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THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MOON DAY AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEFUL LUNAR  
EXPLORATION AND UTULISATION

**Abstract**

The Moon Village Association (MVA), as a permanent observer, recognises the work of the United Nations and its Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) in strengthening the cooperation and coordination efforts, at the global level, in the area of sustainable exploration and utilisation of the Moon. This requires cooperative actions on the part of the global community in the interest of humankind. The Moon Village Association considers that the peaceful exploration and utilisation of the Moon is the next step for humanity in opening new perspectives related to economic, cultural, inspirational goals as well as solving global societal issues. The Moon has huge benefits to offer to humanity, but these must be shared between all countries and involve space and non-space industries. Humanity needs to work together to reach this goal with all stakeholders, including governments, industry, academia, international organisations, and the public. MVA proposed at the United Nations Committee on the Use of Outer Space the celebration of the International Moon Day on 20 July. This was approved by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2021. Because MVA has been an early advocate of the concept of the International Moon Day (IMD) celebration, MVA is taking the initiative to organize its implementation. The goals of the IMD are fully in line with the MVA mission and objectives to promote the development of lunar exploration in addressing the largest public, scientific, educational, and industrial communities. The theme of the IMD for 2022 will be “Lunar Governance”. The paper shall presents the goals of the celebration, the organization dedicated to it, embedded in the MVA and the preliminary results of the first International Moon Day on 20 July 2022.