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HOANG VAN THAI ADDRESSES MILITARY SCIENCE CONFERENCE

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[Excerpts] The all-army Military Science Department recently held a conference to review the tasks in 1979 and discuss measures to implement the tasks for 1980, with the goal of further increasing the combat strength of the People's Armed Forces. Col Gen Hoang Van Thai, member of the party Central Committee, permanent member of the Central Military Party Committee, vice defense minister and vice chairman of the Military Science Council, attended and addressed the conference.

After assessing the situation, analyzing the reasons for past achievements and pointing out the shortcomings committed in military science work in 1979, the conferees devoted the greater part of their time to discussing guidelines and tasks for 1980.

Addressing the conference, Col Gen Hoang Van Thai conveyed to all cadres, combatants and personnel of the Military Science Department the commendations of the Central Military Party Committee and Defense Ministry for their worthy contributions to the great victory in 1979. He stressed: The new situation and new tasks have produced new, very high requirements for military science work. Our armed forces have undergone many organization and equipment changes suitable to the new combat objectives, and we must concentrate our efforts on studying emergency as well as fundamental issues so that we can support all activities concerning combat guidance and construction, both now and in the future.