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Tianwen-2 Launch

Space agency/country: China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation

Mission: *Tianwen-2*

On 29 May 2025, China successfully launched its *Tianwen-2* mission aboard a Long March 3B/E rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center (Sichuan, China). *Tianwen-2*, part of China's planetary exploration programme, will be the first Chinese sample-return mission to a near-Earth asteroid, aiming to collect material from the asteroid 2016 HO3 and return it to Earth. It will also perform a flyby of a main-belt comet, marking another milestone in China's deep-space exploration efforts.

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