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Anniversary of Mars landing (2021)

Space agency/country: CNSA
Mission: *Tianwen 1* and *Zhurong* Rover

On 23 July 2020, China launched a *Long March 5* rocket into orbit from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launchpad in the country's southern island province of Hainan. Both the lander and rover were designed and built by the Chinese National Space Agency and named after a long poem written by one of the most famous poets in Chinese literature, Qu Yuan. The poem starts with questions regarding the creation of the universe. The mission's main goal is to conduct research on the *Utopia Planitia* area, searching for water or ice, which might support the presence of life on the Red Planet.

For more information:

<https://www.techeblog.com/china-zhurong-rover-video-audio-mars-tianwen1/>

<https://businessner.com/chinas-ambitious-tianwen-1-probe-successfully-begins-mars-mission/>