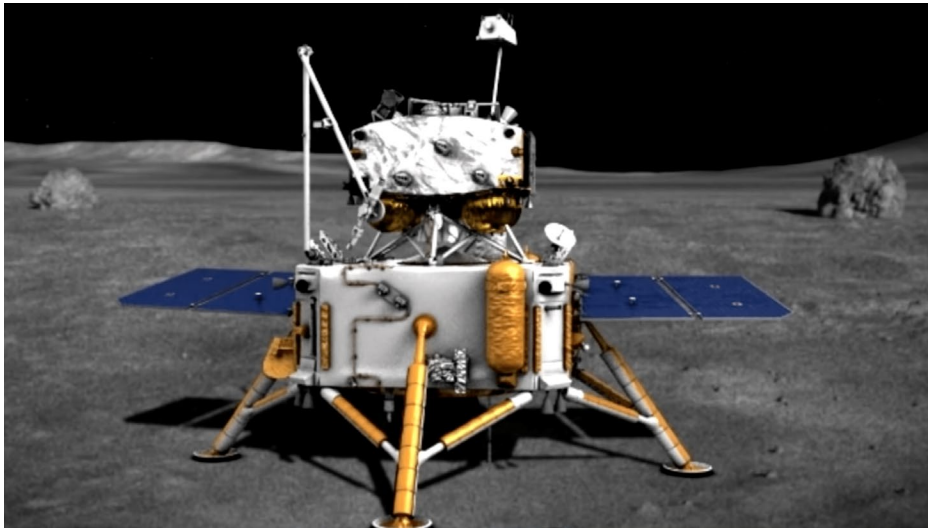


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Chang'e 5 lunar landing anniversary (2020)

Space agency/country: CNSA
Mission: *Chang'e 5*

The *Chang'e 5* spacecraft was launched on 24 November 2020 from the Wenchang Space Launch Center on Hainan Island, China. It landed one week later in the Mons Rumker region of the Moon's *Oceanus Procellarum*. The mission's main objective was to collect a lunar soil ('regolith') sample and return part of the capsule to Earth. The probe's structure was different from those of the *Chang'e 3* and *Chang'e 4* landers, so that it could handle cold temperatures of around -190 °C. Unfortunately, after the spacecraft successfully launched the return capsule from the lunar surface, contact with the probe was lost.

For more information:

<https://www.space.com/china-chang-e-5-moon-lander-is-no-more>
<https://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/nmc/spacecraft/display.action?id=2020-087A>