

Meeting the delegation of the Center for Research and Strategic Development of the Agency for Science and Technology of Japan

On October, 20, 2015 the delegation of the Centre for Research and Strategic Development of the Agency for Science and Technology (Japan) under the auspices of the Consul General of Japan visited the Polytechnic University. The event was attended by the leading researcher of the Center Yukihide Hayashi, a member of the center Yuko Tsuda, the attaché for the economics (Consulate General of Japan) Ruiske Kugai.



Currently in Japan, there are three main organizations responsible for implementing the national science and technology policy: The Ministry of Education and the Agency for Science and Technology, responsible for fundamental research, and also the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), supporting industrial research and development.

On October, 20, D.G. Arsenyev welcomed Japanese colleagues in the Polytechnic University. He spoke about the priorities of the university and focused on the achievements of the Polytechnic University researchers. "Our university is open for

cooperation and discussion of new ideas. Expanding cooperation with leading research centers and universities plays an important role in the work of every institution of higher education. The Polytechnic University is among the top 15 universities in Russia. We got this high score because of daily scientific search and collaboration with the international scientific community. Foreign colleagues appreciate our projects and research, many of which have become world-class discoveries. According to the rating of the Times, the Polytechnic University takes 200-250 place among the major universities of the world. The priority areas of the university are physics and nuclear physics, new materials, material science, nanotechnology, and many others. The Polytechnic University has made great success in power engineering, hydropower engineering, heat and nuclear power engineering. We are proud of our scientific schools in the fields of mechanical engineering, power mechanical engineering, applied mathematics, mechanics and computer engineering. The research supervisor of one of the institutes of our university is a Nobel Prize winner Zhores Alferov. I'd like to mention that a lot of members of the Russian Academy of Sciences work in our university. The representatives of the leading industrial business corporations also work closely with the Polytechnic University. The international relations of SPbPU are the contacts with acknowledged universities in many countries. Among them are some Japanese universities, such as Kyoto University, Institute of Science and Technology of Nara, Aitsu University, Meiji University," said Dmitriy Germanovich.



The Japanese side informed about the development and financing mechanisms of

the scientific sphere in Japan and about the activities of the Agency for Science and Technology. The Japanese colleagues also expressed interest in the establishment of cooperation with the Polytechnic University in the scientific-technological area. "Our agency is the main body of subsidizing significant projects. We solve the problem of general political importance and constantly analyze the situation in science and education of global importance. The main purpose of our visit to your university is to plan joint activities. No doubt, the development of science in Russia needs to be strengthened, but in recent years more and more young scientists stay here to continue scientific experiments in the native walls of their laboratories. These trends indicate the change in the general situation and the willingness of public figures to support science," said Yukihide Hayasi, the leading researcher at the Center for Research and Strategic Development of the Agency for Science and Technology.

Also, Japanese colleagues got very interested in how the Polytechnic University academic staff train the future specialists in the area of computer technology. D.G. Arsenyev proposed to organize a joint workshop with Russian and Japanese scientists to discuss the most interesting projects.

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