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South Korea team visits space centre

Still bigger milestones outlined with tried and trusted partnership

DUBAI

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South Korean Minister of Science and Information and Communications Technology Lee Jong-ho led a delegation that visited the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) in Dubai yesterday.

MBRSC director-general Salem Humaid AlMarri welcomed the visiting team, later tweeting: "I welcomed a South Korean delegation... Our partnership with South Korea dates back to the establishment of @MBRSpace-Centre with a knowledge transfer programme yielding our first two satellites."

Knowledge exchange

Cooperation in space between the UAE and South Korea dates back to 2006, when a group of young Emirati engineers, including AlMarri, visited South Korea to work together building satellites. The two countries partnered on developing DubaiSat-1 and DubaiSat-2. In 2017, the UAE Space Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Korea's Ministry of Science, ICT, and Future Planning, further enhancing cooperation and knowledge exchange.

AlMarri added in his tweet "We have achieved a lot together with our South Korean partners, and today we want to build on these successes to accomplish bigger milestones."

The visit by Lee to MBRSC on Wednesday is in line with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's state visit to the UAE.