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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Presentation in Moscow of the Outcome of the First Phase of the Project of the Russian Federation and UNESCO, 'Support for Rehabilitation and Improvement of Education System of the Chechen Republic'**

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The presentation of the outcome of the first phase of the joint project of the Russian Federation and UNESCO, 'Support for Rehabilitation and Improvement of Education System of the Chechen Republic,' took place in Moscow on March 28.

Those attending the ceremony were President of the Chechen Republic Alu Alkhanov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Yakovenko, First Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Chechen Republic Odes Baisultanov, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation Vladimir Fridlyanov, Minister of Education and Science of the Chechen Republic Lema Dadayev, Deputy Chairman of the Russian Federation Commission for UNESCO Academician Vladimir Fortov, Professor Sergey Kapitsa, and Rector of Chechen State University Adnan Khamzayev.

Also taking part in the ceremony were former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Japanese Ambassador Issei Nomura, officials from the embassies of Norway and South Korea, the countries that have rendered financial support to the project, and Acting Director of the UNESCO Office in Moscow Dendev Badarch.

Mr. Mori in his remarks announced the decision of the Government of Japan to allocate funds for financing of one of the project's components, Creation of a Potential for Psycho-Pedagogical and Medico-Social Rehabilitation of Schoolchildren and Education Workers in the Chechen Republic.

A booklet dedicated to the outcome of the work on the first stage of the project was introduced in the course of the presentation.

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