

ARCHITECT JAIME LERNER ARRIVES TO PERM

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On June 26 Jaime Lerner, a famous architect, is to come to Perm. The former Mayor of Curitiba, Brazil, will visit the Perm Territory on the invitation of Governor Oleg Chirkunov, UralPolit.ru has been told today, June 25, by the Regional Head's office.

It can be recalled that Governor Chirkunov got interested in the life of Curitiba when visiting it in May 2008 where he met the famous architect. The Perm Territory Governor intended to use locally some Curitiba experience in organizing its municipal services.

The architect will spend three days in the Perm Territory. Together with Governor Chirkunov and Senator Sergey Gordeyev he will fly over Perm in a helicopter and in the evening of June 26 he will make a sightseeing tour of the city.

It is planned that Mr. Lerner will visit the historical sites of the Territory capital associated with the names of famous public figures and writers. Vladimir Abashev, Professor of the Perm State University, will act as a guide explaining to the visitor the significance of the sites for Perm and for the whole area.

The Brazilian architect's tour program will also include attending a conference on urban planning, seeing the Perm mass transit system and meeting experts in the urban transit field: researchers, top managers of the municipal street-car and trolleybus depot, private carriers.

Jaime Lerner has three times been elected the Mayor of Curitiba starting in 1970, twice held the position of the Paraná State Governor, was President of the International Union of Architects; he now consults on architecture and organizing the contemporary urban spaces. **■**

