**International conference brought together Russia and Indonesia!**

On December 8, as part of the "RUSSIAN ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL LUMINARIES AND THEIR WORLDWIDE LEGACY" educational project, an international conference was held bringing together Russia and Indonesia for the first time.

The online conference was organized and held by the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation with the support of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Indonesia and the assistance of the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Jakarta. The conference became most visited one reaching more than 300 people from half of the territory of Russia, whole Indonesia and Papua New Guinea!

The conference included reports on the history of bilateral relations between Russia and Indonesia, the problematics of studying Indonesia in Russia, the myths and realities of perception of Russia abroad, the practice of learning Russian as a foreign language, and the opportunities for students from other countries to study in Russia.

O.V. Kopylov, Counsellor, Head of Policy Departments of the Russian Embassy in Indonesia, and V.A. Glinkin, Director of the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Jakarta, addressed the participants of the conference with a welcoming speech.

N.N. Miklouho-Maclay Jr, the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation Founder and Director, Top Specialist of the Center for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, in his speech specified the aims and objectives of the conference, prospects for development of bilateral relations, noted the cultural and educational ties between Russia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

A.O. Zakharov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, lead researcher at the Center for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Science, and Artem Garin, member of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation Youth Expert, made reports.

On behalf of the leading Universities of Russia, O.V. Khodakova, Vice-rector for International Education, and S.A. Kondratyev, Deputy Director for Education at the Center of International Education of the I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University, L.V. Miller, Doctor of Philology, Professor at the Department of Russian and Foreign Languages of the Emperor Alexander I St. Petersburg State Transport University, A.A. Korshunova, Assistant at the Russian Language Department of the Institute of Philology and Intercultural Communication of the Kazan Federal University, A.A. Stepanova, Manager at the International Students Recruitment Office of the Siberian Federal University, spoke on the opportunities of studying in Russia for people from abroad.

The conference was held in Russian with simultaneous translation into English. The video is available for all registered participants of the conference and on the project website: <https://cse.mikluho-maclay.ru/conference-in-indonesia/>