## A Foundation Program in China has been opened

The creation of joint centers of Russian and Chinese universities, the purpose of which is to train quality applicants from the People's Republic of China in the universities of the Russian Federation, is becoming more and more relevant. There are already 3 joint programs in China to train applicants for SPbPU.



The last days of April saw the opening of Polytechnic's Foundation program at one of the most innovative universities in China — SCO Institute of Commerce and Economics in Qingdao, Shandong Province. Polytech was represented by Alexey Pavlov, Director of the Center for Russian as a Foreign Language at the Higher School of International Educational Programs, while the SCO Institute was represented by its Director Zheng Shi.

We have been cooperating with the Higher School of International Education Programs of SPbPU for two years already with the help of our regular partner — Globus International Ltd. And now we are opening a center where schoolchildren will not only be trained, but will also have the opportunity to take the Russian language exam under the LTC system. This is very important for Chinese applicants and their parents, said Mr. Zheng Shi. For his part, Mr. Alexey Pavlov noted, I have seen with my own eyes the great interest of Chinese students in studying at Russian universities. I am sure that our center will have a long and successful work. Qualified teachers of the SPbPU Higher School of Russian Language Education will participate both in training of Chinese applicants and in professional development of Chinese teachers of Russian as a foreign language.

Victor Krasnoshchekov, Director of the Higher School of International Educational Programs, called the opening of the center «a logical stage of fruitful cooperation with the SCO Trade and Economic Institute. Improving the quality of training of Chinese applicants is our top priority. Methodologists of the Higher School of IEP are constantly improving the methodology of teaching Russian outside the language environment».

The strongest school of engineering education of Polytech enjoys well-deserved authority in China. We strive to fulfill the high standards of the number of foreign students set by the state, while not reducing, but constantly improving the quality of their training. This is impossible without the introduction of innovative forms and technologies of education, one of which is the creation of remote preparatory departments, summarized Dmitry Arseniev, Vice-Rector for International Affairs.

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