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India's Chandrayaan-3 Moon Mission: Congratulations from PM Anwar Ibrahim and India-Malaysia collaboration in space sector

Prime Minister of Malaysia YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim congratulated Prime Minister of India H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi and the people of India on the historic achievement of Chandrayaan-3 adding that "India has now achieved a significant milestone on the moon, and I view this achievement not only as India's success but also as a success for Asia and all its citizens. Malaysia also takes pride in this accomplishment, and it is indeed "The Asian Century"". Prime Minister Modi thanked PM Anwar Ibrahim for the wishes adding that Malaysia's warmth and pride in India's achievements is deeply cherished. Several eminent personalities of Malaysia including leaders of community and cultural associations, diaspora associations and business chambers shared messages of congratulations. High Commission of India deeply appreciates the warm congratulatory messages on India's successful Chandrayaan-3 moon mission.

2. India's Chandrayaan-3 moon mission successfully landed on moon's South Pole on 23rd August 2023. With this, India became the first country to land at Moon's south pole and 4th country ever to land on the moon. Chandrayaan-3 was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 14th July 2023. The Mission includes a lander (Vikram) and a rover (Pragyan). The six-wheeled robotic rover Pragyan, indigenously designed and built in India, has begun to traverse the moon's surface and will continue this for one lunar daylight period (about 14 Earth days) to carry out experiments on the lunar surface.

3. Immediately after the successful landing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated "India's successful moon mission is not India's alone. This is a year in which the world is witnessing India's G-20 Presidency. Our approach of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' is resonating across the globe. This human-centric approach that we represent has been welcomed universally. Our moon mission is also based on the same human-centric approach. Therefore, this success belongs to all of humanity. And it will help moon missions by other countries in the future." Prime Minister Modi added. "I am confident that all countries in the world, including those from the Global South are capable of achieving such feats. We can all aspire for the moon and beyond."

4. The Union Cabinet of India adopted a resolution on 29 August 2023 celebrating the historic success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission to the Moon. The Cabinet appreciated the monumental achievement of India's scientists highlighting India's advancements in the space sector are more than just monumental scientific achievements. They represent a vision of progress, self-reliance, and global leadership. This is also a symbol of rising New India. The Cabinet also welcomed that 23rd August of every year would be celebrated as the "National Space Day". The Cabinet is proud to see that a large number of women scientists have contributed to the success of Chandrayaan-3 and India's space programme in general. This will motivate several aspiring women scientists in the years to come. Full text of the Cabinet Resolution is here.

5. India, while pursuing its national space programme, has attached importance to international cooperation in peaceful use of outer space including launching a large number

of foreign satellites and offering capacity building and training programmes. India has launched over 400 satellites from 34 countries as of 30 July 2023.

6. Over 20 Malaysian space experts have attended training programmes in India in the space sector including remote sensing, small satellite missions, geospatial applications etc.

- In July 2023, two Research Officers from Malaysian Space Agency (MYSA) attended a short-course training in “Geospatial Application in Disaster Risk Reduction for Environmental Disaster” at Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (CSSTEAP), Dehradun under the ASEAN-India Space Cooperation Programme. Since 1997, 14 Malaysian nationals have undergone short-term training and 5 Malaysian nationals pursued postgraduate courses at CSSTEAP.
- In the year 2022, a Research Officer from the Malaysian Space Agency (MYSA) underwent International Training course on ‘Small Satellite Mission’ at CSSTEAP.
- In the year 2019, a Malaysian official in the Malaysian Meteorological Department attended a 6-month training at the Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad, sponsored by the ASEAN-India Science & Technology Development Fund (AISTDF) of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

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Synopsis:

- With Chandrayaan-3, India became the first country to land on the South Pole of the Moon and the fourth country to land on the Moon.
- Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi stated “this success belongs to all humanity”.
- Prime Minister YAB Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim congratulated PM Modi; views this as success of Asia, calls this an Asian Century.
- Union Cabinet of India adopts a resolution celebrating the success of Chandrayaan-3.
- India has so far launched over 400 satellites as part of its extensive international collaboration in space.
- Over 20 Malaysian space experts trained in India in space sector.

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