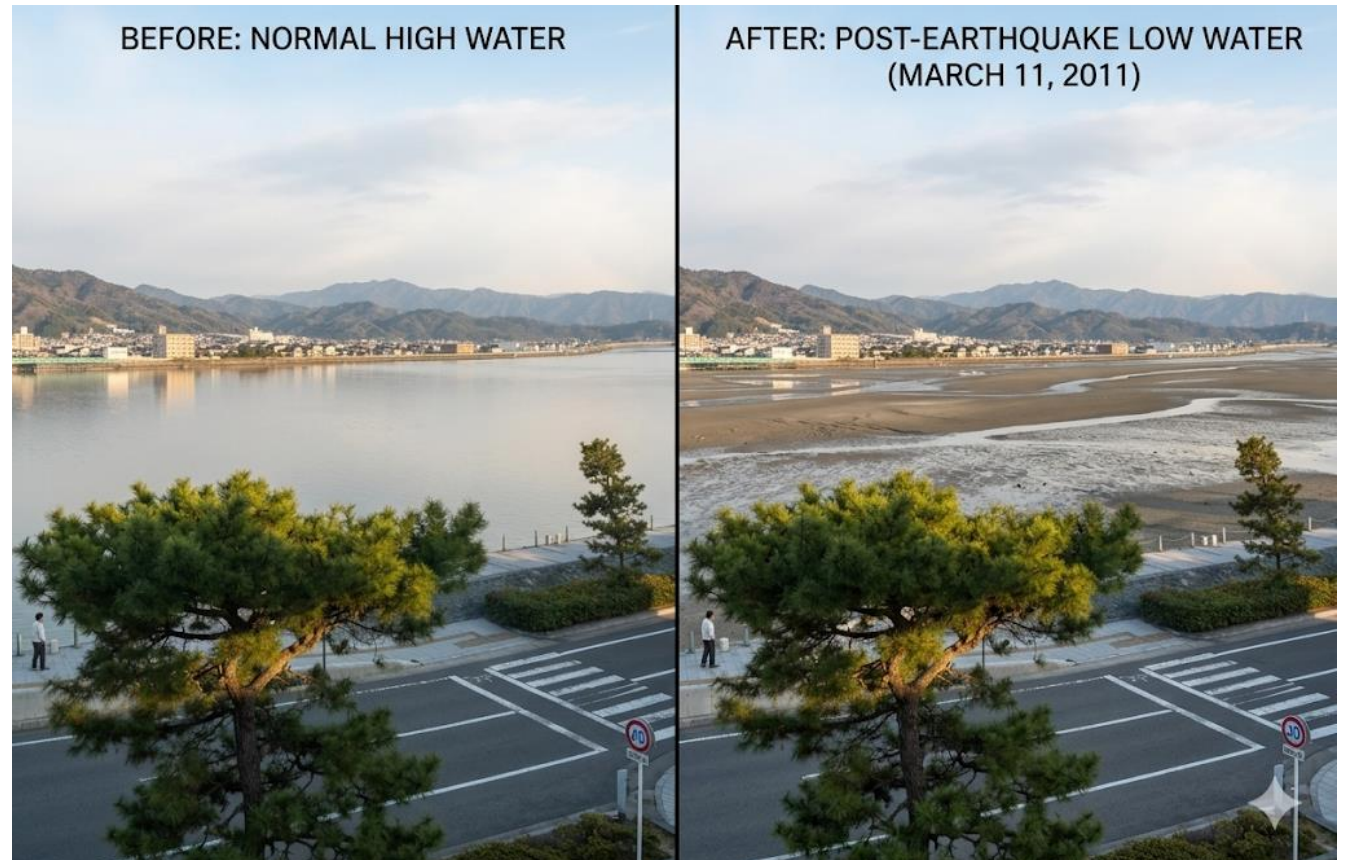


# Going to Tokyo!



**Celebration of the conclusion of CLTP1 and prepare to go to Tokyo for Comeback Mission Launch**

# Fukushima Earthquake During CLTP1



*Even during this difficult period, I witnessed extraordinary resilience, professionalism, and kindness from the Japanese people and the CLTP organizers.*

# In Memory of Prof. Esaú Vicente-Vivas



RIP Prof. Esaú Vicente-Vivas. (November 2015)  
National University of México (UNAM)

CLTP was not only about satellites and engineering.

It was also about people, friendships, and shared experiences that remained with us throughout our lives.

We respectfully remember our CLTP1 colleague and friend, Prof. Esaú Vicente-Vivas who passed away in November 2015

# CLTP1: Reflections

- Developed a strong **systems engineering mindset** through hands-on experience
- Gained deep insight into practical **satellite engineering** and **AIT processes**
- Inspired a long-term commitment to hands-on, **project-based education**
- Initiated the localization of **CanSat training programs (CTP)** in Egypt
- Established the **Space Systems Technology Laboratory** at Cairo University
- Built confidence in tackling **complex engineering challenges**
- Strengthened teamwork and **international collaboration** skills
- Acquired a **global perspective** on space education and cooperation

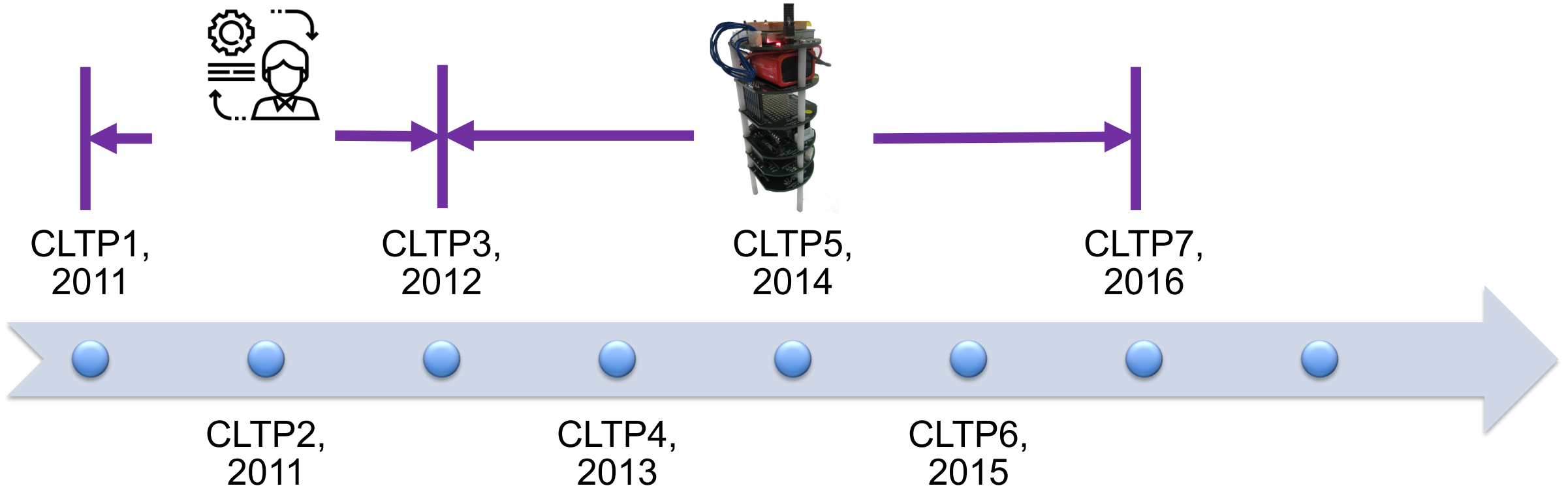
# CLTP7 Participation

- Training Program Coordinator: **Prof. TOTANI Tsuyoshi, Hokkaido University, Japan.**
- Contents: **Online set of lectures (home) + Hands-on training (Japan)**
- Duration: **Sep 21, 2016 – Oct. 1, 2016**
- Participants: **9 Participants; (Nepal (2), Egypt (2), Myanmar (1), Serbia (1), Dominican Republic (1), Mongolia (1), Peru(1).**
- Education Platform: **iCanSat Training Kit**

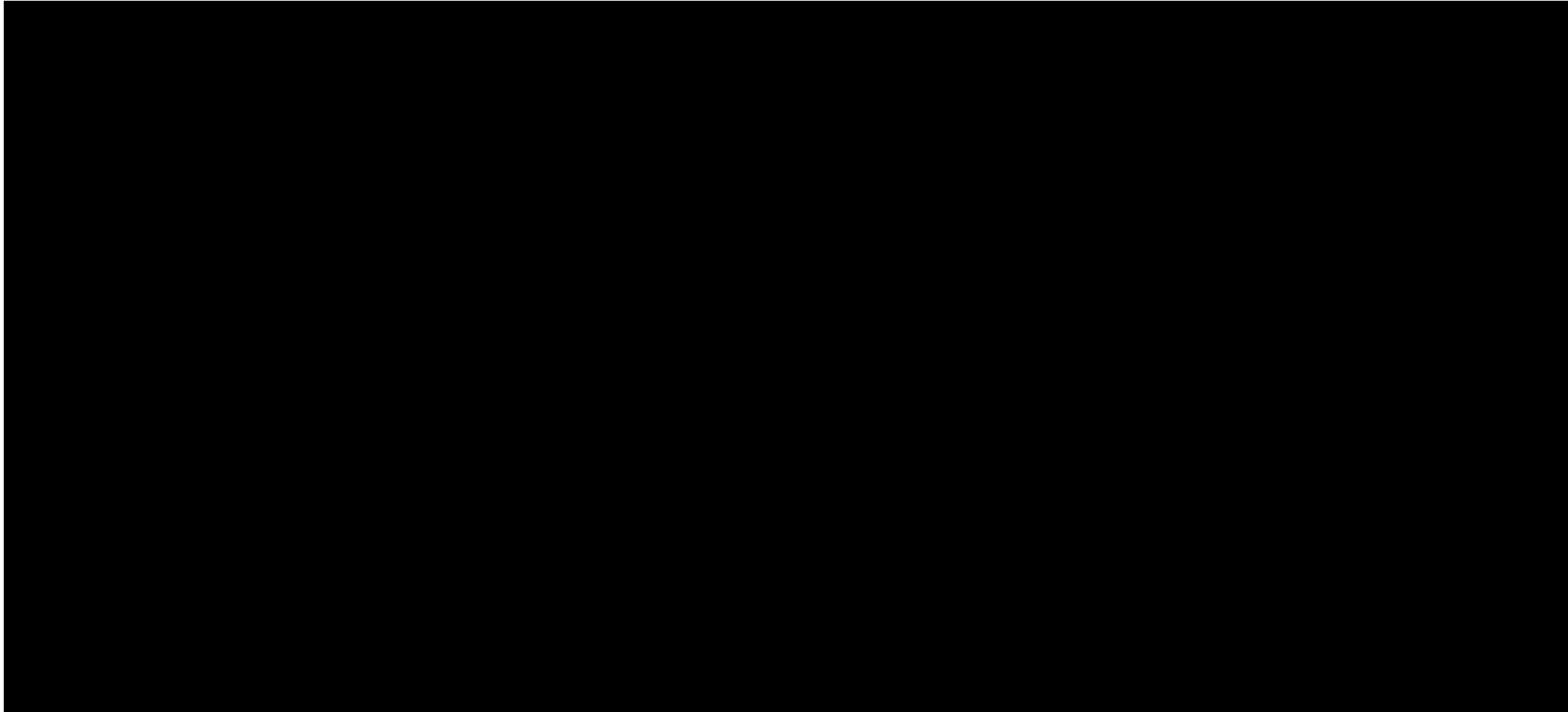


**Prof. TOTANI Tsuyoshi**  
Hokkaido University  
CLTP 5, 6, and 7

# CLTP Evolution (CLTP1-CLTP6)



# The CLTP7 Experience (Movie)



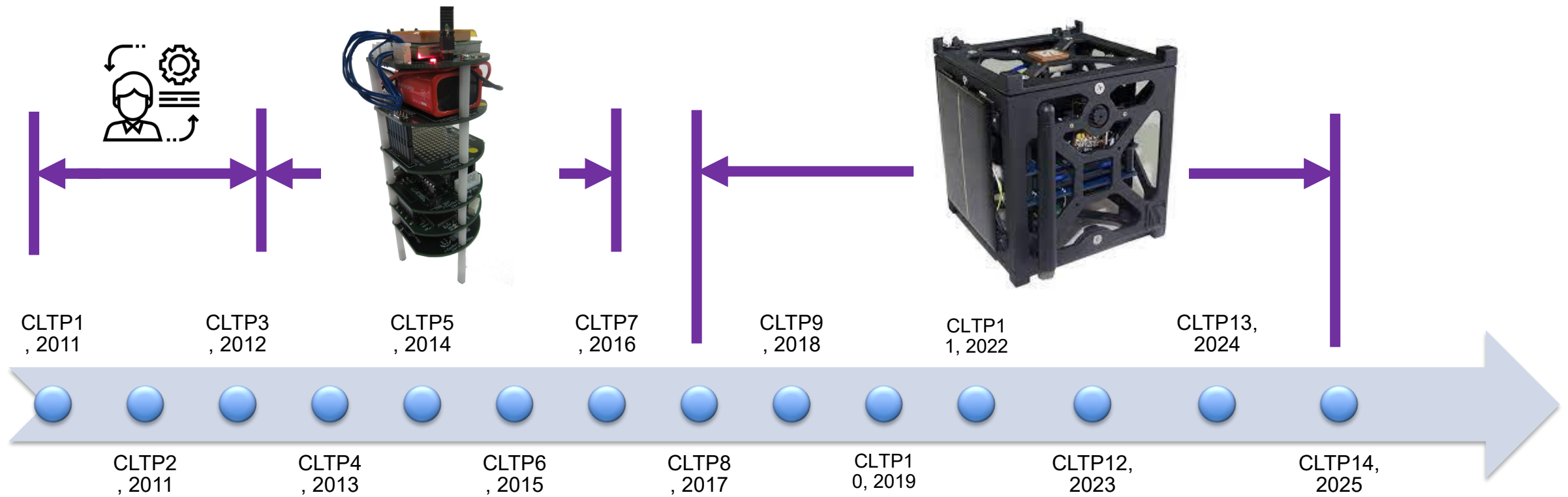
# CLTP 8: Participation as TA

- Training Program Coordinator: **Prof. Masahiko YAMAZAKI, Nihon University, Japan.**
- Contents: **Online set of lectures (home) + Hands-on training & Teaching practice (Japan)**
- Duration: **Sep 21, 2016 – Oct. 1, 2016**
- Participants: **8 Participants; (Nepal (1), Egypt (1), Bolivia (1), El Salvador (1), Malaysia (1), Japan (2), Turkey(1).**
- Education Platform: **Hepta-Sat Training Kit**



**Prof. Masahiko YAMAZAKI**  
Nihon University, Hepta-Sat  
CLTP 8, 9, 10, 11, 12., 13 and 14

# CLTP Evolution (CLTP1-CLTP14)



# CLTP Educational Satellite Kits



**Build CanSat From Scratch  
CLTP1 & CLTP2**



**iCanSat (AIT and payload)  
CLTP3, 4, 5, 6, and 7**



**HEPTA-Sat (AIT and payload)  
CLTP 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14**

# My Engagement in CLTP Programs

Cycle	CLTP Evolution	My Role
<b>CLTP1</b>	<b>Build CanSat</b>	<b>Participation</b>
<b>CLTP2</b>	<b>Build CanSat</b>	<b>Observer</b>
CLTP5-6	iCanSat	Moderator of Online Lecture series
<b>CLTP7</b>	<b>iCanSat</b>	<b>Participation and Moderators of Online Lecture series</b>
<b>CLTP8</b>	<b>Hepta-Sat</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant and Moderator of Online Lecture series</b>
CLTP9-CLTP14	Hepta-Sat	Moderator of Online Lecture series

**Participated on-site**

# CLTP Graduates



# CLTP Participants Distribution



# History of CLTP - Managers



**Prof. Shinichi NAKASUKA,**  
UoT



**Ms. Rei KAWASHIMA,**  
UNISEC-Global



**Prof. Yasuyuki MIYAZAKI**  
Nihon University & JAXA,  
CLTP2



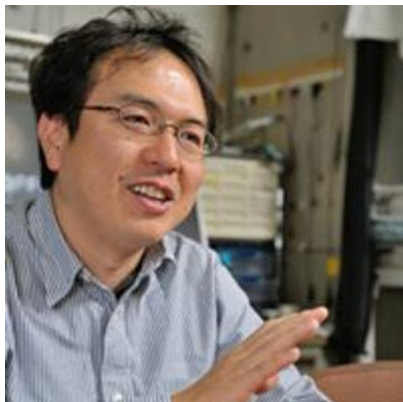
**Prof. Harunori NAGATA**  
Hokkaido University



**Prof. Toshinori KUWAHARA**  
Tohoku University



**Prof. AKIYAMA Hiroaki**  
Wakayama University  
CLTP1



**Prof. Hironori SAHARA**  
TUM, iCanSat, CLTP3



**Prof. Seiko SHIRASAKA**  
Keio University, CLTP4



**Prof. TOTANI Tsuyoshi**  
Hokkaido University  
CLTP 5, 6, and 7



**Prof. Hiraku SAKAMOTO**  
TITECH



**Prof. Masahiko YAMAZAKI**  
Nihon University, Hepta-Sat  
CLTP 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14

# Bringing CLTP Philosophy Back Home

- Space Systems Technology Laboratory @ Cairo University
- Hands-on education and Project based Learning (EgSACanSat and SpaceKeys @ EgSA)
- CanSat Training Program (2011 – Present)
- CubeSat workshops
- Mentoring students
- Project-based learning

# EgSA CanSat

## Support three levels of applications:

- Plug and Play
- SW Development
- Payload Development

High Schools Students  
Space Amateurs



100 Kit



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Egyptian Space Agency, EgSA

EgSA-CanSat Satellite for Practical Learning of Space Technology

**What is a CanSat Satellite?**  
A CanSat is a small satellite that provides an affordable way to provide students with basic practical knowledge to many challenges in space technology such as building a satellite by themselves! Students will be able to design, build, launch and control a small plug and play satellite with electronic payload that can fit inside a small space such as a coke can. CanSat is launched and ejected from a high building or a balloon. Using a parachute, a CanSat slowly descends back to earth performing its mission while transmitting telemetry. Post launch and recovery data acquisition will allow students to analyze the level of success of the entire mission.

**Hands-on experiments to simulate the whole space system:** Students will perform hands-on experiments by themselves at low cost and short time for the entire space system components with its three segments which are:

- **Space segment:** EgSA-CanSat
- **Ground segment:** student's computer/ mobile phone as a command, control & receiving station
- **Launcher:** Drop from a high building, balloon, or drone by parachute.

**What will students learn in the EgSA-CanSat course?**

- Experience the whole cycle of satellite development from mission definition and specification to full operation, including satellite assembly, integration, testing, launching, command & control, then finally receiving its captured images and other sensors measurements.
- The basic function of each satellite subsystem
- The different On-Board Computer (OBC) interfaces (Serial, I2C, SPI, PWM, Digital, and Analog) used in real satellite.
- Innovation Skills: The Satellite Educational Kit enables students to develop their own new modules or sub-systems through the user defined board to increase their hardware and software innovation skills.
- Design and build autonomous systems that can counter measure any unplanned situations.
- Designing a Fly-Back Type and a Rover-Back Type CanSat can be done based on the EgSA-CanSat platform because it has sufficient interfaces for servo actuators.
- A user can make his/her smart phone ground station and create their own ground station software application.
- Open source OBC (ATMEGA 2560) has a big community which enables users to share experience & learn from others.

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Global Online Education Website:  
egsa-space-technology-portal.com

# EgSA SpaceKeys (Educational CubeSat)

Space Science & Technology Related Colleges  
And High Schools

25 Universities (32 Faculties)  
1 School



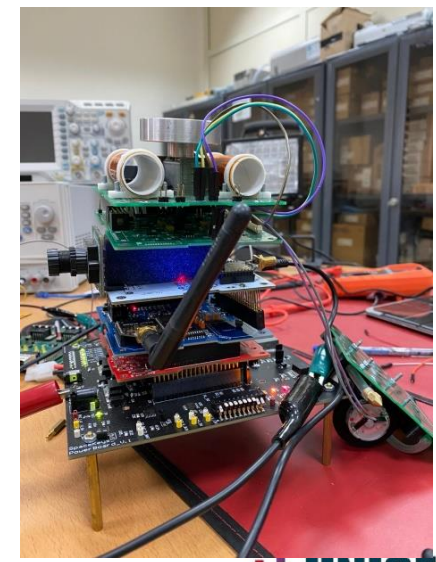
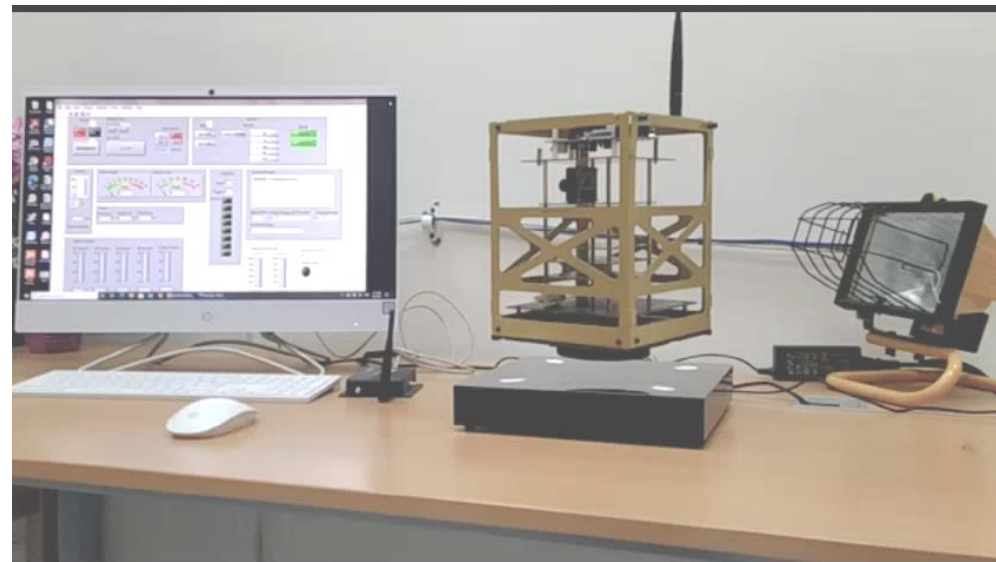
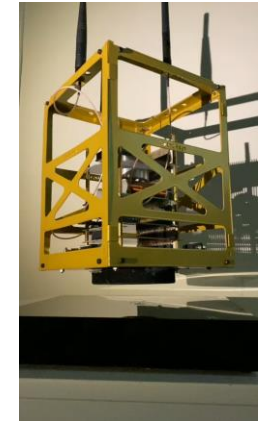
6 Countries



2021



40 Kits



# Current Activities

- **Founder and Chairman** of the **Aerospace Engineering Department at E-JUST**
- Leading **spacecraft systems education** with a focus on hands-on learning
- Organizing and delivering **CubeSat** and **CanSat** training programs
- Supervising **student satellite projects and research activities**
- Promoting **international collaboration in space engineering education**
- Advancing **aerospace education initiatives across academic and research institutions**

# ***Current: CubeSat Training Workshop at E- JUST***



**STDF/JSPS Funded CubeSat Workshop at EGYPT-JAPAN University of Science and Technology (Feb. 1-5, 2026)**

# Advice to Future Participants

- Start with **simple, practical aerospace projects** (e.g., CanSat, Mission Idea Contest)
- Engage actively in all program activities and **take initiative** in learning
- Embrace **international collaboration** and learn from diverse perspectives
- Ask questions, explore ideas, and **challenge yourself continuously**
- Maintain long-term connections within the **CLTP and UNISEC community**
- Apply your knowledge locally and **contribute to developing space education in your country**

*As CLTP celebrates its 15th anniversary, I am honored to have witnessed its evolution from the very beginning. The impact of CLTP will continue through every participant who carries its spirit forward.*