

## KEY TOPICS

- Primorye has become the leader of the Far Eastern Mortgage
- FEFU to receive RUB 125.11 million of subsidies
- Prospects of cruise tourism development discussed in the Far East



## EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM NEWS

27 February 2020, *Rossiyskaya Gazeta*

### **Sakhalin Gas Conference to be held for the first time as part of an EEF field session**

Participants of the conference events will include representatives of Russian Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Industry and Trade; Gazprom; international suppliers of gas equipment; representatives of major dealership centres and transport companies; the Roscongress Foundation; and the Far East Investment and Export Agency. The key discussion topic will be the transition to the natural gas as automobile fuel.

<https://rg.ru/2020/02/27/reg-dfo/vpervye-v-ramkah-vyezdnoj-sessii-vef-sostoitsia-sahalinskaia-gazovaia-konferenciia.html>

19 February 2020, *Kp.ru*

### **Denis Manturov invited representatives of German business community to SPIEF and EEF**

The 'Innovations as the Driver of Economic Growth' interregional conference on strategic cooperation between Germany and Russia took place in the House of German Economy in Berlin. The conference was organized by the Russian-German Chamber of Commerce together with the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK).

This event brought in over 500 representatives of the business communities, economists and experts from both countries. Participants discussed the outlooks for Russian and German economic policies, as well as ways to improve investment climate in Russia.

<https://www.kp.ru/daily/27094.4/4166611/>

11 February 2020, *TASS*

### **Sergey Lavrov: Russia counts on ASEAN leaders' participation in SPIEF and EEF in 2020**

The Minister noted the active growth of cooperation between Russia and ASEAN in practical areas.

Russia expects that ASEAN states will be represented at EEF and SPIEF events at the top level, said Sergey Lavrov at the meeting with Secretary General of ASEAN Lim Jock Hoi.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/7671479>

## STATE POLICY IN THE FAR EAST

26 February 2020, *Rossiyskaya Gazeta*

### **FEFU to receive additional funding**

Mikhail Mishustin has signed a government order on distribution of subsidies totaling 10.07 billion roubles for the state support of leading universities in 2020. In particular, the Far Eastern Federal University will receive 125.11 million roubles.

<https://rg.ru/2020/02/26/vedushchim-vuzam-vydeliat-bolee-10-milliardov-rublej.html>

22 February 2020, *TASS*

### **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment is tasked with preparing regulations for conservation of Kamchatka's nature by 1 June**

Yury Trutnev requested to bring before the Government the draft regulations that were prepared based on suggestions by the Association of Directors of Nature Reserves and National Parks of the Russian Federation 'Preserved Russia' that will help maintain balance between tourism development and conservation of the Kamchatka's nature. At EEF 2019 Vladimir Putin set a strategic objective – to ensure harmony of economic activity, accessibility of nature for people, tourism and conservation of the ecosystem.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/7818719>

22 February 2020, *TASS*

### **Yury Trutnev requested to create a legal framework for development of cruise tourism in FEFD and the Arctic**

It is planned to create a transparent mechanism for approval of passage and disembarkation spots for expedition cruise ships. Ministry of Economic Development, Federal Agency for Tourism and Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East will prepare and bring before the Government a plan for the introduction of amendments to the existing legislation.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/7818727>

4 February 2020, *Argumenty i Fakty*

### **Primorye has become the leader of the Far Eastern Mortgage**

According to Yury Trutnev, both banks and region's residents have become actively engaged in the mortgage programme. Over six weeks of the programme implementation, 7,854 applications were received in FEFD, 4,861 applications were approved by banks, and 983 credits were issued totaling 3.448 billion roubles.

[https://vl.aif.ru/realty/primore\\_lidiruet\\_v\\_dalnevostochnoy\\_ipoteke](https://vl.aif.ru/realty/primore_lidiruet_v_dalnevostochnoy_ipoteke)

## ECONOMY OF THE FAR EAST

26 February 2020, *Kp.ru*

### **Far Eastern entrepreneurs can receive up to 20 million roubles**

State co-financing of high-tech projects is now available as part of the FASIE's Commercialization programme. Micro and small enterprises registered in the unified SME register are invited to participate in this grant. Priority is given to the companies targeting at import substitution, that have finished the R&D

stage and plan to set up or expand innovative production. Among the assessment criteria are the scientific content and prospects of market promotion. The financial support for companies can reach 20 million roubles, with the condition of 100% co-financing from extrabudgetary funds.

<https://www.dv.kp.ru/daily/27097.4/4169819/>

18 February 2020, *IA REGNUM*

### **Yakutia started designing a large bridge across the Vilyuy River**

The bridge crossing is planned to be completed in 2025. It will connect the cities of Yakutsk and Nyurba with a motorway. The estimated cost of work is 20–22 billion roubles, it will be funded from the federal budget. The bridge will be around 1.7 kilometres long, with approaches reaching 20 kilometres. The construction is set to begin in 2021. The Vilyuy River is 2,650 kilometres long; it is the longest afflux of the River Lena.

Earlier the Rostec and the VIS Group consortium signed a concessionary agreement on design, construction and exploitation of a bridge across the River Lena with the Yakutia Government. The construction of the bridge across the River Lena became part of the National Programme of the Far East Development.

<https://regnum.ru/news/economy/2862494.html>

18 February 2020, *Sakhalinmedia.ru*

### **Yury Trutnev named development priorities for the Gorny Vozdukh ski resort in Sakhalin**

A modern tourist cluster is to be created at the Gorny Vozdukh special economic zone that will include transport, food, recreation and entertainment industries. By 2025, over 600 additional hotel rooms will be created. Also, more than 35 pistes of various difficulty levels are to be set up, with the total length of 65 kilometres. Gorny Vozdukh can become a world-class ski resort. The annual tax revenue from the implemented projects will reach up to 3.5 billion roubles.

<https://sakhalinmedia.ru/news/910442/>

12 February 2020, *Primamedia.ru*

### **The first industrial park for small business to be constructed in Primorye**

The first industrial park in Primorye will occupy the area of 172 hectares. The construction will begin outside the town of Bolshoy Kamen in 2021. The project is operated by the Primorye Territory Development Corporation.

Investors will enjoy preferential advantages and benefits of the Free Port of Vladivostok. The industrial park will include manufacturing and storage facilities and will allow to localize shipbuilding and fish processing.

<https://primamedia.ru/news/908104/>

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

26 February 2020, *Official website of the Primorye Territory administration*

### **Exporter of the Year competition started in Primorye**

Applications are now accepted for participation in the regional stage of the Exporter of the Year competition in Primorye. Until 25 March, small and medium regional enterprises can apply to participate. “Winners will receive a strong marketing support. Of course, there will be some valuable prizes. The winner company will receive a reimbursement for an air ticket to take part in an international exhibition. Given the reimbursement of all expenses for the stand and interpreters, it will be a considerable cut of participation costs. Holders of the second and the third places will be granted vouchers to study business

English or improve other professional skills,” noted Yevgeny Nikiforov, General Director of My Business centre in Primorye.

<https://primorsky.ru/news/184666/>

25 February 2020, Comnews.ru

### **VR learning to be used in FEFU**

Terra Tech, a subsidiary of Russian Space Systems, and FEFU signed an agreement on cooperation for implementation of VR technologies into the learning process. The parties plan to jointly create VR geography lessons based on the ERS data from space vehicles and monitor the efficiency of VR learning.

<http://www.comnews.ru/content/204726/2020-02-25/2020-w09/terra-tekh-i-dvfu-pristupayut-k-sotrudnichestvu-oblasti-obrazovatelnykh-vr-tekhnologiy>

19 February 2020, TASS

### **State Tretyakov Gallery’s programme of professional training for the cultural cluster to start at FEFU**

The Art Management and Museum Curatorship course of the State Tretyakov Gallery and FEFU is aimed at training professionals for a cultural, educational and museum complex that is under construction in Vladivostok. Following competitive examination, 22 FEFU students were admitted to the programme, specializing in different areas, such as cultural studies, journalism, history, oriental studies etc. During this year, the students will study history of arts, up-to-date humanitarian research, basic museum practices; they will also have internships in relevant organizations and will be able to implement their own graduation project.

<https://tass.ru/nacionalnye-proekty/7792739>

The **Roscongress Foundation** is a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of international conventions, exhibitions, and public 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 117 economic partners; industrialists’ and entrepreneurs’ unions; and financial, trade, and business associations from 69 countries worldwide.