



The Book about Russian University of Transport (MIIT)



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The fundamental work is dedicated to the 125th anniversary of establishment of Russian University of Transport. The book contains the most interesting material, unique photographs, archival documents and historical essays on the main milestones in the history of the university, its main achievements and outstanding graduates.

The anniversary publication dedicated to the 125th anniversary of Russian University of Transport tells about formation and development of the country's leading transport university. Opened in 1896, Imperial Moscow Engineering School of the Department of Railways (IMEU) became alma mater for people who glorified themselves with the greatest transport facilities. These are the Great Siberian Railroad (Transsib) and the road from Siberia to Central Asia (Turksib), the bridge across the Yenisei, which received the Gold Medal at the World Exhibition in Paris in 1900, and the Baikal-Amur Mainline.

The book includes a description of the glorious history of the university; biographical information about outstanding scientists who glorified not only the university but the whole country with their discoveries, as well as information about the latest successes and achievements of the university and its graduates.

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The task of the editors in this case is not to offer a review, but a brief information about the new publication dedicated to the 125th anniversary of Russian University of Transport celebrated in 2021 and its presentation to the professional community.

600 pages of a commemorative edition with archival and modern photographs talk about the bright events and significant moments in the life of the famous university. This is most accurately stated in the preface: «The entire history of the Transport University is inextricably linked with the history of our country, it is an integral part of it. And in this history, there was a place for

great deeds, landmark events, brilliant victories and triumphs, and the hardest trials, unfulfilled hopes... Everything that filled the life of Russian society and the state at the end of 19th century, 20th century and the beginning of this, 21st century has been reflected in the life of the University... It is not possible to cover absolutely all the events, reveal all the storylines, fill in all the gaps in the jubilee edition. Just a story about outstanding university graduates, whom the transport industry of our country is proud of, would take up dozens of pages and become a multi-volume publication. Realising this, in the anniversary book we decided to focus on only

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some aspects, facts and creators of university history. Without belittling the role and significance of people and events outside the scope of this publication, we would like to emphasise the demand for continuous research into the history of the university... Turning to the history of the university clearly demonstrates the demand for transport education not only for the industry, but for the whole country... The history of the university continues. A great future lies ahead. Therefore, this book is not the final, but only one of the stages of a large-scale and painstaking work on compiling a university-wide annals, where in time there will be a place for all members of a large and friendly family, whose name is Russian University of Transport».

As noted in media publications in connection with this event, «many archival photographs have historical value. The teachers and students at the university, founded in 1896 as Imperial Moscow Engineering School, were outstanding scientists and engineers. So, Lord Kelvin said about the

physicist Pyotr Lebedev, who discovered the pressure of light: «Your Lebedev made me give up before his experiments». Lavr Proskuryakov, the author of the project of the bridge across the Yenisei, was awarded the Grand Gold Medal of the World Exhibition in Paris in 1900 and words of recognition from Gustave Eiffel. The scientific dynasties of the Velikhovs and Patons also began at this university»¹.

The presentation of the book «Always on the Move» took place on January 24, 2022, at the Russian State Library (RSL).

The guests of honour of the event at RSL were Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation I. P. Chalikh, twice Minister of Railways of the Russian Federation, the first president of JSC Russian Railways G. M. Fadeev, Director of the Administrative Department of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian

¹ Shumeiko, I. Move on. Nezavisimaya gazeta, 2022, Iss. 21 (8360). [Electronic resource]: https://www.ng.ru/ng_exlibris/2022-02-02/11_1113_miit.html.





Federation K. A. Pashkov, Deputy Head of Federal Agency for Marine and River Transport K. O. Anisimov and other representatives of the transport industry.

In his welcoming speech, A. A. Klimov, rector of Russian University of Transport, thanked the team of authors who worked on creation of the book for a year, as well as Endowment Fund of the University for invaluable financial support.

According to the established tradition, the first copy of the book «Always on the Move» was solemnly presented to the President of RSL, Viktor Fedorov, to be transferred for eternal storage to the collection of the Russian State Library. At the invitation of V. Fedorov, employees of the RSL conducted a tour of the library's funds for young students, guests of the event, members of the Academic Council, faculty, graduates of Russian University of Transport.

It is impossible not to note the special role that the book, dedicated to the achievements of many generations of students and scientists of the university, is called upon to play in the continuity of generations. As a symbol of this, on the eve of the holiday, the rector of the University presented copies of the book to today's best students for special academic success.

In conclusion, one cannot fail to note the great and sincere contribution of many university

graduates, its current and former employees, professors and scientists, representatives of the transport community to the collection of information, preparation and publication of the book.

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