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Nobel Prize Winner to Meet with Education Ministry

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Nobel Prize winner Andrei Geim will take part in part in an Education and Science Ministry public council meeting, Kommersant reported Tuesday.

Geim, born in Sochi in 1958, was invited to take part in the today's meeting by Education Minister Dmitry Livanov, himself a former physicist.

It will be the emerging scientist's first participation with the governmental body.

He is expected to give a lecture to students of the prominent Physical and Technical school, of which he is a graduate.

Geim, who works at the University of Manchester, previously refused a job offer at the Skolkovo technological hub.

He left Russia in 1990 and took up British and Dutch citizenship.

Geim was awarded Nobel prize in 2010 together with fellow scientist Konstantin Novoselov "for groundbreaking experiments regarding the material graphene," a form of carbon. The thinnest material in the world, graphene is also one of the most durable, and scientists say that it could rival silicon.

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