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Summary: China brought a capsule full of lunar soil from the far side of the moon down to Earth on Tuesday, achieving the latest success in an ambitious schedule to explore the moon and other parts of the solar system. The sample, retrieved by the China National Space Administration's Chang'e-6 lander after a 53-day mission, highlights China's growing capabilities in space and notches another win in a series of lunar missions that started in 2007 and have so far been executed almost without flaw. For the future, China has its eyes set on the lunar south pole, where Chang'e-7 and 8 will explore the environment and search for water and other resources. It hopes to send crewed missions to the moon by 2030. Eventually, China plans to build an international base at the south pole. NASA's Artemis campaign is also shooting for the lunar south pole. Bill Nelson, the space agency's administrator, has previously referred to the parallel programs as a race between the United States and China.

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