DECR chairman meets with Russia's national coordinator in Shanghai Cooperation Organization

On May 18, 2014, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, met with Russia's national coordinator in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), K. M. Barsky. They discussed prospects for the development of humanitarian, inter-civilizational and interreligious dialogue in the SCO in the light of Russia's upcoming chairmanship in this inter-state forum.

Present were also I. Polyakov, director general of the Inter-state Development Corporation, A. Kalashnik, executive director of the Russian-Chinese Business Council/Russia, and D. Petrovsky, DECR staff.

Metropolitan Hilarion presented Mr. Kalashnik with the Russian Orthodox Church's Order of St. Nicholas of Japan awarded him by Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia in recognition of his long-standing assistance to the Church in its work in Asia (China, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, etc.) and on the occasion of the 50th birthday.

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