

## **Dear participants of the conference!**

Krasnoyarsk is honored to greet the participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> OECD World Forum!

The Krasnoyarsk Krai is one of the largest territories in Russia. Stretching from the north to the south for 3,000 km and passing through several climate zones, it covers one-seventh of the total area of our country.

The topicality of the conference agenda implies a discussion of a wide range of issues of social and economic development of rural areas, influential representatives of the international community, competent expert opinions. The conference is absolutely essential for preparing integrated solutions to be applied in the further development of industrial, scientific and cultural potential of the territory. It is essential for better integration of the Krasnoyarsk Krai into the global community.

We are open to new ideas, technologies, approaches and views of the development of various types of natural and human capital. In recent years our territory has formed a strong scientific and educational foundation for its sustainable competitive development.

I am absolutely certain that the forum and its results will allow all the participants to share the necessary experience, which can be used as a solution to various humanitarian and industrial tasks.

I hope that the hospitality of Krasnoyarsk citizens, the beauty of Siberian nature and an atmosphere of fruitful dialogue will become a good occasion to meet again in the geographical center of Russia, in the Krasnoyarsk Krai.

The Governor of the Krasnoyarsk Krai

Lev Kuznetsov