

Two more S'pore satellites in orbit

Singapore now has another two satellites orbiting in space.

Named VELOX-I and VELOX-PIII, the nano-satellites were launched into space from India on Monday.

Designed and built by Nanyang Technological University (NTU) students and researchers, VELOX-I weighs 4.28kg. VELOX-PIII, a 193g mobile phone-sized satellite, is piggy-backed on its bigger "brother" as one unit, but they will be separated later. Both satellites are flying 650km above the earth.

They can take images and will be used to test other technology. NTU has also built a new, state-of-the-art Mission Control Centre that will be the hub of satellite operations.

NTU has two other satellites in space. One is used for earth imaging and monitoring haze hotspots and the other is used to test technology.