

For the first time in Egypt, the Egyptian Space Agency hosted the “International Moon Day” event in cooperation with the English University of Hartfordshire in the new administrative capital. On Wednesday, 20/7/2022, the Egyptian Space Agency celebrated the International Moon Day under the slogan “The Egyptian Space Agency’s Exploration of the Moon” in cooperation with the University of Hartfordshire in the New Administrative Capital. It coincides with the anniversary of the first human landing on the moon, as part of the "Apollo 11" mission, which was sent to the moon in 1969.

The ceremony, which was held at the university's headquarters, was attended by Dr. Mohamed Al-Qousi - CEO of the Agency and a group of scientists and engineers of the Agency, Dr. Alaa Atta - Academic President of the University of Hartfordshire, Dr. Ashlyn Tennyson - Economic Officer at the US Embassy, in addition to professors from Egyptian universities from the relevant academic departments.

Dr. Mohamed El-Kosy, CEO of the Egyptian Space Agency, welcomed the guests and explained that the Egyptian Space Agency joined MVA in December 2020 to further participate in the development of various projects aimed at exploring the moon. The Egyptian Space Agency was keen to be part of the global expert group on sustainable lunar activities that serves as an international platform to address critical issues such as safe operation, debris mitigation, access to natural resources, etc.

In addition, the space agency is supporting a team of more than 20 Egyptian students and young professionals as they develop their road map that promotes lunar exploration in Egypt by raising awareness of the importance of a sustainable lunar exploration program.

Dr. Muhammad Al-Qousi concluded his speech by saying:

“With the countless achievements of humans in space in the past few decades, it has given us the opportunity and motivation to explore more in space. It is time to return to the moon with all the data that was collected since the first landing on the moon, which provided us with facts and data that were not available to us at that time at the end of the sixties and the beginning of the seventies. Our goal at the moment is to further explore the lunar surface and establish a permanent and sustainable humanoid presence; And cooperation between nations is the best way to reach the superior goals of humanity in the field of space technology. Therefore, we encourage the participation of African and Middle Eastern countries in lunar exploration activities, by investing in education and networking with young people.”

The event also included several surprises. Dr. Ashraf Abdel Mohsen, President of Cube Consultants, announced, through the event, the “Life Above the Moon” competition for architecture students and graduates, which is organized by the agency in cooperation with Cube Consultants, and opened the door for participation in the competition starting from that day.

Analog astronaut Sarah Sabry also announced the ambassadors program sponsored by the space agency in cooperation with the “Deep Space Initiative”, and through the presentation, she announced the agency’s media ambassadors and engineers who will represent the agency and contribute to spreading the culture of space technology on a local and international level.

The day also included a series of lectures and discussions, attended by US astronaut Dr. Sian Proctor and Wrangler astronaut Christina Korb, to talk about their space experience and vision for lunar exploration, as well as workshops on analog missions, space engineering and career opportunities for individuals interested in space.

It is worth noting that the head of the Egyptian Space Agency, Dr. Al-Qousi, presented the agency’s shield to the Dean of the University, Dr. Alaa Atta, in appreciation of the efforts and fruitful cooperation between the two sides.

The University of Hartfordshire, England, was pleased to host this great celebration, a university based in the New Administrative Capital and hosted by Global Education Foundation. The university has a variety of study programs and faculties and awards a bachelor's degree from the parent university upon graduation. The event hosted around 250 attendees.

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It was a great initiative from MVA, it was our pleasure to be part of the international celebration. We are looking forward to future participation as well.