

## Guests from Fuzhou

On May 3-5 Representatives of the Fujian Normal University (Fuzhou, China) paid a visit to Volga State University of Technology. The goal is an increased cooperation between two universities in the field of science and education.

Cooperation agreement between Volga Tech and Fujian Normal University was signed at the end of 2015, when Chinese colleagues collaborated with scientists of the Center of Sustainable Forest Management and Remote Sensing in the field of geo-information technologies. Last summer 16 students of Fujian University visited Volga Tech to get acquainted with the sights of Mari El and improve the Russian language.



The head of the Chinese delegation –Vice Rector for Research Wang Wending emphasized that the developments of Volga Tech scientists are of great interest. Alternative energy, new materials and biotechnology are priority research areas for the multidisciplinary Fujian Normal University. In these areas, scientists from the leading technical university of Mari El are actively working.

The Universities reached agreement on establishing mutually beneficial cooperation at the level of departments, faculties and colleges on areas of common interest. As well as, the heads of the universities reached agreement on academic and student mobility. In that way students exchange will be tuned. Chinese students will study in Volga Tech and on the contrary, Volga Tech students will study in China for a period of one month to one semester.



The visit of Chinese delegation included a brief acquainting tour of University. They visited laboratories of woodworking industries, ecology and nature management, they also visited the well-equipped Engineering and Industrial Design Center “Bioenergy”, where the operators of modern harvesting machines - harvesters and forwarders trained. The Chinese scientists also became acquainted with the work of the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, which closely cooperates with countries of the European Union.

Finally the guests appreciated the beauty of Yoshkar-Ola. They came to the capital of Mari El Republic for the first time, but they intend to visit this city again and again. We will remind that Volga Tech, besides the Fujian University, has agreements on cooperation with higher education institutions of Harbin and Guangzhou. The Chinese higher education institutions in a modern geopolitical situation become for us important partners in educational and scientific activity.

