

China shows off new air power

China has unveiled sophisticated new aircraft at its top air show in Zhuhai, with an eye on disputed territories from Taiwan to the South China Sea and its growing rivalry with the United States



» **CH-6:** Long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) capable of reconnaissance and strike operations

Undernose electro-optical/infrared sensor turret

Turbofan engines

Weapons:
Laser-guided bombs or missiles, total weight 450kg

Wingspan: 20m
Length: 16m
Max speed: 700km/h
Max altitude: 15,000m
Endurance: 20 hours

» **WZ-7 Xianglong (Soaring Dragon):** High-altitude surveillance drone for border reconnaissance missions and maritime patrols. Comparable to U.S.-made **RQ-4 Global Hawk**

Guizhou WP-13 turbojet engine

Wingspan: 24m
Length: 14m
Max speed: 750km/h
Max altitude: 18,000m
Endurance: 10 hours
Range: 7,000km

» **J-16D:** Electronic attack version of multirole combat **J-16** fighter

Crew: 2

*Speed: Mach 2
Altitude: 17,300m
Combat radius: 1,500km

Jamming pods: Can disrupt enemy electronic equipment. Comparable to U.S.-made **EA-18G Growler**

*Specifications based on J-16