



**Dear friends,**

I would like to welcome you to the anniversary International Investment Forum Sochi-2011. Every year in September, it opens the new business season by bringing together the business and political elite and investment offers from all the country's regions.

The Sochi forum has emerged not only as a place where economic problems are discussed and new ideas for the future generated. They have a distinct practical purpose, because all the interesting projects are actually put into practice.

I am confident that this anniversary forum will continue to extend the investment horizons, bringing into its orbit new regions, companies and countries. I am sure it will produce some breakthrough initiatives and projects and will contribute to innovation-driven development of Russia. In addition, it will enable investors from all over the world to really discover the Krasnodar Region for themselves.

I wish the participants in the International Investment Forum Sochi-2011 new development horizons.

Welcome to the Kuban area.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "A. Tkachev". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

**Governor  
of the Krasnodar Region  
Alexander Tkachev**