# Education Under the United Nations/Japan (PNST) Program Perspectives of a Graduate

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#### A PNST graduate

- I am Hala from Sudan.
- Electrical and Electronic Engineer.
- Researcher at the Institute of Space Research and Aerospace (ISRA), Sudan.



# My dream was to build a satellite that orbit into space



#### Sudan – [KN-sat1]

#### 2010: Cubesat

- Development
- local means









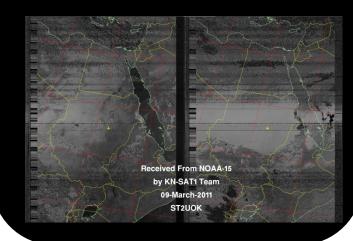


#### ST2UOK Ground Station

**Ground Station** 



- University Ground Station
- 30 m above sea level
- VHF/UHF





- Cubesat project was a great start.
- KN-Sat1 is a prototype with no opportunity for launch.
- No space or satellite technology education in my country at that time.
- Need for more education!

## **PNST**



#### Post-graduate Study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST)

Goal: Back home with the know-how that will push the peaceful uses of outer space in my country.

I applied, I got selected!





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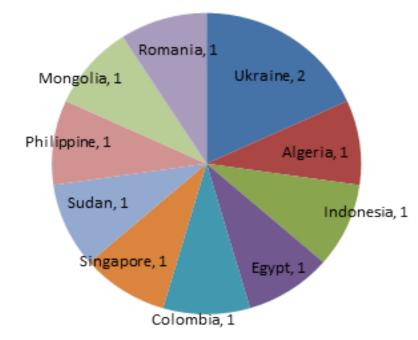




#### **PNST**

- Special Satellite courses
- Research and development
- Real satellite project (Horyu-4)
- Tools and facilities
- Experience
- Life lessons
- Cultural and social activities

#### PNST students (as of March 2015)





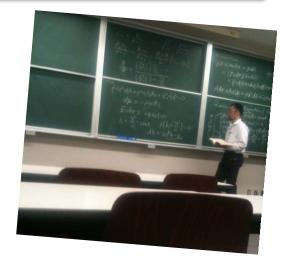
#### Advanced Courses and R&D

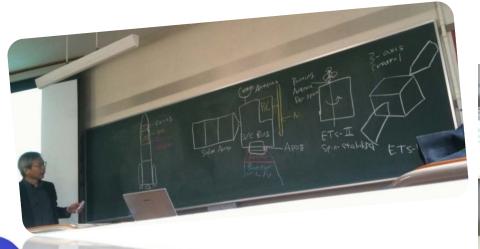


#### Courses and research

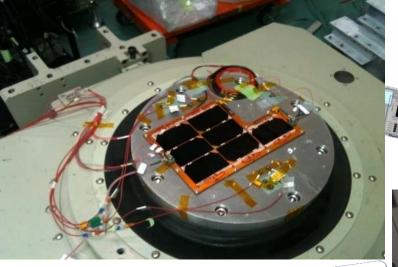
Special Oriented Courses

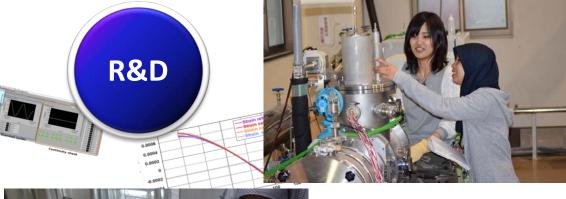
Satellite Engineering International Course (SEIC)



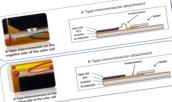








Testing Facilities



**Supervision** 



**Designing experiments** 



#### Research and Thesis

My research topic

# "Environment Test Campaign of Aluminium Substrate Solar Panel for Lean-satellites"



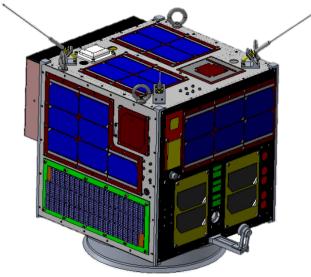


#### Satellite Project



- Arc Event Generator and Investigation Satellite
- Nano-satellite.
- Main mission.
- Launched on Feb 2016.

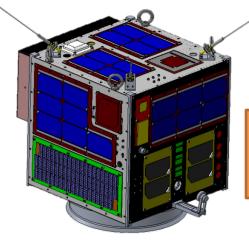




Horyu-4 satellite, Kyutech



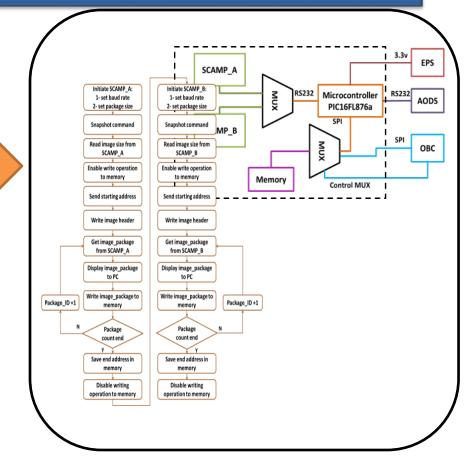
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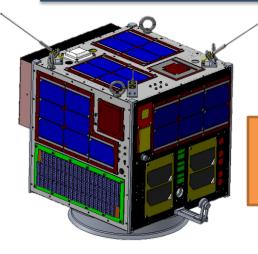
Missions design

Horyu-4, Kyutech









**Bread boards** 

Horyu-4, Kyutech



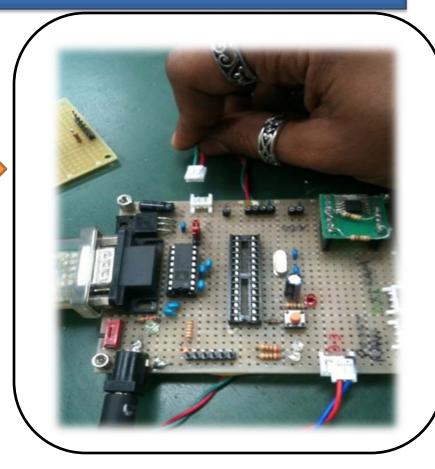




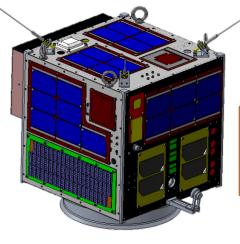












**Into Printed Boards** 

Horyu-4, Kyutech





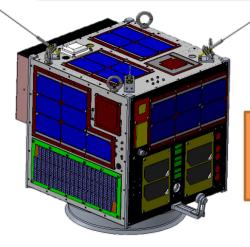












Parts manufacturing

Horyu-4, Kyutech







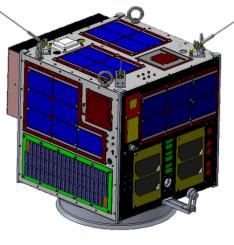












Systems Testing

Horyu-4, Kyutech

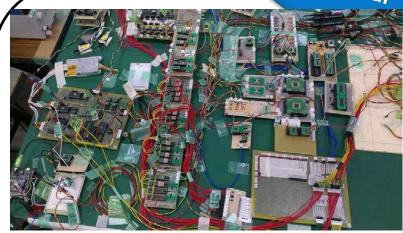




EM

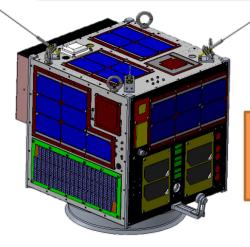












Integration

Horyu-4, Kyutech





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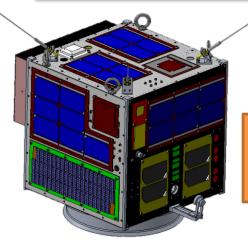












**EM/FM Testing** 

Horyu-4, Kyutech





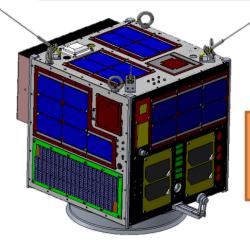












**EM/FM Testing** 

Horyu-4, Kyutech

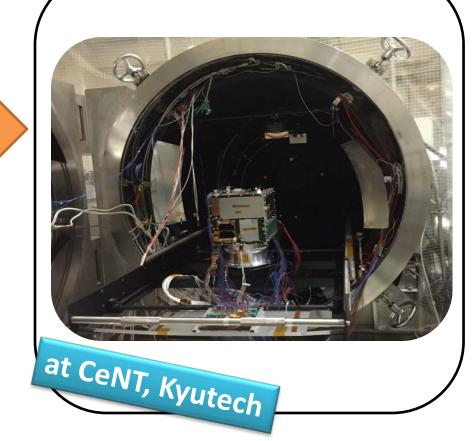






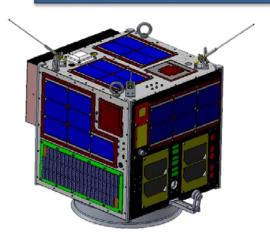








#### My role in Horyu-4



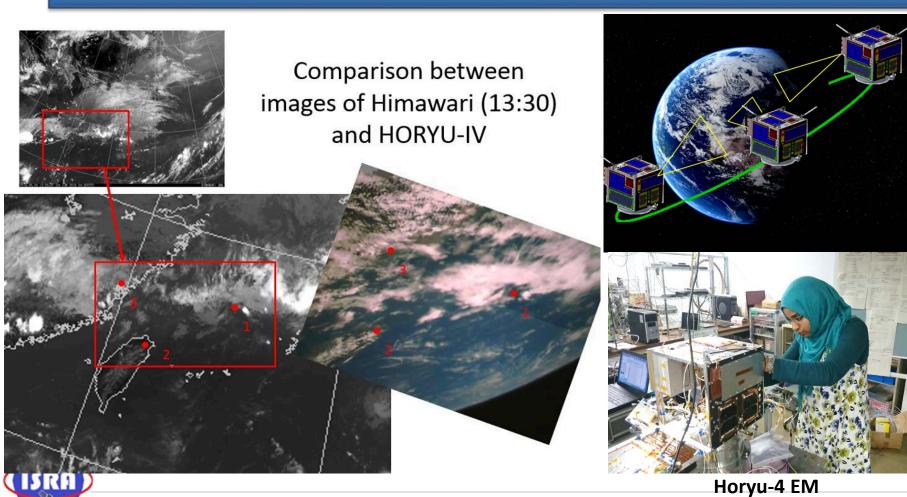
- Solar Panels Design and manufacturing
- Qualification through testing



Horyu-4 solar panels



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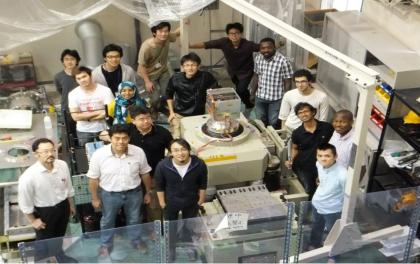


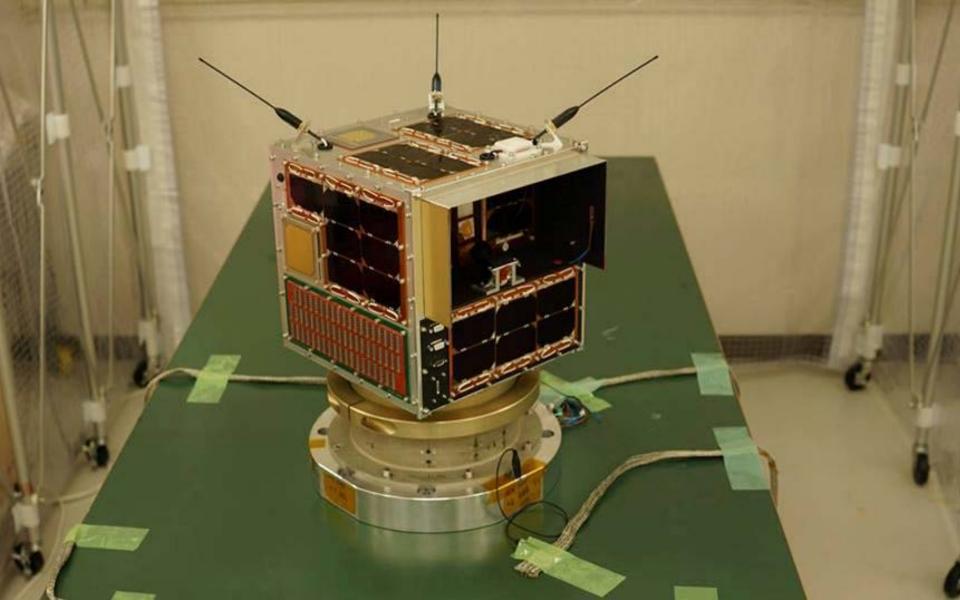
#### Values in Horyu-4

- Team work
- Exchange experiences
- Handling space grade materials









#### **Activities**



#### Learning activities

Orientations in visits



#### Learning activities

- Project Based Learning
- Proposal of 'moon sighting satellite"





#### Learning activities

International and local Conferences NSAT/JSASS.





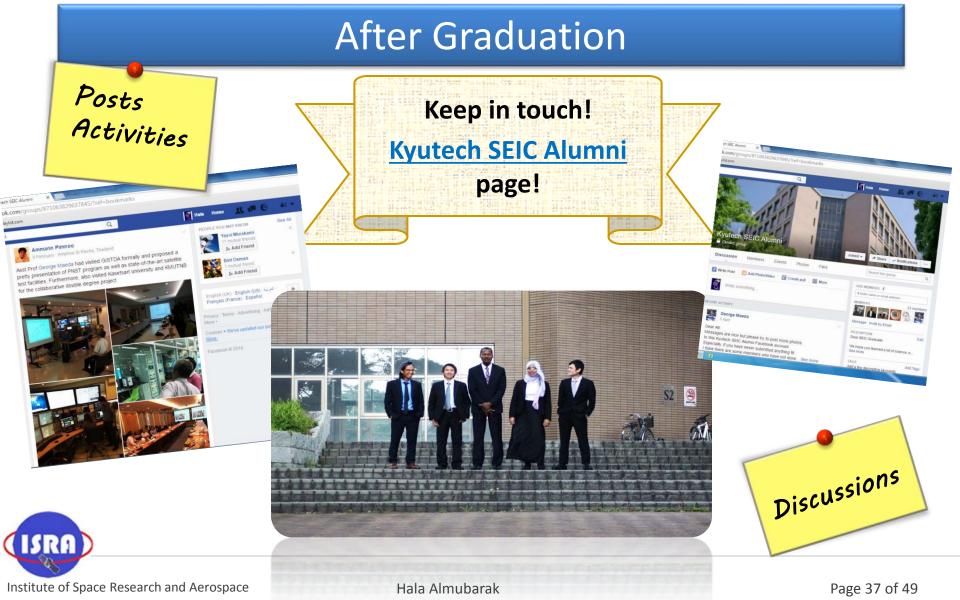
#### Visits and conferences



### Life in Kyutech







# Why PNST is Special?

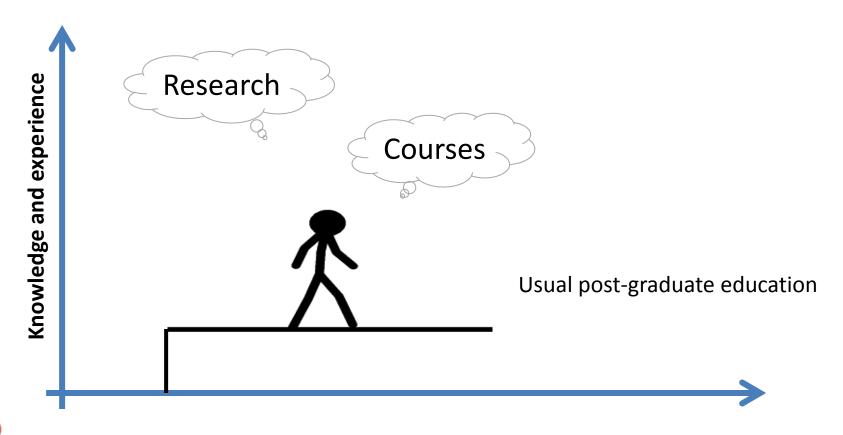
- Young researchers and engineers return home in <u>short time</u>
   with great knowledge.
- PNST exposes students to an <u>advanced</u> theoretical and <u>practical</u> level of education.
- PNST encourages graduates to return back and <u>maintain</u> a <u>solid and sustainable</u> peaceful use of space and space technology.



## Why PNST is Important?

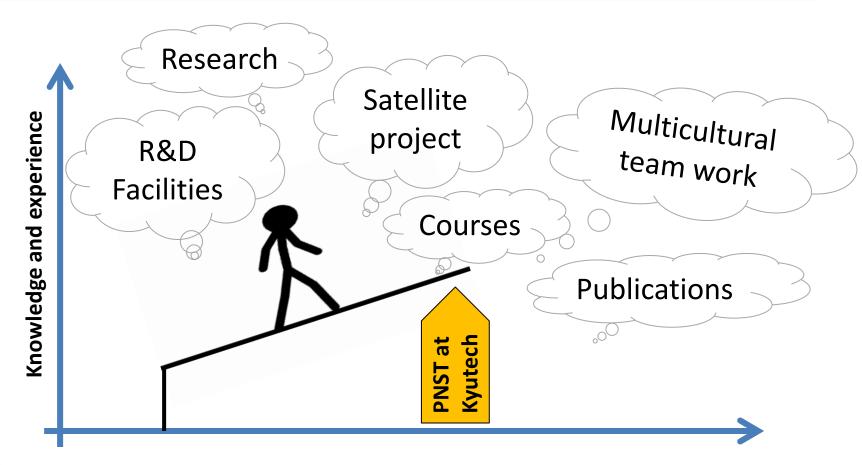
- Graduates are <u>connected</u> to keep in update with the cutting edge technologies worldwide.
- This reflects on the awareness, education, utilization,
   cooperation between developing countries.

# Why PNST is Important?





### Why PNST is Important?













### Back to Sudan

### Institute of Space Research and Aerospace (ISRA)



**Sudan is member of UNOOSA since 1973** 



Sudan's
Representative body
on space matters
Established 2013



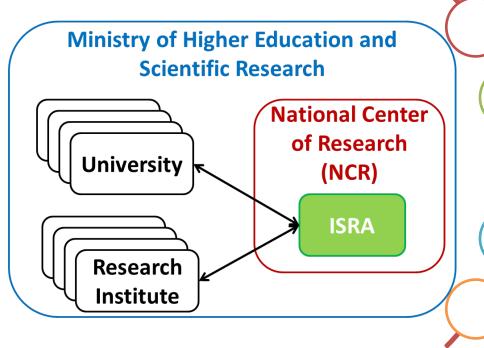
I Joined as project manager of ISRASAT1

#### **ISRA** Vision

- Awareness of space science and engineering in Sudan.
- Involves in Space activities in more practical way.
- Capacity building.
- Establishing small satellites projects.
- Promotes the peaceful uses of the outer space.
- Focuses on the economical and social benefits of outer space.
- Strengthens connections with other research entities.

#### **ISRA**

Departments



**Satellite Projects** 

**Ground Stations** 

**Aeronautics and Aerospace** 

**Astronomy and Astrophysics** 

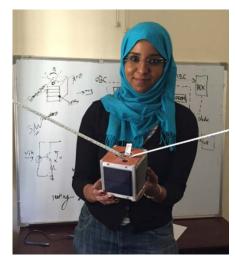
**Applied Programming** 

### Activities at ISRA





**Astronomical Observation** 



**ISRASAT1** Prototype





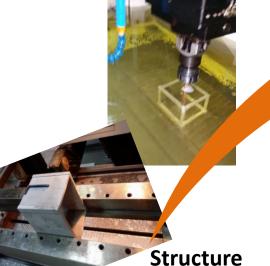


High Altitude Balloon

## ISRASAT1 Project

- Attitude determination and VGA camera mission.
- Next $\rightarrow$  EM/FM.
- Looking forward for a launch opportunity.





Knowledge transfer



Assembly



**Camera Test** 

#### Conclusion

- Space education and research in developing countries is the first step towards utilizing space for their economical and social development.
- Researchers will help raising the awareness of the useful uses of space and satellite technologies.
- Building capacity and reducing brain drain will encourage and strengthen the cooperation between countries in space projects.
- PNST program is a successful example of UNOOSA and Kyutech, Japan, efforts on establishing indigenous capacities in basic and advanced space technology.



A great experience for all of us!

