

SUCCESSFUL LANDING

Crewmembers of China's first polar fixed-wing aircraft, *Xueying 601* (below), pose with staff members at Kunlun Station, one of the nation's scientific research bases in Antarctica, on January 8 after a landmark flight.

The plane took off from China's Zhongshan Station and covered the 1,316 km to Kunlun Station in 4 hours and 45 minutes. *Xueying 601* has become the first aircraft of its kind to land on Antarctica's highest ice feature, which lies over 4,000 meters above sea level.