



Tianhe Space Station Module

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- China successfully launched 22-metric ton Tianhe space station module by Long March-5B heavy-lift rocket from the Wechang spaceport. **It's the beginning of an intense period of missions for constructing the nation's own space station.**
- **Tianhe or "harmony of the heavens" is now expected to raise its orbit to 370 kilometers above the Earth.** This mission will be the first three of 11 launches scheduled for 2021 and 2022. Tianhe will provide regenerative life support and the main living quarters for astronauts.
- **Chinese Space Station (CSS) is expected to operate in orbit for at least ten years.** Experiment modules named Wentian and Mengtian, expected to launch in 2022. It will host a plethora of experiments in areas including astronomy, space medicine, space life science, biotechnology and other space technologies.
- **The construction phase of China's Space Station begins nearly 30 years after the project was first approved, back in 1992.**

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