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Scitech's Planet Pioneers Launches at Space Center Houston

Scitech's feature exhibition Planet Pioneers, has blasted off for a four-month season at <u>Space Center Houston</u>, the Official Visitor Center of the NASA Johnson Space Center.

Planet Pioneers, designed and built by Scitech, provides an immersive experience of colonising a new planet and encourages visitors to problem-solve through interactive science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) encounters.

Aimed at children ages 5 - 12 years old and their families, budding interplanetary explorers will take the challenge to find sources of water and oxygen, grow food and build shelter in a completely foreign atmosphere. Will they have what it takes to explore, adapt and survive the final frontier?

Seventeen full-body and hands-on exhibits include driving a 4D Surface Exploration Vehicle, flying a virtual drone to solve environmental problems and experiencing G-Force in a spinning capsule and more.

Ms. Deb Hancock, Chief Executive Officer, Scitech said, "Scitech has been touring our feature exhibitions, designed and built in Perth, to North American science centres since 2014, in partnership with Imagine Exhibitions. Planet Pioneers is the latest to join our suite of ten travelling exhibitions and we are incredibly proud to launch it into the North American circuit at Space Center Houston, a leading science and space exploration learning centre."

"In 2017, we engaged over 1.15 million visitors in 20 North American science centres, inspiring young minds and showcasing just where STEM skills and knowledge can take you, all over the globe and beyond, to the stars."

William T. Harris, president and CEO of Space Center Houston said "With STEM-focused exhibits and authentic immersive learning experiences, Space Center Houston aims to strengthen the future workforce and empower students with 21st century skills. We believe STEM learning is a pathway for learners of all ages, not a pipeline."

At the forefront of global STEM education, Scitech's international, travelling exhibition program has won multiple awards, including the <u>2017 Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award</u> for Business Practice by the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) and multiple <u>Creative Industries Awards</u> at the Western Australian Industry and Export Awards.

Planet Pioneers is the third Scitech exhibition to be hosted at Space Center Houston, following on from Going Places in 2015 and Astronaut in 2016.

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