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I wonder when I knew the Universe at first. When I was a small child, someone taught me “The stars you could watch now might not exist anymore.” But I could not understand what he meant and how vast the Universe is. After I entered an elementary school, my father took me to watch The Halley’s Comets. It was my first time to watch the star through the telescope. The Halley’s Comets was too beautiful to express. Then he told me “You would be able to watch this stars again after about 60 years.” But I could not believe it. At that time, I had some goldfish at home. I sometimes imagined “The human being might be kept and observed everyday by someone big. It looked like the relationship between me and my goldfish....”

When I became a junior high-school student, I read the book, which was written about the dawn of the Universe by Dr. Hawkins. I remembered it was too difficult to understand. But the mysterious of the Universe moved me more. At the same time, I was struck with awe because I thought the human should not pursue the mystery of the Universe. The Universe, it always light up my imagination.



However, I majored Biology at University. Everyday I studied in microscopic world. I was far away from the vast world- the Universe. Therefore I didn’t know about the telecommunication at all until I joined JSAT. “Why did you

choose JSAT?” – a lot of people asked me this question. As you know, we can look for a job on Internet nowadays. This type of job hunting provides us unexpected occasions. When I found the word “The Universe” on JSAT’s Homepage, I decided to apply for JSAT.

Already 2 years have passed since I joined JSAT. JSAT is the largest satellite operator in Asia. We have 8 satellites includes one back-up satellite on 7 orbits. The end of this year, we are going to launch new satellite, which will cover CONUS.



We provide Satellite broadcasting service, Telecommunication business and Telecommunications carrier service. Our satellites are operated at Yokohama Satellite Control Center 24hours a day, everyday. As counter plan against natural disaster, we also have Gunma Satellite Control Station.

Unfortunately, our company is not so famous in public, but I’m happy whenever I say “SkyPerfecTV!” to my friends, because they can understand what we are doing immediately.

Ever since I joined JSAT, I have worked to develop new business for my company. Our service is global-scale, but we are not so big-scale. JSAT has only about 200 employees. This means that each of us plays important roles, even though the fresh mans are given big missions. The same thing happened to me. I’ve joined various projects – Contents distribution experiments with foreign satellite operator, Inspection of new satellite application, Study for space business and Capital investment and so on.

In my business, I need to communicate with global partners. So I made a lot of mistakes until now. For this 2years, I could learn how the satellite can do someone a favor in the world. The communication satellites are needed in the area where the



**Ms. Shigenari with
JSAT Satellite model**

people have difficulty to get the line of communications. I hope more people can have important communications via satellites more airily, friendly in such area. I want to keep on thinking “What kind of roles will be expected to the satellite?” and “What can JSAT do for the demand?”