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## The Focus of Eurasian Innovations

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Dear readers,

You are now reading the theme issue of "Upravlencheskoe konsul'tirovanie" ("Administrative Consulting"), dealing with the most vital issues of the state and international development of the post-Soviet space that is the theme of the Eurasian integration processes development.

I would like to remind you that the idea of Eurasia as one of the trends in political philosophy dates back as far as almost 100 years ago. A number of prominent scholars in various fields contributed to its establishment and development. These were Petr Savitsky, an economist and geographer, Leo Gumilev, a historian and geographer, Nikolay Alekseev, a lawyer. The ideology and politics of Eurasianism emerged as an outcome of interdisciplinary scholarly dialogue, the results of which now can be implemented in the post-Soviet space in the form of new integration institutes of the Eurasian region.

In 2015 the countries of the core of the Eurasian integration are to reach an ambitious goal, which is to build the Eurasian Economic Union. The goals of this union formation were set in the programming article by President V.V.Putin published in *Izvestia* on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2011. The article says: "The heart of the matter lies in turning integration into a clear and attractive process for the citizens and the businesses, sustainable and long-term project, which does not depend on fluctuations of current political situation or any other circumstances". This publication added a new momentum to the discussions on the is-

suues of Eurasian integration and made them clearly focused on very practical matters.

The Russian professional journal "Upravlencheskoe konsul'tirovanie" ("Administrative Consultation") continues the traditions of interdisciplinary research on the theme, started by Russian scholars, and provides a broad spectrum of expert opinions on various aspects of building the new Eurasian landscape.

The issue contains materials, enabling people to get insight into the situation and the prospects of international integration in the region and to form a complex vision of the problems and new opportunities for the countries of the region. These aspects of the Eurasian integration are discussed in the articles by Askar Akayev, a foreign member of RAS, by Petr Zverev, the Executive secretary of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the EurAsEC, and by other specialists and scholars.

The important aspects of integration are politics, security, and the development of educational space in the Eurasian region. In this issue you can find ideas and opinions concerning the issues of international terrorism and security strengthening, expressed in the articles by Mikhail Krotov, Adviser to the Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, by Mikhail Kucheryavy, the Chief of Headquarters in the North-West Federal District of the Federal Service for Technical and Export Control. You can also

read about the development of education and building a system of training for management of the united Eurasian region in the article by Anatoly Morozevich, the rector of the Academy of Public Administration under the Aegis of the President of Belarus, Minsk.

I am sure that the results of the long-term research and practical experience reflected in the publications by our authors will be very useful for the readers, involved into or studying the processes of public administration in Russia and beyond.