

South-eastern vector with clear outlines

Representatives of government from two states of the peninsula, which is called Indochina in Europe, visited Belarus. Firstly, Alexander Lukashenko carried out negotiations with the Chair of the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pany Yathotou, and then later with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Hun Sen. The general intent of both meetings was a mutual aspiration to deepening of interstate relations and the opening of political dialogue with more considerable business content.

By Vladimir Khromov

This region is remote geographically, but close to us from the point of view of modern history. Over the years, a close bond of co-operation connected the USSR with the states of the peninsula. While students from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia studied in Belarus, we also delivered machinery to these countries. It is relevant to restore these traditions of



Pany Yathotou

co-operation, and it is even better to bring them to new, higher level.

Last year, the President of Laos, Choummaly Sayasone visited Belarus. Alexander Lukashenko paid attention to the fact that this visit gave rise to a new stage of co-operation. Welcoming the head of the Laotian Parliament, the President expressed confidence that her work in Minsk will promote

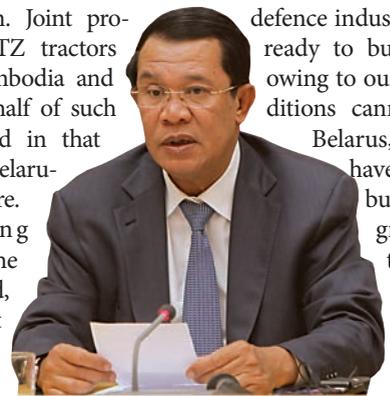
the expansion of bilateral interaction and that it will be a preparation for a foundation for decision-making at the top level. Alexander Lukashenko said, "We plan to visit your country. I promised the President of Laos that I will visit your country, and we would like that visit to be full of content and result in concrete agreements and a number of contracts on co-operation."

Belarus has also big plans concerning co-operation with Cambodia. The President pointed out that it is the most fast-growing and developing country in South-East Asia. We already have certain experience

of co-operation. Joint production of MTZ tractors opened in Cambodia and already about half of such machinery used in that country is of Belarusian manufacture.

Addressing Hun Sen, the President said, "We have what interests you and what we can offer you.

And we are ready to do that. Be it joint enterprises on the manufacture of vehicles, co-operation in the



Hun Sen

defence industry or mining, we are ready to buy production which owing to our environmental conditions cannot be produced in Belarus, but to which we have got used. We will buy these products with great pleasure in order to balance the trade turnover between our two countries."

The Prime Minister conveyed to Alexander Lukashenko the invitation, from the King of Cambodia, to pay an official visit to the country.

Adaptation at international level

By Svetlana Sokolova

Belarusian and British institutes of higher education to sign agreement on mutual recognition of diplomas

The Magna Carta Business School in Oxford and ABE (Association of Business Executives) are to sign an agreement on mutual recognition of diplomas with Belarusian institutes of higher education. The Chief Executive Officer of Magna Carta Oxford, Vadim Titov, tells us, "Belarus is to sign the agreement at the 1st International European Quality Education Forum, which is taking place in Minsk in early April."

Experts from Belarusian and English educational institutions are to examine the structure of subjects and volume of academic hours — to ensure compliance. The addition or removal of certain subjects or hours is likely, so a working group will reconsider specialities and modules as part of the agreement.

Mr. Titov notes that one obstacle may be the fact that some Belarusian institutions of higher education do not provide courses in English. However, he emphasises, "Even the recognition of diplomas will help inspire other Belarusian institutions of higher education to carry out teaching in English. This can only help Belarus remain stable, quiet and safe — at the centre of Europe. It will also surely become more attractive on the international education market."

University expanding international format



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Business discipline in English — a modern approach

Belarusian State University introduces education in English language for 'Business Administration' speciality

By Victor Svetlov

Sergei Ablameiko, Rector of the Belarusian State University, has told the press that, from the 2014/15 academic year, the 'Business Administration' course at the BSU's Institute of Business and Management of Technology will be conducted in English.

According to Mr. Ablameiko, the innovation aims to prepare executives for the demands of our modern world, in which a command of English is essential — and targets foreign and Belarusian alumni.

Applicants must pass an interview in English to gain admission, and have a high score in centralised tests. Teachers from the USA and European educational establishments are being invited to lecture and conduct seminars.

The BSU's Institute of Business and Management of Technology has already accumulated significant experience in teaching business disciplines in English, having trained heads of enterprises to work in various spheres, following the MBA English-language programme.

Ten documents on bilateral co-operation

By Tatiana Grigorova

The communiqué, signed by the prime ministers of the Republic of Belarus and the Kingdom of Cambodia, Mikhail Myasnikovich and Hun Sen, promises to create favourable conditions for the promotion of Belarusian machinery in the country

The Prime Ministers have agreed to take joint effort in trade and economic collaboration between the two states to a level that corresponds to the current existing potential, while creating favourable conditions to expand bilateral trade and economic interaction.

With the aim of increasing the volume of bilateral trade, the Cambodian side will create favourable conditions for the promotion of Belarusian auto-tractor and agricultural machinery, heavy-duty dump and regular trucks, as well as tyres, fertilisers, pharmaceuticals, food and other produce.



Partners are happy with the meeting

In its turn, Belarus promised to assist in the expansion of Cambodian exports to Belarus. Moreover, our country is ready to develop industrial co-operation through the establishment of joint assembly productions and a service chain, through the opening of representative offices, and through technology transfer and the training of Cambodian engineering and technical specialists.

The partners have agreed to develop interaction in the field of education, while confirming the necessity for the speediest creation of a joint, inter-governmental committee on trade and economic co-operation that will facilitate further expansion of bilateral co-operation in this area.

Green light is given for free travel

Foreign tourists exempt from payment for driving along Belarusian highways until May 31st

Those using automobiles, registered beyond the borders of the Customs Union, and whose technically permissible gross weight doesn't exceed 3.5 tonnes (including any trailer) won't have to pay. Meanwhile, other drivers will have to pay for driv-

ing along the roads, which are part of BelToll system, in a standard mode.

"Until May 31st, 2014, the above mentioned drivers won't have to register with the BelToll system when driving along paid roads and won't have to address to client service stations to sign a corresponding agreement for using paid roads and receive a board device," explains Sergey Bury, a Marketing and PR Manager of the Kapsch

Telematic Services FLLC (a company-operator of the BelToll system).

He added, "If a BelToll system board device has been already installed in a transport vehicle, there's no need to remove it from the windshield. Payment won't be withdrawn from the account, although the device will produce sound signals in the usual way. During this period, violations which entail obligations to pay

more won't be registered."

BelToll has installed 83 billboards with inscriptions in Russian, English, Polish and Lithuanian at automobile checkpoints, informing visitors to Belarus' about the abolition of payment. Moreover, ten information signs, written in the corresponding language, have been installed close to corresponding points in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Ukraine.