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IAA Attributes the 2023 Laurels for Team Achievement Award to

Chang'e-5 Mission Team

The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) has attributed the Laurels for Team Achievement Award for 2023 to the Chang'e-5 mission team.

The citation reads as follow:

The 2023 Laurels for Team Achievements are given to the Chang'e-5 Team. During the 23-day mission, the Chang'e-5 team successfully completed a complex mission including rocket launching, lunar-earth transfer, lunar sampling, lunar surface takeoff, rendezvous and docking sample transfer, skip re-entry and other processes, and obtained two types of lunar samples of lunar surface sampling and drilling sampling, making outstanding contributions to human lunar and deep space exploration. Through the Chang'e-5 mission, we discovered a new lunar mineral Chang'e-stone, revealed the existence of magmatic activity on the Moon up to 2 billion years, and found a high content of solar wind-caused water.

The Laurels for Team Achievement are presented to:

Hu Hao, Yang Mengfei, Sun Weigang, Li Haitao,
Li Chunlai, Pei Zhaoyu, Zhang Wu, Shang Zhi,
Li Gefei, Zhong Wen An, Li Dong, Peng Jing,
Yang Yong An, Wang Yong, Wang Jue, Zhang Gao,
Liu Bing, Su Yan, Ren Junjie, Hong Xin.