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Space odysseys to inspire crowd

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ASTRONAUTS have come to Adelaide bearing inspirational messages of hope and peace.

Tonight at the SA Museum, Korea's first astronaut, Dr Soyeon Yi will join Frenchman Dr Jean-Jacues Favier to share experiences of life beyond planet Earth.

Dr Favier said he was amazed by the beauty of the planet when seen from high above.

"I had the sense that the planet is very fragile," he said. "We have to take care of it."

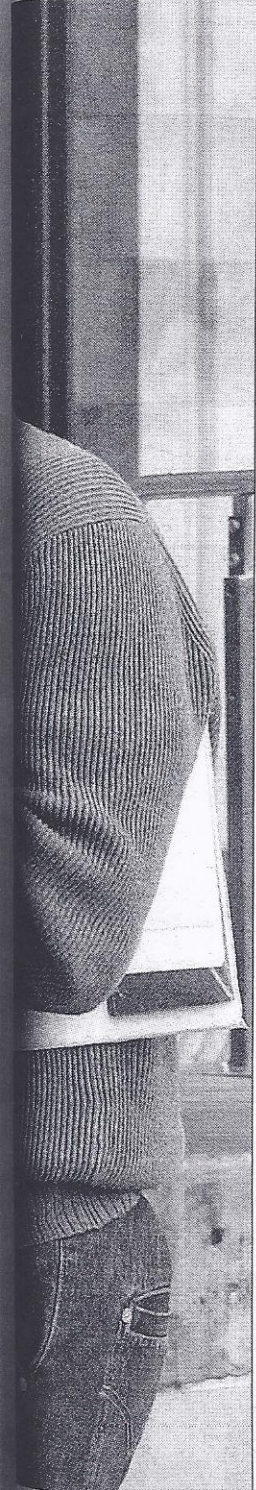
The 62-year-old engineer turned astronaut hoped to convey to students to "never give up". "Being an astronaut was a dream for me when I was 12 years old and I flew 35 years later," Dr Favier said.

Dr Soyeon Yi, 33, trained as a mechanical engineer and researcher before she went into space. Flying on the Soyuz TMA-12 spacecraft and visiting the International Space Station gave Dr Yi a new perspective on life. "I want to do my best in my situation and share with other people how it's a really great learning experience," she said.

Last night the astronauts made a presentation to 43 students of the International Space University during the Space Summer School at UniSA. "The intention of the program was to give a broad understanding of the space industry," UniSA Professor Andrew Parfitt said.

"So not only space flight, ... but also services, such as communications and remote sensing and all those sorts of things."

Book a free seat at the public talk today at 8pm in the SA Museum, North Tce. Email iteeevents@unisa.edu.au



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