

Chemistry and Technology Class Opened in Shchekino Lyceum

Larisa Timofeyeva.
Photos: Alexey Piryazev.

The Shchekino secondary lyceum celebrated a professional holiday on October 18 with a grand event: they opened the first chemistry and technology class in the history of both the lyceum and the district.

Chemistry is the realm of miracles that can bring happiness to mankind; the greatest conquests of the mind will be done in this area," wrote the famous Russian author Maxim Gorky. We could not agree more with him. The profession of a chemist will always be honoured and respected. Years pass, careers come and go, but chemistry remains one of the core sciences.

During the ceremony, a four-party agreement was signed. It is aimed at preparing senior-year students to enroll at a university and organizing specific courses for undergraduates to satisfy the company's need in experts with a diploma and put a "lyceum – university – company" scheme in motion. The agreement was signed between the Novomoskovsk Chemical Institute of the D. Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia, Shchekinoazot and the Shchekino District administration.

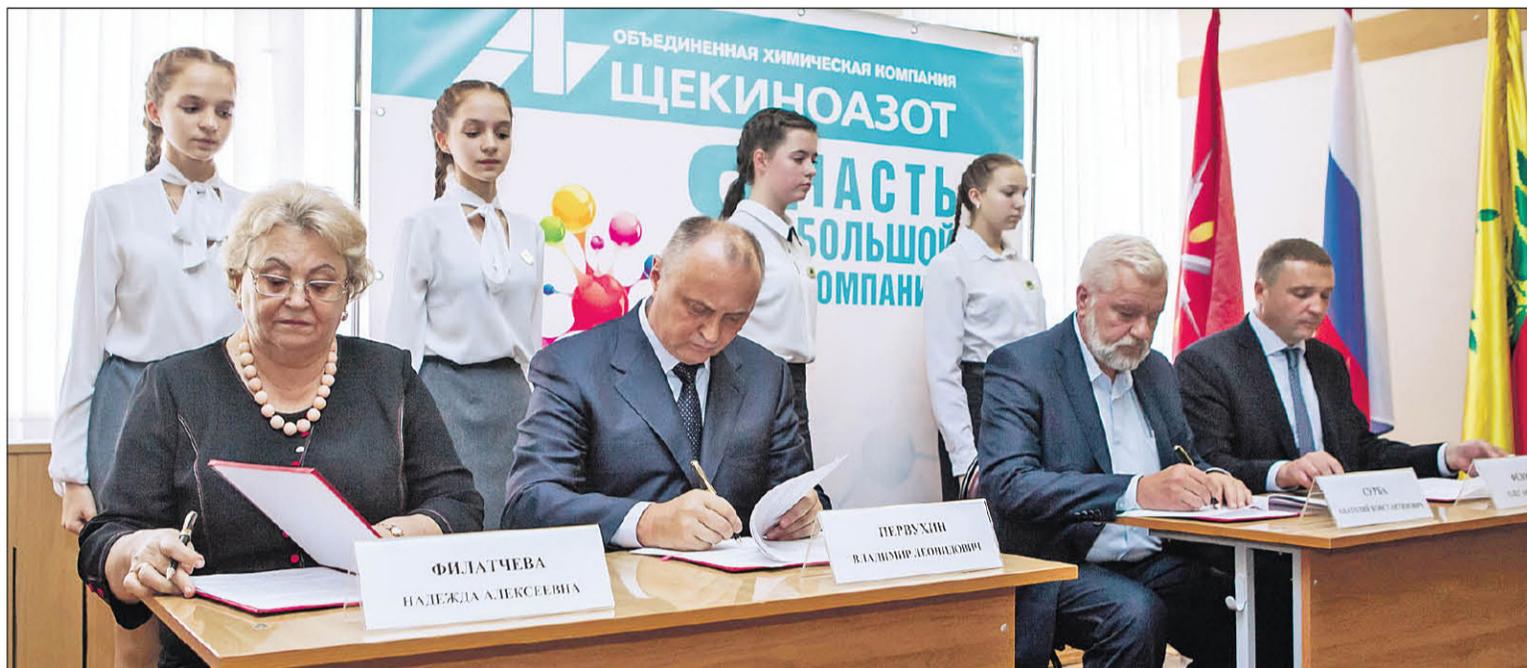


Irina Podchufarova

"We are continually polishing and evolving our system of continuous education", says **Irina Podchufarova**, Shchekinoazot's human relations and social development manager. "This year we will create another new 'lyceum – university – company' chain. At the moment, the company is undergoing major construction.

We build new facilities and introduce innovative technologies – the most advanced in the world. That's why we need certified, well-trained staff."

"It is no secret that the success of any company depends on the skill of its employees. Today they are lyceum pupils, tomor-



Nadezhda Filatcheva, director of the Shchekino lyceum, Vladimir Pervukhin, director of the Novomoskovsk Institute of the UCTR, Anatoly Surba, CEO of Shchekinoazot, and Oleg Fedosov, head of the Shchekino District administration, signed the four-party agreement.



The first intake for the chemistry and technology class will consist of 11 tenth-graders who aspire to a career path in chemistry.

row – students at the university, and a bit later they will come to us as young specialists".



Natalia Pilyus

"We are proud of our lyceum! Tula Region declared it the year of education and knowledge, so it's very important that we opened a new class that will give students a deeper knowledge of chemistry and biology", says **Natalia Pilyus**, member of the Russian State Duma. "We live in a strong and beautiful country and to keep it this way, our President wants us to make a breakthrough". However, this is impossible without a solid foundation and well-conceived preparation. The profession, which children will study at the lyceum and then at the Novomoskovsk Institute, will provide them with great opportunities. And soon, Shchekinoazot will have qualified trained specialists.

The chemistry and technology class opened its doors for students who fell in love with chemistry once and for all. This year there are two tenth grades planned, a total of 30 students. Out of these 11 are sure they want to dedicate their lives to chemistry. Soon the new class will receive advanced equipment and get everything ready for a new and exciting page in these children's lives.



Anatoly Surba

"I'm happy that this new class is focused not just on chemistry, but on chemical technology", Shchekinoazot CEO **Anatoly Surba** shared his impressions. "I earned a degree in chemical technology. I hope this class will yield more colleagues for us so that we can share our accumulated experience with them. Graduates, we are waiting for you!"

The Institute of the D. Mendeleev University of Chemical

Technology in Novomoskovsk also awaits the young chemists from Shchekino. Thanks to the financial support from Shchekinoazot, it can offer great living and learning conditions for students from different towns. For instance, the renovated dorms now meet the latest European standards for comfort.



Vladimir Pervukhin

"We will be happy to see the lyceum's graduates at our institute", says **Vladimir Pervukhin**, director of the Novomoskovsk Institute of the D. Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia. "Next year our institute celebrates its 60th anniversary! For the first time we are organizing new departments. The Composite Valley is being constructed in Uzlovsk District under our governor's supervision. It will soon need the specialists that we are preparing. Boris Aleksandrovich Sokol, President

of Shchekinoazot, set an ambitious goal: to make sure that at least 70% of the company's specialists have an academic degree. So dare to study and join our team! You can do it!"

The young chemists also expressed their gratitude to Shchekinoazot, the administration of the Shchekino District and the Novomoskovsk Institute of the UCTR for the opportunity to learn in the chemistry and technology class.

"It has opened new prospects for my future", said **Danil Pivtsaev**, a student in the chemistry and technology class. "I hope that the education I will receive in this course will allow me to enroll at a chemical university and prepare for a profession that is in high demand in our region. In the future I hope to get on board with Shchekinoazot, the flagship of the chemical industry".



Danil Pivtsaev