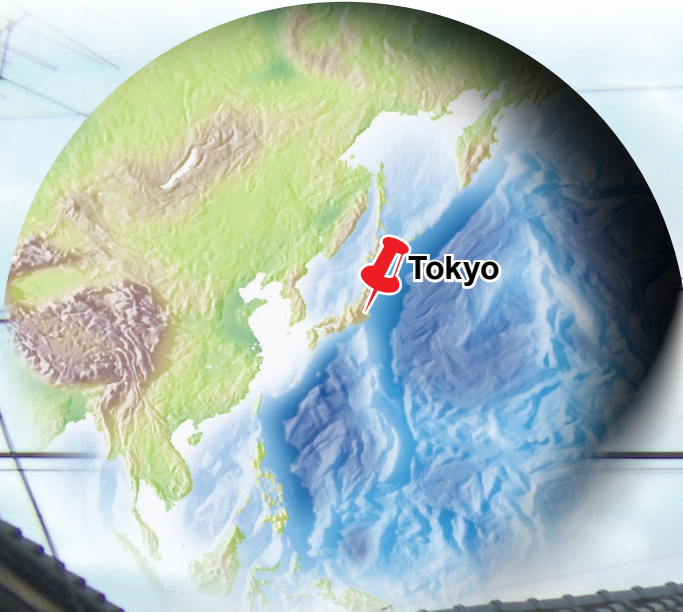


Satellite TV in Tokyo

Aluo

• **Japan's most prominent satellite enthusiasts are Keito Takahashi and Takao Kameda, both of whom live in Tokyo. We paid a visit to them and found out about their tricks of the trade.**

Takao Kameda is already 61 years of age and has been a very busy satellite enthusiast for some 17 years now. He's a well-known figure in the Japanese satellite world and has written numerous articles about satellite reception. Most of them were published in 'Radio Life' magazine which sheds light on all aspects of radio and TV reception. „Young people in Japan these days don't watch a whole lot of live TV," he explains. „Most use PVRs to record particular events and watch them whenever their busy schedule allows



■ Three of Eastern Asia's most influential satellite enthusiasts: Keito Takahashi (left) from Tokyo, TELE-satellite author Aluo (centre) from Shenzhen/China and Takao Kameda (right), also from Tokyo. The trio stands in front of Keito Takahashi's house.



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■ Keito Takahashi has mounted his rotatable C band mesh antenna on a professional pole with a height of 7 metres.

some time to be spent in front of the TV." Unfortunately, the entire magic of receiving foreign satellite channels from far-away corners of the world is lost in the process. „When ASIASAT 1 started we all got very excited, as channels from that position were transmitted in NTSC," Takao Kameda remembers. NTSC was the analog colour system used in Japan, so DXers were able to watch channels from ASIASAT 1 with their existing TV. Over the course of so many years Takao Kameda has steadily enlarged his collection of satellite receivers using all sorts of CA systems. Right now he is having an in-depth look at the iCool G2 DVB-S2 receiver.

Keito Takahashi is a similarly committed satellite enthusiast. He even speaks Chinese and is a regular viewer of the Chinese satellite channels by CCTV. He joined the satellite community more than ten years ago when he bought his first satellite antenna: It was a 3-metre KTI mesh antenna imported from the USA. Today he operates a 2.4m mesh antenna for the C band and a smaller 1.2m dish for the Ku band. Keito Takahashi is a true celebrity and a popular interview partner for Japanese TV stations and newspapers when it comes to experience and expertise in the satellite field. He also loves China and even sent his son over to China to learn the language. „I watch Chinese TV and learn the language from watching and listening." Another worthwhile reason for becoming a satellite enthusiast!



■ Hardly noticeable from outside: Keito Takahashi's two antennas in Tokyo (C band in front, Ku band in the back).