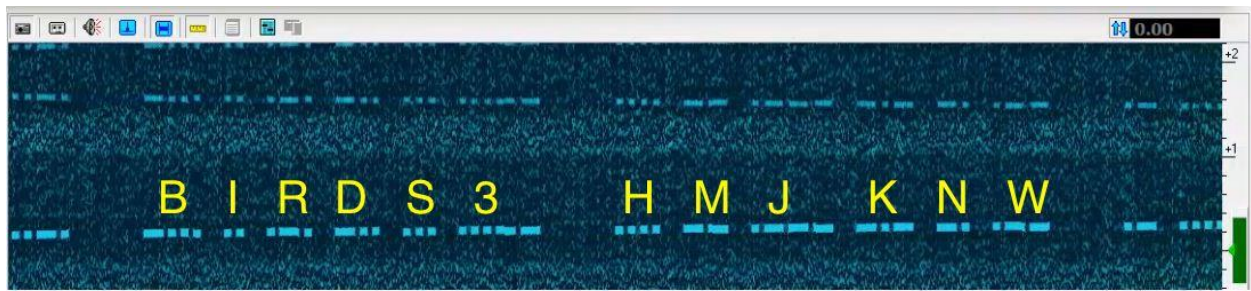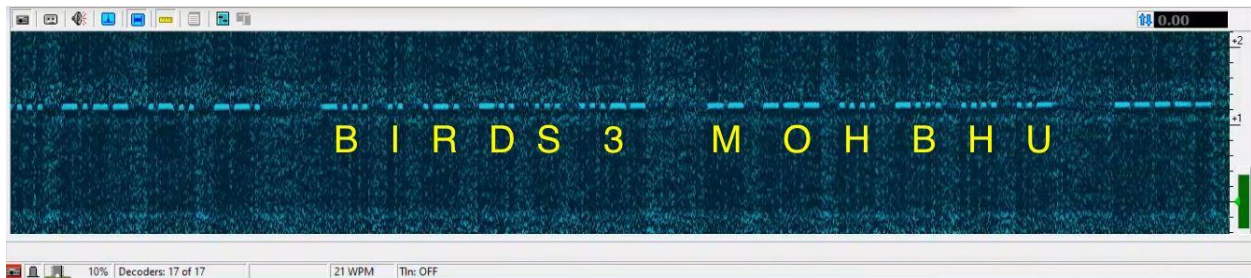**Gratitude to the COVID-19 Frontline Workers**

BIRDS-3 project team from Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech) has initiated a Short Messaging Service through their CubeSats to thank the COVID-19 Frontline Workers by broadcasting their names through satellite beacon. To know more details of this initiative click here.

The Department of IT & Telecom (DITT) requested to broadcast tributes for His Majesty the King (HMJKNW) and Ministry of Health (MOHBHU) to express our gratitude for being on the frontline to ensure that the country and the lives of the citizens are safe. The beacon from the BIRDS-3 satellites were successfully received and decoded at the DITT Ground Station (GS) in Thimphu.

Screenshot of the BIRDS-3 beacon received at DITT GS containing the tribute to His Majesty the King

Screenshot of the BIRDS-3 beacon received at DITT GS containing the tribute to Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan

Brief background on BIRDS-3 project: BIRDS-3 is the third generation project implemented under the BIRDS program at Kyutech. BHUTAN-1, the first satellite of Bhutan was built and launched as part of the BIRDS-2 project, which is the second generation project under the BIRDS program. To know more about the BIRDS-3 project click here.