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**YOUNG PHYSICIST AWARDED
MEASAT / BOEING SPACE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**

Kuala Lumpur, 12 December 2006: A young physicist has become the first Malaysian to be granted a fully-paid scholarship to pursue a Masters degree in Space Studies at the prestigious International Space University in Strasbourg, France.

Ng Jin Aun, 22, an University of Sydney advanced science scholar and graduate in the field of physics and mathematics, beat more than 40 highly-qualified applicants for the coveted scholarship.

The Space University Scholarship, offered by MEASAT Satellite Systems Sdn. Bhd. (MEASAT) with the support of Boeing Satellite Systems, covers tuition fees, accommodation, living expenses and travel costs.

In his application, Ng argued that the best recipient of the scholarship should be a physicist rather than an engineer because "a physics training teaches a person how and not what to think."

"Physicists are trained to ask the right questions and answer the tough problems," he said, while pointing out that many aspects in the satellite business are governed by the laws of physics such as the motion, electronics as well as time-dilation of satellites.

MEASAT's Vice President of Engineering and Operations, Dr Ali R. Ebadi, said the scholarship committee was impressed with Ng's application and he also came through a two-tier finalists' interview process with flying colours. "The scholarship was offered in conjunction with the December 12 launch of MEASAT-3, Malaysia's third and most powerful communication satellite. Through the scholarship, we wanted to give a chance to the most deserving Malaysian to excel in this specialised area, especially as our country progresses in the field of space technology," he said.

Ng, who is currently pursuing his honours year at the Australian National University, said he was delighted to be the recipient of the scholarship. "Malaysia is on the verge of entering the space age with MEASAT-3 and our first astronaut prepared to lift-off into space in quick succession. The scope for development is tremendous and I strongly believe that this scholarship to study at prestigious International Space University will help me contribute to our space industry," he said.

Ng was delighted at the opportunity to work with MEASAT for a period of three years following the completion of his Master's degree. "MEASAT is the sole satellite owner and operator in the country and one of the best in the region and I couldn't ask for a better place to start my career," he said.

Ng, who will commence the Master's programme in September 2008 said the scholarship was also an opportunity to interact with some of the best minds in the world as well as learn a new language during his stay in France.

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