

In memory of our friend and colleague,

Prof. Esaú Vicente-Vivas



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Dear Esau-san's family and friends,

I am very shocked and sad to hear that Esau-san suddenly passed away.

I met him in several UNISEC related meetings, CLTP, Mission Idea Contest and UNISEC-GLOBAL meetings, where I remember that he was so diligent, active and cooperative. He was quite a good friend of mine, too, with his cheerful and positive attitude. Every time he considered how he can contribute to the space education of Mexico. So his death is a great sorrow for me as well as quite a big loss in our space education and micro/nano/pico satellite community.

I sincerely hope that his effort towards space technology and education in Mexico will continue. (Shinichi Nakasuka, Japan)



I was surprised and saddened when I received the unexpected message that Esau is no longer with us. I still remember that for the United Nations Programme on Space Applications Esau has been our first contact person for small satellite development activities in Mexico. Through his work in space technology development capacity building he became one of the most active contributors to the United Nations Basic Space Technology Initiative. Esau helped us to establish contacts with the wider space community in Mexico and introduced us to the people who today lead the activities of the Mexican Space Agency. Above all Esau was a great personal friend, always cheerful, forward looking helpful and optimistic. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to meet

him and to get to know him. Esau's space technology capacity building work will live on in the work of his bright and dedicated students. (Werner Balogh, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs)



This is difficult news to pass on. We are lucky to work with such dedicated people who make a positive impact on our world. Esau made a valuable contribution to the Mexican community and through the MIC, he made a contribution to the global space community. My thoughts are with his family and close friends. (Naomi Mathers, Australia)

I am very sorry to hear that our dear friend from CLTP1 Esau has passed away. He was a really very gentle and earnest friend. I want to convey my deep condolences for Esau to his family and Mexican Space Agency. Our prayers are with Esau. (Mansur Çelebi, Turkey)

It's very sad news, our friend Dr Esau was very kind man I meet him in CLTP1. I wish to express my deep sorrow for the death of my dear brother and friend, distinguished figure of scientist community (Messaoud Bensaada, Algeria)

Dr. Vivas was a very special friend for me since we were classmates in CLTP-1, we come from neighbour countries and shared many dreams and hard work in space field. I feel deeply honored I met him. My pray is for Dr. Esau Vivas and my condolences to all international space community, specially to Mexican scientific community for your irreparable lost. (Willy Cabañas, Guatemala)



During the CLTP-1, Esau was a member of the ISF (International Space Force) team along with Dan (Vietnam), Fredy (Peru), Yuya (Japan) and me. Alongside being a devoted scientist, he was a wonderful friend. He will be always remembered in our memories. It was a pleasure to have met you. Goodbye my dear friend. My prayers are with you and your family. (Mustafa Emre Aydemir, Turkey)



I would like to express my condolences to his family, his friends and all the international space community. We met during the CLTP-1 and shared the same enthusiasm ever since. He was a very fine gentlemen and scientist. Our community will suffer and it will be impossible to replace such a person. (Ertan Umit, Turkey/Belgium)



It's really sad, I remember how he encouraged me during the first NanoSat symposium held at Nagoya, to take up this position as regional coordinator. He was like a brother, a role model and a mentor. His death is a great lost, not just to his family, agency and country, but to us all. May God grant him eternal rest. Adieu Esau. (Ogechukwu S. Nnadih, Nigeria)

It's a sad news to me.. I met him, talk and laugh with him last time a couple years ago in Nagoya, as long as I remember.. Since then we keep in touch via Facebook. Rest in peace my friend Dr. Vivas, you're already inspired me to develop small Satellite in my university.. Please accept my condolence... (Agfianto Eko Putra, Indonesia)

I was honored to meet Dr. Esau in many events in Japan, during the very first day of MIC (June 2010), in CLTP1 (Feb. 2011), CLTP2 (Dec. 2011), 3rd NanoSat Symposium (Dec. 2011), and 4th NanoSat Symposium (Oct 2012). We kept in touch by emails until last August 2015. We shared ideas and thoughts related to space engineering as well as other social and cultural issues. I learned a lot from his dedication to the MIC activity and his research activities. We discussed the possibility of research collaboration many times but unfortunately we couldn't make it. I will never forget his smile whenever we met. I am sure that he inspired many people in Mexico and he will be remembered for his contributions to the small satellite community. My prayers and thoughts for him. Rest in peace Esau. (Mohammed Khalil Ibrahim, Egypt)



I met Dr. Esau Vicente in Japan at CLPT2 where we had various discussions including possible collaborations between Ghana and Mexico, although we did not reach that point but we always keep in touch via facebook and emails. I must say that indeed we have lost a friend and a teacher who is always ready to assist you with his advice on anything relating to space science and on any general issues you are confronted with. I will always remember him for his impact in his generation. On behalf of the people of Ghana and my own personal behalf, I want to express our deepest regret and condolence of the passing away of Dr. Esau Vicente to his wife and children, family, the people of Mexico and the Mexican Space Agency. May His Soul Rest in Perfect Peace!!! (Manfred Quarshie, Ghana)



It is such a big loss for me and many others. I sincerely express my deepest grief for Esau. His warm heart and friendship shall be remembered for a long time with his leadership and passion for space engineering. Thank you Esau for sharing your valuable time with us in your short lifetime. You left so many good memories to me. May you rest in peace forever. (Hyochoong Bang, Korea)

This news is very regrettable, heartbreaking...Esau was one of the first MIC members I have met. He was always openhearted, friendly and cooperative, with a great enthusiasm to spread space awareness to his people through an international community. I will always remember his warm smiling face. Dear Esau have many more small satellites in your space. My deepest condolences to his family and Mexican space community... (Alim Rustem, Turkey)

UNISEC activities have positively supported numerous space training activities in Angola, it is very sad to hear that one of his members has passed away. Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends. (Zolana Rui João, Angola)



It was a real fatality. I hope to hasten the comfort for your family. I send you a big hug.
(Barbara Bermudez Reyes, Mexico)

*It was a very sad news for all of us. My apologies and condolences to his family.
We will miss him.* (Blanca Rebollar, Mexico)

*I am in shock. Esau was a humorous and resourceful man. I will miss him.
My condolences to his family and the space fraternity in general. RIP ESAU.*
(John Mugwe, Kenya)

*The death of Esau is a real shock. The loss of someone who worked a lot to help
students and a large scientific community. Rest in peace.* (Kamel BESBES, Tunisia)

*I wish to register my condolence and pray that his family, Mexico and space community
around the world receive the fortitude to bear this great lost. I think we lost a great
member of CLTP Alumni.* (Tejumola Taiwo, Nigeria)



I am so sad to hear the news that Esau is no more. Thank you Esau for your contribution and dedication to promote space engineering in Mexico. You will be remembered for your work. (Tarekul Islam, Bangladesh)

I am shocked! I lost one friend, one space educator and a soul mate. Now we have one intercessor in heaven. RIP Esau. (Fernando Stancato, Brazil)

To hear this sad news is my sorrow and regret. Please, let us remember him for his past and recent, and works on UNISEC as well as his personal contribution to small satellite development. (In-Seuck Jeung)

Very sorry hearing the news. He contributed so much to the Mexican Space Agency and as a regional coordinator for MIC. Very sad for the lost. (Sawat Tantiphawadi, Thailand)

Indeed that is very sad news. Esau was very friendly and kind. We sure will miss his valuable contributions. I join everyone else in sending my sincere condolences to his family and relatives. May he Rest In Peace. (Faith Njoki Karanja, Kenya)



I do not find the right words to transmit the sadness I have since I received the terrible news of the death of our friend and colleague Esau. I waited to meet him during a symposium organised by the Mexican Space Agency the first week of November, but he couldn't attend because he was ill. I thought and hoped that he could recover very soon, but unfortunately he couldn't. We will miss you, Esau. (Fernando Aguado Agelet, Spain)

We'll always preserve the memory of our dear and respected colleague Dr. Esau Vicente Vivas. Many thanks him for his contribution to the micro-nano satellite technology. We sincere believe that his work will inspire many students and scientists to follow his path to success. Our deepest condolence to his family and space community. (Velibor Vukasinovic, Serbia)

I did not know Esau, but pass away each man is large tragedy for all who knew him. Take from me my apologies and please pass condolences to his family and relatives. (Igor Belokonov, Russia)

Please convey my condolences to the grieved family. May God give them strength. (Smita Francis, Namibia)



I had a pleasure to talk to Esau in several occasions of UN workshops, Nanosatellite symposiums, etc. He was really a driving force of Mexican Space activity. I miss him deeply. (Mengu Cho, Japan)

*I'm shocked to hear of the sudden death of Dr.Esau. He was a wonderful person, and we shall all miss him. I hope he rests peacefully.
My condolence to the family....(Emiko ANDO, Japan)*

God rest his soul to a great person as Esau and provide peace to his family. There remains the hope of meeting their loved ones in the Day of Resurrection. (Hector Bedon, Peru).

Dear Esau-San, I was very shocked to hear about your sudden news and lost for words....I met you in the Nano-Satellite Symposium in Kitakyushu. My role was to guide more than 10 CLTP participants from Kitakyushu to Narita airport. I was a little bit nervous but as you were very nice and friendly, you made me relaxed. We together with other members went to Naritasan Shinshoji Temple for pray and sightseeing just before your leaving Japan. It was fun and very precious memory. Thank you very much for your kindness and I really hope you can be relaxed in space. (Etsuko Adachi, Japan)



I was shocked to know that Esau has left. I get to know him through the UNISEC organized mission idea contest and the nanosatellite symposium. Throughout those years that I know him, Esau has impressed me with his enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism. Esau is also a well-like personal friend to many of us in the nanosatellite community. It is fortunate that we have such a great friend. (Kay Soon Low, Singapore)

It is sad to hear such news...My condolense to the family... (Ivandro Rodrigues, Angola)

I am very sad to hear this news. May God bless rest his soul in peace and also give strength to family members to bear this irreparable loss. (Tilok Kumar Das, Bangladesh)

My deepest condolences to his family over the passing of Prof. Esaú Vicente-Vivas. He was a great contributor to UNISEC activities. (Michio Ozawa, Japan)

It is sad news to hear of the loss of someone like Esau. We only met briefly but the memories I have of him are happy ones. The UNISEC community will miss him. Our condolences to his family. (Arno Barnard, South Africa)



I do appreciate and will remember all Esau did for space education in Mexico and other areas of this planet, Mission Idea Contest, CanSat Leader Training Program, Nano-satellite Symposium and UNISEC-Global activities. He shared the vision of UNISEC-Global, “By the end of 2020, let’s create a world where university students can participate in practical space projects in more than 100 countries,” and influenced many people including his students, international friends and colleagues in visible and invisible ways.... Now we see how much he contributed to realizing the vision. Thank you, Esau!! We will never forget you. (Rei Kawashima, Japan)

