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NSS Congratulates China on Its First Human Space Mission

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Space Society (NSS) today congratulated the People’s Republic of China on the successful launch of it’s first human space mission, Shenzhou 5.

“Space pioneers deserve the respect and admiration of Earth’s citizens, and on this special day we honor taikonaut Yang Liwei for his bravery and heroism. We also recognize China for its contributions to the advancement of space exploration,” said NSS Executive Director Brian Chase. “We hope that China’s vision will inspire the United States and other nations to reinvigorate their space programs with similar goals for exploration and development of near-Earth space, the Moon, Mars, asteroids, and beyond.”

China has announced plans to orbit satellites around the Moon, to land a human on the Moon, as well as to construct a permanent lunar facility. Upon the safe return of its taikonaut, China will join the United States and Russia as the only three nations capable of placing humans into Earth orbit.