

Vietnamese Embassy gives national awards

On March 3, 2011 an awards ceremony took place at the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in Moscow. During the ceremony, Vietnamese Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Russia Bui Dinh Dinh rewarded prominent Russian gas men with official Vietnamese awards.

Boris Nikitin was awarded the Order of Friendship of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in recognition of his achievements in developing the Vietnamese petroleum industry as well as trade and economic relations between Russia and Vietnam.

From 1993 to 2002 Boris Nikitin was Member of the Management Committee of RAO Gazprom (present OAO Gazprom), from 1997 to 2002 – Head of the Department for Wells Drilling and Offshore Fields Development.

From 2002 to 2006 he was First Deputy Head of the Gas, Gas Condensate and Oil Production Department of OAO Gazprom.

At present, he is President of the Russian Academy of Technological Sciences, Head of the Department for Offshore Oil Fields Development at Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas.

Felix Arzhanov was posthumously awarded the Order of Labor (Class I) of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in recognition of his merits in the Vietnamese petroleum industry development.

Felix Arzhanov was one of the Russian petroleum industry founders. Between 1984 and 1988 he was Director General of the Soviet-Vietnamese joint venture Vietsovpetro. He died in June 1994.

The Order was handed to Felix Arzhanov's son Andrey.