

I'd like to extend my warmest greetings to all the participants at the 5th Anniversary Russian-Chinese Business Forum!

Russia and China are long-standing strategic partners. In response to today's economic and political challenges, we are duty bound to shape a Greater Eurasian Space.

This will be a large civilizational project. "A Greater Eurasian Partnership is destined to change the political and economic landscape and become a guarantor of stability and prosperity across the continent, taking into account each and every country's diversity of development models, as well as their cultures and traditions," said Russian President Vladimir Putin in a recent speech.

This requires a comprehensive development strategy at a time when traditional economic trade ties and supply chains are being broken. The meetings industry is one of the most effective means to achieve these goals.

The Chinese Business Center, which was founded with the participation of ExpoForum International, has been operating in St. Petersburg for 7 years, and another branch was opened in Shanghai at the end of 2021.

China is a reliable partner for many of our industrial projects, such as the St. Petersburg International Gas Forum, the Russian International Energy Forum, the Russian Industrialist International Forum, and the AGRORUS International Agricultural Exhibition, among others. Active negotiations are currently underway with representatives from the NEVA, the International Maritime Exhibition and Conference for Commercial Shipping, Shipbuilding, Offshore Energy, Ports, Inland Waterways and Oceanography about organizing a national stand for China at the 2023 event.

I'd like to thank the forum organizers for providing more opportunities to conduct international dialogue. I feel confident that unique ideas regarding the development of all our countries' economies will be shared here.

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