

SOYUZ-37 DOCKS WITH ORBITAL COMPLEX ON 24 JULY

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[Text] Moscow July 25 TASS--The Soyuz-37 space ship docked with the Salyut-6--Soyuz-36 orbital complex at 23 hours 02 minutes Moscow time on July 24, 1980.

After checking the airtightness of the docking unit the crew--commander of the ship, Twice Hero of the Soviet Union, Pilot-Cosmonaut of the USSR Viktor Gorbatko and researcher-cosmonaut, Hero of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Pham Tuan transferred to the Salyut-6 station. An international crew is working on board the orbital research complex Salyut-6--Soyuz-36--Soyuz-37: Leonid Popov, Valeriy Ryumin, Viktor Gorbatko and Pham Tuan.

In the course of their joint work the cosmonauts will carry out the assigned programme of research and experiments. Technological experiments are planned as well as visual observations and photography of various areas of the earth's land and ocean surface, as well as medicobiological research. Studies and experiments started during previous flights of international crews with the use of equipment created by specialists from socialist countries will be continued.

All members of the international crew are feeling well. The onboard systems of the orbital complex are functioning normally.

BIOGRAPHIES OF SOYUZ-37 CREW REPORTED

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[Text] Moscow, July 23, TASS--The flight commander of the Soyuz-37 spacecraft, Pilot-Cosmonaut of the USSR, Colonel Viktor Gorbatko was born on December 3, 1934 in the settlement of Ventsy, southern Russia. After graduating from an air force school he served in the air force. Gorbatko enrolled in the cosmonauts' team in 1960. Without discontinuing work he graduated from the Zhukovskiy Military Engineering Air Academy in 1968. Viktor Gorbatko took part in two space flights: in October 1969 aboard the Soyuz-7 spacecraft and in February 1977 aboard the Soyuz-24 spacecraft and the Salyut-5 orbital station.

The cosmonaut-researcher of the Soyuz-37 spacecraft, Lieutenant-Colonel Pham Tuan was born on February 14, 1947 in the village of Thai Binh. After graduating from an air school he served in fighter aviation of the Vietnamese People's Army. He is an air force pilot, first class. In 1977 Pham Tuan enrolled in the Soviet Air Force Academy. In 1979 he started preparations for a manned flight under the Intercosmos programme at the Gagarin Cosmonauts' Training Centre. He completed the full course of training under the programme of a flight aboard the Soyuz spacecraft and the Salyut orbital station.

LAUNCH OF COSMOS-1202 CONTINUES SPACE RESEARCH

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[Text] Moscow, July 25, TASS--The Soviet Union has launched Cosmos-1202 satellite to continue its space research. The initial period of revolution is 89.6 min. The maximum distance from the earth's surface is 333 km, with the minimum 209 km and the orbit inclination reaching 72.9 degrees. The equipment is functioning normally.