# Digest from the Official Representative Office of SPbPU in Shanghai: Spring Review

Negotiations on cooperation with potential partners, Open Doors Days at SPbPU on the basis of a Chinese university, participation in exhibitions and conferences this was the spring of 2022 in the activities of the official representative office of SPbPU in Shanghai. Our traditional news digest describes new achievements and plans for the future.



## **Polytechnic-Tangshan Preparatory Center**

In the spring of 2022, SPbPU and Tangshan Oriental Education School (PRC) signed an agreement to establish a joint Polytechnic-Tangshan Preparatory Center. Its key objective will be to prepare Chinese students for admission to Polytechnic University and other universities in St. Petersburg. It is planned that the new Polytechnic-Tangshan center will select and prepare talented Chinese students for admission to Polytechnic University. Among the main activities of the center are holding classes in general subjects and the Russian language, as well as refresher courses for Chinese teachers and their familiarization with advanced teaching methods. Another important task of the center will be the popularization of the Russian language and culture in China. This will be facilitated by the organization of joint international events, such as open lessons, seminars, Olympiads for schoolchildren, as well as the already well-known in the PRC «Polytechnic's Russian Language Days».



#### Russian and Chinese Scientists Participate in the Russian Science Foundation Contest

Scientists from Polytechnic University and universities in China submitted 19 applications to the Russian Science Foundation-China (RSF-China) competition. A total of 19 partners from China, including Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai Institute of Technology, East China Normal University, Harbin Engineering University, Harbin Institute of Technology and many others are participating in the competition for grants of the Russian Science Foundation in cooperation with Polytechnic University. Scientists from the two countries note the highly competitive nature of the projects. Among the presented topics are biomedicine, energy, engineering, information technology, etc.

We hope that the presented projects will make it to the final — this will give a significant impetus for the development of cooperation with Chinese partners and promotion of current areas of science and technology, commented Lu Zhiyu, head of the official representative office of SPbPU in Shanghai.

#### **Open Doors Day of Polytechnic University at Shandong University**

#### of Railway Transport

In spring, the staff of SPbPU Representative Office in Shanghai held an Open Doors Day at the Shandong University of Railway Transport. The event was attended by professors and students of the Chinese university. The participants got acquainted with the educational areas and programs of SPbPU, Russian language learning opportunities and features of enrollment, as well as took a virtual tour around the university campus. SPbPU students from China joined the event online and shared their impressions of studying at Polytechnic University and living in St. Petersburg, and answered questions from the participants. At the end of the Open Doors Day at Shandong University of Railway Transport, 15 Chinese applicants applied for admission to Polytechnic University. Among the selected fields of study are applied mathematics and computer science, linguistics, economics, trade, etc.

# Polytechnic University at Chinese International Conference on Exchange of Talents CIEP-2022

Polytechnic University traditionally participated in the 20th China International Conference on Exchange of Potential (CIEP-2022). The event was organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China. More than 1000 scientific organizations, industrial enterprises and government institutions from more than 30 countries and regions joined the CIEP-2022. During the conference the staff of SPbPU Representative Office in Shanghai took part in online talks with Chinese partners on the directions of possible cooperation.



### Cooperation with Xi'an University of Technology continues

At the end of May, another group of students from Xi'an University of Technology (S&T) began their studies at SPbPU. As part of the TU Xi'an — Polytechnic Internship Center, 35 master's degree students joined the Advanced Material Processing Technologies program online. SPbPU professors prepared intensive lecture materials and also demonstrated to the students the processes of electric arc growing from wire and friction stir welding of aluminum alloys. As a reminder, the STU master's degree training has been supported by the TU Xi''an Polytechnic Internship Center since 2019. To date, more than 100 holders of master's degree from Xi'an University of Technology have been trained at the Center.

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