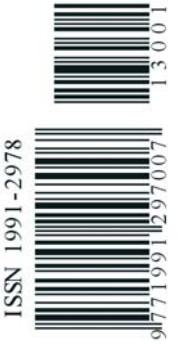


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May Christmas bring peace, well-being and prosperity, words of love and children's laughter

President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko congratulates Eastern Orthodox Christians of Belarus on Christmas

His message reads: 'For over two thousand years, millions of people have been celebrating this event with joy and hope. It has become a breakthrough in the spiritual life of humanity, with evangelical ideals serving as a moral imperative, encouraging us to behave charitably, transforming our world into a better place.'

The President believes that Christmas is one of the most favourite holidays in Belarus, with good reason. "The Eastern Orthodox Church has always been there for people, playing an important role in building our statehood and shaping the mentality of Belarusians. Today, it is our reliable assistant in promoting charity and

enlightening works," noted the Head of State. "May these wonderful winter days bring you peace and understanding, well-being and prosperity, words of love and children's laughter. May the shining Christmas stars inspire you to do good works for the sake of our native Belarus," Mr. Lukashenko added. → 3

Warm congratulations sent from space orbit

Belarusian cosmonaut Oleg Novitsky has wished his countrymen happy New Year during a telephone conversation with famous sculptor and People's Artist of Belarus Ivan Misko. The latter has sculpted Oleg many times and has visited his home, becoming a good friend.

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Question of capital amnesty being viable still remains unanswered

An amnesty on capital could bring millions of dollars out of the shade, allowing them to be recognised in the country's economic turnover. However, the state must convince businesses that legal status is mutually beneficial. The issue is much debated in Belarus, with no single view yet formed since, against evident advantages, there are also several fundamental disadvantages.

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Fashion Silhouette keeping pace with trends of today

Fashion designers present public with modern interpretations of Belarusian national costume, including for children, reviving the country's artistic heritage

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