

## **Qimingxing-50 or Morning Star-50**

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Recently, China's Qimingxing-50 or Morning Star-50 has successfully completed its maiden test flight.



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- It is China's first fully solar-powered unmanned aerial vehicle.
- It has high-altitude, long-endurance (HALE) UAV that can stay airborne for long durations.
- It can fly above 20-km altitude where there is stable airflow with no clouds.
- It is referred as 'High Altitude Platform Stations' or pseudo-satellites.
- It is capable of conducting **high-altitude reconnaissance**, apart from **monitoring forest fires**, **providing communication and environment relay**.