# Progress and International Cooperation China Manned Space Program

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# **Program overview**



#### **The Three-step Strategy**

**The First Step** : launch a manned spaceship, set up primarily integrated experimental manned spacecraft engineering, and carry out space application experiments.

**The Second Step** : make technology breakthroughs in extravehicular activities (EVA) as well as space rendezvous and docking of manned spaceships and spacecrafts, launch a space lab, and provide a solution for space application of a certain scale with man-tending on a short-term basis.

**The Third Step** : establish a space station, and provide a solution for space application of larger scale with man-tending on a long-term basis.

#### The 1st step:

- manned spaceships
- basic space technologies in Earth-orbit crew transportation.



#### The 2nd step:

- Space Labs
- Technologies in EVA, R&D, and accommodation of short-term mantended utilization on a modest scale



#### The 3rd step

- China Space Station
- Long-term man-tended utilization on a large scale



## Program overview / Overview of the first step



From 1992 to 2005, four unmanned flight missions and two manned space missions Breakthrough in the earth-to-orbit manned transportation system Successfully completed the first step of CMSP.



#### Manned spaceflight missions



Shenzhou-5, 2003 1<sup>st</sup> manned spaceflight



Shenzhou-6, 2005 multiple-crew, multiple-day

### **Program overview** / Overview of the second step



From 2005 to 2007, China' s first EVA, Rendezvous & Docking

Material supply, propellant refueling, a series of space science experiments and technology demonstrations with man-tending on medium and long-term basis

TG-1 and TG-2 missions successfully accomplished all assignments, bringing off a completeness of the second step of CMSP.





#### / Introduction of CSS construction

Establishing a space station, and providing a solution for space application of larger scale with man-tending on a long-term basis, is the goal of the third step which was inaugurated.

#### Maiden Flight of Long March 5B



Marked the beginning of the 3rd step of China Manned Space Program



The core module

# Image: Windowski stransportation 4 times Image: Windowski stransportation 4 times

Includes 11 fights will be completed around 2022

#### **Assembly of CSS**



/ Introduction of CSS construction

- lifespan over 10 years
- 1 core module and 2 experiment modules
- > 90 tons
- T-shape configuration
- Supporting the docking of manned and cargo spaceships and other visiting spacecrafts.





- 3 crews, temporarily 6 during crew rotation,
- support large scale space science experiments with man-tending on a long-term basis.

- XunTian optical telescope
- Be launched separately
- Common orbit flight with CSS
- Supporting research in space astronomy and related fields.

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/ Introduction of CSS construction



#### More complicated and technically challenging

A large number of core technologies: long-term manned flight in-orbit assembly and construction material supply in bulk space robotic manipulator and extravehicular operation research an development of large module new generation launch vehicle



#### / Mission of Tianhe Core module



April 29th 11:23 a.m. (Beijing Time), by Long March-5B/Y2 launch vehicle

- ✓ Function tests on rendezvous and docking, astronaut space stationing and robotic manipulator
- ✓ In-orbit performance checks of space application equipment

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Core module was functioning and operating in good condition, well prepared for the follow-up missions



Equipped with : Robotic manipulator regenerative environmental control and life support system container-free material science rack

medical sample analysis and high microgravity science experimental system human system research rack

The successful launch marks the on-orbit construction of CSS in full swing, laying a solid foundation for subsequent key technology demonstration and smooth assembly and construction of CSS.



/ Mission of Tianzhou-2 Cargo spaceship



May 29<sup>th</sup> 20:55 (Beijing Time), hosted on Long March-7, at Wenchang Launch Center May 30<sup>th</sup> 5:01 (Beijing Time), in about 8 hours, docking to Tianhe Core Module in autonomous rapid rendezvous and docking mode

Propellant refueling and space application equipment testing was carried out according to the schedule



Carrying capacity of 6.9 tons, carrying ratio > 50% The materials uploaded includes :

- Astronauts' living materials
- China' s self-developed new generation of "Feitian" EVA suits
- Platform equipment
- Application payloads and propellants

The first application flight of the cargo transportation system composed of Tianzhou Cargo spaceship and Long March-7 launch vehicle



/ Mission of Shenzhou-XII Manned Spaceflight



June 17<sup>th</sup> 9:22 a.m. (Beijing Time), by Long March-2F Y12 carrier rocket, from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center 3 crew astronauts: ending Nie Haisheng, Liu Boming and Tang Hongbo About 6.5 hours later, the spaceship successfully completed autonomous rapid rendezvous and docking to Tianhe Core Module, forming a complex with the orbiting Tianzhou-2 Cargo spaceship



The crew of Shenzhou XII spaceship,would stay in-orbit for 3 months Conduct: Daily management of the complex EVA and operations Space science experiments and technical demonstrations Crew health care. On July 4<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>, two EVA were conducted, successfully completed various extravehicular tasks as scheduled. **The first manned flight in CSS phase, CSS welcomed the first crew of space** 

visitors.

## International Cooperation / Overall International Cooperation



#### **Principles:**

Peaceful use of outer space Equality and mutual benefit Joint development



#### **Cooperation** areas:

- Collaborative development of devices, components, subsystems, modules
- Space science experiments onboard Station
- Astronaut selection / training / flight
- Application of human space technology



## International Cooperation / Overview of cooperation with UNOOSA

#### List of selected space science experiment projects for the 1st cycle concerning UN/China cooperation on the utilization of China Space Station 联合国\中国围绕中国空间站应用开展空间利学实验 第一批入选项目清单

| No.<br>序号 | Project Title<br>项目名称   | Name of Organization<br>申请单位  | Country of Organization<br>申请国家   | Research Area<br>研究领域                                       |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| 1         | POLAR-2: Gamma-ray burst<br>polarimetry on the CSS<br>POLAR-2: 中国空间站上的<br>伽玛暴偏振採测仪  | <ol> <li>University of Geneva</li> <li>National Centre for Nuclear Research (NCBJ)</li> <li>Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics</li> <li>Institute of High Energy Physics, Chinese Academy<br/>of Sciences</li> <li>Eng 瓦大学(瑞士)</li> <li>Eng 家核研究中心(波兰)</li> <li>麦克斯普朗克外层空间物理研究所(德国)</li> <li>中国科学院高能物理研究所(中国)</li> </ol> | 1. Switzerland 瑞士<br>2. Poland 波兰<br>3. Germany 德国<br>4. China 中国       | Astronomy in Space<br>空间天文学                                 |
| 2         | Spectroscopic investigation<br>of nebular gas<br>星云气体的光谱研究  | <ol> <li>Indian Institute of Astrophysics</li> <li>Institute of Astronomy of the Russian Academy of<br/>Sciences (INASAN)</li> <li>印度天体物理研究所(印度)</li> <li>2.(故罗斯科学院天文研究所(俄罗斯)</li> </ol>  | 1. India 印度<br>2. Russia 俄罗斯  | Astronomy in Space<br>空间天文学                                 |
| 3         | Behavior of partially<br>miscible fluids in<br>microgravity<br>部分混相流体在微重力下<br>的行为研究   | <ol> <li>Indian Institute of Technology (BHU)</li> <li>University of Brussels</li> <li>印度理工学院(印度)</li> <li>比利时布鲁塞尔自由大学(比利时)</li> </ol>  | 1. India 印度<br>2. Belgium 比利时   | Microgravity Fluid<br>Physics and Combustion<br>微重力流体物理与燃烧  |
| 4         | BARIDI SANA - High<br>performance Micro 2-Phase<br>cooling system for space<br>applications<br>高性能微两相冷却系统的<br>空间应用  | <ol> <li>Sapienza University of Rome</li> <li>Machakos University</li> <li>In Quattro sr.l., Italy</li> <li>意大利罗马萨皮恩扎大学</li> <li>2.育友和I no Quattro s.r.l.公司</li> </ol>  | 1. Italy 意大利<br>2. Kenya 肯尼亚  | Microgravity Fluid<br>Physics and Combustion<br>微重力流体物理与燃烧  |
| 5         | Mid infrared platform for<br>Earth observations<br>中红外地面观测平台  | <ol> <li>National Institute of Astrophysics Optics and<br/>Electronics (INAOE)</li> <li>Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla<br/>(BUAP)</li> <li>基面研国家天体物理光学电子研究所(墨西哥)</li> <li>2.音実布拉自治大学(墨西哥)</li> </ol>   | Mexico 墨西哥  | Earth science in space<br>地球科学                              |
| 6         | Flame instabilities affected<br>by vortices and acoustic<br>waves (FIAVAW)<br>受涡流和声波影响的火焰<br>不稳定性研究   | 1. Tsinghua University<br>2. The University of Tokyo<br>1.清华大学<br>2.东京大学  | 1. China 中国<br>2. Japan 日本  | Microgravity Fluid<br>Physics and Combustion<br>微重力流体物理与燃烧  |
| 7         | Development of<br>multi-junction GaAs solar<br>cells for space applications<br>用于空间应用的多结 GaAs<br>太阳能电池的开发   | <ol> <li>National Center for Nanotechnology and Advanced<br/>Materials</li> <li>King Abdulaziz city for Science and Technology<br/>(KACST)</li> <li>国家病米技术和先进材料中心(沙特)</li> <li>国人販利用の茶店工科学和技术塊(沙特)</li> </ol>   | Saudi Arabia 沙特   | Space Utilization<br>Technology<br>应用新技术                    |
| 8         | Tumors in space: Signatures<br>of early mutational events<br>due to space-flight conditions<br>on 3D organoid cultures<br>derived from intra-individual<br>healthy and tumor tissue<br>太空肿瘤: 未自个体内健康<br>和肿瘤组织的 3D 美器官培<br>养物由于空间条件导致的<br>早期爽爽特征研究 | <ol> <li>Norwegian University of Science and Technology</li> <li>International Space University (ISU)</li> <li>Vrije University Amsterdam</li> <li>Belgium Nuclear Research Centre</li> <li>1.將威科杖大学(穆威)</li> <li>Z.国际空词大学(法国)</li> <li>3.阿姆斯特丹自由大学(荷兰)</li> <li>4.比利时核研究中心(比利时)</li> </ol>   | 1. Norway 擦成<br>2. France 法国<br>3. The Netherlands 荷兰<br>4. Belgium 比利时 | Space Life Sciences and<br>Biotechnology<br>空间生命科学与生物校<br>术 |
| 9         | Effect of microgravity on the<br>growth and biofilm<br>production of<br>disease-causing bacteria<br>微重力对致病菌生长和生<br>物膜产生的影响  | 1. The Mars Society – Peru Chapter<br>2. The Mars Society - Spain Chapter<br>1.火星学会秘鲁分会(秘鲁)<br>2.火星学会西班牙分会(西班牙)   | 1. Peru 秘鲁<br>2. Spain 西班牙  | Space Life Sciences and<br>Biotechnology<br>空间生命科学与生物技<br>术 |

#### Since 2016, we' ve been working with UNOOSA to solicit cooperative projects from member states of UN with interest in CSS.

- After primary and final selection, PESC confirmed the final selection results.
- In June 2019, CMSA and OOSA jointly announced the result of the selected projects for the first cycle for space science experiments on CSS.

# 9 projects from 17 countries and 23 entities were selected, indicating a new stage of international cooperation of CSS.



# Progress of the first cycle of cooperation projects



#### Effect of Microgravity on the Growth and Biofilm Production of Disease-causing Bacteria

- Jointly applied by Peruvian Branch and Spanish Branch of The Mars Society
- Designed in-orbit experiment duration: 48-72 hours
- The review of experimental scheme and design are expected to be finished in 2021
- Planned to be implemented onboard CSS in the second half of 2022





# Progress of the first cycle of cooperation projects



#### Flame Instabilities Affected by Vortices and Acoustic Waves

- Jointly applied by Chinese and Japanese scientists
- Designed to have a 13-month in-orbit experimental research
- The Chinese technical support team has been helping the scientific team for the clarification of the technical indicators, in-orbit experimental resources and research schemes
- The experimental schemes and design review will be completed recently



# **Progress of the first cycle of cooperation projects**

#### POLAR-2. Polarization detection of gamma-ray bursts in CSS

- Onboard Tiangong-2 space lab, Chinese and European scientists cooperated on the polarization detection of γ-ray burst and completed high-precision polarization detection of the instantaneous radiation.
- "POLAR-2", is γ-ray burst polarization detection onboard CSS
- Jointly applied by Scientists form Switzerland, China, Germany and Poland
- γ-ray burst related to gravitational waves is likely to be detected within the 2-year in-orbit experimental research
- Relevant interface information and upload scheme was defined
- The program scheme design, key technology research and review on scheme and design are expected to be completed this year.



## Conclusion

CMSA are working closely with OOSA for further expansion of our cooperation.

- space science and application
- joint flight of Chinese and foreign astronauts
- transformation of technological achievements

We expect to make CSS a great platform for international cooperation, and involve more countries and regions committed to the peaceful use of outer space to be part of the manned space cause.

