



Russian diplomat given Patriarchal award.



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A meeting took place on 10th October 2024 at the Department for External Church Relations between the chairman of the DECR the metropolitan of Volokolamsk Anthony and the Russian ambassador Oleg Vasnetsov, who had just ended his diplomatic tour in the Republic of Moldova.

Metropolitan Anthony bestowed upon the Russian diplomat the high award of the Russian Orthodox Church of the Order of the Right-believing Prince Alexander Nevsky, 2nd Degree. His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kirill bestowed this award on Mr. Vasnetsov for his contribution to the development of church-state relations and on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

In his word of reply Mr. Vasnetsov expressed his profound gratitude for the high evaluation of his labours in diplomacy.

Also attending the award ceremony was advisor to His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia archpriest Nikolai Balashov.

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