

**IMEMO RAN held the twelfth conference (the first one in 2013) of the IMEMO-NTI joint project on the prospects of attaching multilateral character to the nuclear disarmament process. The particular subject of the conference was “Reviving non-proliferation regime on the Korean Peninsula”**

The event was opened by the introduction by the Head of the Center for International Security of the IMEMO RAN, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences **Alexei G. Arbatov**. The principal reporters were **Vasily V. Mikheev**, Deputy Director of IMEMO RAN, Corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences; **Victor I. Yesin**, Leading Researcher of the Institute of USA and Canada Studies, colonel-general (ret); **Vladimir E. Novikov**, Deputy head of the Department, Russian Institute of Strategic Studies.

The conference attracted a great interest within the expert and political community. More than fifty Russian specialists in the subject were present, as well as a group of foreign diplomats from China, Germany, France, South Korea and Japan, Russian and foreign journalists many of whom took part in the discussion. Among those who took the floor were such well-known specialists as Anton V. Khlopkov, Director of the Center for Energy Security Studies; Alexander N. Perendzhiev, Associate Professor, Department of Political and Social Science, Russian Plekhanov Economic University; Vladimir I. Sazhin, Senior Researcher, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IVRAN); Yury V. Tavrovsky, Chief Editor of the Diplomat Journal; Georgy D. Toloraya, Regional Director for Asia and Africa, Head of Regional Projects Directorate, the Russky Mir Foundation; Alexander V. Vorontsov, Head, Section of Korean and Mongolian Studies, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences;

In the course of the discussion there were touched the most acute security issues in the South Asian region, perspectives and possibilities of the solution of the crisis around the nuclear missile programme of DPRK. The well-known specialist proposed some possible scenarios and approaches to the solution of this crisis.

As the result of the conference the booklet will be prepared which will be published in Russian and in English and will be place at the IMEMO Internet site.