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

On December 7, the series of online conferences within the framework of the international project "The Beacon of Russia's Achievements" dedicated to the Year of Science and Technology in Russia, has completed with the conference in Cambodia.

Moderator:

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.

Nickolay Miklouho-Maclay, founder and Director of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation, told the audience about the project within which the conference was held, noting that "The Beacon of Russia's Achievements" not only presented successful Russian discoveries showcased on the website in a form of a virtual expedition completed with articles and videos in Russian and English, but also demonstrated options for cooperation in scientific, cultural, humanitarian, educational, and business spheres, presented leading Higher Education Institutions of Russia and opportunities for learning the Russian language.

Anatoly Borovik, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Kingdom of Cambodia, gave a welcoming speech and a brief overview of the bilateral relations, noting the symbolism of the project launched in the year of the 65th anniversary of the Russia-Cambodia diplomatic relations. According to the Ambassador, as we recover from the pandemic, we should pay more attention to strengthening trade and economic ties, creating conditions for stimulating business activity. He also noted that the digital economy could become a new driver of cooperation. "Russia is counting on the progressive deepening of our cooperation in the traditionally developed humanitarian sphere, education, culture, and youth contacts." - A.V. Borovik summed up.

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 Association of the SPR, spoke about the history of Cambodia, which is well studied by Russian specialists. Sofia Pale noted the great contribution to the study of Cambodia by D.V. Mosyakov, Head of the Center for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania of the Institute of Oriental Studies, which is set out in his books. She also shared interesting facts, relating to Cambodia, of I.V. Mozheiko known under the pseudonym of Kir Bulychev, author of the series of books about the girl from future Alisa Seleznyova, who also worked as a translator at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

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Anna Volodkina, Head of the Head of the sector of attracting foreign students, Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU), spoke about the opportunities for international students to study at the FEFU. One of the advantages of the Russian University located in the Asia-Pacific is courses for foreign citizens at the Center of Russian Language and Culture. It was also noted that the Association of Russian and Foreign Students also contributes to the formation of a favorable international environment at the FEFU, thanks to which the students are involved in all international events.

Representatives of the **Kazan Federal University** and the Institute of Design and Spatial Arts spoke about the history of the University, which is rich in the names of great scientists, outstanding public figures, educators, writers and artists, about the areas of study of the Institute of Design and Spatial Arts, as well as about the active student life of the Kazan Federal University.

Natalia Orlova, Senior Specialist at the Admissions Office for Foreign Citizens, SPBU, reported about the oldest Russian university, founded in 1724, located in the cultural capital of Russia which combined traditions and innovations. Natalia also debunked the myths about studying in Russia.

Sergey Zaryansky, a specialist of the Center for International Student Mobility and Recruitment at the Ural Federal University, told about the Ural Federal University's modern approaches to education. Sergey noted that the UrFU, located in the fourth largest city in Russia, is an excellent educational center that provides opportunities for future employment, international mobility, offers courses in foreign languages, as well as safe and comfortable life in an international university family of 36,000 students.

Seng Menghong from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia noted that Russia attracts students from all over the world and the existence of the Russian Centre of Science and Culture in Phnom Penh contributes to strengthening bilateral ties. He also expressed hope for strengthening the international dialogue between Russia and Cambodia.

As a result of five conferences held in Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Singapore and Cambodia, more than 1,500 people received certificates of participation, as well as information about the project and cooperation opportunities.

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