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Experience

- 2020/3 Research Institute of Humanity and Nature, Researcher.
- present 'Interdisciplinary study towards clean air, public health and sustainable agriculture: case of crop residue burning in India.'
- 2019/10 Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo, Specially Appointed Assistant 2020/3 Professor.
- 2018/08 Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo, Project Researcher.
- 2019/10 Researching agromet cross comparison and validation for rice crop outlook in Thailand.
- 2015/10 Sony Computer Science Laboratories, Tokyo, Japan, Research Assistant.
- 2016/12 Analyzed energy exchange efficiency in 'Open Energy System' for decentralized PV grid.
- 2013/09 Inductis, New Delhi, India, Consultant.
- 2015/02 Predictive modelling of unsecuritized credit risk. Awarded 'Best Team'and 'Star Performer'.
- 2011/05 Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai, India, Internship.
- 2011/06 Performed energy audit and feasibility study for solar-wind powered renewable energy plant.

Education

2015–2018 PhD, Civil Engineering (Remote Sensing), The University of Tokyo, Japan,

Title: Analyzing Impact of Socio-economic Growth and Land-use Change on Urban Air Quality in India, GPA 3.7/4. Advisor: Dr. Wataru Takeuchi.

2008–2013 B.Tech-M.Tech, Civil Engineering (Geoinformatics), Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur), India,

Title: Multi-resolution Segmentation Based Classification of Polarimetric SAR Imagery, MTech CPI 8.8/10, BTech CPI 6.7/10. Advisor: Dr. Onkar Dikshit.

Publications (peer-reviewed)

- 1. (2020) **Misra P.**, Imasu R., Hayashida S., Ardhi A., Takeuchi W.; Mapping Brick Kilns to support Environmental Impact Studies around Delhi using Sentinel-2. *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information*, Vol 9(9).
- (2020) Dhaka S.K., Chetna, Kumar V., Panwar V., Dimri A.P., Singh N., Patra P.K., Matsumi Y., Takigawa M., Nakayama T., Yamaji K., Kajino M., Misra P., Hayashida S.; PM2.5 diminution and mist events over Delhi during the COVID-19 lockdown period: an interplay between the baseline pollution and meteorology. Nature Scientific Reports, Vol 10(13442).
- 3. (2020) Rahman M.M., Avtar R., Yunus A.P., Dou J., **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W., Sahu N., Kumar P., Johnson B.A., Dasgupta R., Kharrazi A., Chakraborty S., Agustiono K.T.; Assessing Monitoring Effect of Spatial Growth on Land Surface Temperature in Dhaka. *Remote Sensing*, Vol 12(7).
- 4. (2020) **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Assessing Population Sensitivity to Urban Air Pollution Using Google Trends and Remote Sensing Datasets. *Int. Arch. Photogramm. Remote Sens. Spatial Inf. Sci.*, XLII-3/W11.
- 5. (2019) **Misra P.**, Imasu R., Takeuchi W.; Impact of Urban Growth on Air Quality in Indian Cities Using Hierarchical Bayesian Approach. *Atmosphere*, Vol 10(9).
- 6. (2019) Minh H.V.T., Avtar R., Mohan G., **Misra P.**, Kurasaki M.; Monitoring and Mapping of Rice Cropping Pattern in Flooding Area in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta Using Sentinel-1A Data: A Case of An Giang Province.

- ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information, Vol 8(5).
- 7. (2018) **Misra P.**, Avtar R., Takeuchi W.; Comparison of digital building height models extracted from AW3D, TanDEM-X, ASTER and SRTM digital surface model over Yangon city. *Remote Sensing*, Vol 10(12).
- 8. (2017) **Misra P.**, Fujikawa A., Takeuchi W.; Novel Decomposition Scheme for Characterizing Urban Air Quality with MODIS. *Remote Sensing*, Vol 9(8).
- 9. (2016) **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Air Quality Analysis Using Nighttime Light for Indian Urban Regions. *Malaysian Journal of Remote Sensing and GIS*, Vol 5(2).

Publications (under review/preparation)

- 1. Nguyen T.T.Q, **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Emission mapping for key sectors in Ho Chi Minh city. *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics* under review.
- 2. Rahman M.M., Avtar R., Ahmed S., Inostroza L., **Misra P.**, Kumar P., Takeuchi W., Surjan A., Saito O.; Does Building Development in Dhaka Comply Land Use Zoning? Analysis Using Nighttime Light and Digital Building Heights. *Sustainability Science* under review.
- 3. **Misra P.**, Takigawa M., Khatri P., Dhaka S.K., Dimri A.P., Yamaji K., Kajino M., Takeuchi W., Imasu R., Patra P.K. Hayashida S.; NO2 Concentration and Emission change detection during COVID-19 restrictions in North India. under preparation.
- 4. Nitta K., **Misra P.**, Hayashida S.; Intercomparison of TROPOMI and OMI tropospheric Nitrogen Dioxide over South Asia. under preparation.
- 5. Sovisoth E., Kuntal V.S., **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W., Nagai K.; Estimation of Bridge Construction years in Cambodia by Analysis of the Normalized Difference Water Index of Landsat Satellite Data. *Remote Sensing* under preparation.

Publications (conference)

- 1. **Misra P.**, Takigawa M., Khatri P., Dhaka S.K., Dimri A.P., Yamaji K., Kajino M., Takeuchi W., Imasu R., Patra P.K. Hayashida S.; Detection of significant change in nitrogen oxides concentration and emission during COVID-19 lockdown in North India. *2020 AGU Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, USA, 2020. <u>under review</u>
- Hayashida S., Misra P., Nitta K., Nguyen T.H., Patra P.K., Takigawa M., Khatri P., Dhaka S.K., Dimri A.P., Yamaji K., Takeuchi W.; Reduction of air pollutants over North-West India observed from space during the Covid-19 lockdown period. 2020 AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2020. <u>under review</u>
- Nguyen T.H., Hayashida S., Misra P., Matsumi Y., Nakayama T., Dhaka S.K., Dimri A.P.; Detection of Change in the Aerosol distribution over North-West India during the Covid-19 Lockdown period. 2020 AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2020. <u>under review</u>
- 4. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W., Imasu R.; Brick Kiln Detection in North India with Sentinel imagery using Deep Learning of Small Datasets. *40th Asian Conference of Remote Sensing*, Daejeon, South Korea, 2019.
- 5. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Assessing population sensitivity to urban air pollution using Google Trends and remote sensing datasets. 40th Pecora21/ISRSE38, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, 2019.
- 6. Sovisoth E., Thakur V.B., Nagai K., **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Estimation of the bridge construction year in Cambodia by the analysis of LANDSAT satellite data. *3rd ACF Symposium*, Sapporo, Japan, 2019.
- 7. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Use of Google Trends for Assessing Sensitivity of Population to Urban Air Pollution. 26th International Symposium on Remote Sensing, Taipei, Taiwan, 2019.
- 8. Arbain A., Imasu R., **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Estimating PM_{2.5} Emission from Brick Kiln Industry over Northern India with Numerical Model and Remote Sensing Observation. *EGU General Assembly*, Vienna, Austria, 2019.
- 9. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Analyzing perception of urban air pollution using Google Trends and satellite datasets. *27th Institute of Industrial Science Forum Proceedings*, Tokyo, Japan, 2019.
- Misra P., Takeuchi W.; A Novel Technique For Estimating Expansion Of Residential, Commercial And Industrial Regions In Indian Megacities. 17th International Symposium on Urban Safety Of Mega Cities In Asia, Hyderabad, India, 2018.
- 11. **Best Paper Award Finalist Misra P.**, Imasu R., Takeuchi W.; Land-use Change Impacts on Urban Air Quality in India using Hierarchical Bayesian Approach. *39th Asian Conference of Remote Sensing*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2018
- 12. Ochi S., **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Spatiotemporal Distribution Of Hotspot / Wildfire In Southeast Asia Using Remote Sensing Data. *39th Asian Conference of Remote Sensing*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2018.

- 13. **Best Paper Award Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Hierarchical Bayesian approach to estimate land-use change impacts on urban air pollution in India. *26*th *Institute of Industrial Science Forum Proceedings*, Tokyo, Japan, 2018. .
- 14. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Digital Surface Model (DSM) datasets for built-height estimation over Indian cities. *24*th *International Symposium on Remote Sensing*, Nagoya, Japan, 2017.
- 15. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Comparison of ASTER and AW3D derived Digital Surface Model datasets for built structure height estimation over Yangon city, Myanmar. *25th Institute of Industrial Science Forum Proceedings*, Tokyo, Japan, 2017.
- 16. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Assessing Impact of Economic Activities on Urban Air Quality in India by Nightlight and Atmospheric Measurement Datasets. *37th Asian Conference of Remote Sensing*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2016.
- 17. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Air Quality Analysis Using Nighttime Light for Indian Urban Regions. 8th IGRSM International Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial & Remote Sensing, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2016.
- 18. **Misra P.**, Takeuchi W.; Analysis Of Air Quality In Indian Cities Using Remote Sensing And Economic Growth Parameters. *36th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing*, Manila, Philippines, 2015.

Reports

- Misra P.; Clean Air and Imagined Sustainability: The case of India. Aakash Newsletter, Vol. 1(1) 2020.
- Misra P., Sharma R.; India's GAGAN (GPS-aided GEO augmented navigation) adds a new dimension to navigation. *GIM International*, Vol. 27(2) 2013.

Presentation and seminars

- 1. (invited) Impact of Urban Growth on Air Quality in Indian Cities FTSP New Normal Webinar, Institut Teknologi Nasional, Bandung, Indonesia. (2020/06/25)
- Public interest in air quality and its impact varies with baseline exposure: Google Trends and Remote Sensing based analysis 22nd CEReS Symposium on Environment Remote Sensing, Chiba University, Chiba, Japan. (2020/02/20)
- 3. (invited) Remote Sensing for Urban Studies Mapping Land-use for Emission Inventories in Developing Countries Young Sustainability Symposium, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan. (2020/02/03)
- 4. **(invited)** Mapping Drivers of Urban Air-pollution in Indian Cities using Remote Sensing Sakura Science Exchange Program, Shibaura Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan. (2019/11/20)
- 5. Monitoring Land-use Drivers of Urban Air Pollution and its Response using Remote Sensing and Social Sensing Data-based Society Creation Symposium 2019, Tokyo, Japan. (2019/09/01)
- 6. Brick kiln detection around New Delhi using Sentinel 2 with Deep Learning: Distribution and Drivers NASA LCLUC SARI International Regional Science Meeting, Johor Bahru, Malaysia. (2019/07/24)
- 7. Comparison of Remote Sensing derived KBDI with in-site Soil-moisture in Thailand. *JAXA-GISTDA mini workshop on drought monitoring*, Bangkok, Thailand. (2019/05/17)
- 8. Observations from Mapping PM2.5 in Indian Cities using Low-cost sensor. *1st IITK-UTokyo Workshop on PM2.5 Mapping using Low-cost Sensors*, Kanpur, India. (2019/02/06)
- 9. Role of satellite for monitoring urban air quality. 1st IITK-UTokyo Workshop on PM2.5 Mapping using Low-cost Sensors, Kanpur, India. (2019/02/07)
- 10. GEE as educational tool in Civil Engineering. *Google Earth Engine Year-end Meetup in Tokyo*, Tokyo, Japan. (2018/12/26)
- 11. Impact assessment of socio economic development on urban air quality in Indian megacities NASA LCLUC SARI International Regional Science Meeting, Chiang Mai, Thailand. (2017/07/17)

Workshops and training organized

- 2019 (invited) NASA SARI Remote Sensing Land Use change and Climate Impacts in Coastal Zone Regional Science Training, Thailand
 using GEE (12/17)

 Blue Carbon Mapping and Coastal Zone studies
- 2019 (invited) 5th International Conferences of Indonesian Society for Remote Sensing (ICOIRS), Bandung, Indonesia Cloud based satellite image processing: Introduction to GEE (09/17)
- 2019 (invited) Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand Air quality monitoring and mapping with portable devices (05/15)

- 2019 **4**th **Open Science Meeting, Global Land Program, Bern, Switzerland** Hands-on-training session on evaluating three-dimensional urban expansion in mega cities in Asia (04/27)
- 2019 **(invited) ISPRS TC-W/8 Tutorial, 26**th **ISRS, Taipei, Taiwan** Remote Sensing Applications using Google Earth Engine (04/18)
- 2019 1^{st} IITK-UTokyo Workshop on PM_{2.5} Mapping using Low-cost Sensors, IIT Kanpur, India Citizen science workshop for mapping geolocated individual exposure to PM 2.5 using low-cost devices. (02/05-02/07)
- 2019 **(invited) 27**th **IIS Forum, The University of Tokyo, Japan** Classifying Landsat8 imagery using Google Earth Engine (03/07–03/08)
- 2018 **Indian Institute of Technology-BHU, India** Classifying Landsat8 imagery using Google Earth Engine and demonstration of portable $PM_{2.5}$ sensors (06/04)
- 2018 **(invited) 26**th **IIS Forum, The University of Tokyo, Japan** Google Earth Engine for Landsat imagery classification (03/07–03/08)

Teaching

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- 2019, '18, '17 **Remote sensing (3713-089)***, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.
 - 2019/01 Satellite Image Processing for Remote Sensing Applications*, Seoul National University, South Korea.
 - 2013/01 Precision Remote Sensing (CE676)⁺, IIT Kanpur,India.
 - 2012/08 Environmental Quality and Pollution (CE361)⁺, IIT Kanpur, India.

Fellowship and grants

- 2019 Tateishi Science and Technology Foundation, USD 4000
- 2019 International research meeting dispatch grant (IIS), USD 3500; (declined)
- 2015 Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship; tuition and stipend
- 2009 Incentive Scheme for Meritorious Children by State Bank of India; stipend
- 2006 National Talent Search (NTSE) Scholarship by Government of India; stipend

Technical skills

- Programming Python, R, JS, C, SQL, VBA, SAS
 - Tools Google Earth Engine, QGIS, SNAP, ArcGIS, ENVI, TerraScan, GDAL

Professional service

- Guest Editor MDPI Remote Sensing
 - Reviewer MDPI Remote Sensing; MDPI Atmosphere; T&F International Journal of Remote Sensing, Elsevier Resources Conservation and Recycling; Springer Sustainability Science
 - Member American Geophysical Union (AGU), Remote Sensing Society of Japan (RSSJ) (applied), Integrated Land Ecosystem-Atmosphere Processes Study Early Career Scientist Network (iLeaps), Global Land Program (GLP)

Social service

- 2016-'17 Vice-president, University of Tokyo Indian Students' Association
- 2016/07 Global Health Entrepreneurship Program for improving health in Onagawa, Miyagi
- 2015/05 Student volunteer, Empowerment Program Ibaraki High School, Mito City
- 2014-'15 SPOC, NGO for underprivileged Udayan Care, Gurgaon, India
- 2009-'10 Student guide, Institute Counselling Service, IIT Kanpur

References

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