

In the name of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) and myself I congratulate the management and the staff of the International Science and Technology Center on the 15th anniversary of fruitful activity connected with comprehensive support of science and technology projects in Russia and other CIS countries.

The importance and practical use of the ISTC's long term activity for the Russian Federation and other CIS countries have been proved not only by the amount of funds, spent for funding scientific research, but first of all by the real participation in developing new generation of Russian scientists and specialists.

Center is an effective mechanism of organizing multilateral international cooperation in field of high technologies, it facilitates strengthening relations of confidence between the countries, and is a vivid example of scientific diplomacy.

Additional directions of the Center's activity such as Competency Building Program, Mobility Program, Science Workshop and Seminar Program are aimed at assisting the development of partner relations between scientific, industrial and business communities in the CIS and other countries.

ISTC supports not only scientific research, but also applied developments with respect to the priorities of the Russian Federation in field of science and technology development – global security, sustainable energy, public health and agriculture, environmental, bio- and nanotechnologies.

Gratefully we would like to stress the Center's role in supporting scientific groups in Russia. We expect further extension of ISTC's fields of activities, strengthening the role of the Center as an organizer of international scientific cooperation in counteracting global threats of present, in supporting innovative processes in the CIS.

We highly appreciate long term fruitful cooperation between the ICIE and the ISTC, aimed at strengthening mutually beneficial scientific, technical and economic cooperation of the countries present in the Congress and the Center

We wish to the staff of the International Science and Technology Center new successes and further development of such a demanded activity.

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