

Distinguished Delegates,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

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Good morning.

It is a great honour to share Malaysia's vision for our future in space.

For Malaysia, space is no longer simply a frontier to observe or explore. It is I recognised as a strategic national domain that could contributes to economic development, scientific advancement, technological innovation, national security and sovereignty, resource management, environmental resilience, and the well-being of our people.

As we look towards 2030 and beyond, Malaysia's ambition is to build a progressive, inclusive, responsible, and sustainable national space ecosystem that creates value at home while contributing meaningfully to the regional and global space community.

1. ADVANCING MALAYSIA SPACE EXPLORATION 2030 (MSE2030)

Malaysia is entering an important phase in the development of our national space capabilities.

Our journey towards 2030 was driven not by ambition alone, but by sound governance, institutional capability, human capital, technological readiness, strategic investment, and meaningful partnerships.

Guided by the National Space Policy 2030, Malaysia seeks to progressively strengthen its capabilities across the entire space value chain including research and development, satellite and data applications, services, innovation, and commercialisation.

By 2030, our aspiration, Malaysia's space sector could contribute at least RM10 billion to national GDP, generate 5,000 high-technology space-related jobs, and position Malaysia among the leading space economies in the region. At the same time progressively strengthening our national capacity.

These ambitions require more than government action alone.

We, therefore, recognise the importance of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) including Private Finance Initiatives (PFIs), to mobilise private capital, encourage entrepreneurship, accelerate technology development, build a competitive, resilient and sustainable national space ecosystem.

Equally important is our investment in people.

Our young scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs and innovators must not remain merely users and consumers of space technologies. We want them to become the designers, developers, entrepreneurs and leaders who will shape Malaysia's next generation of space capabilities.

Therefore, talent development, research excellence, industry participation and international collaboration remain central to our national space agenda.

2. STRENGTHENING ASEAN COOPERATION IN SPACE

Malaysia firmly believes that the future of space is also a future of cooperation.

Within ASEAN, our Member States possess different levels of space capability, resources, expertise and national priorities. We should view this diversity not as a constraint, but as an opportunity to complement one another, pool our strengths and build a more connected regional space ecosystem.

Malaysia believes that ASEAN cooperation should progressively move from dialogue to practical collaboration, and from individual capabilities towards shared regional outcomes.

Through mechanisms such as the Sub-committee on Earth, Ocean and Space Science (SC-EOSS), ASEAN members state should continue to explore opportunities for joint research, knowledge exchange, sharing of best practices, human capital development, technology cooperation, and collaborative missions where these can deliver tangible benefits to ASEAN region.

There is also considerable potential to strengthen ASEAN cooperation in areas where space technologies can directly address our common challenges—including disaster management, climate change, environmental monitoring, food security, maritime awareness, connectivity and sustainable development.

At the same time, stronger ASEAN cooperation can ensure that the perspectives, priorities and interests of emerging and developing space nations are better reflected in the wider international dialogue on the future governance and sustainable use of outer space.

ASEAN should not aspire merely to participate in the global space economy. We should aspire to contribute to, and where possible help shape, its future.

Our region has the talent, ingenuity and determination to do so.

3. COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE SPACE EXPLORATION

As access to space expands, our responsibilities must expand with it.

The rapid growth in the number of satellites, space missions and space actors presents extraordinary opportunities for humanity. At the same time, it creates shared challenges, including orbital congestion, space debris, space traffic coordination, safety, security, and the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.

Malaysia firmly supports the principles and work of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the principle that outer space should remain safe, secure, sustainable and accessible for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of present and future generations.

Malaysia therefore remains committed to promoting responsible behaviour, effective governance, appropriate regulatory frameworks, international cooperation, and adherence to internationally recognised principles, treaties and relevant international instruments governing the peaceful and responsible use of outer space.

For Malaysia, sustainability is not an aspiration that comes after development. It must be embedded in the way we develop and use space from the outset.

As we expand our activities in space, we must ensure that we do so in a manner that protects the space environment, strengthens trust among nations, and preserves the ability of future generations to benefit from space.

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Malaysia's journey into space is still evolving, but our direction is clear.

Towards 2030 and beyond, we seek to build stronger national capabilities, a more dynamic and competitive space industry, deeper ASEAN and international partnerships, and a culture of responsible and sustainable space activities.

Space may be vast, but the challenges we face on Earth remind us that our future is deeply interconnected.

Our progress will depend on our ability to share knowledge, develop talent, build trust, create partnerships and translate technological advancement into tangible benefits for our people and our planet.

Let us therefore explore, innovate and cooperate in optimising space technology to build a safer, resilient, and more prosperous future for all.

Thank you.