THE MOST ADVANCED ROVER PERSEVERANCE OF NASA HAS LANDED SUCCESUFLLY ON MARS

PDT MACRON & BRIGITTE WATCH LIVE AT CNES

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USPA NEWS - "NASA works. When we put our arms together and our hands together and our brains together, we can succeed. This is what NASA does. » said chief engineer and landing veteran Rob Manning as he celebrates NASA's Perseverance 's successful landing on Mars, today 18 February 2021. This is a historic moment.

In France, President Emmanuel Macron followed live, this Thursday, the landing of the Rover Perseverance, of NASA, on the planet Mars live from the Paris headquarters of CNES, accompanied by his wife Brigitte. The risky landing was a success, around 9.45am in France (CEST). Perseverance, the Rover vehicle, the most advanced and largest ever known by NASA, Perseverance entered the atmosphere of the Red planet, Mars, at a speed of 20,000 km / h, and protected by its heat shield which was only released after the opening of a huge supersonic parachute. The (8) Eight retrorockets then finished slowing it down before deploying by its six wheels, suspended along cables until contact with the ground.

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| MARS | | | Perse | verance, NASA | s rover sent its | 1st short and pov | verful tweet after lar | nding on |
| Mars, that sa | ays : « I´m safe o | n Mars. Persever | ance will ge | t you anywhere» | On the America | an Homeland´s si | ide, Swati Mohan, in | ı charge |
| of Control O | perations chief, e | exclaimed: "Landi | ing confirme | d! ", as she felt | proud and acco | mplished from the | e EDL War Room of | f the Jet |
| Propulsion L | aboratory, in Pa | sadena, California | a, where the | team members | , NASA, proud, | showed their joy | loudly. | |
| PERSEVER | ANCE IS THE E | VER MOST ADV | ANCED RO | VER LAUNCHE | ED BY NASA | | | |
| PERSEVER | ANCE is the 5th | American rover | , which land | ds on the soil of | f the Red Plane | t, Mars which ha | as attracted and fas | scinated |
| Earthmen si | nce the dawn of t | ime. Perseverand | ce is only the | e fifth rover to se | et foot on Martiar | n soil. Indeed, sin | ce the first, NASA la | aunch in |
| 1997, the la | st Curiosity is stil | I active on the gr | ound of Mar | rs. From now or | i, the NASA teai | ms will spend the | e next few days carr | ying out |
| numerous c | checks on the a | dvanced equipm | nent for opt | imal operation. | The next step | will consist of | the first rock sam | ples by |
| Perseverand | ce which should s | start this summer | . Then, the s | samples will be I | orought back to | Earth in sealed tu | ubes and then broug | jht back |
| to Earth, on | the occasion of a | future mission, b | by 2030, for | analysis. | | | | |

PDT MACRON AND HIS WIFE BRIGITTE TO SNES TO SEE LIVE LANDING OF PERSEVERANCE ON MARS------

Emmanuel Macron went to the Paris headquarters of the Center National d'Etudes spatiales (CNES) this evening, watching live, on Thursday evening, to witness the risky landing of NASA's Perseverance rover on Mars, partially equipped with French instruments, according to the Elysee administration. President Macron, accompanied by his wife Brigitte Macron, will also meet by videoconference with astronaut Thomas Pesquet, currently in the midst of preparations in the United States for his second flight, in April, to the International Space Station (ISS). The French head of State Emmanuel Macron outlined cohesion and teamwork to scientists on Perseverance: "It's wonderful teamwork, you can really be proud ». Indeed, this mission to Mars is the fruit of international cooperation: France has designed one of the rover's many scientific instruments, thanks to the participation of the National Center for Space Studies (CNES).

NASA's CURIOSITY ROVER REACHES ITS 3,000th DAY ON MARS------

It's been 3,000 Martian days, or sols, since Curiosity touched down on Mars on Aug. 6, 2012, and the rover keeps making new discoveries during its gradual climb up Mount Sharp, the 3-mile-tall (5-kilometer-tall) mountain it has been exploring since 2014. Geologists were intrigued to see a series of rock "benches" in the most recent panorama from the mission.

Stitched together from 122 images taken on Nov. 18, 2020, the mission's 2,946th sol, the panorama was captured by the Mast Camera, or Mastcam, which serves as the rover's main "eyes." Toward the center of the panorama is the floor of Gale Crater, the 96-mile-wide (154 kilometer-wide) bowl that Mount Sharp sits within. On the horizon is the north crater rim. To the right is the upper part of Mount Sharp, which has rock layers that were shaped by lakes and streams billions of years ago.

The curved rock terraces that define the area can form when there are harder and softer layers of rock on a slope. As the softer layers erode, the harder layers form small cliffs, leaving behind the benchlike formations. They can also form during a landslide, when huge,

But don't expect a rover this busy to stay put: Soon after capturing the new panorama, it was off for higher ground. This year, the rover has been driving across a clay-bearing region called "Glen Torridon." After making a pit stop at a location nicknamed "Mary Anning" it's continued toward the next major layer, called "the sulfate bearing unit" (Source: NASA).

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