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Hamdan announces new Dubai satellite

MBRSC to develop PHI-2 satellite with UN outer space office

DUBAI
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Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai and President of the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), yesterday announced a new Dubai satellite that will be built

in collaboration with the United Nations.

'Access to Space for All'

"I directed my team at the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre to develop the PHI-2 satellite in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, with the aim of supporting entities and countries who aspire to join the space sector," Shaikh Hamdan said in a post on X.

He said this mission provides opportunities to send innovations and technologies into space aboard the PHI-2 satellite developed by the

MBRSC team. It's the second of its kind under the "Access to Space for All" initiative.

"Our objective is to support any innovation that contributes to scientific and knowledge advancement, ultimately improving the quality of human life," added Shaikh Hamdan, who, earlier this week announced that the next phase in the UAE's space journey would see "groundbreaking Emirati space ventures".

Payload Hosting Initiative is an initiative by MBRSC and UNOOSA to provide payload hosting to UN member states on MBRSC's satellite platform.