Official visit to Fujian Normal University in Fuzhou

Volga Tech Department of International Cooperation continues to develop cooperation with a new strategic partner – Fujian Normal University in Fuzhou, People's Republic of China.

Fujian Normal University with more than 35 000 students located in Fuzhou, Fujian province in the South of China. The main tree species (tree city) here is <u>Ficus microcarpa</u>, which has numerous aerial roots.

Since 2014, cooperation between our Universities has been actively developing. The main directions of cooperation are joint research activities, organizing summer schools for students, joint conferences, applications for international grants.

On May 2017, a representative delegation of Fujian Normal University visit Volga State University of Technology to meet with management representatives of our University and get acquainted with leading areas of scientific activity and Yoshkar-Ola city. Cooperation agreement between Volga Tech and Fujian Normal University in scientific and educational activities reached during the visit.

Head of Volga Tech Department of International Cooperation Professor Eldar Kurbanov held a meeting with management representatives, professors and students of Chinese partner University.

During the meetings the Parties had mapped curricula of the master's programs "International Cooperation in the Field of Forestry and Nature Management" (Volga Tech) and "Nature Management" (Fujian Normal University).

An Agreement was reached on the organization of mutual exchange programs for students of partner universities during trimester or more to get academic credit and carrying out research activities. The development of the joint master's program is in the active stage of agreement. Forest ecosystems, Ecology and Environment, GIS and Remote Sensing are the fields of common professional interests. Currently, partners are preparing three joint projects on the line of competitions of BRICS and ERASMUS +.

In addition, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at Volga Tech in 2018 will organize the Sixth Summer School for Chinese students from the Fujian Normal University.

Today Volga Tech already has several cooperation agreements with Chinese universities in Harbin and Guangzhou.

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