**Press release**

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**Obninsk will host International Youth Forum on nuclear tech**

On Sept. 21, the International Youth Nuclear Forum **Obninsk NEW** will open in Obninsk, which is home to the world’s first nuclear power plant, as part of the Nuclear Education Week. The event is organized by the Rosatom State Corporation, National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Rosatom’s mainstay university), and Obninsk Institute for Nuclear Power Engineering — a branch office of MEPhI.

The event is held in anticipation of the World Youth Festival 2024 and in conjunction with the 2022-2031 Decade of Science and Technology in Russia, declared by the country’s president.

Among those participating in the forum will be undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students, and young researchers from more than 70 countries, as well as recognized experts from the academic community, major international corporations, and government agencies.

The key theme for this year’s forum is **strong education for sustainable global development**.

The organizers envision all discussions and activities as lively interactive events. The goal is to comprehensively address the global challenges, the prospects of nuclear science, and the emerging technological trends, as well as the role of youth organizations in furthering education in the domain of nuclear technology, fostering an environment that makes the industry accessible to everyone, and establishing Obninsk as a global hub for training personnel for the industry.

Prominent speakers:

**Alexey Likhachev**, Director General, Rosatom State Corporation.

**Andrei Fursenko**, Aide to the President of Russia (secretary of the Council, member of the Council’s presidium).

**Sama Bilbao y León**, Director General, World Nuclear Association.

**Mikhail Chudakov**, Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy at the International Atomic Energy Agency.

**Vladimir Shevchenko**, Rector, National Research Nuclear University MEPhI.

**Tran Chi Thanh**, President, Vietnam Atomic Energy Institute.

**Vladislav Shapsha**, Governor, Kaluga Oblast of Russia.

**Tatiana Leonova**, Head of the City Administration, Obninsk.

**Rafael Chesori**, President, African Young Generation in Nuclear (nonprofit organization), Kenya.

**Raden Mas Muhammed Mukhriz bin Radin Mas Emran**, Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Brunei Youth Council.

Some of the highlights of the forum are a plenary session titled “Strong Education as a Foundation for Sustainable Global Development” featuring **Alexey Likhachev** and the specialized session “Energy for Humanity: Unlocking the Potential of Nuclear Power” featuring **Anatoly Chukharev**, the Director of the Rosenergoatom International Business and Development Department. Deputy Director General for Human Resources **Tatiana Terentieva** of Rosatom will deliver concluding remarks at the close of the event.

Also on the agenda are talks delivered by nuclear physicists who will share their latest research, the Slavsky Youth Science and Technology Conference, as well as a number of educational, sports, and entertainment events.

The forum in Obninsk is envisioned as an annual event.