

China's first home-built aircraft carrier hits the water



Launch ceremony of China's first home-built aircraft carrier 001A in Dalian, Liaoning Province, on Apr. 26, 2017. [Photo/WeChat]

China launched its second aircraft carrier Wednesday morning in northeast China's Dalian shipyard in Liaoning Province.

The new carrier, the first domestically-built one, was transferred from dry dock into the water at a launch ceremony that started at about 9 a.m. in Dalian shipyard of the China Shipbuilding Industry Corp.

It is China's second aircraft carrier, which comes after the Liaoning, a refitted former Soviet Union-made carrier that was put into commission in the Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy in 2012.