As a result of over 50 years of development, China has already built state-of-the-art full-fledged spacecraft TT&C systems. TT&C means are more diversified, their capabilities are greatly uplifted, and the scope of work of TT&C systems has been expanding. TT&C systems play an indispensable role in fields including space launch missions and routine operation management of spacecraft.

With the prosperous development of China’s space endeavors, TT&C systems are facing new challenges and opportunities. They are required to support deep space missions farther into the universe. They are required to provide more complicated and higher accuracy on-orbit management of spacecraft. They are required to maintain formations and constellations of more satellites and to play a bigger role in detection and cataloguing of smaller space objects. To meet the new requirements, TT&C systems have to enhance their long-distance space information transmission capability, weak signal extraction and processing capability, high accuracy space instrumentation and navigation capability, and long delay operation and control capability. Moreover, the accuracy of TT&C systems has to be further increased to provide more reliable, secure, flexible, and efficient support to spacecraft.

Taking “wider space for TT&C” as its theme, the 27th Conference of Spacecraft TT&C Technology of China highlights more utilization of modern technologies to lift the effectiveness of spacecraft TT&C systems to meet the demands of long-term development of space activities in the backdrop of China’s growing deep space missions, maturing Beidou satellite navigation system and explosive workload on China’s spacecraft TT&C systems.

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