

A group of five students, Nikita Osokin, Georgi Tarasov, Aleksander Smirnov, Vladislav Mordasov, Aleksander Prokofev and their teacher, Ms Vera Rashich, were participating in the 2014 student exchange between the St. Petersburg Technical College of Management and Commerce, Russia (<http://www.tcmc.spb.ru/> - your internet browser should be able to translate that website ;)) and the Vocational Education and Training Center (VETC) Technology and Media Farmsen G16, Hamburg, Germany (<http://g16hamburg.de/trans.htm>).

The seven-day work visit included active participation on project work in the field of mechatronics (MT3D) and three field trips to industrial enterprises like EPPENDORF Medical Equipment, MAN SHIP DIESEL ENGINES and PHILIPS X-Ray Systems. The students spent their leisure time by traveling around our beautiful city of Hamburg, getting first-hand experience on German culture, life-style and language.

This exchange is part of our cooperation agreement and as a next step our headmaster, some of our teachers and students are going to visit our counterparts at St. Petersburg.

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