

**KEY TOPICS**

- Russia and South Korea to hold joint business events in 2020
- Ex-adviser of the envoy's office department appointed Deputy Minister for the Development of the Russian Far East
- Small and medium-sized business in the Far Eastern Federal District to receive additional RUB 1.4 billion of support



## EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM NEWS

26 May 2020, TASS

### **Roscongress Foundation and Eastern Economic Forum to support the 'Far East' National Literary Award named after V. Arsenyev**

The award was created by the initiative of Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev. The national prize is awarded for the best literary pieces on the Far East in Russian in three categories: long prose, short prose, and children's prose.

<https://tass.ru/novosti-partnerov/8564747>

25 May 2020, Ruchess.ru

### **Outcomes of the Roscongress Cup**

As part of the EEF sporting programme, an online Roscongress Cup chess tournament was held dedicated to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War. Among the participants of the event organized on the Roscongress Sport Club page on Chess.com were 16 representatives of business and politics. Managing Director of the Pulkovo Data Processing Centre (RIVC-Pulkovo) Gleb Golovchenko became the winner with 5.5 points out of 6.

[https://ruchess.ru/news/all/podvedeny\\_itogi\\_turnira\\_roscongress\\_cup/](https://ruchess.ru/news/all/podvedeny_itogi_turnira_roscongress_cup/)

15 May 2020, RT

### **Russia and South Korea to hold joint business events in 2020**

An online meeting between the Roscongress Foundation representatives and Vice President of the International Affairs Group of the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) was held. The parties discussed the plans for joint events dedicated to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and the Republic of Korea.

Suggested event formats include online meetings between companies representing both countries, webinars on assessment of cooperation outcomes and its future, as well as on prospective areas for bilateral cooperation. They also discussed the joint work as part of holding major multilateral business events in online and offline formats.

KITA stated its willingness, as in the previous years, to act as a partner of Russia – Republic of Korea business dialogue at the Eastern Economic Forum in 2020.

<https://russian.rt.com/business/news/746975-rossiya-koreya-sotrudnichestvo>

## STATE POLICY IN THE FAR EAST

20 May 2020, Regnum

### **New Deputy Minister for the Development of the Russian Far East has been appointed**

Mikhail Mishustin appointed Vasily Nagibin Deputy Minister for the Development of the Russian Far East. The corresponding decree was published on the website of the Government of the Russian Federation. Vasily Nagibin's range of responsibilities will include implementation of social projects, development of transport and energy infrastructure, and programmes for demographic policy, human capital development and professional training.

<https://regnum.ru/news/2956804.html>

13 May 2020, RIA Novosti

### **Residents of ASEZs and the Free Port of Vladivostok to be able to search for investments online**

For the convenience of residents of advanced special economic zones and the Free Port of Vladivostok, the Far East Development Corporation introduces services for online debt funding and digital interaction with business. With the Personal Office service, residents will be able to attract investments. For that, they need to submit an application with project parameters, and the information will be published and become available for potential partners.

<https://ria.ru/20200518/1571591760.html>

6 May 2020, TASS

### **Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East prepared a project for nuclear facility disposal in the Arctic**

The document implies the assignation of the following functions to Rosatom: regulation and implementation of state policy related to the rehabilitation of the Russian Arctic zone from drowned or sunken facilities with spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste, as well as issues of the rehabilitation plan. The plan is expected to be implemented in 2020–2029.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/8397279>

6 May 2020, TASS

### **Regime of international medical cluster can be expanded to a part of Russky Island in Primorye**

Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East suggests setting up a medical cluster on Russky Island in Primorye with a special regime that now is only introduced in the cluster in Skolkovo. The corresponding draft law has been published on the federal portal for draft legislative acts.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/8411423>

## ECONOMY OF THE FAR EAST

26 May 2020, Komsomolskaya Pravda

### **Small and medium-sized business in the Far Eastern Federal District will receive additional RUB 1.4 billion of support**

Under the conditions of the coronavirus pandemic, FEFD regions will receive RUB 2.9 billion. Yury Trutnev charged the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and the administration of the envoy's office to analyze how FEFD regions are fulfilling the assignments on support measures for organizations and enterprises under current restrictions. <https://www.dv.kp.ru/daily/27134/4224590/>

15 May 2020, Sakhapechat

## **Far East Investment and Export Agency supports the implementation of investment projects in the Far East**

As of the first quarter, the Far East Investment and Export Agency signed 39 agreements with entrepreneurs. The total amount to be invested by them in the economy of the Far East is RUB 230 billion. By the end of the year, the number of such agreements is expected to reach 170.

<https://sakha-pechat.ru/ano-api-okazyvaet-sodeystvie-v-realiz/>

6 May 2020, TASS

## **Representatives of Kamchatka's fishing industry to allocate RUB 80 million to fight poaching this year**

The funds will be spent on salaries of social inspectors, purchase of watercraft, on-ground equipment, satellite phones, and work clothes, fuel and meals for inspectors. In 2019, the National Guard of Russia seized around 37 tonnes of salmon, over 3.1 tonnes of red caviar and 662 kilograms of crab with the total worth of over RUB 200 million from poachers in Kamchatka.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/8402657>

1 May 2020, Komsomolskaya Pravda

## **First resident of the Zabaikalye ASEZ launched pellet production**

Production of highly efficient biofuel was launched in Zabaikalsky Krai. Over RUB 60 million was invested in the construction of Gruppya Innovatsia plant that began in September 2019. Wood processing waste from regional sawmills is used as raw materials for the production of ecofuel pellets. The company will process 80,000 cubic metres of waste, with plans for further expansion. The new production will help satisfy the local market supply for pellets.

<https://www.kp.ru/daily/27126/4209584/>

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

25 May 2020, Amur.info

## **The list of support measures for Russians moving to the Far East from abroad has been extended**

Russians moving to live in the Far East from abroad will receive a housing subsidy or a certificate to purchase or build housing. Its size will be defined by the average market price of a square metre of the total housing area. Each of 11 regions will have its own rate. In the first quarter of 2020, 1081 Russian citizens moved to FEFD regions.

<https://www.amur.info/news/2020/05/25/173282>

19 May 2020, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

## **Vostochny Port implemented unique coal dust protection systems**

The largest specialized coal transshipment terminal in Russia, Vostochny Port, completed testing a new mobile system of all-season dust suppression and is putting it into permanent operation. The system costs RUB 300 million, and it is just a part of stevedore's recent investment in eco equipment.

<https://rg.ru/2020/05/19/reg-dfo/ao-vostochnyj-port-vnedril-unikalnye-sistemy-zashchity-ot-ugolnoj-pyli.html>

15 May 2020, TASS

## **Лесвосток.pф to become part of the national timber complex resource**

The new digital platform Лесвосток.pф developed by the Far East Development Fund will become part of the national digital resource based on the Federal Forestry Agency platform. The system will be public. The map will show the species composition, cutting and fire areas, as well as infrastructure. Among other tasks, the system is designed to fight illegal loggers.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/8484013>

12 May 2020, Russky Dalny Vostok

### **Bridge to China across the Amur to be put into operation after lifting of restrictions caused by the pandemic**

The first motorway bridge between Russia and China, built over the boundary river Amur near the cities of Blagoveshchensk and Heihe, will be put into operation after the coronavirus restrictions are lifted. The construction of the transborder bridge near Blagoveshchensk in the Amur Region began in 2016 and was completed last December. The Ministry of Construction of the Russian Federation has issued a permit to put the bridge into operation.

<https://russianfareast-news.ru/news/newswire/detail.php?ID=274232>

12 May 2020, Izvestiya

### **Zvezda Shipyard launched Vladimir Monomakh tanker**

It is a new-generation tanker aimed for oil transportation with unrestricted navigation. It was designed according to the highest environmental safety standards. The main and secondary power systems can work both on traditional and ecofuel – liquefied natural gas. Zvezda's portfolio already has 12 commissions for this type of vessel.

<https://iz.ru/1010212/2020-05-12/na-sudoverfi-zvezda-spustili-na-vodu-rossiiskii-tanker-vladimir-monomakh>

6 May 2020, Interfax – Dalny Vostok

### **Bikin National Park in Primorye became one of pilot territories of the national programme for separate waste collection**

The Far East's largest national park was included in the list of pilot territories of the project by the Agency of Strategic Initiatives and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment aimed at implementation of separate waste collection in natural reserves. Its main principle is 'you take what you bring'. The document describes the algorithms of separate waste collection and waste processing, implementation of zero waste principle and ideas for development of ecologically responsible behaviour.

<https://www.interfax-russia.ru/far-east/news/nacpark-bikin-v-primore-voshel-v-chislo-pilotnyh-territoriy-nacprogrammy-po-razdelnomu-sboru-othodov>

***The Roscongress Foundation** – a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of international conventions; exhibitions; and sporting, public, and cultural events.*

*The Foundation was established in 2007 with the aim of facilitating the development of Russia's economic potential, promoting its national interests, and strengthening the country's image. One of the roles of the Foundation is to comprehensively evaluate, analyse, and cover issues on the Russian and global economic agendas. It also offers administrative services, provides promotional support for business projects and attracting investment, and helps foster social entrepreneurship and charitable initiatives.*

*Each year, the Foundation's events draw participants from 208 countries and territories, with more than 15,000 media representatives working on-site at Roscongress' various venues. The Foundation benefits from analytical and professional expertise provided by 2,500 people working in Russia and abroad. In addition, it works in close cooperation with 122 economic partners; industrialists' and entrepreneurs' unions; and financial, trade, and business associations from 69 countries worldwide.*

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