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[The second time of Russian & Chinese spacemen walk on "Mars"](#)

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Two participants in a simulated mission to Mars have begun a second "landing" on the "Martian" surface, Russia's Mission Control Center announced Friday.

Wang Yue, a Chinese volunteer participating in the physical exercise, conducted the landing with his Russian colleague Alexander Smolejevsky, said the center, situated outside of Moscow.

"Russian Alexander Smolejevsky and Chinese Wang Yue have been participating in the simulation of the second landing on the Red Planet surface. They've worked at the simulating module for about an hour," the center said.

The center said the participants had been outfitted in Russian-made space suits and operated a Mars exploration rover to collect rock samples.

Wang Yue, 27, an instructor at the China Astronaut Study and Training Center, was selected last year as one of the six crew members for the Mars-500 international experiment in Moscow, which aims to test the human physical and psychological strains on a 500-day journey to Mars.

Following 257 days of "flight" in locked capsules, two crew members, Russian physiologist Alexander Smolejevski and Italian engineer Diego Urbina, conducted a walk on a mock-up of Mars on Monday.

The two volunteers planted the flags of Russia, China, and also the European Space Agency (ESA) and took soil samples in their walk.

The spacecraft simulator was built at the Institute of Biomedical Difficulties in Moscow. The simulator comprises a landing module, an study module, a residential segment, a storage, a greenhouse, together with a separate module imitating the surface of Mars having a volume of 1,200 cubic meters.

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