

Dear participants of the forum!

On behalf of the local government of Ulan-Ude and on my own behalf, I welcome you at the 4<sup>th</sup> North East Asian Mayors' Forum 2018 in Ulan-Bator!

We have gathered to discuss large-scale environmental problems, which in one way or another concern each city, each region and each country. Reduce air pollution, increase the number of green spaces, preserve and multiply suburban forests, introduce modern technologies that contribute to improving the environmental situation - such challenges face all of us. On their timely decision depends on the health, safety and quality of life of our citizens, as well as economic growth, investment and tourism attractiveness of our cities.

I am confident that the joint discussion will allow us to exchange experience, coordinate efforts and develop an integrated approach to reduce the burden on the environment. This work will be our contribution to the welfare of future generations and the preservation of natural resources.

Allow me to thank all organizers of the forum for the opportunity to discuss such an important topic as the development of cities with a low level of carbon emissions. I wish all participants of the forum fruitful work, good health and success in all endeavors!