

On behalf of the deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, I would like to welcome the exhibitors, visitors and organisers of MIOGE 2009, the 10th Moscow International Oil & Gas Exhibition, and RPCG 2009, the 7th Russian Petroleum and Gas Congress.

Ensuring the rapid and effective development of Russia's oil and gas industry is an important issue for our country and one of international significance.

MIOGE and RPCG provide opportunities for the business community and specialists to share views; demonstrate scientific achievements; introduce the latest oil and gas production, processing, transportation and storage technologies; optimise production costs and subsoil usage; and ensure industrial and environmental safety.

I am confident that, during the course of the Russian Petroleum and Gas Congress, representatives of Russian and international companies, and government bodies will have a real opportunity to discuss the most pressing issues for the development of the fuel and energy industry in Russia.

The State Duma of the Russian Federation supports MIOGE 2009, the 10th Moscow International Oil & Gas Exhibition, and RPCG 2009, the 7th Russian Petroleum and Gas Congress.

I wish success to the exhibitors, visitors and organisers.

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Deputy Chairman of the State Duma