### JAXA/Earth Observation Program for Water Resource Management

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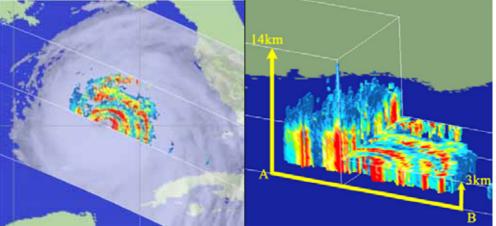


## Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM)

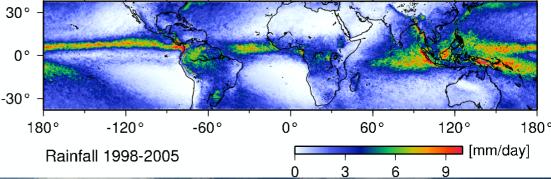


- Japan-U.S. joint mission, flying since Nov. 1997
- World's first and only space-borne precipitation radar (PR) with microwave radiometer and visibleinfrared sensor

Hurricane KATRINA approaching South US, observed by TRMM at 0323Z 28 Aug. 2005.



- Three-dimensional observation of rainfall by PR
- Annualized rainfall observed by TRMM/PR

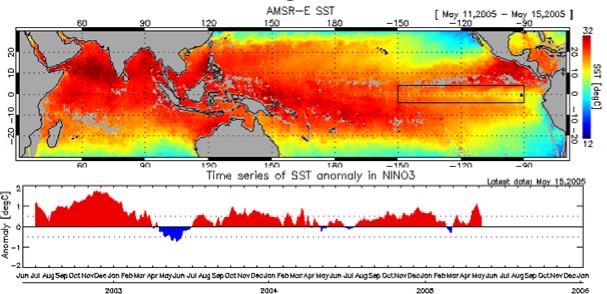




### Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer for EOS (AMSR-E)

- Observing various geophysical parameters related to global water and energy cycle.
- Accomplished the scheduled threeyear mission and initiating long-term climate monitoring.





## El Nino monitoring by AMSR-E.

AMSR-E sea surface temperature (SST).

Time series of SST anomaly (AMSR-E minus climate SST) in the box area of upper figure. 000

Advanced Land Observing Satellite (ALOS)

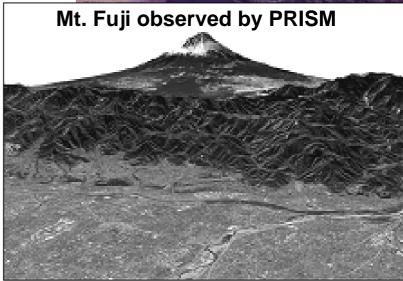
Launch: 24 January, 2006.

Objectives:

- Cartography
- Regional observation
- Disaster monitoring

Resource surveying







## Observation from space plays significant role for disaster management

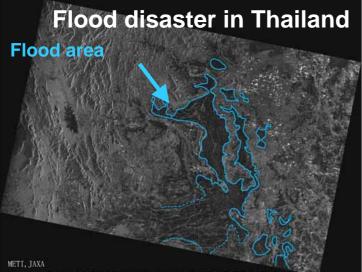
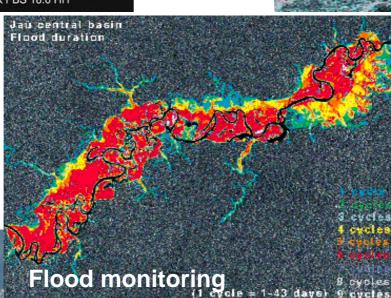
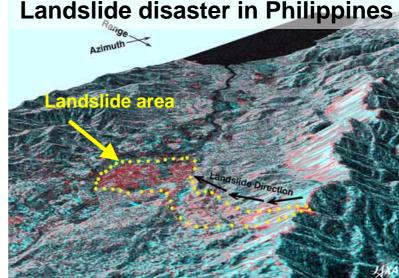


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#### Northern Thailand, observed by ALOS/PALSAR



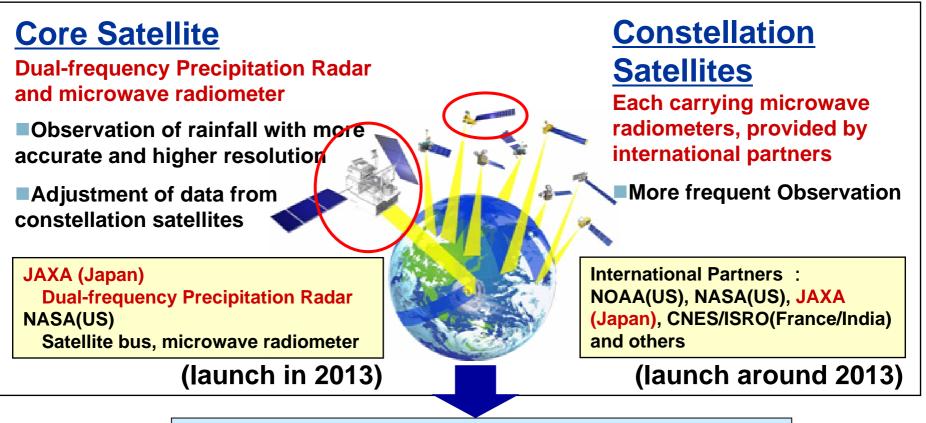


Leyte Island, Philippines, observed by ALOS/PALSAR

Jau River, Amazon, Brazil, observed by JERS-1/SAR



#### Future mission: Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM)



#### **Global Observation every 3 hours**

Improve the accuracy of both long-term and short-term weather forecasts
 Improve water resource management in river control and irrigation systems for agriculture

### Future mission: Global Change Observation Mission (GCOM)

- Establish and demonstrate global and long-term Earth observation system for understanding climate variability and water-energy cycle.
- 2 satellites (GCOM-W and C) series of 3 generations with 1-year overlap will result in over 13 years homogeneous and steady observation. (W: water and C: climate)
- GCOM-W will focus on variability of global water-energy cycle and extend successful AMSR-E observation to contribute to world water relevant issues.

GCOM-W & -C characteristics (TBD)		
Design	GCOM-W	GCOM-C
Orbit (TBD)	<ul> <li>Sun-synchronous</li> <li>Altitude: 699.6km</li> <li>Inclination: 98.19deg</li> <li>Asc. local time: 13:30</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sun-synchronous</li> <li>Altitude: 798km</li> <li>Inclination: 99.36deg</li> <li>Dsc. local time: 10:30</li> </ul>
Instruments	AMSR follow-on Microwave imager	SGLI Near-UV ~ TIR imager
Launch Date	JFY 2010	JFY 2011
Mission Life	5 years (×3 satellites; total 13 years)	
Launch Vehicle	H-IIA	



AMSR follow-on of GCOM-W satellites

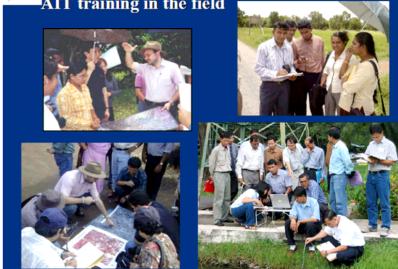
# Scientific and societal significance of water-related satellite data

For example, global rain map may apply to ; Climate change assessment Monitor variations in rainfall and rain areas associated with climate changes and global warming Improvement in weather forecasts Data assimilation in numerical prediction systems Flood prediction Water resource management River, dam, agricultural water, etc. Other applications Agriculture, etc.



## JAXA's Capacity Building Program

- JAXA conducted education and training program on RS and GIS in cooperation with AIT with total 914 participants for 1995-2004.
- Training through mini-project started since 2004 to address real-world issues in various fields, such as flood and landslide. Training provided at AIT and local offices. 10 mini-projects are ongoing for 2006-2007.

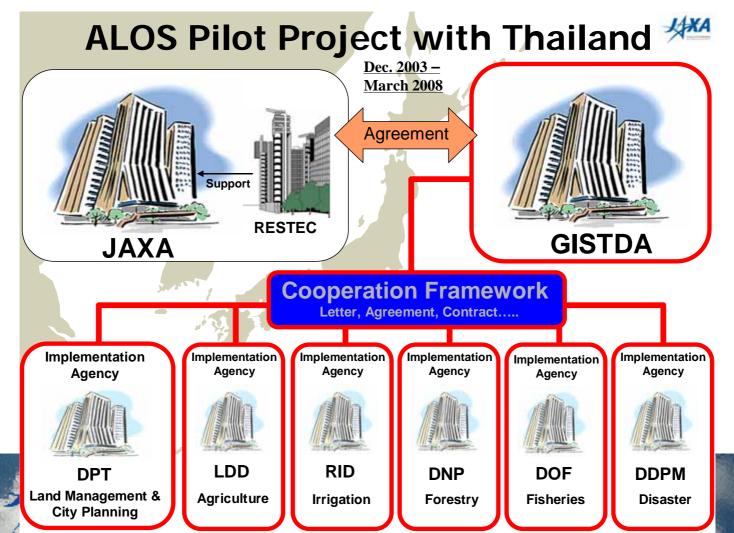


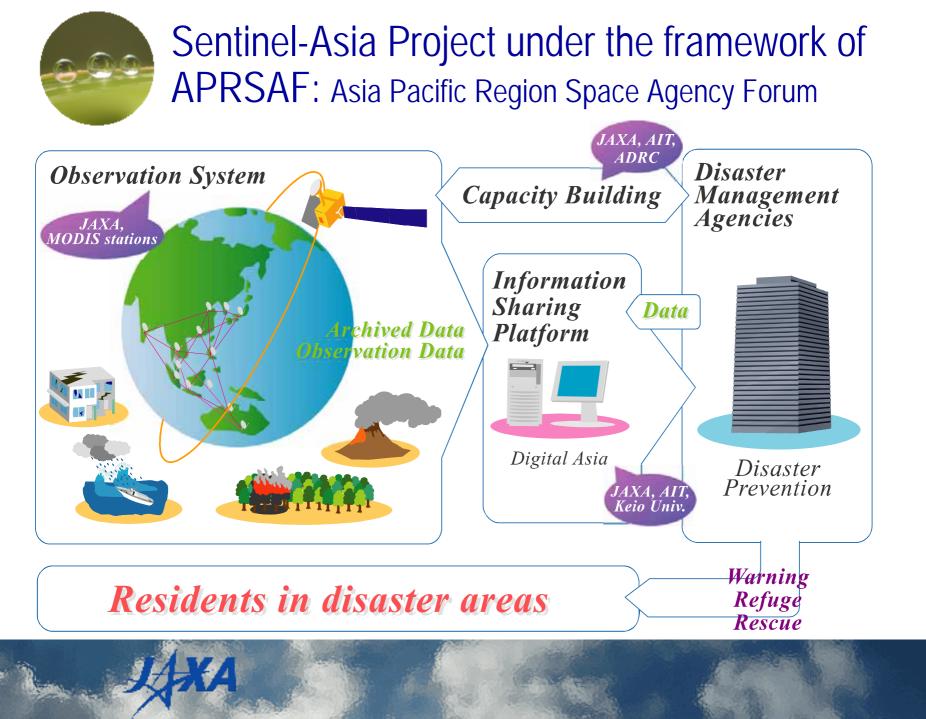
Caravan traning with AIT experts visiting Asian countries.

## **ALOS Pilot Projects**

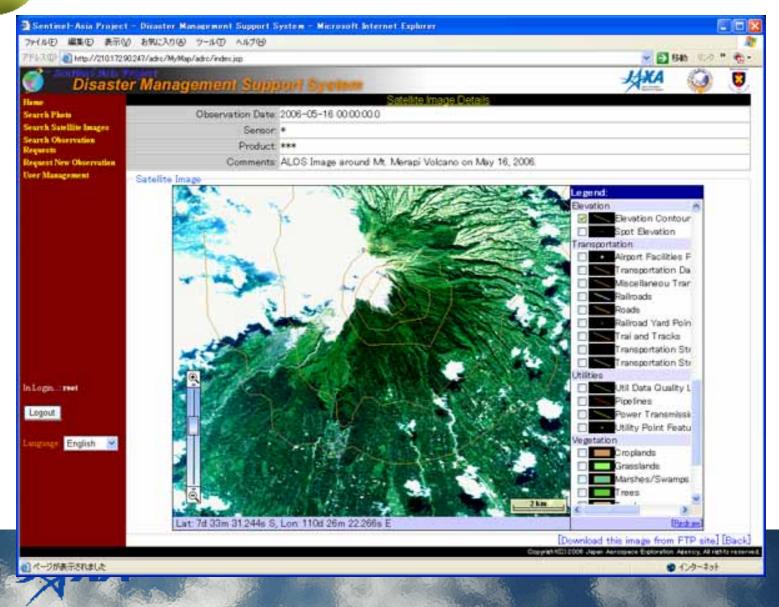
ALOS Pilot Projects have been conducted in cooperation with GISTDA and LAPAN.

Ministries and governmental agencies participate in the pilot project to demonstrate ALOS data applications.





## Sentinel Asia Project under the framework of APRSAF (cont'd)



### Conclusion

- The satellite observation is very effective to obtain global water cycle information.
- Satellite information is significant for scientific issues, such as extreme rainfall events and variation of water cycle related to global change.
- End-to-end system linking data providers and users are being constructed in cooperation with IFNet/GFAS, ICHARM, etc., toward future operational systems.
- JAXA is conducting capacity building program in cooperation with AIT, GISTDA and LAPAN
- Sentinel Asia project is being promoted under the framework of APRSAF

## Thank you for your attention.

