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Promobot opens a development center and an office in Vladivostok

The Russian manufacturer of service robots Promobot opens an R&D subdivision office and laboratory in Vladivostok. Its purpose is research and development in modeling realistic human appearance for Robo-C humanoid robots. The opening was financed by the Far East High Technology Fund and in participation with RUSNANO.

This is Promobot's second office to open in Russia and the fourth in the world.

This new subdivision includes a 3D modeling center for humanoid robots, a polymer laboratory for developing hyper-realistic artificial skin, and a representative office to work with the Asia-Pacific Region.

Vladivostok is the second city after Perm, where the company has its R&D center and laboratories. The Far East subdivision of Promobot focuses on developing artificial skin and 3D android models to manufacture Robo-C humanoid robots further.

Experts on polymers, artists, 3D-model makers are staff members of the Far East subdivision.

Perm will continue to create the metal frame for Robo-C, hardware components and software to control the robot's moving parts. Furthermore, the entire development process of V4 service robots is done in Perm.

"Vladivostok has a pretty strong robotics engineering school, with regular competitions among school and university students. There are notable startups in this area. It is a landmark event that the leading company in Russian robots is being developed in the region. We hope it will give impetus for a strong robotics cluster to be here," said **Ruslan Sarkisov**, General Director of the Far East High Technology Fund.

Peter Chegodaev became the head of the Far East Office. He is a businessman and a Russian sculptor & designer known for participation in creating special effects for Russian blockbusters such as *The Crew* and *The Age of Pioneers*.

"The main goal of our team is to make humanoid robots look not only realistic but also attractive and bring esthetics in this direction. We have all the right conditions for this in Vladivostok. I am sure that we will make a qualitative leap in the industry in the nearest future," says **Peter Chegodaev**, Head of Promobot's Far East office.

Vladivostok is the fourth city where Promobot is based: the Skolkovo resident's headquarters and manufacturing are located in Perm. The American office is in



Philadelphia. The Asian representative office is in Hong Kong.

The opening in Vladivostok was financed by the Far East High Technology Fund, which allocated RUB 200 mln to the company in April 2020, including for development in the Far East Federal District.

“At this very moment, we are working on technologies that have no analogues either in Russia or in the world. Russia is on its way to becoming a world-class center of service robotics,” **Alexey Yuzhakov**, Chairman of the Promobot Board of Directors, shares his view. “It is nice to know that thanks to us, the regions such as Perm and Vladivostok are becoming the drivers of this process.”

Promobot was established in 2015 in Perm. The company became a Skolkovo resident in the same year.

Today, Promobot is the largest manufacturer of autonomous service robots in Europe. Promobots work in 40 countries as administrators, promoters, consultants, guides and concierges, replacing or complementing “live” employees. Promobots can be found in Sberbank, the Museum of Contemporary History of Russia, My Documents state services centers, Baltimore/Washington International Airport, and the Dubai Mall. All of the company’s products are manufactured and developed in Russia. The Far East High Technology Fund, established by RUSNANO, the Far East and Arctic Development Fund and RBC, has invested 200 million rubles in Promobot.

For more information about the company, please visit <https://promo-bot.ru>

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