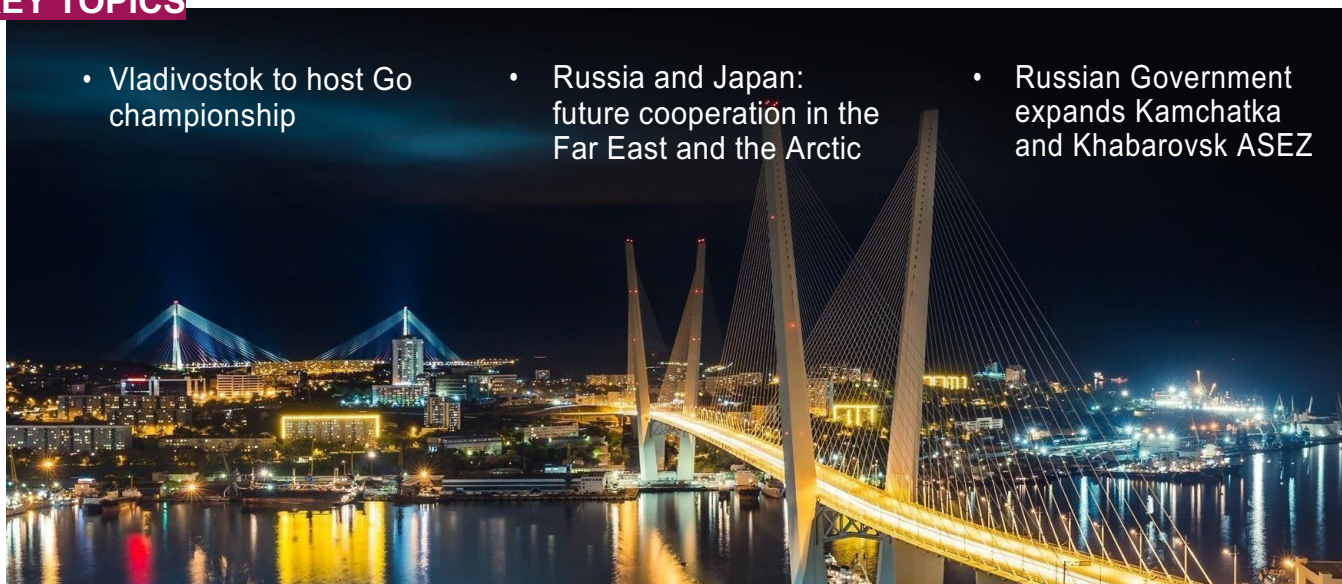


**KEY TOPICS**

- Vladivostok to host Go championship
- Russia and Japan: future cooperation in the Far East and the Arctic
- Russian Government expands Kamchatka and Khabarovsk ASEZ



## EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM EVENTS

21 January 2021, TASS

### **Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East to come up with ways to hold EEF during the pandemic**

The Russian Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and the Arctic will develop a concept for the Eastern Economic Forum, which will enable the key objectives of the event to be met during a coronavirus pandemic. "A qualitative discussion on the development of our country's key eastern territories, economic trends in the post-pandemic era, and the agenda for technological renewal are all expected to take place," said Alexei Chekunkov, head of the Ministry.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/10512941](https://tass.ru/ekonomika/10512941)

## STATE POLICY IN THE FAR EAST

28 January 2021, TASS

### **Roadmap for Lesvostok.rf implementation in FEFD agreed upon**

The system was created by order of Yuri Trutnev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the Far Eastern Federal District.

It provides users with access to up-to-date information on the quantitative and qualitative characteristics of forests in the Far East. Investors will be able to make an economically justified decision on the selection of a forest plot, prepare project documentation, and submit an application for it through an electronic auction.

"We will sum up the results of the experiment by 1 November 2021, after which decisions will be made on the gradual expansion of the list of services provided through Lesvostok.rf, as well as on the possibility of replicating this experience in other regions of the Far East," said Alexei Chekunkov, the head of the Russian Ministry for the Development of the Far East.

[tass.ru/v-strane/10569889](https://tass.ru/v-strane/10569889)

20 January 2021, RIA Novosti

### **Russian Government expands Khabarovsk ASEZ**

This will allow to launch new investment projects, create over 300 jobs and attract over RUB 4.7 billion of private investment to the region. The relevant order was signed by Mikhail Mishustin.

[ria.ru/20210129/khabarovsk-1595073373.html](http://ria.ru/20210129/khabarovsk-1595073373.html)

16 January 2021, TASS

### **Russian Government expands Kamchatka ASEZ**

Expanding the boundaries of the advanced socio-economic zone will make it possible to implement new investment projects in the region. In particular, there will be a maritime transport dock in Babya Bay. New fish-processing facilities will also be created. It is expected that more than 400 new jobs will be created, and the amount of private investment will exceed RUB 180 million.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/10475829](http://tass.ru/ekonomika/10475829)

14 January 2021 года, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

### **Edward Cherkin to head the unified Far East development institution**

The Far East Development Corporation (FEDC) will become the foundation for a new unified development institution under the Russian Ministry for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic. This organization is being set up to replace the liquidated Far Eastern Investment and Export Promotion Agency, the Human Capital Development Agency, and the Far East and Arctic Development Fund, whose functions are being transferred to its 100% shareholder, VEB.RF.

[rg.ru/2021/01/14/edinyj-institut-razvitiia-dalnego-vostoka-vozglavit-eduard-cherkin.html](http://rg.ru/2021/01/14/edinyj-institut-razvitiia-dalnego-vostoka-vozglavit-eduard-cherkin.html)

## **ECONOMY OF THE FAR EAST**

20 January 2020, TASS

### **Russia and Japan discussed economic cooperation in the Far East and the Arctic**

The main areas of international cooperation in the Far Eastern and Arctic regions were discussed by the head of the Russian Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East Alexei Chekunkov, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Russia Toyohisha Kozuki.

Among the promising areas of Russian-Japanese cooperation in the Arctic is the launch of a regular container line along the Northern Sea Route (NSR). In addition, Mr. Chekunkov invited Japanese companies and the Japanese scientific community to participate in the creation of an innovative science and technology cluster on Russky Island in Primorye. Minister emphasized the importance of developing this sector both in the Far East and in the Arctic.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/10504149](http://tass.ru/ekonomika/10504149)

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

22 January 2021, Komsomolskaya Pravda

### **Vladivostok getting ready to host Go championship**

The Go World Championship will leave Asia for the first time to be held in Vladivostok from 28 May to 1 June 2020. Previously, it has been held 33 times in Japan, 5 times in China, and once each in the Republic of Korea and Thailand.

Russia will become the first non-Asian country to organize a championship on the East's premier intellectual game and will bring together some 80 participating countries. "Thanks to this, we will declare to the world that the Russian Federation knows how to speak the language of strategy that is understandable to Asia. A business programme and a big festival of Go enthusiasts are planned as part of the competition. The Championship will become a platform for dialogue between politicians and businessmen, as well as a driver for the development of sports tourism in Primorye," said Mikhail Yemelyanov, Director of the 41<sup>st</sup> Go World Cup.

[dv.kp.ru/online/news/4159174/](http://dv.kp.ru/online/news/4159174/)

21 January 2021, RBC

### **The Russian government is allocating an additional RUB 5 billion to subsidize air travel to the Far East**

The list of subsidized destinations will include the 21 most popular routes from the Far East to the European part of Russia and back. These include flights to Moscow from Magadan, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Khabarovsk, Vladivostok, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Anadyr, Blagoveschensk, Mirny, Neryungri, Pevek, Polarny, Ulan-Ude,

Chita, Yakutsk, as well as to St. Petersburg from Blagoveschensk, Vladivostok, Mirny, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Khabarovsk, Chita and Yakutsk.

[rbc.ru/rbcfreenews/5fff03b99a7947e91f58de37](http://rbc.ru/rbcfreenews/5fff03b99a7947e91f58de37)

19 January 2021, Interfax

### **Zvezda shipyard starts cutting steel for second Arctic gas tanker**

A total of 15 gas tankers are planned to be built with VEB.RF's financial participation for the benefit of NOVATEK to transport liquefied natural gas from the Arctic LNG-2 project. No such tankers have ever been built in Russia before.

"This is the biggest project in terms of financing domestic shipbuilding in Russia. It is very important for the development of the Northern Sea Route. The construction is going according to plan due to the hard work and close cooperation between all the participants: VEB.RF, Zvezda shipyard, Sovcomflot, and NOVATEK. The Russian Government is providing great support to the project: at the end of December 2020, VEB.RF received the state guarantees required for the project's full implementation," said Deputy Chairman of VEB.RF Daniil Algulyan.

[interfax.ru/business/745873](http://interfax.ru/business/745873)

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