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Preparing for space mission



A Long March 2F rocket carrying the Shenzhou XVIII spaceship is transported to the launching area at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center on Wednesday. The China Manned Space Agency said on Wednesday that pre-launch function checks and joint tests will be carried out as planned. The rocket will be launched at an appropriate time in the near future, the agency said. WANG HENG / FOR CHINA DAILY