



Electronic 'purse' full of valuable virtual pennies

It turns out that currency also evolves and there is reliable proof for this today Page 5



Bright star appeared, burning in the sky

February 14th marks 100th anniversary of birth of People's Artist of Belarus, State Prize laureate Vitaly Tsvirko, who left bright trace in the art Page 9



Still time to climb summit

UCI Track Cycling World Championships finish in Minsk. The event was the first in the new Olympic cycle, pitting the top 260 cyclists against one another at Minsk-Arena and beginning the path of determining those worthy of attending the next Games. Page 11



President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko lays a wreath at the Victory Monument in Minsk on February 23rd

Duty of defending the Fatherland

Congratulations from the President of Belarus on the Day of the Defenders of the Fatherland

Dear citizens!

Honoured soldiers and veterans of the Armed Forces!

I heartily congratulate you on the Day of the Defenders of the Fatherland and on the 95th anniversary of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus.

In Belarus, we've honoured those in the military service since days of old. The defence of our Homeland has always been, is and will remain the sacred duty of each citizen and patriot, and of the army — the real pride of the people.

Today, we pay tribute with gratitude to the veterans of the Great Patriotic War and of Armed Forces of all generations. We honour the soldiers of the modern army, for their great professionalism and excellent military skills, which ensure the military security of the country.

I express sincere gratitude to all citizens, regardless of their occupation, for their contribution to strengthening the state and increasing its national wealth.

We are peaceful people, and there is no greater joy for us than to live calmly and to work on our native land; our armed forces will always be the reliable guarantor of this security.

I wish you happiness, peace, good health and success in your service and work for the benefit of your Belarus.

Alexander Lukashenko.

February 23rd, 2013.

Combat readiness essential for Republican military forces

Listening to a report by Belarus' Defence Minister, Yuri Zhadobin, on forthcoming strategic field exercises, President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko noted that such exercises by the armed forces of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation — *Zapad-2013* (West-2013) — present no threat to other states

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Retailer ready to choose site for convenient expansion

Domestic retail networks spread to smaller Belarusian towns and Russian cities

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Made in Minsk, following Swiss technology

Belarus-made double-decker trains for Russian Aeroexpress

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Miraculous goats have value beyond compare

The Scientific and Practical Centre for Animal Breeding (part of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus) is located near the small town of Zhodino.

There, you'll find a herd of goats who, like all of their kind, will eat from your hand and allow themselves to be petted.

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