

Improvements in health care sphere extended greatly

The work of doctors has been computerised at a new therapeutic building at the Central City Hospital in Zhodino. The building is equipped with the latest technologies, while all wards offer superior comfort; there are even individual showers. The new building has increased the capacity of the hospital to over 66,000 patients.

By Olga Neverskaya

The Chairman of Minsk Regional Executive Committee, Boris Batura, praises the work of BelAZ Production Association in reconstructing the hospital. He asserts, "It's a significant event and is among the last health care institutions in our region to be modernised — even though there is still a lot of work to do in Zhodino. I'm grateful to the leadership of BelAZ for their help. I think we'll continue co-operation with the company, bringing the other health care institutions to the required standard in Zhodino. This year and next will see major renovations and re-equipment of medical institutions completed in the Minsk Region."

Attending the opening ceremony for the new building, Health Minister Vasily Zharko stressed that the Minsk Region

has achieved good results in developing its health care. Investments have improved the quality of medical services, introducing highly effective treatment and diagnostics. The Chairman of Zhodino City Executive Committee, Mikhail Omelyanchuk, notes that, very soon, it's hoped to open a hemodialysis unit in Zhodino.

Residents of Zhodino and hospital medical staff are more than satisfied, as the Acting Chief Physician, Tatiana Nikiforova, emphasises. She notes, "There are 120 beds in the new building, in three departments: gastroenterology, pulmonology and cardiology. Moving to this building has reduced transportation costs, giving us a full hospital campus. Patients can receive prompt consultations with specialists while staff enjoy decent working conditions: comfortable



New treatment building opens at Central City Hospital in Zhodino

rest areas and use of a computer network which provides data within seconds. Although we are yet to master all the facilities of

the new building fully, we have major plans for further development, supported by the executive branch of the city. Naturally, this

is very pleasing."

In all, the regional investment programme for 2012 covers eight health care institutions.

Rejuvenating roads with 21st century technologies

Belarus and China to develop joint technology to repave roads



By Andrey Pimenov

The Belarusian National Technical University is joining the Belarusian-Chinese Centre for Scientific Research in the Sphere

of Road Building, and the Chinese company Gaoyuan in the project.

Marina Tsives, who heads the Belarusian Centre for Scientific-Technical Co-operation with Chinese

Regions and the Polytechnic Park of the Belarusian National Technical University, tells us, "We'll develop modern equipment and materials to allow the deep resurfacing of old asphalt paving, with the results used in Belarus and China."

The project is included in the programme for scientific and technical co-operation between Belarus and China for 2013-2014, and will be carried out in accordance with an agreement on joint activity between Gaoyuan and the Belarusian National Technical University.

Over the next two years, the Belarusian National Technical University and the Polytechnic Park will be working with Chinese colleagues to implement a series of new joint projects, including resource-saving technology for mechanical engineering and automobile production.

Multiplication table all sewn up in school uniform

School uniforms made in Gomel — with crib sheets!

By Tatiana Karpenskaya

At first sight, teachers won't know that pupils' uniforms hide a trick, being well hidden. Tatiana Litvinovich, the Deputy Director General for Commercial Affairs at Comintern Factory tells us, "Multiplication tables are sewn into the lining of boys' jackets in classes 1 to 4 — on a cheat sheet, sized 6 x 6cm."

Children love the idea. "Great," laughs Anton Lashkin, in 3B grade, at school #59 in Gomel. "However, I've already learnt my multiplication tables, so this jacket won't really help me. I'd feel more confident wearing it during a maths test though." Nadezhda, Anton's mother, also likes the idea, saying, "I'd buy my son this uniform. Dressing for school, he'd be able to practise, for example, 5x6. Those yet to learn their tables would be able to practise by looking at the sheet. They won't have to learn a column



School uniform is ready for improvisation

each day, as my Anton did." It's interesting to know what teachers think, since crib sheets are forbidden at school. Of course, pupils would be prohibited from wearing the jackets for tests. "Children probably won't pay much attention to it," smiles Galina Poluden, headteacher of primary classes at gymnasium #23 in Minsk. "I only look at the lining when I'm buying a garment, so it's unlikely that

a pupil will remove their jacket during a test just to look at 2x2. It would be too noticeable."

"Pens, rulers and notebooks with multiplication tables have been produced for a long time; by third grade, pupils have already learnt them," smiles Lyubov Yermmina, a teacher at primary school #25 in Brest. "It's more likely to amuse children than teach them to cheat."