## <u>Salymbekov University and SPbPU intend to launch joint double degree programs</u>

A delegation from Salymbekov University (Kyrgyzstan) headed by President Amangeldi Zhumadilov visited Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (SPbPU) to discuss prospects for cooperation in education and science. During the meeting, the parties agreed to jointly implement educational programs, scientific projects and academic exchanges aimed at training well-qualified specialists for high-tech industries.



The key topic of the talks was the creation of joint educational programs, including double diplomas, in various areas of secondary vocational and higher education. As pilot ones, planned to be launched this fall, the following areas are identified: «Information Systems and Programming», «International Logistics» and «International Business», «Economics of Digital Enterprise» and IT-specialties in connection with the need for targeted training of well-qualified personnel in demand in the region.

Dmitry Arseniev, Vice-Rector for International Affairs of SPbPU, said: We see great potential in cooperation with Salymbekov University. We are already discussing specific projects that can be implemented in the short term. This demonstrates

a high degree of mutual trust and interest in developing the partnership.



Vladimir Shchepinin, Director of the Institute of Industrial Management, Economics and Trade, emphasized: Our institute has unique experience in training specialists in economics and management, adapted to the real needs of industry. Joint programs with Kyrgyz colleagues will make it possible to train personnel in demand not only in Kyrgyzstan, but also in the international market.

The visit also included discussions on organizing internships for students in Russian companies, developing professional development programs for teachers and developing cooperation in the field of biotechnology and biomedical systems. Representatives of Salymbekov University expressed interest in adapting educational programs of SPbPU to train specialists in these promising areas.



The parties agreed to develop a roadmap for cooperation, which provides for the exchange of curricula, joint scientific research and organization of academic exchanges. The first enrollment of students in the joint programs is planned to take place as early as September 2025.

Amangeldi Zhumadilov noted: Salymbekov University holds leading positions in the national rankings of Kyrgyzstan and the first place among young universities of the country. Partnership with SPbPU is an important step for us in expanding international cooperation and improving the quality of Kyrgyz education.

The visit ended with the signing of a memorandum of understanding, which laid the foundation for further joint work. The next step will be a detailed elaboration of mechanisms for implementing the agreed initiatives and preparation of necessary documents for launching the first joint programs.

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