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CHINA'S SPACE PROGRAMME - BORN OUT OF NATIONAL NEEDS POISED TO SUPPORT  
GLOBAL PROGRESS

**Abstract**

The 21st century is believed to become the Asian century. In the last few years China has introduced several economic and political initiatives which promote its rise as a global power. Embedded in its development and rise is the national space programme. Western observers tend to look at China's space programme as being small, slow, technologically less advanced and not significant enough. Is that correctly reflected or what is it then? Is China's space programme able to support not only national advancement in science and technology but also support global societal progress? Which role does the New Silk Road project (One Belt - One Road) play in this process? How is space technology supporting the concept of a "community of shared future for mankind" and drive global solutions for society? The authors, through consulting open source information and performing in-depth analyses, look to find qualified answers to these questions.