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## NEWS OF THE EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM

25 August, 2017, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

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On 6 September, the opening ceremony of the Forum will take place. Y. Trutnev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation – Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District, S. Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs of India, Nguyen Van Binh, Politburo Member, Central Committee Secretary, and Head of the Communist Party Central Committee Department for Economic Affairs, and other high-ranking official delegates from other countries will take the floor during the ceremony.

The EEF business program includes four main thematic blocks: “Economic Policy in Russia’s East: What’s Next?”, “We Are Neighbours: Earning through Cooperation”, “Doing Business in the Russian Far East” and “The Russian Far East: Creating a New Quality of Life by Responding to Challenges”. Within the framework of the Forum, five inter-country business dialogues will be held: Russia–China, Russia–India, Russia–Republic of Korea, Russia–Japan, and Russia–ASEAN.

The central event of the EEF will be a plenary session “The Russian Far East: Creating a New Reality” with participation of President of the Russian Federation V. Putin, Prime Minister of Japan S. Abe, President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae-in, and President of Mongolia K. Battulga.

<https://rg.ru/2017/08/25/reg-dfo/opublikovana-rasshirennaia-versiia-delovoj-programmy-tretego-vef.html>

25 August, 2017, News.Rambler.ru

### **EEF Volunteers Set to Work**

The first volunteers to commence their work were the volunteers of the “Accreditation” functional unit engaged in issuing accreditation badges to the Forum’s participants and technical staff. A total of about 500 volunteers from Primorye Territory, Sakhalin Region, Khabarovsk, Blagoveshchensk, Arkhangelsk, and the best volunteers from SPIEF 2017 from St. Petersburg will work at the EEF.

<https://news.rambler.ru/education/37734958-volontery-vef-pristupili-k-rabote>

24 August 2017, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

### **Spectacular Entertainment Program to be Provided to EEF Visitors**

The Moscow presentation revealed numerous cultural and sports events that will be held within the framework of the Forum. EEF’s cultural program will be opened by the exhibition “Far East Street”. The Primorsky Stage of Mariinsky Theatre will present the Sleeping Beauty ballet and the concert of the Moscow Soloists chamber ensemble founded by Yuri Bashmet. Russian and foreign artists will perform for the residents of Vladivostok during the Forum.

The central sport event will be the first J.Kano memorial international junior judo tournament under the patronage of V. Putin and S. Abe. There will also be a traditional marathon in defense of Amur tigers and Far Eastern leopards, a regatta, Far Eastern corporate games, ice hockey and basketball gala matches, mas-wrestling and tennis competitions.

<https://rg.ru/2017/08/24/reg-dfo/dlia-gostej-vef-podgotovili-iarkuiu-razvlekatelnuiu-programmu.html>

23 August 2017, Regnum

### **Republic of India’s Participation in EEF-2017 to become the Largest in Forum’s History**

The country’s official delegation will be headed by S. Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, Co-Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Russian-Indian Commission, and N. Sitharaman, Minister of Commerce and Industry. Together with the officials, the delegation will include more than 30 representatives of the leading Indian companies.

Within the framework of the EEF, opening of the Russian department of Invest India – National Agency for Development and Investment Promotion – will take place. The new department will engage with Russian investors and provide them with comprehensive support. The Forum’s business program also includes an inter-country business dialogue “Russia–India”.

<https://regnum.ru/news/2313033.html>

23 August 2017, TASS

### **Vietnam Delegation to Participate in Third Eastern Economic Forum**

The Vietnamese delegation led by Nguyen Van Binh, Member of the Politburo, Secretary of the Central Committee, Head of the Economic Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, will take part in the events of the Forum's business program. At the Forum, the delegation representatives intend to touch upon the issues of international partnership and economic cooperation in the Far East.

<http://tass.ru/ekonomika/4500085>

23 August 2017, Lenta.ru

### **EEF 2017 to be visited by the Largest Representatives of Japan Forum**

The Science and Technology in Society delegation will participate in the work of the Eastern Economic Forum. The events of the EEF's business program will be attended by the Chairperson and Founder of the STS Forum K. Omi, who has held three government posts in Japan, including the one of Minister of Finance.

<https://lenta.ru/pressrelease/2017/08/23/india>

22 August 2017, TASS

### **New Civil Shipyard to be presented at EEF**

Company "Composite Shipbuilding", a tenant of the Free Port of Vladivostok, will present its project to potential investors. The shipyard is designed for serial production of passenger, pleasure, and fishing vessels for the domestic market and for export to the countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

<http://tass.ru/ekonomika/4497242>

## **STATE POLICIES IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST**

27 August 2017, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

### **Y. Trutnev Tells Rossiyskaya Gazeta about Commencement of Second Stage of Far East Development**

According to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation – Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District, the second stage will aim at improving the quality of life of Far East residents, development of residential, social, and transport infrastructure. The first stage concentrated on developing and implementing new mechanisms for the region's development.

The Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy underlined that currently 85 new enterprises are undergoing commissioning procedures in the Far East, 111 more are under construction and design. Today, for each budget ruble invested in the region development programs there are 20 rubles of private investments.

Y. Trutnev also noted that construction of new settlements in the Russian Far East is planned within the framework of the “Far Eastern hectare” program. This and other issues will be discussed at the meeting of the Presidium of the State Council to be held in Vladivostok during the EEF 2017.

<https://rg.ru/2017/08/27/reg-dfo/trutnev-my-hotim-chtoby-na-karte-dalnego-vostoka-voznikali-novye-goroda.html>

23 August 2017, Komsomolskaya Pravda

### **Eighteenth Advanced Special Economic Zone Established in Far East**

D. Medvedev signed a decree on the establishment of the Advanced Special Economic Zone “The Kurils” on the island of Shikotan. The new ASEZ will become a platform for implementation of investment projects in the fishing industry, clean energy, and mining. Currently, there are talks on joint Russian-Japanese economic activities in this territory.

<https://www.kp.ru/daily/26721/3747346>

## **NEW MECHANISMS FOR FAR EAST DEVELOPMENT: SUCCESS STORIES**

23 August 2017, TASS

### **Free Port of Vladivostok Investor Builds Logistics Complex in the City**

Company Mega has built a complex in Vladivostok with the total area of 13 thousand square meters. At present, the tenant is in the process of the site’s handover for commissioning. The total investment amount reaches 717 million roubles. The complex is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, automatic fire-extinguishing system, and heating system providing the necessary temperature levels inside the warehouse.

<http://tass.ru/v-strane/4500282>

Reference:

EEF 2017’s organiser is the Roscongress Foundation, major organizer of convention and exhibition events.

The Roscongress Foundation was founded in 2007 with the aim of helping to develop Russia’s economic potential and strengthen the country’s image by organizing congresses and exhibitions with an economic and social focus. The Foundation develops the substantive content for these events, and provides companies with advice, information, and expert guidance, as well as offering comprehensive evaluation, analysis, and coverage of the Russian and global economic agenda.

Today, its annual agenda includes events held in locations ranging from Montevideo to Vladivostok, which bring together global business leaders, experts, the media, and government officials to create favourable conditions for dialogue and the promotion of new ideas and projects, and to assist in the creation of social enterprises and charity projects.