Prime Minister Vladimir Putin congratulates Patriarch Kirill on the 3d anniversary of his enthronement

On February 1, 2012, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia met with the Chairman of the Russian Federation Government, Mr. Vladimir Putin.

Accompanied by His Holiness, the high guest made a tour of the recently-restored building of the Synodal Residence.

After the tour, the Primate of the Russian Church and the Chairman of the Government had a talk. Mr. Putin extended congratulation to His Holiness on the 3d anniversary of his enthronement and presented him with an icon of the Holy Prince Daniel of Moscow.

Mr. Putin thanked Patriarch Kirill for the enormous contribution he made to the reinforcement of the spiritual foundations of society and development of relation with the far abroad. According to Mr. Putin, for those who live there it is important to feel inseparable ties with the Russian Orthodox Church.

Patriarch Kirill expressed cordial gratitude to the guest for his warm words and pointed to the considerable contribution Mr. Putin made to the development of church-state relations.

The prime minister accepted Patriarch Kirill's invitation to take part in the meeting of representatives and leaders of traditional religions in Russia to take place in the Church of Christ the Savior, the Patriarchal Press Service has reported.

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