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Chinese Greetings from Space

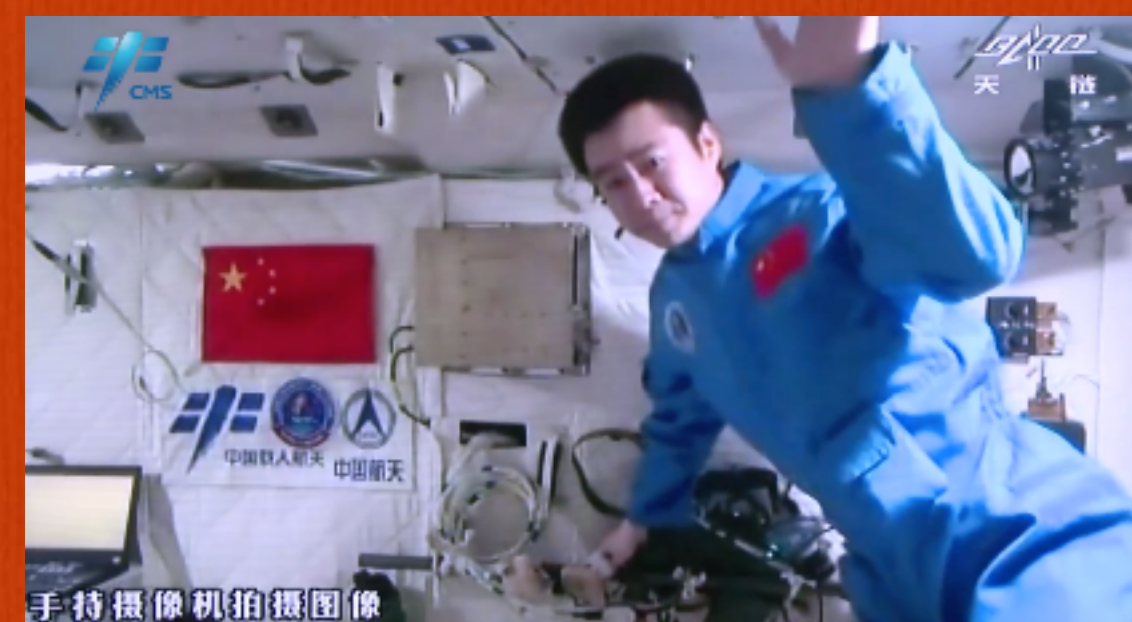
[ESA, European Space Agency, YouTube Video, Published on Nov 19, 2016]

Astronauts on Chinese space station Tiangong-2 greet ESA and Thomas Pesquet. This video was recorded inside the Chinese space station Tiangong-2 by astronauts Jing Haipeng and Chen Dong. The duo landed safely on Earth on 18 November after spending a month orbiting Earth. A few hours before their descent, ESA astronaut Thomas Pesquet was launched aboard a Soyuz spacecraft to the International Space Station.

ESA's Director of Human Spaceflight, David Parker, noted, "Human spaceflight provides many opportunities to increase international cooperation, and the interaction between the Astronaut Centre of China and the European Astronaut Centre is already creating positive experiences on which to build for the future."

A cheesecake created by French chef Alain Ducasse for Thomas Pesquet's six-month mission on the International Space Station was sent to the Chinese astronauts.

Chinese astronaut Ye Guangfu, who trained with the astronauts in this video, took part in ESA's underground course this summer.



Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXA2jhTPiC4>

Link for the NASA image: <https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/expedition-50-51-crew-members-raise-flags>

Caption for the NASA image: jsc2016e180628 (Nov. 3, 2016) --- Under leaden skies outside their Cosmonaut Hotel crew quarters in Baikonur, Kazakhstan, the Expedition 50 prime and backup crew members raise the flags of Russia, the U.S., France and Kazakhstan Nov. 3 during their traditional ceremony. Peggy Whitson of NASA, Oleg Novitskiy of the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) and Thomas Pesquet of the European Space Agency will launch Nov. 18, Baikonur time, on the Soyuz MS-03 spacecraft for a six-month mission on the International Space Station. Credit: NASA/Alexander Vysotsky

Who will continue the Chinese sister section tradition of AIAA Houston Section by being our next contact person in Houston?

Below: Since 1987, AIAA Houston Section and the SAS of the CSA are sister sections. Houston contact persons included James C. McLane, Jr., Chris Taylor, and Marlo Graves (now in Seattle with The Boeing Company).



Above: Route of the 1992 AIAA Houston Section technical delegation. The first of our two trips was 1988. Our Chinese sister section visited us in Houston Texas USA in 1990.