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Shaikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah and President of the University of Sharjah, yesterday attended the eighth edition of 'A Call from Space' series.

The event was hosted by the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) in collaboration with the Sharjah Government Media Bureau, Sharjah Academy of Astronomy, Space Sciences & Technology (SAAST) and University of Sharjah.

The live interaction with UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi was held at the Academy's headquarters. It was attended by more than 800 participants, including scientists, academics, students, and Sharjah residents.

Addressing Al Neyadi, Shaikh Sultan Bin Ahmad said: "We take great pride in your presence at this station [ISS] as you represent us admirably. We hope that you, as well as those who have come before and those who will follow, serve as exemplary ambassadors not only for the UAE but for the entire Arab and Islamic world."

Al Neyadi spoke of being inspired during a visit to the planetarium at the Academy in



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■ Shaikh Sultan Bin Ahmad asks Sultan Al Neyadi a question during the 'A Call from Space' event held in Sharjah yesterday.

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his early years and acknowledged the Academy's role in encouraging young individuals to pursue space sciences.

He shared information and scientific research related to his mission and engaged in a Q&A session, answering questions on his experiments aboard the

International Space Station and his experience of life in space.

The event also showcased the Zayed's Ambition Mission through a photographic presentation. Hazza Al Mansouri joined Al Neyadi in sharing their experiences in the UAE Astronaut Programme.

Adnan Al Rais, Director of Zayed Ambition 2, presented an overview of the astronaut programme which began in 2017. He discussed the intensive training that astronauts undergo, including operational management, emergency response, and scientific training in physics, chemistry, and geology.