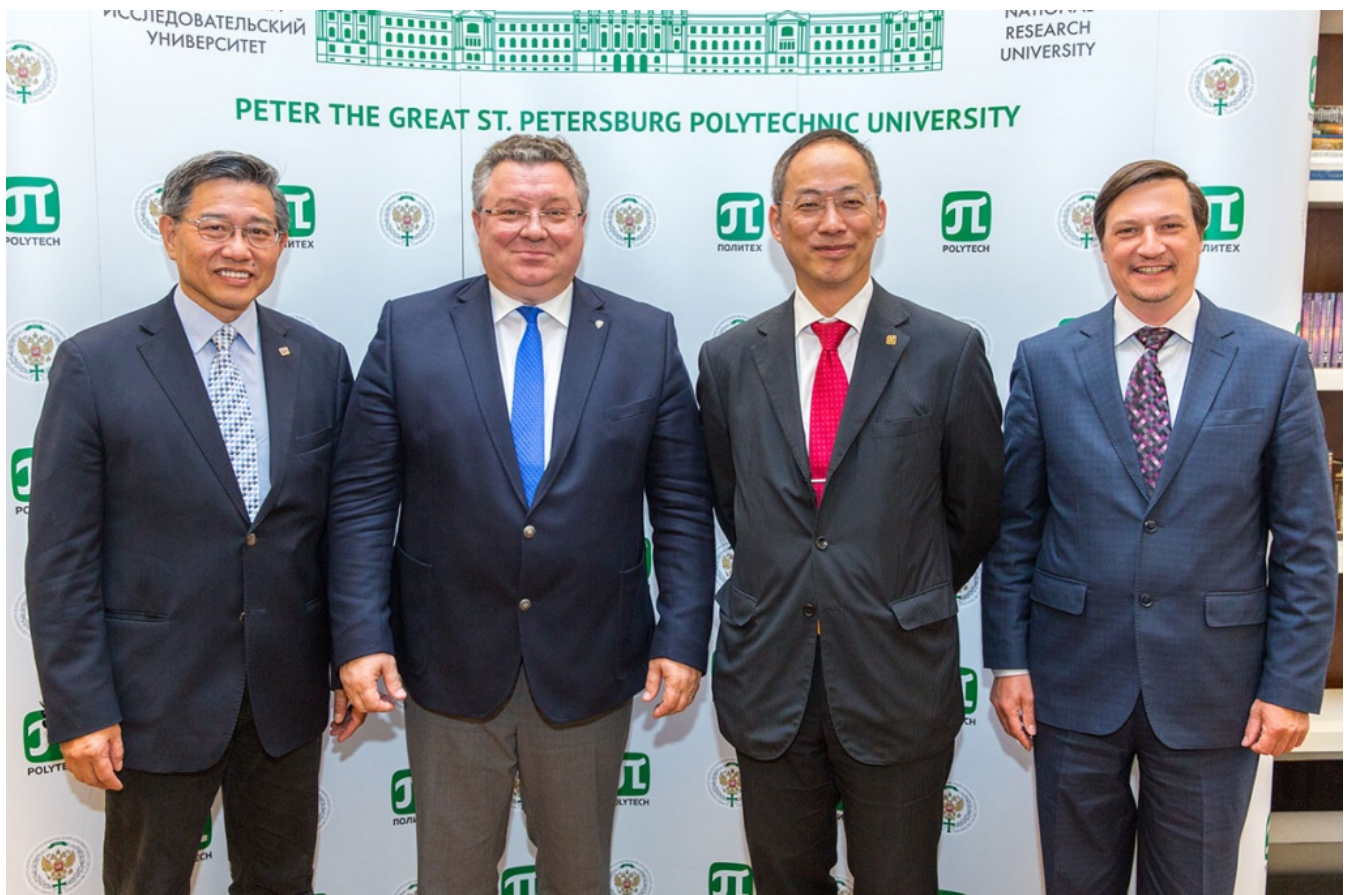


## Finding New Ways of Cooperation with China

Leaders of Peter the Great St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University have always pointed out the importance of cooperation with China as a strategic partner of Russia. People's Republic of China has two special administrative regions - Macau and Hong Kong. Today SPbPU expands the scope of the interaction with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), whose official delegation has visited Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University recently.



The delegation from Hong Kong University was headed by Professor Alexander Wei, Vice President for Science. Professor Hau Chun Meng, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Winnie Wong, Senior Manager of the International Office also represented Hong Kong University.



According to QS ranking, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University is one of the leading universities in the world (116th place in the QS world ranking). The university is included in the top hundred universities by several majors (12th place in QS in "Civil Engineering", 44th place in QS in "Engineering and technology"). At the beginning of April 2016 the delegation from SPbPU visited the PolyU in the framework [of the XI Conference of the International Association of World Cities World Class University Network \(WC2\).](#) Then, the two universities signed a framework cooperation agreement and the agreement on the students' exchange.





In May 2016, the delegation from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University visited Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University "for a detailed discussion of the cooperation program". During the meeting with SPbPU Rector A.Rudskoy and the vice rectors of the university, Professor Alexander Wei said: "We are very much impressed by your university achievements within such a short period. For us, Polytech is a technical university number one in Russia. I am sure that our universities will find a lot of different areas for cooperation".



A.Rudskoy thanked his colleagues from China for the high appreciation of the Polytechnic University performance and said that ratings, in his opinion, is not the most important thing. He said: "What matters is the professional and friendly relationships between the colleagues in the scientific and educational environment in which we live and work today". A.Rudskoy also told his colleagues that this April, [Peter the Great St.Petersburg Polytechnic University was the first among the Russian universities to open a representative office in China.](#) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University also has a representative office in Shanghai. "Later, we plan to open one more office of Peter the Great St.Petersburg Polytechnic University in Hong Kong and look forward to your support and close cooperation", - added A.Rudskoy.

Different fields of cooperation between the two universities were discussed very much in detail: the result of the meeting was the cooperation matrix, which includes joint professional seminars, student exchanges, invitation of foreign professors to read lectures in partner universities. SPbPU Rector A.Rudskoy invited the students of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to participate in the International Summer School, which will be organized at SPbPU in July-August this year. "Summer school is not only the educational process, but also the process of communication with the students from different countries. You will also see the beautiful sights of our city and get to know Russian cultural and educational environment", - the Rector said.

It was suggested by the representatives of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to run a semester exchange program for the graduate students of both universities from September this year. "We believe that the professors of our universities can start getting to know each other through their graduate students", - said Professor Hau Chun Man, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. "We will launch this program, and later, the professors of our universities will meet personally, having already been introduced to their scientific interests", - Professor Hau Chun Man added.

At the end of the meeting Professor Alexander Wei, Vice-president of PolyU on Science, invited Rector of SPbPU A.Rudskoy and Vice-Rector for International Relations D.Arsenyev to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in November this year.

Read more about the visit of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University delegation to SPbPU in our next releases.

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