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LUNAR SPACE STATION PLAN AGREED



The moon above Moscow last year

RUSSIA and China have _____ plans to launch a joint lunar space station.

Russian space agency _____ and the China National Space Administration (____) plan to develop a research facility on the moon or in its orbit.

Russia was a space _____ in the last century, sending the first satellite into orbit and the first man and woman into space. The country also continues to play a big part in the

_____ of the International Space Station, which has been in orbit above Earth for 20 years.

This year, Russia plans to launch its first _____ lander since 1976. Luna 25 is _____ to lift off on 1 October. China, which has recently become a major player in space exploration, launched the _____ probe last year. It is currently orbiting Mars.

The announcement is seen as a sign of Russia moving further away from NASA, the American space agency, after 25 years of close co-ordination. Russia recently declined to join NASA's Artemis project, which aims to land the first woman on the moon by 2024.

The CNSA has said the new space station is "open to all interested countries".

- Roscosmos
- superpower
- operation
- announced
- scheduled
- lunar
- Tianwen-1
- CNSA

- A Russian space agency (noun)
- To have made a public statement about something (past participle)
- Having assigned a fixed time to something; relating to a plan or timetable (verb)
- The functioning of something, in this case the ISS (noun)
- A leading and influential nation (noun)
- Stands for China National Space Administration (noun)
- The name of a Chinese mission to send a robotic spacecraft to Mars (noun)
- Relating to the moon (adjective)