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## Shenzhou XVI crew members given honors

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Shenzhou XVI crew members Major General Jing Haipeng, Colonel Zhu Yangzhu and Professor Gui Haichao have received awards from the Communist Party of China Central Committee, the State Council and the Central Military Commission, China Central Television reported on Thursday.

Jing was honored with a special-class aerospace achievement medal. Zhu and Gui received third-class aerospace achievement medals and the honorary title of "Heroic Astronaut."

The three crew members spent five months in China's Tiangong

space station from May last year in the nation's 11th manned spaceflight and the fifth crewed mission to the space station.

Jing and spaceflight engineer Zhu are members of the People's Liberation Army Astronaut Division, while Gui, who served as the mission's payload specialist, is a doctoral supervisor at Beijing-based Beihang University's Department of Spacecraft and Launch Vehicle Technology.

The Shenzhou XVI mission was Jing's fourth journey into space, making him China's most experienced astronaut.

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# VISUAL



**Editor's note:** This year, the People's Republic of China will celebrate its 75th anniversary, marking a crucial year for achieving the goals and tasks outlined in the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25). China Daily is publishing a visual series focusing on the high-quality development of various fields, capturing the process of Chinese-style modernization through photo lenses. This week, we are highlighting the silent contributors behind China's manned space exploration endeavors.



At satellite launch center in desert, unsung heroes help China shoot for stars

## 'AEROSPACE CITY' SPURS SUCCESS

By CHINA DAILY

In the heart of the Gobi Desert, nestled at the boundary between Jiuyan city in the northwestern province of Gansu and the Ejine Banner in the Inner Mongolia autonomous region, lies the Jiuyan Satellite Launch Center, also known as the "Dongfeng Aerospace City". It is the only launch center for the country's manned space program, where the dreams of Chinese manned space exploration became reality. The story of China's manned space program is one of countless unsung heroes. Generation after generation of space pro-

fessionals have tirelessly dedicated themselves to the cause, paving the way for astronauts to venture into space. From the maiden voyage of the Shenzhou I spacecraft in 1999 to the upcoming launch of the manned Shenzhou XVIII spacecraft, these professionals have contributed their skills in many fields. They have ventured into the vast expanse of the desert, chasing the dream of space exploration.



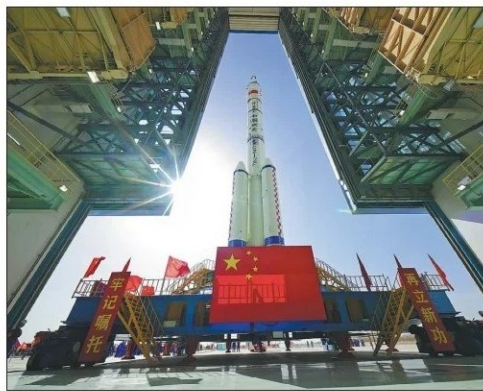
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The return capsule of the Shenzhou XV manned spaceship is loaded on a truck to leave the desert on June 5.  
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Technicians double check measurements and control equipment on May 27, 2022, before the Shenzhou XIV mission. MA AQLIN / FOR CHINA DAILY

**Right:** The Shenzhou XVIII manned spacecraft atop a Long March 2F carrier rocket is transported to the launchpad on Wednesday. WANG HENG / FOR CHINA DAILY



Technician Wang Ming adjusts a device at the Jiuyan Satellite Launch Center on May 22 before the launch of the Shenzhou XVI mission. HUANG TAO / FOR CHINA DAILY



Operators test an ignition system on May 26. LI MINGTANG / FOR CHINA DAILY



Technicians check a rail used to move rockets on Aug 22, 2020. CAO YAHAO / FOR CHINA DAILY



A search and rescue team member works at the landing site after the return capsule of the Shenzhou XV manned spaceship successfully lands on June 4. SUN HAIYING / FOR CHINA DAILY



A vehicle of the search team for the Shenzhou XVI mission drives across the Gobi Desert on Oct 31. WANG HENG / FOR CHINA DAILY