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Sergey Kulikov Chaired the Supervisory Board of ITMO University

Sergey Kulikov, Chairman of the Executive Board of RUSNANO Management Company chaired the Supervisory Board of ITMO National Research University, one of the country's leading higher education institutions. RUSNANO is committed to strengthening its scientific and investment partnership with the university.

The first meeting of the renewed composition of the Supervisory Board was addressed by **Valeriy Falkov**, Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, who welcomed the new members: "I know how much care ITMO University takes in its work with governing boards, and how seriously it takes the issued decisions. Then these decisions are put into practice. We are at the beginning of a new era for the higher education system, including for ITMO University. The launch of the new Priority 2030 programme, and also the renewal of the Supervisory Board have fortunately coincided. That is why I would like to wish the Supervisory Board every success in its work. I consider Sergey Kulikov to be a very good choice, and fully support his appointment. I am confident that the company which he heads, and which has been an innovation partner of ITMO University for many years, will boost its development."

The other members appointed to the Supervisory Board of ITMO University were **Andrey Belevtsev**, Director, Directorate of Digital Transformation at Gazprom-Neft PJSC, **Alexander Galitsky**, Managing Partner of the Almaz Capital Partners, venture capital firm, **Elena Isinbayeva**, Chairperson of the Russia's Association of Student Sports Clubs, **Alexey Medvedev**, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, **Vadim Medvedev**, Director of the Department for Innovation and Advanced Research of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, **Andrey Styskin**, General Director of Yandex Technologies LLC, and **Elena Fyodorova**, head of the Saint Petersburg Interregional Territorial Department of the Federal Agency for State Property Management.

"The newly constituted Supervisory Board, chaired by the head of RUSNANO, one of Russia's leaders in the sphere on innovation, will give ITMO University the chance to upgrade its course of development rapidly and effectively. The University has always been, and will remain at the cutting edge in the fields of science, technology and education. Naturally, we are open to collaboration, in order to unify our practices, generate new ideas and better respond to today's challenges. I am sure that, together with RUSNANO, we will be able to play an important role in achieving a scientific and technological breakthrough", said **Daria Kozlova**, First Vice Rector of ITMO University.



During the meeting of the Supervisory Board Sergey Kulikov emphasised that RUSNANO rated the University's scientific potential very highly. He also stressed the importance of mathematical modelling, and working with algorithms and big data in the development of RUSNANO's projects. ITMO University is a place where fundamental scientific research is applied in the development of deep technology and new products. RUSNANO is committed to making full use of its investment resources in order to commercialize the University's most promising innovations", said **Sergey Kulikov**.

***ITMO University** (Saint Petersburg) is a national research university. Its priority research areas are: IT, photonics, robotics, quantum communications, translational medicine, urban studies, Art & Science and Science Communication.*

Graduates from the university have won prizes in international coding competitions, including: ICPC (the only seven-time champion in the world), Google Code Jam, Facebook Hacker Cup, Yandex Algorithm, Russian Code Cup, Topcoder Open, etc.

From 2013 to 2020 it was the leader in the 5-100 Project. In 2019 the university first entered the Top 100 Universities in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (or Shanghai Ranking) in the Automation & Control category. In 2021 ITMO University was also included in another category in the rating, becoming one of the Top 400 Universities for Biological Sciences.

ITMO University was also included in the subject-based QS World University Rankings for 2021, ranking among the world's Top 100 Universities for Computer Science and Information Systems, among the Top 200 Universities for Engineering and Technology, and among the Top 300 Universities for Physics & Astronomy, Material Sciences, and Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering.

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