

Russian Space Center To Complete Third Orbital Module

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The Russian Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos) has allocated money to the Khrunichev Space Center to complete the construction of a multipurpose research module (MRM) for the International Space Station (ISS), the center's head told RIA Novosti Thursday.

Alexander Medvedev told RIA Novosti that the construction of the module was 70% complete. It is scheduled to be launched in 2007. He also said that Roskosmos head, Anatoly Pirmenov, had approved this timeframe.

Medvedev said his center would work with the Energia Rocket and Space Corporation, Russia's main rocket producer, to complete the project.

The MRM, the third Russian module of the ISS, will be put into orbit by a Russian-made Proton launch vehicle.

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