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## Students get on radio call with Al Neyadi

Sense of wonder and eagerness the students exhibit is 'invigorating'

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Gulf News Report

In an exciting space-literature convergence, the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) has held the sixth ham radio interaction featuring UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi from the International Space Station (ISS). It was hosted at the Mohammad Bin Rashid Library (MBRL) and was a part of the interactive 'A Call from Space' series being organised by MBRSC.

### Students captivated

The event, attended by over 100 students and space enthusiasts, captivated the audience as they interacted with Al Neyadi via ham radio, a communication tool connecting individuals across remote and space areas. Dr Mohammad Salem Obaid Al Mazrouei, board member, MBRL, and Adnan Al Rais, mission manager, UAE Astronaut Programme; MBRSC, also joined the event.

Al Mazrouei expressed delight in hosting the event, promoting awareness and knowledge of space sciences among future generations.

### Igniting passion

Al Rais underscored the event's value in igniting a passion for learning and fostering curiosity in STEM fields.

"The sense of wonder and eagerness students exhibit as they decipher the value of such missions to humanity is not just invigorating but truly inspirational. As we draw closer to the end of Sultan's mission, these encounters will be treasured memories, igniting a lifelong passion for learning. Our conviction is

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mission manager, UAE Astronaut Programme



**Watch:** What UAE students asked Al Neyadi on the ham radio call

strong that such initiatives cultivate an intensified interest in STEM fields among the nation's youth, fostering a vibrant culture of scientific curiosity and innovation, vital for propelling the UAE's ambitious space endeavours."

### Intriguing questions

The audience engaged Al Neyadi with questions about space, including stars and planets' visibility from the ISS. Answering a question on whether astronauts can see stars and planets from the ISS, Al Neyadi answered, "We do see stars, the Moon and planets very clearly. In addition to that, we do not have clouds that obscure our view. But most of these celestial bodies are still far away from us."



■ On ham radio, students asked Sultan Al Neyadi questions about space, including the visibility of stars from the ISS.