

*On June 15, the newspaper "Kommersant" published an article "Russia expands cooperation" which deals with a new version of the "New Generation" program of short-term awareness-raising visits to the Russian Federation for young representatives of political, public, scientific and business circles of foreign countries.*

The program includes various thematic directions such as politics and social movement, science and education, mass media, culture and business partnership. Today, in the framework of the project, over 2000 people from 80 countries have visited Russia.

Rossotrudnichestvo is planning on making adjustments in the program, relating the modifications to the changes in the international political situation. The target is to attract a bigger number of young people from Asia, CIS countries and China for the development of partnership relations in various spheres.

"If a young person is interested in gaining unbiased information about present-day Russia he needs to come to the representation of Rossotrudnichestvo in his country, express a desire to participate in the program and explain why it is so important to him" – said Head of Rossotrudnichestvo Liubov Glebova.

According to the changes, candidates for participation in the program should lead an active social, scientific and business way of life. Besides, the age restrictions are 20-40, and applicants should not have relatives of first or second-degree relationship in Russia.

The crucial factor of choosing participants is their voluntary commitment to share the knowledge acquired and the information obtained in the framework of the program "New Generation" at home. "Nobody insists - and cannot insist - on writing laudatory articles in the media and positive posts in the social networks. Bias is not the purpose of our program, authenticity is", - stresses the Head of the Agency.