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International Online Conference. Russia-Malaysia. Within the project "The Beacon of Russia's Achievements"

On November 4, the National Unity Day in Russia and Diwali in Malaysia, symbolizing the victory of good over evil, a conference which united Russia and Malaysia was held.

Moderators:

From the Russian Federation: Nickolay Nikolaevich Miklouho-Maclay, Founder and Director of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation, Head of the Center for South Pacific Studies, research fellow at the Center for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania of the Institute of Oriental Studies RAS, President of the Association of the South Pacific Researchers.

From Malaysia: Svetlana Kovaleva, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Malaysia, Director of the Russian Centre for Science and Culture in Kuala Lumpur.

From the Russian side, the conference was opened by **Nickolay Miklouho-Maclay**, Director of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation. He presented the International project "The Beacon of Russia's Achievements", within the framework of which the conference was held, and told about the expedition through the latest Russia's achievements presented on the website and complemented with videos and articles.

Teoh Seng Lee, the Honorary Consul of Russia in Penang, in his welcoming speech also noted this fact, adding that education and culture were the main tool of diplomacy. He also called on his compatriots to help Russia implement the development steps it is taking toward Malaysia.

Svetlana Kovaleva, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Malaysia, Director of the Russian Centre for Science and Culture in Kuala Lumpur, presented the work of Rossotrudnichestvo, and also conveyed a welcome speech and a message to the conference from the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Malaysia **Nail Latypov**. Svetlana Nikolaevna also noted that this year the training quotas in Russia have tripled.

Muhammad Abdul Rauf bin Muhammad Firdaus, Public Relations Officer at the Alumni Association of Russian Universities, told about his personal experience of studying at the St. Petersburg State Maritime Technical University, the importance of speaking the Russian language, as well as the Association's activity in establishing contacts in various areas, including the business sphere.

Diplomatic relations between Russia and Malaysia began in 1970. The meeting of the prime figures took place in 2002. **Sophia Pale**, PhD in History, research fellow at the Center for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania of the Institute of Oriental Studies RAS, Academic Secretary of the All-Russian Association of the SPR, noted that the development of bilateral relations is important through the training of each student.

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Evgenia Kukushkina, Associate Professor Head of Department of Philology of Southeast Asian countries, Korea and Mongolia IAAS MSU, drew attention to the fact that the history of studying Southeast is rich and it makes possible for international students to understand the culture and traditions of Russia, that is why it would be comfortable for the students to study at the Institute.

Anna Mamaeva, senior lecturer at the Department of Russian and Foreign Languages of the Emperor Alexander I St. Petersburg State Transport University, noted that language was the realization of the world picture. She debunked myths and showed how easy it was to learn Russian.

Artem Rykun, Vice-Rector for International Affairs of the Tomsk State University, which history starts back in 1842, presented the main education programs.

Sergey Zariansky, Admissions Manager, Ural Federal University, spoke about modern approaches of UrFU to education and presented the advantages of the educational institution.

The event brought together not only Russia and Malaysia, but also representatives of Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Tajikistan, Philippines, Egypt and other countries.

And this is not the end of the project.

The core of the project is the website where you navigate from discovery to discovery. <https://bra.mikluho-maclay.ru/?lang=en>

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