

## **11. Charitable Activities and Sponsorship**

Vnesheconombank's charitable activities are focused mainly on supporting low-income citizens, social and healthcare institutions and organizations for veterans, preserving cultural heritage and protecting environment.

Also, the Bank acts as a sponsor of large-scale cultural, educational and sporting events, as well as forums and exhibitions intended for strengthening economic relations and improving the investment climate in Russia.

## Healthcare and Social Support

Traditionally, in 2013 Vnesheconombank donated funds to several child healthcare institutions, including the First Hospice for Children with Cancer, Research Institute for Pediatric Oncology and Hematology at the Blokhin Cancer Research Centre and Moscow Regional Psychoneurological Hospital for Children with Central Nervous System Disorders.

Apart from this, the Bank financed the purchase of medical equipment for Federal Research and Clinical Centre for Specialized

Types of Medical Care and Medical Technologies of FMBA of Russia, Urology Chair of Department for General Medicine of Evdokimov Moscow State University of Medicine and Dentistry under Russia's Ministry of Health.

In order to eliminate the damages caused by the flood in the Far East of Russia, Vnesheconombank allocated funds to reconstruct the regional hospital in Leninskoye (Jewish Autonomous Region) by way of charitable support.

## Culture and Education

In the year under review, the most remarkable cultural events held with participation of Vnesheconombank included the exhibition at the Moscow Kremlin Museums devoted to the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the House of Romanov and commemorating the jubilee of accession of the Romanov dynasty's founder to the throne – coronation of Mikhail Fyodorovich Romanov, concert "Kremlin Gala. Ballet Stars of the XXI Century", V. Gergiev's Music Festival "Stars of White Nights",

X International Festival "Musical Hermitage" and Military Band Festival "Spasskaya Tower" became.

The Bank acted as a sponsor of the festivals of Russian art in Milan, Bari and Venice (Italy) as well as delivered financial assistance for the documentary film "Rings of the World" and the feature film "Gagarin. The First in Space" that aroused great interest of the audience. As envisioned by the

filmmaker, the film about the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games captures not only prominent athletes but also the growing role of the intellect and advanced technologies in sports development. The first show of the film “Gagarin. The First in Space” dedicated to the first steps on the way of space exploration and the first astronaut in the world took place in Great Britain,

Germany and Italy and were supported by Vnesheconombank.

The Bank provided grants to the most talented students of MGIMO University, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Finance University under the Russian Federation Government and Higher School of Economics.

## Sports

For many years, Vnesheconombank has supported national teams by allocating funds to the Russian Hockey Federation, Russian Football Union, All-Russia Volleyball Federation, All-Russia Swimming Federation and some other sport associations. In 2013, the Bank sponsored the “Tennis Legends” Tournament in Moscow, as well as participation

of the Russian “KAMAZ Master” Team in the international rally raid “Dakar 2013”. Furthermore, with a view to preparing for the World Football Cup, Vnesheconombank provided charitable support to the Autonomous Non-Profit Organization “Russia-2018 Organizing Committee”.

## Support for Russian Orthodox Church

Seeking to preserve spiritual and historical heritage, the Bank allocates funds for the needs of the Russian Orthodox Church on an annual basis. Vnesheconombank continued financing the construction of the Centre of Spiritual Development of Children and Youth at the Moscow Danilov Monastery, as well as restoration of a number of cathedrals, churches and monasteries.

Apart from this, the Bank continued rendering beneficent aid to the Russian Orthodox Church abroad. In 2013, funds were transferred to the Russian Orthodox Church Parish of Prepodobnyi Sergey Radonezhskiy in Johannesburg (Republic of South Africa) and the orthodox monastery in Hetzendorf (Germany).

## Environment Protection

On an annual basis, Vnesheconombank provides charitable support for environmental projects of the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park, State Environment Institution

“National Park “Pripyatsky” and Autonomous Non-Profit Organization “Eurasian Centre for Leopard Preservation”.

## Economic Forums, Conferences and Exhibitions

In 2013, the most outstanding international events arranged and held with participation of Vnesheconombank included the World Economic Forum in Davos (Switzerland), St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, Sochi-2013 International Investment Forum, X Krasnoyarsk Economic Forum and Far-Eastern Investment Congress.

In the reporting year, within the framework of the International Conference “Sustainable Growth through Long-Term Investments”, the first meeting of the informal club for CEOs of the G20 state financial development institutions (D 20) was held. Vnesheconombank’s partners in the BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism became members of the club.

The Moscow International Forum for Innovative Development “Open Innovations” was another prominent event of the year where the Bank acted as a co-organizer and one of the major sponsors.

Vnesheconombank also participated as a sponsor in such major exhibitions as the International Aviation and Space Salon “MAKS-2013”, INNOPROM-2013, International Maritime Defence Show and Transport Week 2013.

In 2013, the Bank was further involved in supporting the non-profit organizations aiming to identify problems related to the development of regions (Autonomous Non-Profit Organization “Institute of Demography, Migration and Regional Development”, “The Institute for Urban Economics” Foundation, “Center for Political Technologies” Foundation), develop the entrepreneurial initiatives and settle other issues of public importance (Autonomous Non-Profit Organization “Agency for Strategic Initiatives to Promote New Projects”, “Forum Analytical Centre” Non-Profit Fund).