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The first Malaysian-made satellite offers free data for R&D purposes



TECHNOLOGY | Local space technology company, Angkasa-X Innovation Sdn Bhd offers free satellite data to all government agencies, universities and companies for research and development (R&D) purposes.

The Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Angkasa-X said the data sharing offer was free to all interested parties, following the successful launch of the first locally made low earth orbit (LEO) satellite, A-SEANSAT-PG1 in June 2023 into space and successfully sending a signal back to the earth station.

"We are excited about this initiative and emphasize the great benefits that this offer brings to Malaysia.

"With this important achievement, Angkasa-X offers local organizations, both in the public and private sectors, free access to the Earth Observation (EO) and Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) application network for a period of 12 months starting July 2023," said Dr Sean Seah in a statement.

Seah said social inclusion is at the core of the company's values and now for the first time the organization can conduct R&D for future applications of the next generation of LEO satellites.

He said the offer would also enable organizations to operate more efficiently and make data-based decisions, while increasing productivity.

"We believe that by utilizing the data provided by the PG1 satellite, we can collectively contribute to Malaysia's growth and progress across various sectors," he said.

Meanwhile, the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Angkasa-X, Dr William Lim, said the offer of free EO and AIS applications was in line with the company's commitment.

He said, through the initiative, the company hopes to bridge the digital divide and benefit from the data regardless of the size or resources of each organization.

"Technology should be a game changer for all, helping drive Malaysia towards a more advanced, inclusive and prosperous future," he said.