

Chinese Astronauts Return To Earth Aboard Shenzhou 11 Capsule.

[AIAA Daily Launch] [Reuters \(11/18\)](#) reported that China's Shenzhou 11 capsule "landed safely in the northern region of Inner Mongolia" around 2:00 pm on Friday, returning astronauts Jing Haipeng and Chen Dong safely to Earth after 30 days aboard China's Tiangong 2 space laboratory. The Tiangong 2 is being used to carry out experiments in preparation for a permanent manned space station, planned for 2022, and is scheduled to dock with the country's first cargo spacecraft, the Tianzhou, in April 2017.

[Here is a [link](#) to the Shenzou 11 Wikipedia article.]

[November 21, 2016: Who will be the next Chinese sister section contact person for AIAA Houston Section? Volunteers: Please email the AIAA Houston Section International Activities Committee (IAC) Chair at iac2016@aiaahouston.org.]

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).

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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.