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**The great call issued by Chairman Mao "WE TOO SHOULD PRODUCE
MAN-MADE SATELLITES" has come true!**

CHINA SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES ITS FIRST MAN-MADE EARTH SATELLITE

The satellite weighs 173 kilogrammes. It broadcasts the music of "Dongfanghong" (The East Is Red) at a frequency of 20.009 megacycles.

The successful launching of China's first man-made earth satellite is a result achieved by the Chinese people under the leadership of the great leader Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee with Chairman Mao as its leader and Vice-Chairman Lin as its deputy leader, by holding high the banner of unity and victory of the Ninth Party Congress, adhering to the principle of maintaining independence and keeping the initiative in our own hands and relying on our own efforts, faithfully carrying out the general line of going all out, aiming high and achieving greater, faster, better and more economical results in building socialism, and by grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war with concrete action.

THIS MARKS A GOOD BEGINNING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA'S SPACE TECHNOLOGY. IT IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT, A GREAT VICTORY FOR CHAIRMAN MAO'S PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARY LINE AND ANOTHER FRUITFUL RESULT OF THE GREAT PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China extends warm congratulations to the workers, the commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army, the revolutionary cadres, the scientists, engineers and technicians and the people's militia who have been engaged in the research, manufacture and launching of the satellite and other people concerned.

Press Communique

Our great leader Chairman Mao has stated: **We too should produce man-made satellites.** In the midst of the triumphant march of the people throughout the country to hail the great 1970s, we are happy to announce that this great call issued by Chairman Mao has come true! China successfully launched its first man-made earth satellite on April 24, 1970.

The satellite makes one complete revolution round the earth in 114 minutes along a trajectory the perigee of which is 439 kilometres and the apogee 2,384 kilometres; the angle of its orbit to the equator plane is 68.5 degrees. The satellite weighs 173 kilogrammes. It broadcasts the music of *Dongfanghong (The East Is Red)* at a frequency of 20.009 megacycles.

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The successful launching of the satellite marks a good beginning in the development of China's space technology. It is a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought, a great victory for Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and another fruitful result of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China extends warm congratulations to the workers, the commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army, the revolutionary cadres, the scientists, engineers and technicians and the people's militia who have been engaged in the research, manufacture and launching of the satellite and other people concerned. The Party Central Committee hopes that the comrades will hold still higher the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, give prominence to proletarian politics, study and apply Chairman Mao's works in a living way, continuously raise their consciousness of class struggle and the struggle between the two lines, be modest and prudent, guard against arrogance and rashness, continue to exert themselves vigorously and strive to further develop China's science and technology, accelerate the socialist construction and make still greater contributions to mankind!

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