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INDC, 47th Class Participants

INDC Staff

**Subject: Preferences for the East Tour**

1. The 47th class of the INDC's learning tour to the East will take place on May 10th-14th, 2020. The Tour was postponed by one week of its original date, due to various constraints.
2. This year's tour will take place in the following countries:
   1. The Russian Federation
   2. India
   3. People's Republic of China
   4. The Republic of Korea
3. Contrary to previous learning tours, this one *will not* be carried out within the organic teams, but by a designated team that will be chosen by the INDC staff, while taking into account the participant's personal preferences.
4. A significant preparatory phase will precede the learning tour, led by a small team chosen from within each group. The preparation process will be accompanied by one of the instructors ,and will take part throughout the entire Specialization Season period.
5. For each group, two national security related fields of study were defined in advance. The learning and research processes will deal with the linkages between those two fields. At the same time, each group will have plenty of room to choose its focus on specific research questions based on each groups' interests.
   1. The Russian Federation – Between Geopolitics to Energy.

**Research question for example:** The way in which changes in the global energy market affected Russia's strategic position both in the internal and the international arenas.

* 1. India – Between Society to National Security.

**Research question for example:** The influence of social class in India on the complex relations with Pakistan and on national security.

* 1. People's Republic of China – Between Economics to National Security.

**Research question for example:** How do Chinese investments across the globe strengthen China's national security?

* 1. The Republic of Korea – Between Geo-strategy to technology.

**Research question for example:** Technological superiority as an answer to a given geographical condition and to a nuclear threat as part of a struggle between powers.

1. Each participant is requested to rate three preferences to this tour according to the fields of study and linkages described above. We will do our best to assign participants according to their preferences, while considering other relevant factors. In case of a specific restriction involving one of the destination countries, please let us know in advance.

**Sincerely,**

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