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Slooh To Broadcast Lunar Surface in High-Definition on 45th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Moon Landing

It was the greatest accomplishment of the human race and the culmination of ten years' work by half a million people when the Apollo 11 Lunar Lander touched down on the Sea of Tranquility on July 20, 1969. Cheering echoed around the globe and after countless millennia of dreaming about it, people were setting foot on another world.

Experts soon predicted that NASA would send people to Mars by the mid-1980s. That there'd be lunar colonies before the turn of the century. These were even vividly depicted in the classic film, *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

But something else happened. The final three lunar landings -- Apollos 18, 19, and 20 -- were canceled by President Nixon. And while there was talk over the subsequent years of going back someday, plans were never adequately funded. The most recent program was finally axed by President Obama in his first term. If anyone will ever walk on the moon again, they will not likely be blasting off from the United States.

It's now 45 years later. Two-thirds of today's Americans weren't even alive when Neil Armstrong made his "One small step" announcement. Yet the sheer magic and complexity of that accomplishment marks its date as more significant than the building of the Panama Canal or the Great Wall of China. It was our finest moment.

Slooh will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing with an amazing high-definition lunar broadcast on Sunday, July 20th starting at 5:30 PM PDT / 8:30 PM EDT / 00:30 UTC (7/21) - International Times: <http://goo.gl/pUHQih>. Slooh will broadcast the event live from a special feed located in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Viewers can watch the event unfold free on Slooh.com. The image stream will be accompanied by discussions led by Slooh host, Geoff Fox, Slooh astronomer, Bob Berman, Slooh Observatory Engineer, Paul Cox, along with numerous special guests, including documentary filmmaker, Duncan Copp, and science journalist, Andrew Chaikin. Viewers can follow updates on the show by using the hashtag #SloohApollo11.

The panel will explore a wide range of topics, including not well known stories about the Apollo program and the numerous conspiracy theories about the landing.

Says Berman, "A disconcerting minority of Americans think the Moon landings were a hoax, even though this can be decisively rebutted in thirty seconds. And wild, still-largely

unknown secrets surround that first mission, including humorous mishaps that did not come to light until much later, that were personally revealed to me by Buzz Aldrin. Our panel and our viewers are going to have a lot of fun during this live program commemorating Apollo 11 while we watch the fat waning crescent Moon look amazing through telescopes located in Dubai."

On the night of July 20th, the Moon will not rise until well after midnight, local time. Happily, Slooh's feed in Dubai is located in a time zone which allows the telescopes to image the Moon in the first half of the night for the United States and Canada.

45th Anniversary Apollo 11 Landing Broadcast Details:

Start time: July 20th at 5:30 PM PDT / 8:30 PM EDT / 00:30 UTC (7/21)

Link: www.slooh.com

Hashtag: #sloohapollo11

Embed - please link back to slooh.com:

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About Slooh

Slooh makes astronomy incredibly easy, engaging and affordable for anyone with a desire to see outer space for themselves. Since 2003 Slooh has connected telescopes to the Internet for access by the broader public. Slooh's automated observatories develop celestial images in real-time for broadcast to the Internet. Slooh's technology is protected by Patent No.: US 7,194,146 B2 which was awarded in 2006. Slooh members have taken over 2.5m photos/140,000 FITS of over 40,000 celestial objects, and participated in numerous discoveries with leading astronomical institutions. Slooh's flagship observatories are situated on Mt. Teide, in partnership with the Institute of Astrophysics of the Canary Islands (IAC), and in Chile, in partnership with the Catholic University. Slooh has also broadcast live celestial events from partner observatories in Arizona, Japan, Hawaii, Cypress, Dubai, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Norway. Slooh's free live broadcasts of potentially hazardous asteroids (PHAs), comets, transits, eclipses, solar activity etc. feature narration by astronomy experts Bob Berman and Paul Cox and are syndicated to media outlets worldwide. Slooh signed a Space Act Agreement with NASA in March 2014 to "Bring the Universe to Everyone and Help Protect Earth, Too" transits, eclipses, solar activity etc. feature narration by astronomy experts Bob Berman and Paul Cox and are syndicated to media outlets worldwide. Slooh signed a Space Act Agreement with NASA in March 2014 to "Bring the Universe to Everyone and Help Protect Earth, Too."