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### ***Tiangong launch anniversary (2021)***

**Space agency/country:** CNSA  
**Mission:** *Tiangong Space Station*

*Tiangong* ('Heavenly Palace') is a Chinese space station, launched in 2022, that orbits the Earth at an altitude of 340–450 kilometers. The project is overseen by the Chinese Manned Space Agency (CMSA), which launched three space stations between 2021 and 2022: *Tianhe*, *Wentian* and *Mengtian*. The height of the three modules is almost the same as that of the International Space Station, in which China is not a partner. Each module can host three taikonauts at the same time. Taikonauts usually spend about six months on the space station to conduct studies and research. China hopes to expand the project in the future, adding new modules and a *Hubble Space Telescope*-class optical space telescope.

#### **For more information:**

<https://www.space.com/tiangong-space-station>

<https://www.planetary.org/space-missions/chinese-space-station>