

Dmitry Medvedev meets with BIE management

Yekaterinburg bids to host Expo 2025.

Excerpts from the transcript:

Meeting with the management of the Bureau International des Expositions

Dmitry Medvedev: You have come to Russia due to Yekaterinburg's bid to host World Expo 2025. Our government pays special attention to his issue. I would like to thank you for examining our bid so carefully. This is not the first time we have submitted a bid. However, there have been changes to Yekaterinburg's application compared with the last time: the characteristics of the venue have changed, and there are some additional capacities. I hope Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich, who is responsible for this project, ministers and the regional administration have managed to show them all.

We reaffirm our commitment to deliver on all the obligations of the host city according to the rules and guarantee everything fixed in the documents I have signed.

Jai-chul Choi (*Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), via interpreter*): The goal of the inspection is to examine the project Russia has presented in Yekaterinburg. The commission held several working meetings with your team, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Industry Minister. The preliminary results are very positive. We will present the information to the committee's session to be held on 4 May, and then the BIE Executive Committee's report will be presented to the General Assembly, whose meeting is scheduled for 4 June. The final voting will be held at the General Assembly in November. So far, we are happy to assure you of our political support.