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An agreement for cooperation was signed between Deloitte CIS and the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Moscow, 16 January 2018. Today, Deloitte CIS signed a cooperation agreement with the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA). Signed by **Ian Colebourne**, CEO of Deloitte CIS, and **Sergey Myasoedov**, Director of the Institute of Business Studies (IBS) under RANEPA, the ceremony was held during the Gaidar Forum in Moscow today.

“The future of work is unfolding rapidly. As technology and marketplace changes take place, workers will need to shift from acquiring specific skills to pursuing essential skills for lifelong learning and a diversity of work experiences. With this in mind, we have agreed to establish a partnership that would allow us to develop beneficial learning and R&D activities in the digital economy, as well as artificial intelligence in finance. This would support educational programmes and vocational training in the high tech industry for Academy graduates. Deloitte offers world class opportunities for young Talent to develop their careers and we would welcome job applications from RANEPA students and graduates who would like to work at our firm”, said **Ian Colebourne**.

“Cooperation with Deloitte, one of the major international companies using cutting-edge management technologies, is very promising and strategically important for us. It is paramount to the further improvement of academic activities and educational technologies”, said **Sergey Myasoedov**, co-chairman of the Educational Board of the Finance and Technology master’s degree programme. “The Finance and Technology programme, which is implemented in close cooperation with Sberbank, is preparing master’s degree graduates to work at modern high tech companies and solve analytical, practical, managerial and leadership tasks. Our partnership with Deloitte will ensure better training and specialisation for the programme graduates and will also contribute to a more successful professional fulfillment for them”, emphasised co-chairman.

Deloitte and RANEPA highlighted key areas of cooperation including classes for students of the Finance and Technology master’s degree programme. This would allow students to align the fundamental knowledge they obtain in class with practical skills required in business.

Deloitte practitioners will be actively involved in developing teaching aids, holding workshops, conferences and round tables at the Academy. They will also take part in reviewing the students’ course work and R&D studies as well as attend examination boards and presentations of final qualification papers.

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About Deloitte CIS

With over 263,900 employees, Deloitte has grown to be one of the largest professional services firms worldwide with a presence in over 150 countries. Deloitte offers unrivalled depth, breadth and quality of professional expertise to serve the needs of clients across various industry sectors.

Deloitte CIS is one of the leading international professional services firms that offers audit, consulting, corporate finance, enterprise risk, and tax and legal services leveraging professional experience of approximately 3,700 employees in 19 offices of 11 countries across the region. Today, Deloitte has offices in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Ufa, Yekaterinburg, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Novosibirsk in Russia, Kyiv in Ukraine, Minsk in Belarus, Tbilisi in Georgia, Baku in Azerbaijan, Aktau, Almaty, Astana and Atyrau in Kazakhstan, Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan, Tashkent in Uzbekistan, Dushanbe in Tajikistan, Ashgabat in Turkmenistan and Yerevan in Armenia.

About the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) was founded by Presidential Decree No. 1140 of 20 September 2010. This foundation involved the merger of two previously existing academies: the Academy of National Economy (ANE), which was established in 1977, and the Russian Academy of Public Administration (RAPA), established in 1991. The merger also brought together 12 other federal state educational institutions. Each of the merged academies had already earned reputations as leaders in training Russia's business and political elite. Currently, RANEPA is the largest university of social and economic studies and humanities in Russia and Europe, which is ranked at the top of all the national rankings.