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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM

30 January 2019, TASS

National Programme for the Development of the Russian Far East to be presented to Vladimir Putin at EEF 2019

The National Programme for the Development of the Russian Far East will be presented to President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin during the 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), which will be held in Vladivostok in September. This was reported by Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/6056890>

7 January 2019, Izvestia

Vladimir Putin invites Narendra Modi to the Eastern Economic Forum

During a phone conversation with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin invited the prime minister to attend the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok in September of this year as the main guest.

The call saw the two leaders discuss bilateral relations and strategic partnership, while also noting that relations between Russia and India have continued developing dynamically.

<https://iz.ru/831534/2019-01-07/putin-priglasil-modi-na-vostochnyi-ekonomicheskii-forum>

GOVERNMENT POLICY IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST

29 January 2019, Izvestia

Russian Far East to introduce benefits for the birth of a first child

Russian Far East regions plan to introduce lump sum payments for the birth of a first child. The payment will amount to around 20 thousand roubles, calculated in each case by doubling the subsistence minimum of the appropriate federal subject.

Moreover, the FEFD plans to pay out regional maternal capital (30% of federal capital) if the family grows to include a second child, as well as monthly benefits following the birth of a third and subsequent children.

<https://iz.ru/839311/2019-01-29/vyplaty-pri-rozhdenii-pervogo-rebenka-vvedut-na-dalnem-vostoke>

17 January 2019, Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East

Russian Far East to see new mortgage assistance measures

Certain categories of Far Eastern residents will see mortgage interest rates drop to 5%. This was reported by Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Tatyana Golikova at a meeting of the President of the Russian Federation with members of the Government of the Russian Federation.

“The proposal would see the lowering of mortgage interest rates to 5% across the Russian Far East for those families who, starting from 1 January 2019, saw the birth of a second or subsequent child, as well as those who obtained real estate or a residence through the secondary market in the rural areas of the Far Eastern Federal District. These are the only groups who will receive this benefit. We discussed this with Yury Trutnev and Alexander Kozlov. We want to see how this will function from the point of view of providing families with the thing they need the most — a place to live,” stated Golikova.

<https://minvr.ru/press-center/news/20745/>

THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST ECONOMY

29 January 2019, TASS

Vladivostok to receive 4.5 billion roubles to improve its road network

As the new capital of the Far Eastern Federal District, Vladivostok will receive additional funding from the federal budget to be used towards the repair and reconstruction of its road network in 2019. This was reported by Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev after a meeting with Primorye Territory leadership.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/6052072>

9 January 2019, Interfax

Amur Region budget grew by 1.7 billion roubles thanks to gas projects

Last year, over the course of nine months, the Amur Region budget grew by more than 1.7 billion roubles as a result of the construction of the Amur Gas Processing Plant and the Power of Siberia gas pipeline.

<http://www.interfax-russia.ru/FarEast/news.asp?id=995572&sec=1679>

29 January 2019, TASS

Primorye to create a land bank for management of vacant property

The land bank is intended to more effectively manage vacant properties of interest to investors with agricultural projects. This was reported by Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev.

“We are creating a land bank, we will try to gather all of the vacant properties to be managed by the either the territory or the Far East Development Corporation. We will unite our efforts to manage this land efficiently and efficiently allocate it for investment projects”, said Trutnev after a meeting in Vladivostok focused on agricultural investment projects.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/6052064>

NEW DEVELOPMENT MECHANISMS FOR THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST: SUCCESS STORIES

29 January 2019, TASS

Far East Development Corporation is creating an investor pool for TADs in Trans-Baikal Territory and Republic of Buryatia

The Far East Development Corporation (FEDC) and representatives from the Trans-Baikal Territory and Republic of Buryatia have started forming a pool of investors ready to work in the Territories of Advanced Development and in the Free Port of Vladivostok.

Far East Development Corporation specialists have already arrived in Chita and Ulan-Ude to assess Trans-Baikal Territory and Republic of Buryatia entrepreneurs' readiness to work in TADs and to research infrastructure construction opportunities for future residents. This work will also be supported by the regional development institutions Trans-Baikal Territory Development Corporation and Fund for the Regional Development of the Republic of Buryatia.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/6054449>

28 January 2019, RIA Novosti

Students to take part in developing National Programme for the Development of the Russian Far East

Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev opened a student centre for developing the National Programme for the Development of the Russian Far East at Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, reports the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East.

At a meeting with Trutnev, students described their ideas for what should be included in the National Programme, including the issues of encouraging graduates from Far Eastern universities to stay within the region and attracting skilled labour from other regions to the FEFD. The participants presented their proposals for supporting vital economic sectors, urban development, environmental protection, and improving the region's transport accessibility.

<https://ria.ru/20190128/1550029914.html>

28 January 2019, TASS

Yury Trutnev discussed development of Russian Far East with Leaders of Russia competition finalists

Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev met with Far Eastern finalists of the Leaders of Russia national management competition and discussed ideas and issues related to regional development.

According to the Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District, the discussion included suggestions on refining the communication accuracy regarding the Far Eastern Hectare programme as well as proposals for improving the district's demographic situation.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/6048643>