



TOP STUDENTS GET AWARDS TO WITNESS MEASAT-3a LIFT-OFF

Kuala Lumpur, July 31, 2008 – MEASAT Satellite Systems Sdn Bhd (“MEASAT”) and Maxis Communications Bhd today presented five Malaysian top students with awards that will provide them an opportunity of a lifetime – to travel to Russia and Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, to experience the Russian space industry in action and experience the launch of the MEASAT-3a satellite.

The Award Letters were presented to the students by Malaysia Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishamuddin Hussein Onn at his Ministry. The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Malaysia, H.E. Aleksandr Alekseevich Karchara, was in attendance.

The Malaysian students were chosen for their emergence as top scorers in the 2007 Malaysian Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) Examinations, and for their strong interest in science and technology. Most had participated at state-level and national-level Science and Math Competitions and are members of school science clubs. The five students will be joined in Moscow by over 20 other students from countries such as Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia and the United Kingdom, where MEASAT operates today.

“We are excited to provide these deserving students with the opportunity to explore the Russian space industry’s advancements and witness the launch of MEASAT-3a”, said Farah Suhanah Ahmad Sarji, General Counsel at MEASAT. “This event is part of a wider Corporate Social Responsibility programme to raise the level of interest in science and technology among Malaysians, and help develop the next generation of space technology leaders for the country,” she added. The students were each provided with a High Definition video camera so they could capture their experiences during the trip to share with others on their return.

Supporting the Malaysian community, MEASAT is undertaking various activities to raise awareness and expertise in satellite communications, including hosting education tours, offering post graduate scholarships and staff development programmes. In the last two years, this has included presenting scholarships to supporting students studying an MSc in Space Studies, at the International Space University in Strasbourg, France, and MSc in Quality and Operations Management at the Chalmers University of Technology, in Goteborg, Sweden.

The launch of MEASAT-3a, the company’s fourth communication satellite, will expand capacity at the organisation’s key 91.5E orbital HotSlot. The satellite, which will provide an additional 24 transponders, to the 48 transponders already provided by MEASAT-3, has been designed to support the continued profitable growth of the company’s Direct-to-Home (“DTH”), Broadcasting and Telecommunications businesses.

About MEASAT

MEASAT is a premium supplier of satellite communication services to Asia's leading broadcasters, DTH platforms and telecom operators. With the recent commissioning of AFRICASAT-1, the MEASAT fleet is able to provide satellite capacity over 145 countries representing 80% of the world's population across Asia Pacific, Middle East, Africa, Europe and Australia. The fleet will be further enhanced in 2008 with the launch of MEASAT-3a, providing additional capacity and in-orbit redundancy at the Company's key 91.5E orbital video slot.

Leveraging facilities at the MEASAT Teleport and Broadcast Centre, and working with a select group of world-class partners, MEASAT also provides a complete range of broadcast and telecommunications services including high definition and standard definition video playout, video turnaround, collocation, uplinking and IP termination services.

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