

## 《世界第二大陨石被发现：重30吨 或有4千年历史》

导读:科学家们于9月10日在阿根廷小镇赛多发现了一块重30吨巨型陨石，是世界第二大陨石。



Locals in the small Argentinian town of Gancedo were in for a surprise when a massive meteorite was discovered earlier this week.

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The meteorite weighs a massive 30 tonnes, and is the second biggest to have ever been found.

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The huge rock of space debris will now be re-measured to confirm its size.

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The meteorite was discovered by scientists on September 10.

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It was found in the town of Gancedo, 674 miles (1,085km) north of the country's capital, Buenos Aires.

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No indication has yet been given of its width or height.

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Mario Vesconi, President of the Astronomy Association of Chaco, told Xinhua News Agency: 'While we hoped for weights above what had been registered, we did not expect it to exceed 30 tonnes.'

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He added: 'It was in Campo del Cielo, where a shower of metallic meteorites fell around 4,000 years ago.'

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The meteor shower took place in a region of Argentina located between the provinces of Chaco and Santiago del Estero.

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The original space rock weighed an estimated 800 tonnes and hailed from the Main Asteroid Belt located between Mars and Jupiter.

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It split into multiple meteorites that branched out over an area of approximately 124 square miles (320 square kilometres).

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The Gancedo meteorite is the second biggest in size to the Hoba meteorite, weighing 66 tonnes in Namibia.

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A previously discovered meteorite in the El Chaco area weighed 2,884 tonnes, meaning Argentina now has two of the world's largest meteorites.

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