



## MOSCOW CELEBRATED THE DAY OF THE CITY

**Open air popular celebrations were held all over the city. The culmination point of the great holiday was the official theater ceremony on the Tverskaya square**

Many foreign delegations came to Moscow especially to participate in the celebrations of the 861st anniversary of Moscow. World War II veterans, labor veterans, representatives of labor dynasties, winners of the city contest "Moscow masters", families with many children were honorary guests at the theatre performance. It is interesting that a number of tribunes were allocated to newly wed who got married the day before or on the Day of the City. The President of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev addressed the public. On congratulating Moscow citizens and guests of the capital he said: "The glorious history of Moscow dates nine centuries back. But while preserving this past Moscow keeps up with time and even goes ahead of our age. The capital lives up to the interests of people, their routine cares. Almost 10% growth of Moscow economy, its rapidly developing foreign trade turnover, effective organization of the work of small- and middle-size business help building up almost a half of the city budget, whose funds are allotted to large-scale social programs. Moscow aims at new and dynamically growing city construction of various sites, social in particular, as well as active developing of service sphere and transport infrastructure. Last year, named the "Year of the Child" in Moscow,



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more than 100,000 little Moscow citizens were born in Moscow. And in the first half of this "Year of the Family" there are 2,500 newborns more than in the same period of the previous year. The more we have such families, the more contemporary our society will be. And the stronger our

country will be. The main attraction of the Russian capital lies in the dynamics and openness of Moscow. It is evident not only to the long-standing inhabitants, but to those who have recently come to live in Moscow, to those who esteem Moscow as their home, who love and value Moscow".



Aleksandr Pogorelov



After the President the Moscow Mayor Yury Luzhkov took the floor. "Our hearts are filled with love to Moscow, the city of our

life, our destiny and our happiness. We are facing the holiday in excellent humor, feeling reasonable pride for a multimillion

Moscow family, for all-Moscow contribution into success and achievements of the great Russia. In the nearest 10-15 years Moscow is to become an international financial, economic, tourism center, and a city of social and economic innovations. This is the task set up by our government, and it is already put into realization. The 861st anniversary of Moscow marks starting a new decade of a glorious history of the capital, beginning a creative capture of new heights, reaching new goals. We all have to love and care about Moscow and work for its benefit to reach them. We all should love and care about our great country of Russia".

After the speeches of the President of the Russian Federation and the Moscow Mayor an official theater ceremony took place. Its every stage was a glittering as fireworks performance, and famous artists and bands participated in it.

**Viktor Pavlov**

## MOSCOW COOPERATION WITH CARACAS



**On September, 4 Yury Luzhkov welcomed warmly a delegation from Caracas (Venezuela) led by its Mayor Juan Barreto Cipriani in the White Hall of the building of the Moscow Government on Tverskaya, 13.**

At the meeting of the two heads a Protocol on friendly relations between the capitals of Russia and Venezuela was signed. It provides for sharing expertise and information in the sphere of municipal administration, city planning, communal services, and environmental protection.

Special attention in the Protocol is paid to cooperation in the sphere of health care, sports, tourism, youth policies and social sphere. The document should expand economic cooperation based on the principles of mutual interest and benefits from exact enterprises and organizations of the two capitals.

The signed Protocol provides for broad cooperation between Moscow and Caracas in the sphere of culture, including cultural exchange and direct contacts between cultural institutions of the cities in question.

The representative delegation of the Caracas City Hall of 25 people was in Moscow from September, 1 to September, 7. The list of the guests included the chairman of the city legislative council, general secretary of the Caracas Administration, president of the Caracas housing fund and general secretary on cultural issues. The guests from Venezuela participated in the festive activities dedicated to the Day of the City.

**Elena Kudryavtseva**

# FRENCH MOTIVES IN THE MOSCOW METRO

**Within the framework of the events dedicated to the Day of the City, a new 177th station of the Moscow metro, the "Slavyansky Bulvar" station opened on September, 7**

The Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and the Moscow Mayor Yury Luzhkov participated in the opening ceremony. The new station is situated between the "Park Pobedy" and the "Kuntsevskaya" stations of the Arbatsko-Pokrovskaya line, in the district of Fili-Davydkovo. The decoration of the "Slavyansky Bulvar" station is similar to that of the Parisian metro. There are three banks for passengers with decorative floor-lamps, and cast grates with flower design are located above the tunnel walls. The station boasts of extremely high ceilings for this type of construction, of almost 10 meters. Ivan Lubennikov, architect in charge of the decoration of the "Slavyansky Bulvar" station, is quoted as saying that the new station is not a copy of a station in Paris, but a kind of a metaphor to remind us of it. The artist also noted that while working on the design of the station he want-



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ed to make it resemble a city boulevard, a "landscape underground". The station was constructed in record 17 month versus usual 26 months. The head of the Moscow metropolitan Dmitry Gaev said that a Program of metro developing has been prepared to be considered by the Russian Government. In case the program is adopted, the rates of construction will reach 100 km. per 10 years which equals world standards. Dmitry Gaev also said that a principal agreement was reached with OAO RZHD (Russian railways) that some stations will be connected to railway platforms, which will be more comfortable for the passengers.

Oleg Perov

# FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS

**From September, 4 to September, 7 the IV Moscow international festival of crafts took place at the territory of All-Russian Exhibition center**

The Festival was organized with support of the Moscow Crafts Chamber together with the Department on Supporting and Developing Small Businesses of the city of Moscow and the Public and expert council on small- and middle-size businesses under the Moscow Mayor and the Moscow Government. Traditionally craftsmen from Moscow, Russian regions, and foreign states participated in the Festival. They all presented their products at the exhibition pavilions near the Peoples' Friendship fountain. "Round tables" on developing crafts and its role in preserving cultural heritage took place. Business meetings aimed at further developing inter-regional and international ties were organized. During the Festival a session



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of the appraisal commission for the craftsman qualification was held. During the exhibition days famous craftsmen, including goldsmiths, icon-painters, woodcarvers, smiths, stove-setters, lace-makers, batik-painters, specialists in lacquered miniatures and others demonstrated their artistry. The guests of the Festival had a chance to attend unique master-classes in crafts. The feast of popular crafts was followed by performances of theatre and music troops, contests of professional mastery and folklore.

Olga Orlova

# Visit of Bulgarian Partners



**On September, 2-5 a delegation of the Republic of Bulgaria led by the minister of labor and social policies Emilia Maslarova visited Moscow**

At the meeting with the Moscow Mayor Yury Luzhkov the future of bilateral cooperation in arranging health treatment and resort in Bulgaria for Moscow citizens, including children, invalids and retirees was discussed. The Moscow Mayor approved of the Bulgarian proposition on elaborating a joint project that provides for attracting Bulgarian labor force to work in Moscow. Yury Luzhkov also expressed the interest of the Moscow Government in mutual increase of cargo turn-over and in using "river-sea" class vessels. Issues of mutually beneficial cooperation between Moscow and Bulgaria in social sphere were also on the agenda at the meeting between the Bulgarian guests and the first deputy Mayor in the Moscow Government Ljudmila Shvetsova. The sides discussed possibilities for expanding "Kamchia" resort and health complex in Bulgaria that belongs to the Russian capital, and arranging that Bulgarian children can stay there.

Aleksandr Kuryagin

## "AUTOVILLE" ON MALAYA TRUBETSKAYA

**On Sunday, September, 7 a new museum of "Autoville" which presents unique retro automobiles opened in Moscow**



Style and rarity cars of the XX century belonging to private collections with primary trim and in working order can be now seen in a multifunctional complex "Fusion-park" on Malaya Trubetskaya, 1. And it's not just about seeing, as it is also possible to drive these rarities!

There are Rolls-Royces, Mercedeses, Jaguars, Bentleys, Porsches and many other cars one would be eager to ride to the sunset like in old Hollywood films. There's a pink Cadillac de Ville of the ties of Elvis Presley and a 1907 Darek, the oldest car in the museum. They are found side by side with the

legends of Soviet automobile industry, such as GAZ-13, a 1976 white Chajka of limited edition, and a legendary so-called "kopejka", e.g. a 1972 WAZ-2101.

The new museum is unique for Russia judging by the composition of the old-timers collection and the level of its technical state. While looking at these rarities one sees they are real work of art.

The museum is divided into 6 chronological zones. The key cars of the era are found in the center of each zone. Artful entourage, such as celebrity portraits and things of decoration of the

past, as well as multimedia performances and video installations, that reflect the spirit of those days, help creating the necessary atmosphere. From 1950s to present days each period had its key events and personages that had an influence on the history. A special part of the exhibition is dedicated to charismatic contemporary cars, futurist super-cars and cars that participated in the legendary "Miglia Mile" race and the "Transsibir-2008" race.

The Moscow Mayor Yury Luzhkov and his first deputy in the Moscow Government Vladimir Resin attended the opening ceremony of the new cultural center. On delivering a speech to the public, the head of the city announced that the Prime-minister Vladimir Putin promised to give to the museum a historic Volga which carried the President of the USA.. "I think it will be an exponent #1, – the Mayor said. – At the moment it is on the move from Sochi".

A club for retro-car lovers and collectors and a youth club will be organized under the aegis of the museum. A retro-taxi service is to be arranged as well.

**Oleg Ivanov**

## "THE BLOOMING PLANET" AT THE VVTS



**In the beginning of September a 15 International Exhibition of flowers, plants, equipment and materials for decorative gardening and flower business took place at the All-Russian Exhibition Center (VVTs) under the motto of "The Blooming Planet"**

"Staging this exhibition in the city is a grand event for us", announced the first deputy Mayor in the Moscow Government, head of the Complex of municipal service Petr Birjukov at the opening ceremony. He is quoted as saying that "laying out flower beds in Moscow is one of the most important elements in creating comfortable living conditions for Moscow citizens". He also stressed that every year the number of flower beds in the capital increases.

"Flowers" is the largest and most representative exhibition for professionals held in Russia. In 15 years the number of its participants increased 15 times. This year about 700 enterprises from Moscow,

Russian regions, the CIS and foreign countries participated in the work of the exhibition.

The 5th Russian championship on professional floristics organized by the National guild of Russian florists took place within the framework of the exhibition. The program included colorful floral shows where specialists from Russia, Holland, Germany and France demonstrated their mastery. About 20 companies participated in the open composition of landscape gardens which is a part of the exhibition. They presented equipment, planting stock, smaller architectural forms and landscape design services there.

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