



**Welcome address
to exhibitors,
visitors and organisers
of Neftegaz 2020**

Dear colleagues,

Let me, on behalf of the Russian Ministry of Energy, welcome you to the Neftegaz 2020 international exhibition. It is already the show's sixth edition which is held in parallel with the National Oil & Gas Forum.

Together the forum and exhibition create a unique event of federal importance which serves as a networking platform for both the industry's incumbents with long-time experience and accumulated knowledge and newcomers who treat it as a source to boost growth.

Every year, this event attracts attention of a great number of major businessmen and leaders of industry associations and promotes open business networking.

The most important and relevant issues for discussion are the technological development and industrial safety, upgrade of the industry's facilities using innovative and energy efficient technologies, import substitution and increasing the investment attractiveness of the Russian oil and gas industry.

I am positive that the industry's leading players, experts and the participants in Neftegaz 2020 and the National Oil & Gas Forum will involve representatives of authorities, business, scientific and expert communities in many fruitful discussions as well as find the right solutions and provide valuable recommendations.

I would like to wish you fruitful networking and every success in your work!

Pavel Sorokin

*Deputy Minister of Energy
of the Russian Federation*

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, connected strokes that form the name 'Pavel Sorokin'.