you want to turn it vertically

sts-133 mission specialist nicole stott

pull barely a month back from orbit

yourself ron garan your colleague and

host friend

ready to fly to the International Space

Station that you just came back from and

lived on not long ago your thoughts as

you stand on this place in history today

I don't know it's to me it's pretty

impressive overall I you know the thing

that stands out that most for me I think

is that it is Ron's launch and getting

to be here as his friend you know to
support him and his family but you know

you look at this rocket that says kid

Garen on the side and 50th anniversary

at all you know it all starts to come

together you know even though I was just

in space the thought of all the history

that's gone into bringing us here today

and the fact that we as international partners are very very happily standing

here together to get ready for this launch and it's very impressive and not

the least of which 30th anniversary is

faise shuttle so the juxtaposition of

shuttle and Soyuz your thoughts on that
yeah I think you know that's interesting

as well that you know as countries how

we've kind of evolved to this point and

I just got back on Mikey mentioned on

133 on the last flight of the space

shuttle Discovery which you know people

are using this word bittersweet and I

can't quite go there to me it's a little

bit more like bitter sad but I you know

we stand here ready for a Soyuz launch

where we as partners are continuing to

fly together to go to the space station

and you know in hopes that that will

continue for some time while we get
ready again as the United States to come

up with a new vehicle to transport us to

station and beyond

Ron's been trading for quite a while for

this moment he's looking forward to it

how do you think he's going to do for

his six months and all that I think he's

gonna do great

we spent eighteen days actually on the

mission together and I can tell you

he's going to have a great time on

station it's such a beautiful place to

appreciate not only space from but our

own planet from and I think he's going
to take a lot of that in and come back a happier guy who's the Deputy Director for flight crew operations for space pacing Mike behind the Soyuz rocket and blazing with Google you name and likeness on the side for the 50th anniversary just one week shy of a half century between space beg your thoughts on the eve of this launch of another crew to the space station Roberts it always has two parallel meanings here I mean one hand over here like we always are every two to four months watching a rollout that you know
Russ cosmos does with such precision and consistency on the other hand as you say.

50 years and it's a huge milestone it's hard to grasp what that means while you're standing here but in the future we're all gonna look back on this moment and think it was pretty special I'm sure.

anniversary of the first shuttle flight it's always interesting how the two programs fold into one another in this moment in history that's it is very interesting and as you know interesting and as you know we've got a an interesting moment coming up here between the progress and so you
and the shuttle and whether or not we can deconflict those things so as we have more and more traffic to the station that gets more and more confused more and more difficult to separate and I think we'll be intertwined you know at least through this summer ron garan you've talked to him houses level of preparation for what will be a complex honey is a solid guy he's ready he's been looking forward to this for a long time he's very professional he knows what he's doing
we have full confidence and how complex

101 00:31:05,019 --> 00:31:16,269 will this have here four Lots going on

102 00:31:14,710 --> 00:31:18,130 when we starting as you said with the

103 00:31:16,269 --> 00:31:20,168 anniversary events which will be you

104 00:31:18,130 --> 00:31:22,840 know a certain type of distraction form

105 00:31:20,169 --> 00:31:25,210 on orbit on the other hand a real

106 00:31:22,839 --> 00:31:26,529 critical issue during this period is

107 00:31:25,210 --> 00:31:28,090 going to be crew time you know we just

108 00:31:26,529 --> 00:31:30,009 don't have enough time between all the

109 00:31:28,089 --> 00:31:33,189 visitor vehicles all the maintenance

110 00:31:30,009 --> 00:31:34,808 required for the ecosystems and then you

111 00:31:33,190 --> 00:31:38,200 know that the leftover time so to speak

112 00:31:34,808 --> 00:31:40,690 for utilization which we really want to

113 00:31:38,200 --> 00:31:42,490 increase the focus on because we're

114 00:31:40,690 --> 00:31:44,410 transitioning from the assembly phase to
the utilization face so he's going to have his hands full along with the rest of his crew