**The Summer Academy of the BRICS Youth Assembly**

The Summer Academy of the BRICS Youth Assembly will take place in Barnaul (Russia), at the Altai State University within the period of June 22 – 26, 2017. The event is organized by the initiative of the National Youth Council of Russia with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency on Youth Affairs and the Association of Asian Universities.

 The main goal of the Academy is to enhance cooperation development of BRICS countries in the sphere of youth policy. The main tasks of the Academy are the creation of common vectors of cooperation for the national youth organizations of BRICS countries; creation of international teams to implement common youth projects in various fields, including joint scientific laboratories, internships, academic and youth mobility programs.

The program of the Academy will include expert sessions, panel discussions, roundtables on a wide range of issues regarding youth cooperation within the BRICS, aimed to increase the level of competence of youth leaders and to develop youth interaction in such specific areas as entrepreneurship, science, culture, journalism, information technology, etc.

Moreover, special attention will be paid to the preparation process to the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students in Sochi and the prospects of establishment of the BRICS Youth Assembly, which would become the international youth platform that unites public youth organizations of the BRICS countries.

 The Academy invites to participate representatives of the government institutions working with youth, business communities, media, leaders of youth and student associations of the BRICS countries etc. – participants who are involved in the development of international youth cooperation and public diplomacy within the BRICS platform.

The working languages of the Academy are Russian and English.

In order to participate it is necessary to register on the website and fill in the application form following this link: <http://lomonosov-msu.ru/rus/event/4387>.

Applications are accepted until June 15, 2017.

Financial terms of participation: accommodation, meals and participation in the program is provided by the host party. Organizers will be able to cover travel expenses only of 2 participants from each country whose applications will be the most successful ones. Moreover, organizers will provide a visa support.

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