

Welcoming speech of Alexey Miller to Fakel Festival participants and guests

Esteemed participants and guests of the Festival! Dear friends!

Today we are opening the final round of the 5th Fakel Festival among amateur creative teams and performers from Gazprom.

It is the first time the Festival is taking place in Belarus in the ancient city of Vitebsk. 1,322 amateur performers from 36 Gazprom's subsidiary companies participate in the Festival hosted by our subsidiary company Beltransgaz – presently Gazprom Transgaz Belarus.

Vitebsk is a city of festivals with great festival traditions. We have no doubt that the Fakel Festival will be an outstanding and remarkable event in the city's life, and, of course, will once again demonstrate the brotherhood between Belarus and Russia.

I would like to wish successful performance to the Festival participants and a great pastime with a lot of cheerful moments to the spectators.

Dear friends! Gazprom's 5th Fakel Festival of the amateur art in Vitebsk begins!