

## SPbPU and Iranian universities unite to train specialists of the future

Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, Iran University of Science and Technology and Pardis Technopark signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at establishing a Joint Institute for Technological Leadership in Iran. The new educational project will be realized on the basis of Pardis Technopark, the largest in West Asia, in cooperation with an alliance of leading universities in Iran, including Sharif University of Technology, Iran University of Science and Technology and Shahid Beheshti University.



The two sides agreed to jointly develop master's degree programs in key fields such as energy, construction and information technology. Special emphasis will be placed on training in renewable energy, energy engineering and intelligent control systems. Students will be able to undergo training and research internships at Pardis Technopark, which will allow them to gain not only theoretical knowledge but also practical experience in a high-tech environment.

This agreement will be another step in the development of Russian-Iranian cooperation after the signing of a comprehensive strategic partnership between our countries in January this year. For Iran, the project is important in terms

of attracting Russian technologies and expertise, especially in solving problems related to energy balance. Russia, in its turn, is strengthening its scientific and educational presence in the region and expanding cooperation with Iran's leading educational centers.

Dmitry Arseniev, vice rector for International Affairs at SPbPU, noted that the project opens new opportunities for students and researchers from both countries, combining academic traditions and innovative approaches.

We are starting with master's degree programs in energy and IT, but this is just the beginning. Our goal is for students from Iran and Russia to design real solutions together. There will be no academic projects, only tasks from Pardis Technopark and our industrial partners. Our graduates will come to companies with skills, not just a diploma, commented Dmitry Arseniev.

Vice President for Innovation Development Mojtaba Jabaripour emphasized that the Technopark is actively developing international cooperation, and partnership with SPbPU will be an important element of this strategy. The Iranian side is interested in the experience of Russian specialists to solve key technological problems.

In the near future, the parties plan to detail the terms of cooperation and start developing joint master's degree programs, after which it is planned to sign an agreement on the launch of the Joint Institute of Technological Leadership.

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