

CHINA TESTS WORLD'S LARGEST UNMANNED DRONE

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China has successfully tested the world's largest unmanned transport drone which can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes, official media reported on Wednesday.

A large commercial drone Feihong-98 (FH-98) developed and modified by the China Academy of Aerospace Electronics Technology made a test flight at Baotou site in north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region on Tuesday, state-run *China Daily* reported.

Feihong-98 (FH-98) is now the world's largest unmanned transport aircraft, with a maximum payload of up to 1.5 tonnes, it said.

It was adapted from the prototype of the Shifei Y5B, a China-developed transport plane.

As China's first fully domestically-built transport aircraft, the Shifei Y5B has a history of over 60 years since its first flight in 1957 and has been widely used.

According to Liu Meixuan, president of the China Academy of Aerospace Electronics Technology, the FH-98 features simple take-off and landing, simple operation, advanced technology, at an affordable cost.

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