

Welcome address  
to the participants in the 12<sup>th</sup> International Navigation Forum and  
the 10<sup>th</sup> Navitech International Exhibition

Dear participants,

Development of Russian navigation technologies and creation of their steady market is inextricably connected with the national policy in the field of improvement of the GLONASS system and development of localized solutions and adaptation of regulation to ever changing requirements and conditions. In this regard it is difficult to overestimate the contribution of the annual International Navigation Forum and the Navitech International Exhibition as leading industry events.

For us, organizers, holding of such important events is undoubtedly another step to solution of priority tasks facing the navigation industry. Today, we have a strong regulatory framework that handles the use of navigation technologies in some sectors. However much is to be done taking into account both Russian and international best practices.

The Forum and the exhibition participants have a unique opportunity to obtain the most relevant information about the development of different sectors of economy and industry where navigation is one of advanced technologies for introduction, among them transport and logistics, agriculture, insurance, construction, security systems, construction monitoring, geodesy, inventory and social services. They can also learn about prospects of application of navigation technologies to ensure functioning of unmanned road and air transport, network transportation, and technologies for process automation in different sectors.

I am confident that interesting discussions of the most burning and important issues included in a comprehensive supporting program of the International Navigation Forum and a large showcase of the 10<sup>th</sup> Navitech International Exhibition will enable to unlock creative potential of Russian companies, develop talents and abilities of young specialists, implement the latest innovative solutions and joint international projects using navigation technologies.

I would like to express gratitude to the government bodies, all companies, partners and colleagues for participation in the main industry event 2018. I hope our events will give a great impetus to bringing to life important initiatives aimed at development of Russian navigation technologies.

Let me wish all participants and visitors to the forum and the exhibition vivid impressions, interesting communication, and effective networking for mutually beneficial cooperation.

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