



Dear friends!

Saint-Petersburg Mining University, the first higher technical institution in Russia, will be the host party for the 6th Future Leaders Forum of the World Petroleum Council. The event itself will be held in June 2019.

Both in the past and in the present many of our graduates have made a serious contribution to the development of the industry. Hundreds of discovered deposits, elaborated production facilities – it would not have been possible without their efforts, without the efforts of such graduates as Ivan Gubkin, who is believed to be the founder of the Soviet field-specific science. Ivan graduated with honors from the University in 1910.

Today Mining University is a fusion of the richest traditions passed down through the generations and modern technologies. Our instrument and laboratory base is considered to be one of the best in Russia and is widely used by scientists and students from multiple higher education institutions. At the same time, Oil and Gas Engineering is one of the most popular study programmes at the University.

As experts say, oil as a source of energy will be required to serve the needs of humanity for at the very least in the next forty to fifty years. Thus, no revolutionary changes in energy use, such as through the development of renewable sources of energy, are expected to happen within the aforementioned time frame. It means that the growth rate of the domestic economy, the volume of export revenues from the sale of raw materials and high value added products, whether we meet the needs of the home market or not – it will all depend on you. You are the ones who will be engaged in searching and exploring new deposits, introducing oil recovery rate increasing technologies, as well as exploiting the Arctic shelf areas, as Arctic region is the one where most of the fields will be situated in the future.

The industry today is in dire need of young skilled professionals. It is important that each of you understand that in the modern world it is crucial to grow professionally and adhere to the principle of lifelong education. After all, technologies, which are currently used in the fuel-power complex, are not that much different from the ones used for assembling space equipment, and technology development requires permanent self-improvement and continuous learning from engineers.

I am sure that competitive advantages that have allowed you to become the delegates of the Future Leaders Forum of the World Petroleum Council will form the basis for your successful career!

See you in Saint Petersburg!

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