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## [Space] China's Phase-4 lunar probe mission approved by state, expected to build basic structure for Intl Lunar Research Station



According to the China National Space Administration (CNSA), China's Phase-4 lunar probe mission, consisting of the Chang'e-6, -7, and -8 to be carried out successively in 10 years, has obtained state approval and is proceeding smoothly. The mission is hoping to explore the Moon's South Pole region and build a basic structure of the International Lunar Research Station (link <a href="here">here</a>).

According to the CNSA, the exploration of the South Pole will be completed by Chang'e-6 and -7, while Chang'e-8 will deploy some key technologies for lunar surface tests and preliminary exploration for the construction of the lunar research base.

There will be rovers, landers and leapers working in a coordinated way as part of the future ILRS and lunar-based communication network, such as Wi-Fi, to support the long-term mission.

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