

Honorable participants of the Second Russia-ASEAN University Forum, dear friends!

Relations between Russia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016 and entered the new stage of development. Intensification of economic ties and political dialogue is accompanied by activation of socio-humanitarian engagement and cooperation in the spheres of education and science.

First Russia-ASEAN University Forum co-organized by the Far Eastern Federal University, the MGIMO-University and the ASEAN Secretariat was held in September 2016 at the FEFU Campus. The Forum highlighted mutual interest and outlined new directions for cooperation between educational agencies and leading universities of Russia and the ASEAN member-states. Second Russia-ASEAN University Forum will take place on the sidelines of the third Eastern Economic Forum. It will continue dialogue started at the previous meeting and forward it to the most promising areas of cooperation in the spheres of economy, education, science and culture.

The Far Eastern Federal University is one of the leading Russian educational centers and the largest university in the Russian Far East. In recent years the FEFU has been fostering its ties with the leading scientific and educational centers in the ASEAN: universities from Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia. Ever-growing number of students coming to the FEFU from Southeast Asian nations attracted by the University's world-class scientific infrastructure, great variety of educational programs and remarkable conditions for life and study is another evidence of positive dynamic and great potential of Russia-ASEAN cooperation.

We welcome you at the Second Russia-ASEAN University Forum at the campus of Far Eastern Federal University!

***Faithfully, Acting Rector of Far Eastern Federal University***

***Nikita Anisimov***

