**Space Odyssey: China' s aspiration in future space exploration**

In near future, in outer space, Chinese scientists and their international colleagues, perhaps in the company of robots, will seek knowledge in laboratories on China's future space station.

Aboard the space station, deep in space, researchers will probe the profound mysteries of the universe. Explorers will penetrate the darkness beyond both Moon and Mars.

By the year of 2020, China's space station should be complete. It will be a multi-cabin with a large capacity and high power. The first step to the stars is new technology, principally in supply lines. A cargo ship is planned to ferry cargo back and forth to the station.

A new space shuttle bus that can carry spacecraft will play an important role in future moon and Mars exploration as well as orbital transfer and space debris clearing.

China plans to send a manned mission to the moon. Officials claim that the Earth is the cradle of humanity but that it will go out from there someday.