

**Video Message to the International Forum  
to be Hosted by A Just Russia Party on April 27, 2015  
by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Secretary General of the ICAPP**

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Your Excellency Sergey Mironov, President of A Just Russia Party,  
And distinguished participants of the International Forum co-hosted by A Just Russia Party  
and A Just World Institute,

It is my great honor to send this congratulatory message to all of you on behalf of the ICAPP, the International Conference of Asian Political Parties, which represents over 350 political parties of different political ideologies in over 50 countries in Asia.

First of all, we congratulate A Just Russia Party and A Just World Institute on holding this international forum on the theme of "A Joint Answer to Global Challenges- the Path to a Just World." It is indeed a most opportune topic to discuss on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the victory over fascism.

Since the end of the World War II, the world has become much smaller and integrated, thanks to the enormous advancement in science and technology. The rapid pace of globalization has greatly contributed to the tremendous growth in global trade and investment. Recent innovations in information technology have also made the world even more inter-connected.

Such progress, however, has not succeeded in providing answers to many challenges we face in the world. One third of the world population is still suffering from poverty. Social injustice continues to be an ever more serious issue in almost every society. Despite various efforts and commitments, global environment and ecological systems are deteriorating, not improving. Conflicts among different ethnic groups and religions are increasing, not diminishing.

In this regard, the ICAPP is striving to help the global community find common strategies to tackle these challenges through its extensive activities by promoting dialogue among political parties of different ideological orientations and backgrounds. And we deeply appreciate active participation by A Just Russia Party in our programs.

There are, of course, no easy solutions to our challenges. But I am sure, and very hopeful, that this forum will provide another opportunity for leaders of political parties, governments, academia, business and the media from various countries to come together and have a closer look at the common challenges we face and to come up with better answers for them.

Best wishes to all of you, and thank you.