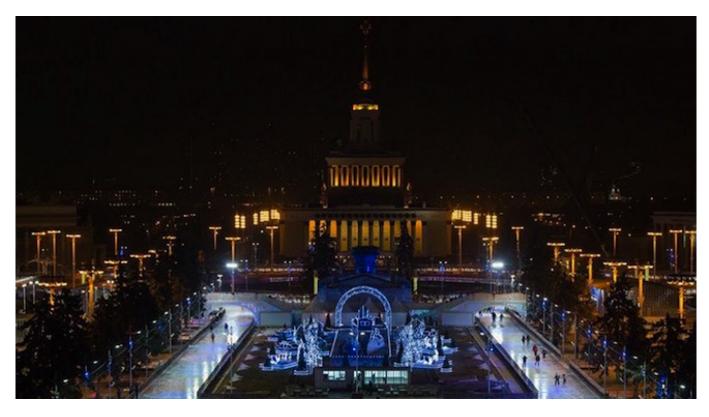


Moscow Ice Skating Rink to Be Largest in Russian History

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Moscow's All-Russia Exhibition Centre (VDNKh) on Nov. 27 will open the largest ice skating rink in Russian history — beating its own record set last winter.

The ice will span 20,000 square meters, running through the giant ornamental park and exhibition space in north Moscow and accommodating 4,500 skaters at the same time, the center said on its website. Meanwhile, the children's ice rink will double in size to 900 square meters.

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There will be 39 square meters more ice than last year, according to the TASS news agency.

The center said in January that last year's rink cost 785 million rubles (\$12 million). It was visited by more than 1.5 million people, according to TASS.

This winter's skating season at VDNKh will run from Nov. 27 to March 27.

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