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At the beginning of February 2019, the annual Forum «Transport Education and Science» was held at Russian University of Transport for the second time. The forum traditionally coincides with celebrations of the Day of Russian Science.

In his greeting on the occasion of this date, the Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation Evgeny Dietrich noted that «The modern transport industry is high-tech, therefore the implementation of the tasks set before us will require enhanced scientific research and introduction of new engineering and management decisions. It is necessary to ensure a continuous innovation cycle —

from fundamental developments to introduction of new machinery and advanced technologies». The Minister emphasized «the good work of transport-focused universities in creating conditions for breakthrough ideas and new results» and the fact that their «intellectual potential, multiplied by the support of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, contributes to solving the most pressing practical problems, as well as to promoting innovation and creation of modern technology clusters. On the instructions of the President of the Russian Federation, work has already begun on creating on the basis of Russian University of Transport of a multifunctional scientific



and technological cluster «Obraztsovo», which will become the national center for transport digital engineering, prototyping, testing and certification of intelligent systems».

In his welcome address to the forum participants the aide to the President of Russia Igor Levitin noted that the Presidential Decree of May 2018 formulated large tasks for transport sector. New technology will be implemented and infrastructure will be updated, and the role of transport universities should become more significant. Igor Levitin also congratulated everyone on the occasion of the 210th anniversary of the transport ministry and transport education in Russia.

Deputy Minister of Transport Alexander Yurchik, welcoming the guests of the forum, said: «We understand that the development of a modern transport system is impossible without highly qualified professionals».

Within the framework of the forum several plenary discussions took place. The participants discussed the role of the backbone industry universities, the increase in the number of foreign students, the model of training in the field of engineering, the introduction of new technologies, digital competencies, youth policy.

In the framework of the project session, First Deputy Minister of Transport of Russia Innokenty Alafinov held a meeting with the rectors of transport universities, attended also by director of administration department of the Ministry Konstantin Pahkov, and deputy rectors for education, research, and youth policy.

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