## Russia invests \$800 million for new spaceport

Russia has earmarked over \$800 million to begin constructing a new

space centre in the far east of the country for civilian space launches. The Vostochny Cosmodrome will eventually replace the Soviet-era site at Baikonur, leased to Russia by Kazakhstan VOSTOCHNY TIMELINE Sovuz rocket ARCTIC 2007: Scheme announced OCFAN 2011: Construction to begin 2015: First unmanned launch 2018: First manned launch ▶ 2020: All space programmes transferred to Vostochny Moscow Vostochny Cosmodrome **KAZAKHSTAN** JAPAN **MONGOLIA Baikonur Cosmodrome** Russia pays \$115 million per CHINA year for use of space centre

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