

SPbPU Delegation Visits Zhejiang University

For many Polytechnicians this year began with visiting higher educational institutions of China. It was the first trip to China for most of the employees and students of the university, which became a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about specifics of the Chinese educational system and visit some well-known attractions of this extraordinary, in all respects, country.



The top priority educational route was Zhejiang University, which welcomed the representatives of the Polytechnic University at the end of January 2016. The SPbPU delegation included Vice-Rector for Administrative Affairs S.V. Romanov, Director of the Institute of Humanities (IH) N.I. Almazova, Head of the Department “International Relations”, HI S.N. Pogodin, Assistant of the Department “International Relations”, HI Wang Jintao and students of the Institute of Humanities.

Zhejiang University is a strategic partner of SPbPU and one of the oldest and most prestigious universities of the Republic of China. The university is based in a picturesque city of Hangzhou and has 5 campuses. The university has 11 majors with technical sciences being of special importance. The level of education in

Zhejiang University meets the highest requirements and generally accepted international standards. Students from different countries are eager to study here and leading professors are very much interested in considering possible ways of cooperation.

The main purpose of the visit of the SPbPU representatives is prospective interaction with the Chinese university, development of joint projects, study programs and academic mobility programs, exchange of knowledge and experience.

Vice-Rector for Administrative Affairs S.V. Romanov took part in the negotiations with Song Yonghua, Executive Vice-President of the University, met with the employees of the Capital Construction Department, International Relation and Purchase Management Department, visited the Center of Energy Economy. S.V. Romanov noted that the experience of Zhejiang University in solving many administrative problems is oriented on active practical work, attraction of various resources, realization that every university is a state within a state.

In their turn, employees of the Institute of Humanities focused on expanding the limits of academic cooperation. They met the teachers and students of Zhejiang University, learned about common preferences and major tasks of the future projects.

In quite a number of meetings there were reached agreements about the beginning of discussion on joint double-degree programs, summer schools for Chinese and Russian students, granting two scholarships for Russian students studying in the Chinese university. In addition, issues were discussed about holding partnership scientific and methodological conferences, about possibilities of joint publications and teacher exchange programs.

“The interest of Zhejiang University to the study programs of the Polytechnic University is motivated by the fast development rates of the Russian education, multi-nationality of our university, education of young people according to the advanced ideas and trends, which meet the requirements of our time and tolerance conceptions. The most important thing in achieving joint successes is reasonable combination of the theory and big practical experience, which is focused on development of the economy and industry, integration into the international scientific and academic environment,” pointed out S.N. POGODIN, Head of the Department “International Relations”, IH.

It is worth noting that the employees of Zhejiang University dedicated a lot of time to communicating with the students of the Institute of Humanities. The kids were happy to participate in welcome events, socialize with their foreign friends, tutors and elder colleagues. A very interesting and informative cultural program was organized for the whole delegation of the Polytechnic University. The Polytechnicians visited the central part of the city of Hangzhou. In Shanghai they saw the Oriental Pearl Radio and TV Tower, visited museums and walked along the famous embankments, which are especially impressive at night.

“Even the sun is enormous in China... And the sun is so clear... These memories will stay with me for all my life. My future profession is related to sinology. The trip to China has become a very important event in terms of my professional interests and my strong wish to learn more about the mysteries of this amazing country. I realize that I’ve made the right choice. My interest to China is my call,” Elizaveta KHOKHLOVA, student of the Institute of Humanities, shared her impressions.

The opinion of her fellow student was supported by Vitalina PANOVKINA, student of the IH. “We managed to establish contacts with the teachers and learn about the conditions of enrolling in Master’s programs. China astonished me with its hospitality and kind attitude to foreign guests. I’m sure that studying here is fascinating and useful travel. I’ll definitely go to China again, to see the buzzing and exotic Shanghai and to improve my Chinese, which will be of good use in my life.”

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