

Country's industrial potential implemented at growing pace



Belarusian Automobile Works expands co-operation with Chinese partners

Belarus doubles export volumes of complex machinery to China

By Galina Grishkovets

“Over the first eight months of 2011, Belarus supplied 2.2 times more vehicle sets of harvesters, tractors and dump trucks to the Chinese market, compared to the same period of the previous year,” noted Anatoly Tozik, Belarus’ Deputy Prime Minister, speaking at the 12th session of the Joint Commission on Trade-Economic Cooperation in Beijing. He explained that our traditional exports to China account for a considerable part of Belarusian sales abroad: potash fertilisers, caprolactam, chemical produce and electronic integrated circuits.

In turn, China is one of the major suppliers of contemporary equipment and components to Belarus. “We’re open for trade with China. We’ll continue creating favourable conditions for the supply of contemporary Chinese equipment, especially as part of the implementation of investment projects,” added the Deputy Prime Minister.

Joint ventures are an efficient form of developing bilateral relations, with sev-

eral such enterprises set up in China in recent years — involving BelAZ, Gomselmash and Minsk Tractor Works. They are engaged in the assembly and technical maintenance of heavy duty dump trucks, fodder harvesters and maize combines, as well as energy-intensive tractors. Moreover, Belarus is conducting work to set up new joint ventures and manufactures with Chinese partners.

Mr. Tozik hopes that the Chinese Ministry of Commerce will support already operational and newly established joint enterprises. Belarus has proposed that goods produced at joint factories in Harbin be included on the state catalogue of support and promotion of agricultural technique and the catalogue of subsidised purchases of agricultural technique.

In recent years, a range of joint ventures have been created in Belarus involving Chinese partners — all successfully operating. In particular, these include joint enterprises to manufacture household appliances and hydro-mechanical transmissions for large-size equipment.

Partnership ties are very useful in good endeavours

By Yelena Stasyukevich

Project to develop Lithuania-Belarus innovative collaboration launched in Grodno

The *Innovative Co-operation Network for Economic Development* is being realised as part of the 2007-2013 European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) and the Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus cross-border co-operation programme. It involves representatives of the Lithuanian Centre for Innovations, business circles of Lithuania and Grodno city, and those from municipal authorities, the Republican Technology Transfer Centre and universities from Lithuania and Belarus.

The project aims to stimulate the trans-boundary economic development of Lithuanian and Belarusian border areas by spread-

ing innovations. Interested parties have discussed possible avenues in the sphere of innovative support and the promotion of contemporary technologies at a regional level, including the sharing of experience.

The project is to conclude in April 2013, with workshops conducted to share experience of innovative and business interaction, and business matching sessions to develop co-operative ties between sci-tech producers and potential consumers on the border areas of Lithuania and Belarus. A conference to tackle issues of innovative development is also to be held.

Belarusian and Lithuanian colleagues are to create a transnational educational community to prepare innovative intermediaries, while a website will promote the achievements of the project.

Modern image from old times

Lida’s illumination experts first began to light Belarus’ most wonderful buildings fifteen years ago, starting with Brest’s Drama and Music Theatre

By Alexander Trifonov

Now, Cascade JSC has worked its magic on the National Academic Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre, the National Library, Stolitsa Trade Centre, the Europe and Luchesa hotels, Vitebsk’s Philharmonic and other famous architectural sites. The Lida lighting specialists have helped recreate the lighting once seen on such buildings as the palace and park estate in Nesvizh (the largest of their sites) and have ensured that our cultural legacy is viewed at its best.

According to Sergey Gerasimovich, Cascade’s Deputy Director, his enterprise studied historical documents relating to the castle’s original lamps. These were bronze cast, with engraved, glazed glass, mounted on marble and timber.

Only fragments of information exist on the original bronze lamps and numerous silver chandeliers which once graced the



Chandeliers from Cascade grace many halls

castle but two chandeliers and a small forged lamp with heraldic symbols were recovered from the Radzivil Dukes’ vault. Cleverly, the Lida masters have used original methods to repro-

duce the lamps, each of which has dozens of decorative casting details, which require their own prototype. Their work requires extreme dedication, testing all of the skills of the Cas-

cade masters. Working with the Belarusian restorer and scientific leader of the site, Sergey Drushchits, around 700 lamps have been created for the castle, with over 100 being unique.