Strategic Partners UPM and SPbPU to Develop Cooperation: New Areas

Delegation from the <u>Technical University Madrid</u> (UPM) visited SPbPU on November 12, 2018. The delegation included the Vice Rector for International Cooperation José Miguel Atienza Riera and Mrs. Dolores Herrero, who is responsible for the development of cooperation between SPbPU and UPM. As well, Juan de Juanes Marquez Sevillano, Vice-Dean for Students Affairs and International Relations, School of Industrial Engineering, and Alfonso Fernández Rangel, UPM Senior Advisor have visited SPbPU for the first time.



For the Vice-Dean for Students Affairs and International Relations, School of Industrial Engineering Juan de Juanes Marquez Sevillano it has been the first visit to SPbPU; and he expressed his deep interest in developing cooperation. He visited a range of laboratories, including SPbPU Supercomputer Centre, <u>Polytech and</u> <u>Siemens Joint Laboratory "Industrial Artificial Intelligence"</u>, Kawasaki – Polytech Science and Education Center of Industrial Robotics etc. Prof. Marquez Sevillano underlined that the universities have a range of fields of mutual interest. Since UPM School of Industrial Engineering is one of the largest and the oldest UPM schools, it covers a lot of research areas from energy technologies to smart factory.

SPbPU representatives discussed with the Spanish colleagues possible fields for the future cooperation, including the visits of particular professors to discuss cooperation plans in detail and to form certain contacts in the particular areas of interest. Head of International Office Valdimir Khizhnyak invited colleagues to visit SPbPU in February to take part in the seminar on logistics which will be held in cooperation with ETH Zurich.

Special attention was paid to discussing students exchange as well as PhD programs between SPbPU and UPM. The parties underlined that the visit was fruitful and agreed to expand and strengthen collaboration in the nearest future.

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