

Dear friends,

It is an open secret that nowadays we are facing new challenges connected with boosting defense potential of our country, developing Russian aviation and outer space industry as a whole, not just helicopter industry. Over the last few years, the Russian defense industry has been steadily growing. And the Exhibition that opens today has contributed to it as well.

Every year the Exhibition becomes more impressive and more popular with the leaders of the world helicopter industry. Its business part is expanding. Specialists in aviation, as well as amateurs, can get acquainted with state-of-the-art models of helicopters, ground-based and airborne equipment and businessmen can find new partners.

HeliRussia is not just an opportunity to show achievements of the helicopter industry. It proves that Russia is leading in the high-tech segment, that our helicopter manufacturers are highly competitive and so are our science and technology complex and our production base.

I heartily congratulate you on opening of the eighth International Helicopter Industry Exhibition! I wish all participants of the Exhibition successful and fruitful work, new exciting projects, continued success in building up defense potential of Russia!

Thank you!

Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation

D. Rogozin