Definition of ILRS

The International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) means a set of complex research facilities to be constructed with the possible involvement of international partners on the surface and/or in the orbit of the Moon. It is designed for multi-purpose scientific research activities, including exploration and use of the Moon, moon-based observation, fundamental research experiments and technology verification, with the capability of long-term unmanned operation with the prospect of subsequent human presence.
March 9, 2021
China and Russia signed MoU Regarding Cooperation for the Construction of the International Lunar Research Stations

April 23, 2021
 Issued the "Joint Statement of the China National Space Administration and the State Space Corporationv “Roscosmos” Regarding Cooperation for the Construction of the International Lunar Research Stations" at the side event of STSC 2021

June 16, 2021
Jointly released the "Roadmap of ILRS (V1.0)" and "Guide for Partnership of ILRS (V1.0))" at the GLEX 2021
Scientific Objectives

• Lunar topography, geomorphology and geological structure
• Lunar physics and internal structure
• Lunar chemistry (materials and geochronology)
• Cislunar space environment
• Lunar-based astronomical observation
• Lunar-based Earth observation
• Lunar-based biological and medical experiments
• Lunar resources in-situ utilization
ILRS Development Phases and Mission Profile

The construction of ILRS is carried out in three phases: Reconnaissance, Construction, Utilization.

2021 - Reconnaissance

Objectives:
- Lunar reconnaissance with the missions, already planned.
- ILRS design and selection of ILRS site (sites).
- Technology verification for secure high-precision soft landing.

Missions planned:
- Chinese CZ-4, CZ-6, CS-7
- Russian LUNA-25, LUNA-26, LUNA-27
- Potential missions of other partners.

2025 - Construction

Objectives:
- Technology verification for the command center of ILRS.
- Lunar sample return.
- Mission-proof delivery and secure high-precision soft landing.
- Emergency operations.

Missions planned:
- Chinese CZ-4L
- Russian LUNA-23
- Potential missions of other partners.

2035 - Utilization

Objectives:
- Comprehensive establishment of ILRS to complete the in-orbit and surface facilities for energy, communication, transportation services as well as research, exploration, and verification of in-situ utilization of resources, other potential common technologies.

Missions planned:
- ILRS-1, ILRS-2, ILRS-3, ILRS-4, ILRS-5, etc.

Objectives:
- Lunar research and exploration, technology verification, supporting human lunar landing with the completed ILRS. Expanding and maintaining modules as needed.
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Facilities Description

On a top level ILRS consists of Cislunar Transportation Facility, Long-term Support Facility on Lunar Surface, Lunar Transportation and Operation Facility, Scientific Facility, Ground Support and Application Facility, etc.

- **Cislunar Transportation Facility** will support cislunar round-trip transfer between the Earth and the Moon, lunar orbiting, soft landing, ascending on lunar surface, and re-entry to the Earth.

- **Long-term Support Facility on Lunar Surface** will support command center, global TT&C net, energy supply, operation management, etc., and various support modules if needed.

- **Lunar Transportation and Operation Facility** will support various modules to move or hop on the lunar surface, lava tube exploration, cargo transportation and operation for the long-term support system and scientific facilities system, such as excavation and sampling.

- **Lunar Scientific Facility** will support lunar scientific exploration, technology verification, etc.

- **Ground Support and Application Facility** will support launch, operation, research, etc.
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ILRS Roadmap

Phase I (Reconnaissance) 2021-2025

- **Objectives:**
  - Lunar reconnaissance with the planned missions.
  - ILRS design and selection of ILRS site(s).
  - Technology verification for secure high-precision soft landing.

- **Missions planned:**
  - Chinese CE-4, CE-6, CE-7
  - Russian LUNA-25, LUNA-26, LUNA-27
  - Potential missions of other partners.
ILRS Roadmap

Phase II (Construction) 2026~2035

**Stage 1 (2026-2030)**
- **Objectives:**
  - Technology verification for the command center of ILRS.
  - Lunar sample return.
  - Massive-cargo delivery and secure high-precision soft landing.
  - Start of joint operations.
- **Missions planned:**
  - Chinese CE-8, Russian LUNA-28.
  - Potential missions of other partners.

**Stage 2 (2031-2035)**
- **Objectives:**
  - Comprehensive establishment of ILRS to complete the in-orbit and surface facilities for energy, communication, transportation services as well as for research, exploration, scientific experiment and verification of in-situ utilization of resources and other potential common technology.
- **Missions planned:**
  - ILRS-1, ILRS-2, ILRS-3, ILRS-4, ILRS-5, etc.
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The set of ILRS missions

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Phase III (Utilization) after 2036

- Objectives:

  Lunar scientific research, exploration and experiment, technology verification, supporting human lunar landing with the completed ILRS. Expanding and maintaining modules as needed.
Cooperation Domains

- Strategy development and coordination related to the Moon exploration and use, defining of areas of cooperation and planning including development of the road-map with regard to the exploration and use of the Moon.

- Joint substantiation of scientific and engineering objectives of ILRS, including configuration and development road-map of ILRS.

- Joint development of the legal documents regulating relations, including the involvement in cooperation of third parties, in the framework of creation of ILRS.

- Review of existing standards in the field of launch vehicle and spacecraft technology development and potential definition of future standards that may be used during the creation of ILRS.

- Coordination of conceptual and preliminary design, modeling, test and validation of ILRS and its component parts.

- Coordination of scientific and technical research, development and creation including the assembly integration testing of ILRS.

- Collaboration on launching of the component parts of ILRS, coordination of its operation, management, including ground station support and other activities.

- Scientific and technical data analysis and sharing in the framework of ILRS in accordance with the legislation of the participants for export control.
Cooperation Classification

Based on ILRS’s general architecture, functions and roadmap, international partners can choose any form of cooperation categorized with A, B, C, D, E listed as follows.

- **Category A. Space Mission Cooperation**
  Partners will systematically contribute in the development of general architecture, scientific objectives, road-map of ILRS, and participate in the construction of ILRS in mission level.
Based on ILRS’s general architecture, functions and roadmap, international partners can choose any form of cooperation categorized with A, B, C, D, E listed as follows.

- **Category B. Space System Cooperation**
  - Partners will develop in cooperation with China and/or Russia at least one or several space systems based on the ILRS general architecture and planned roadmap missions.
  - System cooperation can be divided into three sub-categories:
    - **Sub-Category B1**: Partners will develop at least one system of ILRS, such as independent energy module, rover, robot……
    - **Sub-Category B2**: Partners will participate in the missions led by CNSA, such as CE-4, CE-6, CE-7, CE-8. In this occasion, CNSA is responsible for discussing the cooperation with participants.
    - **Sub-Category B3**: Partners will participate in the missions led by ROSCOSMOS, such as LUNA-25, LUNA-26, LUNA-27 and LUNA-28. In this occasion, ROSCOSMOS is responsible for discussing the cooperation with participants.
Based on ILRS’s general architecture, functions and roadmap, international partners can choose any form of cooperation categorized with A, B, C, D, E listed as follows.

- **Category C. Subsystem Cooperation**
  - Partners will develop at least one or sets of space subsystems based on the defined space missions and space systems of ILRS. For example, **scientific payloads subsystem**, **navigation subsystem**, **communications subsystem**, … can be developed by one partner or jointly developed by more partners.
  - The responsible party of the space system is in a position to discuss the cooperation with the partners.
Based on ILRS’s general architecture, functions and roadmap, international partners can choose any form of cooperation categorized with A, B, C, D, E listed as follows.

- **Category D. Equipment Cooperation**
  - Partners will supply one or sets of equipment according to defined space missions or subsystems of ILRS, such as one or sets of scientific instruments for payload subsystem, components of navigation or communications subsystem, robot arms……
  - The responsible party of the space subsystem is in a position to discuss the cooperation with the partners.
Cooperation Classification

Based on ILRS’s general architecture, functions and roadmap, international partners can choose any form of cooperation categorized with A, B, C, D, E listed as follows.

- Category E. Ground and Application Cooperation
  Partners will cooperate on ground segment, in-orbit operation and maintenance, construction of the joint data center, data analysis and applications.
The inter-agency JWG of ILRS was established. Currently, The JWG consists of space agencies from China and Russia, under which the subgroups for legal affairs, science and engineering are operative as per their each functions.

Based on the mechanism, the future organization is as shown.
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