

**Dear organizers and participants of
the Russian Petrochemical Forum and exhibition
“Gas. Oil. Technologies – 2018”,**

On behalf of the Ministry of Industry and Innovation Policy of the Bashkortostan Republic let me welcome you to join these events!

Every year we meet in Ufa to discuss the most important challenges. This time the chief subject will be “Russia in world development trends of petrochemical industry”. Furthermore, series of roundtables will raise the most current issues, which require an expert opinion, scientific approach and production solutions.

We are happy that we managed to succeed in creating the platform where the most respected experts gather – specialists of oil enterprises, scientists, representatives of public authorities. It is great that the issues raised attract young people – students and graduates. Indeed all spheres of economy, especially such a huge sphere as oil and gas, need advanced, highly-trained and motivated staff.

Last year we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Exhibition “Gas. Oil. Technologies”. Over a quarter of a century this regional exposition has become one of the best in the country, where leading enterprises present the newest equipment and technologies. All this attract to the exhibition specialists not only from dozens of Russian regions but also from foreign countries.

Format “Forum+Exhibition” is an ideal choice for communicating and establishing solid business relations both at interregional and international levels.

I’m pleased to invite you again to the capital of Bashkortostan: Ufa is always hospitable and impressive by its beauty.

Fruitful communication and future success to all of us!

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