

## SPbPU Representative Office in Shanghai celebrates its first anniversary

On June 6<sup>th</sup> the delegation of St. Petersburg Polytechnic University took part in the celebration of the first anniversary of its representative office in Shanghai.



The delegation was led by rector Dr. A.I. Rudskoy. Among the delegates were Vice-Rector for International Relations Mr. D.G. Arseniev, head of rector's administration Mr. V.P. Zhivulin, director of the Institute of Physics, Nanotechnology and Telecommunications Mr. S.B. Makarov, director of the Institute of Computer Science and Technology Mr. V.S. Zaborovsky, director of the Institute of Metallurgy, Machine Engineering and Transport Mr. A.A. Popovich, head of international Relations Office Mr. V.D. Khizhnyak, professor, head of the research Laboratory of Molecular Virology and Oncology at the Center of prospective research of SPbPU Mr. A.P. Kozlov and head of department of International Scientific and External Economic Relations Mr. S.S. Antonov.



The celebration was opened with a welcome speech from Mr. Rudskoy. “This is a very important date for our university and both Russian and Chinese scientific communities for it symbolizes a new stage in our scientific, educational and technical cooperation”, - remarked Mr. Rudskoy in his opening speech. He added that despite the swiftness of time a lot has been done during the past year to consolidate the Russian-Chinese relations: academic mobility has risen, new ties have been established with the top Chinese universities, associations, scientific and state structures, a number of scientific centers and laboratories have been created, and agreements on the joint development of the knowledge-intensive products with the largest Chinese companies have been signed.

The greetings from the Chinese colleagues followed. Director of the Representative Office Mrs. Su Jin emphasized the importance of the strategic partnership with Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University as one of the leaders in science, education and production and expressed her hope to further the fruitful relations between China and Russia.



Significant part of the event was the negotiations with the representatives of the Free Economic Zone of Shanghai which resulted in three contract offers: Russian-Chinese Center for Biomedical cooperation; "Development of the ultrasensitive thin-film sensors based on multi-layered nanostructures"; "Implementation of "SmartFoil" technology in electronics production using ceramic, piezoceramic and metal SMD-elements". These contracts are an important step towards international cooperation; they also define Polytech's position as the leader in implementation of engineering technology in biomedicine.





It is worth saying that at the end of May the representative Office was visited by a group of journalists from the largest media companies of St. Petersburg, Vladivostok and Shanghai. The journalists were given a tour of the representative office during which they learnt about its goals and major achievements. The media praised the office efficiency and international involvement of the first Representative office of a Russian university in China.

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