

## USSR-SRV SPACE FLIGHT, COOPERATION LAUDED

## Havana, Phnom Penh Meetings

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[Text] Hanoi, 9 Aug (VNA)--A reception was held recently at the Vietnamese Embassy in Havana to welcome the Vietnamese-Soviet space flight.

Present were Francisco Pividal, first vice-president of the Cuba-Vietnam Friendship Association; Rolando Lopez del Amo, head of the Asia-Australia Department of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, and many other representatives of Cuba and envoys of non-aligned countries accredited to Cuba. Vietnamese Ambassador Nguyen Huu Ngo, in his speech, said that the flight was a manifestation of the great friendship and cooperation between Vietnam and the Soviet Union. He also thanked the Soviet Government for its great assistance, and expressed his belief that the Vietnamese people would overcome all difficulties and hardships in defending their country and building socialism.

A meeting was held by the Medical and Pharmaceutical College in Phnom Penh on August 7 for the same purpose. The director of the college, Prof Xameudi, stressed that a citizen of a country which had gone through thirty years of war against colonialism, imperialism and international reaction had accomplished a space flight in the interests of human happiness.

## Cosmonauts' Moscow Press Conference

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[Text] Hanoi, 12 Aug (VNA)--A press conference was held in Moscow on August 11 on the recent Soviet-Vietnamese space flight.

Soviet Cosmonaut V. Gorbatko highlighted the political and scientific significance of the flight. He expressed his pleasure at flying jointly with a representative of the heroic Vietnamese people in a year with many major anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the 35th anniversary of Vietnam's independence day, and the 90th birth anniversary of President Ho Chi Minh.

Vietnamese Cosmonaut Pham Tuan spoke of the scientific experiments on board the orbital complex. Apart from the subjects proposed by scientists from the Soviet Union and other fraternal socialist countries, the crew also conducted experiments of significance to industry and material production. They also conducted experiments with azolla pinnata. Initial results show that azolla pinnata can grow and develop in the conditions of a space flight. Pham Tuan expressed his sincere gratitude to the Communist Party and people of the Soviet Union for having entrusted him with such an important task.

V. Gorbatko thanked the Vietnamese people for following with keen interest the Soviet-Vietnamese space flight. He wished the Vietnamese people happiness and success in socialist construction and national defence. He also expressed his hope to visit Vietnam in the near future.

## Hanoi Space Scientist's Views

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[Text] Dr Nguyen Van Hieu, vice chairman of the Vietnam Committee for Cosmic Study, has answered some questions for us about the recent Soviet-Vietnamese space flight.

About the significance and results of the scientific study of outer space, Dr Hieu said the experiments in cosmic physics and cosmic medical biology conducted by Cosmonaut Pham Tuan will have a major impact on science and technology in Vietnam, particularly on the study of azolla pinnata, an aquatic plant rich in nitrogen and the study of the production of flawless (?gap) monocrystals. This will assist Vietnamese scientists to attain international standards in these fields. Research on natural resources from outer space will contribute to the study and precise assessment of the natural resources potentials in Vietnam and will serve as a basis for economic planning.

About Vietnam's future program of cosmic research, Dr Nguyen Van Hieu said the experiments conducted in the recent Soviet-Vietnamese space flight were only the start of a series of experiments mapped out by the Vietnam Commission for Cosmic Studies. After the flight, our scientists and technicians will have a lot of work to do, to analyze the results of the experiments conducted by the cosmonauts and study the photographs of Vietnam's territory and waters taken by the MKF-6 multispectral camera on board the Salyut-6 orbital station and those pictures taken by an MKF-6m camera on an AN-30 airplane.

The conference of Soviet, German Democratic Republic and Vietnamese scientists held in Berlin recently mapped out a joint working program to be carried out following the Soviet-Vietnamese space flight. Under this program, scientists and technicians of the three countries will use modern methods to study and assess the (?gap) monocrystal products in outer space compared with those produced on earth in similar conditions other than that of weightlessness.

To help Vietnam analyze the tens of thousands of photos of Vietnamese territory and detect her natural resources, the Soviet Union and the GDR have decided to help Vietnam build a cosmic photograph studio equipped with modern equipment. Pending the completion of the studio, Vietnamese scientists are allowed to use similar machines and equipment at Soviet and GDR institutes for cosmic studies. Following the successful space flight, bright prospects are opening up for Vietnam to develop science and technology. The space flight has created favorable conditions for Vietnamese scientists and technicians to develop their ability contributing to national construction.