

The future of the Arctic – difficult synthetic problem



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1. *M.B. MV Lomonosov, his anniversary celebrates in 2011 in Russia. He said that "Russia's power will grow with Siberia and the Northern Ocean, and reaches to the main European settlements in Asia and in America." (From the "Short description of the different trips to the northern seas and indications of possible passage of the Siberian Ocean to East India," 1763.) How do you understand these words of the first Russian academician?*

The words of M.V.Lomonosov, that Russian power will grow Siberia and the Northern Ocean, and reaches to the main European settlements in Asia and in America "is understood in the literal sense: through the development of settlements in Siberia, including the port of points on the coast of Russia receive long-term stable relations with the European settlement in Asia and America.

2. Arctic cold space, with its abundant natural resources could become even more accessible to the twenty-first century for Russia and the world. For this, the trust between nations and people, a huge investment, the Arctic partnership, cooperative effort between business and government, instead of "resource wars", the desire to build a reliable communication. While the situation around the Arctic really is complicated, unresolved questions in the section of the continental shelf and other conflicts. What do you think, who will better decide the future of the Arctic - the military, diplomats, or scholars?

I think that the future of the Arctic - and daunting synthetic challenge, therefore, its solution can only be achieved through integration of efforts of all institutions and social groups. Perhaps in the process of international cooperation, given the scale of costs and innovation issues.

3. *What associations do you have, which are connected with Arctic and North?*

My associations, that are connected with the Arctic and North: North - is our house, and it should be comfortable and safe.

4. *Your wishes and suggestions to a new magazine «Arctic and North».*

My wishes and suggestions to the new magazine: great sailing!