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Al Neyadi offers glimpses of life on ISS in first ham radio session with students

Interaction held in collaboration with Emirates Amateur Radio Society

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The Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) in collaboration with the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) and Emirates Literature Foundation (ELF) arranged the first ham radio session with astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi from the International Space Station (ISS).

The event, held at MBRSC on Tuesday, is the first in a series of 10 ham radio sessions under the 'A Call with Space' series.

As part of the ELF in Space initiative, 25 students from various schools got the opportunity to connect with Al Neyadi. The radio communication between MBRSC and the ISS, was arranged in collaboration with EARS at the Centre's Ground Station, as the ISS passed over the region.

10-minutes session

During the ham radio session, student had the opportunity to ask Al Neyadi questions about the launch, inspiration to become an astronaut, life on the ISS, scientific experiments being conducted, visible changes in climate, as well as memorable experiences and space related activities.

Al Neyadi shared his experiences on the ISS, and also spoke about how they communicate on the space station, as well as maintain health.



In the 10-minute session, Al Neyadi encouraged students to explore the realms of space.

On being asked about his favourite activity in space, much to the delight of students, Al Neyadi answered that he, "liked floating in space, like Superman, from one module

to the other." Sharing the message of the importance of protecting our planet, Al Neyadi mentioned that he was able to understand the value of our planet from space and that it is the responsibility of everyone to protect our resources and preserve the environment.

The radio communication between MBRSC and the ISS was arranged at the centre's ground station on Tuesday as the ISS passed over the region.

Courtesy: MBRSC

A POPULAR HOBBY

Ham radio, or amateur radio, is a popular hobby that enables communication even in remote regions, making it a valuable tool in emergencies. Using a broad spectrum of frequencies, ham radio enthusiasts can communicate even in space. Since its inception in the early 20th century, ham radio has facilitated emergency communication when conventional networks failed in a crisis.