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A visitor takes pictures of the Shenzhou XIII return capsule during a media preview of *China Manned Space Exhibition* at Hong Kong Science Museum on Thursday. The two-part exhibition opens to the public today, with the one at the science museum featuring space-mission artifacts and the other at Hong Kong Museum of History focusing on the mission's history. CALVIN NG / CHINA DAILY

Exhibition reviews nation's space journey

Hong Kong to continue support missions with its strengths in research and talent

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National astronauts and aerospace experts, on a four-day visit to Hong Kong, on Thursday inaugurated an exhibition that highlights the country's 30 years of space exploration.

The exhibition, which starts today and runs through Feb 18, is open to Hong Kong residents free of charge. It has two parts — one displaying space-mission artifacts at Hong Kong Science Museum, and the other space-mission history at Hong Kong Museum of History. Both venues are in Tsim Sha Tsui East.

The exhibition features more than 25 groups of exhibits, including various models of carrier rockets, China's Tiangong space station, and future manned lunar spacecraft, including the next-generation manned spacecraft and lunar lander.

Visitors will have the opportunity to closely observe spacesuits, the Shenzhou XIII return capsule, a space cold atom microwave clock, and environmental control and life support equipment. Additionally, newly captured video footage of the in-orbit firing and return of Shenzhou XVI mission will also be broadcast at the venues.

During the opening ceremony, Lin Xiqiang, leader of the China Manned Space Delegation and deputy director-general of the China Manned Space Agency, expressed his hopes for increased involvement and support from Hong Kong residents in the new Journey of China's manned space program.

"The Chinese will explore farther into space," Lin said. He noted that the country has completed 12 space station construction missions under the central government's

strong leadership, and acknowledged the strong support from the Chinese people, including Hong Kong compatriots.

Eric Chan Kwok-ki, Hong Kong's chief secretary for administration, said that engineering artifacts and large-scale models presented at Hong Kong Science Museum showcase China's achievements in human spaceflight engineering and provide an outlook on future developments.

The history-focused session also demonstrated the cultural significance and benefits of manned space exploration.

Chan said he hopes that this comprehensive and systematic exhibition will inspire the interests of more young people in spaceflight technology and encourage them to pursue their dreams of space exploration.

Chan added that about 350 Hong Kong secondary school students have participated in the annual Young Astronaut Training Camp, which offers opportunities to visit aerospace facilities on the Chinese mainland, including in Beijing. The event is co-organized by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

Abbie Lee Lok-yi, a 17-year-old student and a member of the Young Astronaut Training Camp 2023, attended the opening ceremony of the exhibition. She described the experience of meeting the astronauts in person as a "precious chance" that made her realize that the dream of space exploration — once seemingly out of reach — was possible. Lee said she aspires to contribute to the nation's space industry in the future.

Vincent Zeng Jun-cheng, 14, who also participated in the camp this year, recalled his unforgettable

journey visiting space bases in Beijing and Qinghai, meeting researchers, and learning about different experiments conducted in space. Zeng hopes that he can be a member of an aerospace research center one day.

Members of the delegation, who arrived in the city on Tuesday, continued their exchanges with the city's young people and specialists from various sectors on Thursday.

During the luncheon held for the delegation and representatives of innovation, technology and academic fields, Hong Kong Secretary for Innovation, Technology, and Industry Sun Dong expressed pride in the nation's advancements in aerospace technologies.

He emphasized Hong Kong's commitment to leveraging its strengths in basic scientific research and providing robust support to local universities in fostering education and research in aerospace science and technology.

The city is dedicated to nurturing more talents in the field of science and technology, injecting a new impetus into the development of the country's aerospace endeavors, Sun said.

Sun also said that local government has been cooperating with the country's recruitment of payload experts and the development of a manned lunar rover. He believes that Hong Kong specialists' opportunity to participate in the selection process reflects the nation's affirmation of Hong Kong's science and technology prowess.

After the luncheon, members of the delegation, including Shenzhou XIII astronaut Wang Yaping and Shenzhou XV astronaut Zhang Lu, visited local universities and engaged in discussions with hundreds of students.

The delegation will wrap up its trip to Hong Kong today and then proceed to Macao for a two-day visit.

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