

## Investments in national space project to grow

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“IMPULSE systems, maneuver control systems and certain avionics systems mounted on propulsion management systems that we could not try in the previous launch and developed during this period will be tested,” Roketsan Chairman İkinci stressed.

In the next phase, he continued, the company’s initial goal would be the completion of work that will soon enable the company to mount a 100-kilogram (220-pound) load 400 kilometers (249 miles) above the Earth, bringing Turkey into the small league of countries that can launch their own satellites.

To achieve this, İkinci said, Roketsan has been making improvements especially in fuel technologies with both the group’s own resources and by using all the means available to the industry.

“The main purpose here is to reach the stage where we can complete such work with our own engineers, in our own ecosystem,” İkinci stressed, adding that, since Turkey was a new player in space, there would lie a challenging period ahead requiring intensive effort to close the gap.

Many basic technologies require a large number of human resources and work to be developed locally,” he added.

He said that Roketsan had been working both to meet the needs of Turkey and to become a prominent space company on an international scale. “In the following stages, very serious investments will be made to fulfill high-level goals,” he said, within the scope of a road map kicked off under the coordination of SSB and the Presidency.

İkinci further emphasized that Roketsan derived its greatest strength from its stakeholders and that their technical capacities would steadily increase.

“We give great importance to the relations we enjoy with our partners. We are trying to increase the number of companies working and producing with Roketsan,” he added.

Roketsan inaugurated its Space Technologies and Advanced Technologies Research Center and Explosive Chemicals Raw Material Manufacturing Plant in the capital Ankara in August 2020 with a ceremony attended by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

The country is set to launch the first space trials of its liquid-propellant rocket engine technology, Erdoğan announced at the time.

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