



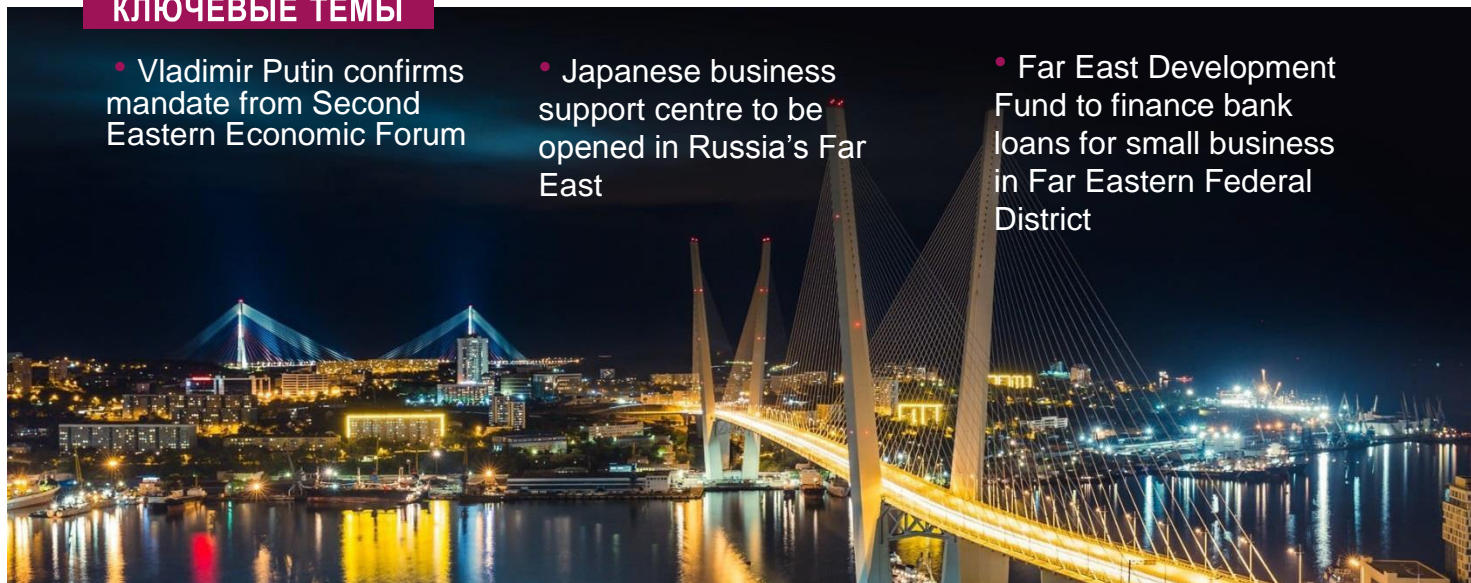
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DEVELOPING THE ECONOMY OF THE FAR EAST

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EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM NEWS DIGEST

26 September 2016, Regnum News Agency

Vladimir Putin confirms mandate from Second Eastern Economic Forum

The Russian Government has been tasked with creating an intergovernmental working group to assist in the development and implementation of plans to supply electricity to the countries of the Asia-Pacific region. At the Second Eastern Economic Forum, the President gave his support to the energy super ring initiative linking Russia, Japan, South Korea, and China.

Vladimir Putin also instructed the Government to come up with proposals for a Russian representative who will be responsible for developing economic collaboration with Japan.

The Russian Government is to develop and introduce a mechanism for allowing priority access to mineral deposits, subsoil blocks, fishing grounds, and forest lands for investors in the Russian Far East who are involved in projects to establish high-tech production plants and raw materials processing facilities in the region.

The Russian Government will also investigate recapitalization of the Far East Development Fund, as well as the possibility of extending the Vladivostok Free Port regime to new areas.

<https://regnum.ru/news/2184686.html>

28 September 2016, Vesti

Kamchatka pavilion wins top award at Far East Street festival

The winners of the exhibition, held as part of the Eastern Economic Forum, were announced by Yury Trutnev at a council session attended by the Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy for Russia's Far Eastern Federal District and Deputy Prime Minister. "We must develop the entire Russian Far East, and introduce people to its beauty. This was the task here, and it has been achieved. The exhibitions on display at the Far East Street were admirable. This was a step up from the first Forum", he said.

The Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy presented the awards: to the Governor of the Jewish Autonomous Region, Alexander Levintal, for third place, to the Governor of Chukotka Autonomous Area, Roman Kopin, for second place, and to the Governor of Kamchatka Territory, Vladimir Ilyukhin, for first place.

<http://www.vesti.ru/doc.html?id=2803852>

6 September 2016, TASS

Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry: "The Eastern Economic Forum has revealed a high level of interest in the Russian Far East on the part of Japanese companies"

Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Hiroshige Seko noted positive shifts in the economic development of Russia's eastern regions. He also said that the number of Japanese companies operating in the Russian Far East may grow.

"By hosting the Eastern Economic Forum, the Russian Government gains a good opportunity to demonstrate its special interest in the Far East", Mr Seko said.

Among the outcomes of the Forum, the Minister highlighted the high-level agreement to create a platform for promoting cooperation between small and medium-sized enterprises from both countries.

<http://tass.ru/opinions/interviews/3597667>

STATE POLICY IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST

8 September 2016, www.minvostokrazvitia.ru

Russia and Japan agree on plan to intensify economic ties

A meeting has taken place between Alexander Galushka and Hiroshige Seko, Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry of Japan. Among the issues discussed was Russian–Japanese cooperation in the Russian Far East. Following the meeting, a document was produced containing 18 items across five groups.

The first group includes well-developed projects, specifically investment by Japanese companies in advanced special economic zones and Vladivostok Free Port. Another block covers global development projects: the development of the Northern Sea Route and the creation of an aerospace cluster at Vostochny Cosmodrome. The remaining groups relate to the development of investment platforms for collaboration, medicine, and communications infrastructure.

http://www.minvostokrazvitia.ru/press-center/news_minvostok/?ELEMENT_ID=4628

THE ECONOMY OF THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST

21 September 2016, RIA Novosti

Far East Development Fund to finance bank loans for small business in Far Eastern Federal District

The Government Subcommittee on the Implementation of Investment Projects in the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region, chaired by Yury Trutnev, has recognized the Accessible Loans for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses programme as a priority. This will allow the Far East Development Fund to provide banks with targeted funding at 5% APR.

The involvement of the Fund will reduce the interest rate offered to small and medium-sized businesses through the programme by 4–5% compared with average market rates.

Preliminary estimates indicate that the programme will provide RUB 7.6 billion in additional tax revenue and create approximately 1,300 new jobs.

<https://ria.ru/economy/20160921/1477500014.html>

22 September 2016, Vesti

Japanese business support centre to be opened in Russia's Far East

A project to open a Japanese business support centre in the Russian Far East is under discussion by the Far East Development Fund, the Agency for Investment Promotion and Export Support, and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation. The first stage will be the development of a specialist Russian–Japanese investment platform to attract Japanese business to advanced special economic zones and Vladivostok Free Port.

According to the Deputy Minister for Development of the Russian Far East Artur Niyazmetov, plans include the establishment of a Russian–Japanese fund for the development of the urban environment, a Russian–Japanese commodity fund in the field of aquatic bioresources, and a joint industrial park in Komsomolsk-on-Amur.

<http://vestiprim.ru/2016/09/22/na-dalнем-vostoke-budet-sozdan-centr-podderzhki-yaponskogo-biznesa.html>

28 September 2016, <https://forumvostok.ru/en/main-page/>

Vladivostok among five most visited tourist cities in Russia

For the second year in a row, Vladivostok has been included in the Global Destinations Cities Index ranking of the world's most visited tourist destinations. Cities are ranked according to the total number of foreign tourists and how much visitors spend during their stay. The ranking also predicts a relative increase in the number of guests and passenger flows for 2016.

Vladivostok, Primorye's capital, is ranked 131st in the world listing, and is included in the list of the top five Russian cities, along with Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk, and Ekaterinburg.

<http://www.rusenergy.com/ru/news/news.php?id=77967>

NEW DEVELOPMENT TOOLS FOR THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST: SUCCESS STORIES

21 September 2016, PRIME

South Korean companies plan to invest RUB 2.6 billion in ASEZs and Vladivostok Free Port

Three proposals worth more than RUB 2.6 billion in investment have been received by the Far East Development Corporation from South Korean entrepreneurs.

A South Korean investor in Vladivostok Free Port is developing an electronic fares system for Vladivostok transport, and is also set to build a production plant for polyurethane and household chemical products. A plant producing PVC plastic food wrap and wicketed bags for automatic and semi-automatic machinery is planned for the Khabarovsk advanced special economic zone (ASEZ). <http://1prime.ru/regions/20160921/826544140.html>

20 September 2016, AmurMedia.ru

First investor shows interest in Khabarovsk Territory free port

The company Prime has applied to the Far East Development Corporation for resident status in the free port located in the Vanino district of Khabarovsk Territory. The investor plans to build a terminal for loading LPG from rail tankers.

<http://amurmedia.ru/news/economics/20.09.2016/532644/perviy-investor-zainteresovalsya-svobodnim-portom-v-habarovskom-krae.html>

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ЗАКЛЮЧЕННЫЕ СОГЛАШЕНИЯ НА ВЭФ-2016



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Строительство комплекса по производству минеральных удобрений в Приморском крае между Фондом развития Дальнего Востока и ЗАО «Национальная химическая группа»



98,5 МЛРД РУБ.

Реализация инвестиционного проекта «Строительство горнодобывающего и перерабатывающего предприятия на базе Наталкинского золоторудного месторождения» между Минвостокразвития России и ООО «УК Полюс»



63 МЛРД РУБ.

Реализация инвестиционного проекта «Алмазодобывающее предприятие на месторождении Верхне-Мунского рудного поля» между Минвостокразвития России и АК «Алроса»

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