

*Cuban diplomats in Moscow
attend screening of Russian film
Desafío (Challenge)*

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Moscow, August 14 (RHC) -- A special screening of the film "Výzov" (Challenge), organized by the Russian Society of Friendship with Cuba, took place Monday at the Judózhestvenny cinema in Moscow, Prensa Latina reported.

Representatives of the Havana embassy in Moscow were invited to the screening, and the film was shown in Russian with Spanish subtitles.

Prior to the film, the diplomatic headquarters of the island presented a fragment of the documentary "Havana, July 25-26, 1961" which shows the massive reception offered by the Cuban people to the world's first cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin.

In his speech at the ceremony held at the cinema, the Deputy Minister of Finance of the Russian Federation and President of the Friendship Society with Cuba, Alekséi Lavrov, thanked the Fond Kino fund and the Central Partnership film company for organizing the evening.

Marcos Lazo, Chargé d'Affaires of the Cuban Embassy in Moscow, said that this is a unique opportunity to see the film "Výzov", which describes and proposes what many thought was impossible to achieve, but which turned out to be a success.

The film is a joint project of the Pervy Kanal TV channel, Glavkosmos, the Russian Space Agency (Roscosmos), the Yellow, Black and White studio, the Start online cinema, with the support of the Fond Kino film fund.

For the filming of the movie, on October 5, 2021, cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov, film director Klim Shipenko and actress Yulia Peresild traveled to the International Space Station (ISS) on the Soyuz MS-19 spacecraft.

In the plot, surgeon Zhenia, played by Peresild, must prepare for a month-long space flight and go to the ISS to save a cosmonaut. She will have to perform a complex operation in weightlessness conditions, on which the patient's return alive depends.

Cosmonauts Anton Shkaplerov, Oleg Novitsky and Pyotr Dubrov took part in the filming on the ISS. Novitski, Peresild and Shipenko returned to Earth on October 17, 2021 in the descent vehicle of the Yuri Gagarin spacecraft (Soyuz MS-18). Shkaplerov and Dubrov returned from the station on March 30, 2022.

The premiere of Vyzov was held at the Oktiabr cinema in Moscow on April 12, 2023, coinciding with the 62nd anniversary of Gagarin's flight.

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