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VAN TIEN DUNG, OTHER GENERALS AT MILITARY SPORTS CEREMONY

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[Text] To launch the second phase of the all-Army 1979 Athletic Congress, the congress organizing committee on 11 November held a ceremony inaugurating military sports contests at Army Officer School No 1.

Present at the ceremony were Sen Gen Van Tien Dung, member of the party Central Committee Political Bureau and deputy secretary of the Central Military Party Committee; Maj Gen Vu Xuan Chiem, vice minister of national defense; Maj Gen Cao Van Khanh, deputy head of the VPA General Staff; Comrade Ta Quang Chien, deputy chief of the Sports and Physical Education General Department; and many commanders of armed branches and services, military regions and military corps.

Participating in the contests are 30 groups of 1,326 male and female athletes from military regions, military corps, armed branches and services, institutes, schools and organs of the VPA General Staff, the Rear Service General Department and the Technical General Department. The athletes were selected from grassroots-levels military units.

During the 6-day meet, the athletes will be competing in three traditional military sports events which include, among other things, submachine gun firing, grenade throwing, running with full weapons, pistol and rifle firing for male and female combatants; an obstacle race; and a contest of strength among combatants.

These sport events are related to fighting technique training and are designed to develop high morale, a strong will and physical endurance.