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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAR EAST

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EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM NEWS

29 January 2020, TASS

The federal cultural centre in Vladivostok may be put into operation by the EEF

The construction team of the cultural centre for federal institutions in Vladivostok (scheduled to be put into operation by the end of 2023) are looking into potential completion by September 2023 to make the centre part of the Eastern Economic Forum. In March 2019, Vladimir Putin assigned the Federal Government and regional leadership with opening new cultural, educational and museum centres in Vladivostok, Kaliningrad, Kemerovo and Sevastopol.

tass.ru/obschestvo/7631741

28 January 2020, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

E-visas to the Far Eastern Federal District will be available to citizens of 53 countries

Mikhail Mishustin signed the executive order on 24 January 2020. According to the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic, as of 20 January 2020 Russia issued 187,599 e-visas, including 144,825 for Chinese citizens, 37,136 for Japanese citizens, and 2,562 for Indian citizens. 97% of visitors with e-visas cross the border in Primorye Territory. The e-visa procedure for the Russian Far East was launched in August 2017.

rg.ru/2020/01/28/reg-dfo/elektronnye-vizy-v-dfo-smogut-poluchit-grazhdane-53-stran.html

STATE POLICY IN THE FAR EAST

30 January 2020, *Izvestiya*

Mikhail Mishustin ordered to shut down the border in the Far East

Mikhail Mishustin signed an executive order to shut down the border in the Russian Far East to prevent the new 2019-nCoV coronavirus from spreading (China is going through an outbreak of this coronavirus). Besides, the Chairman of the Russian Government assigned Tatiana Golikova to inform the general public daily about preventive care and measures to avoid the spreading of the coronavirus.

Earlier that day, the Ministry of Health published temporary recommendations for preventing, diagnosing and treating the new coronavirus.

iz.ru/970243/2020-01-30/mishustin-podpisa-rasporiazhenie-o-zakrytii-granitcy-s-kitaem

29 January 2020, *RIA Novosti*

Deputy Prime Minister Yury Trutnev in charge of the Far East, Arctic, North Caucasus and territories of advanced development

According to responsibility assignment matrix for Deputy Prime Ministers, Yury Trutnev will be in charge of state policy for integrated social and economic development of the Far Eastern Federal District, as well as government regulation of financial support for the Far Eastern Federal District. Mr. Trutnev's responsibilities will also include developing and implementing government-sponsored investment projects and improving efficiency of budgetary expenditures in the Far Eastern Federal District. Yury Trutnev will oversee measures of federal target-oriented and government-sponsored programmes, as well as state policy for integrated social and economic development of the Arctic Zone and the North Caucasus.

ria.ru/20200129/1563991666.html

29 January 2020, *Novosti Vladivostoka*

Vladivostok budget to get RUB 2 billion extra from the federal and regional budgets

On 29 January, the Budget, Tax and Finance Committee of Vladivostok Duma gathered for a meeting to discuss city budget adjustments for 2020. The budget of Vladivostok went up from RUB 16 to 18 billion. Additional funds will be allocated for urban development and transport, which includes reconstruction of the Pacific Fleet Glory memorial and landscaping for the Krymsky Public Garden and the park on Popov Island. news.vl.ru/vlad/2020/01/29/187331/#ixzz6CQhWd8Ww

20 January 2020, *Finanz.ru*

Rostec to determine the infrastructure for building Baikal jets by April 2020

Vladimir Putin assigned the Government of the Russian Federation to review the possibilities for designing and starting mass production of Baikal jet. The first prototype was presented to the President of Russia in September 2019 at the Eastern Economic Forum.

finans.ru/novosti/aktsii/rostekh-k-aprelyu-2020-goda-opredelit-infrastrukturu-dlya-vypuska-samoleta-baykal-1028828159

9 January 2020, *TASS*

Primorye to start constructing the infrastructure for the Smart City in 2020

The project will be based on the public-private partnership principles. The Smart City is a set of tools, approaches and technological solutions to digitalize the urban environment. The project is a part of two national programmes – 'Digital Economy' and 'Housing and Urban Environment' – and was launched in 2019. Regions use the federal standard to develop and approve national programmes to implement the project. During the Eastern Economic Forum 2019, Primorye Territory signed an agreement with the Far Eastern High Technology Fund to implement the project.

tass.ru/nacionalnye-proekty/7484051

2 January 2020, RIA Federal News Agency

Vladivostok is Primorye Territory's official capital starting from 1 January 2020

The law was passed by Primorye deputies in November 2019. Authorities believe that the new status will attract additional funds to the local budget. According to Chairman of Vladivostok City Duma Andrey Brik, the capital of Primorye is to host a number of large-scale international and federal event sin 2020. riafan.ru/region/vld/1239299-vladivostok-oficialno-stal-stolicej-primorskogo-kraya

ECONOMY OF THE FAR EAST

16 January 2020, *Novosti Yakutii*

Yakutia to get high-speed internet north of the Arctic Circle in late 2020

500 km of fibre-optic line will be installed north of the Arctic Circle in Yakutia for the first time ever, said Aysen Nikolaev during 'Cooperation of government and business in the digital race', a panel discussion at Gaidar Forum. It will help bring high-speed internet to Olenyok District, which should benefit the quality of life and the municipality's social and economic development.

The agreement to install the fibre-optic line between Udachny–Kharyyalakh–Olenyok was signed in September 2019 at the Eastern Economic Forum. news.ykt.ru/article/95924

14 January 2020, *Ekonomika Segodnya*

Vladivostok to become port of call for 15 cruise ships from Japanese, Korean and Chinese ports

Press service of Primorye Territory Government shared that the number of cruise ship tourists this year is expected to stay at the same level as in 2019, which includes a cruise ship serving as a hotel during the Eastern Economic Forum. The cruise season 2020 will kick off in Vladivostok on 19 April with the Westerdam.

rueconomics.ru/425000-vladivostok-primet-15-kruiznyh-lainerov-v-2020-godu

14 January 2020, YSIA

9.1 thousand applications approved for the Far Eastern Hectare in Yakutia

In 2019, over 11.5 thousand people joined the Far Eastern Hectare programme. Total number of people who got land under this programme is up by 18% reaching 76.6 thousand people. The land in Yakutia is the second most popular among programme participants.

Starting from 1 August, the programme also covers Zabaikalye Territory and Buryatia that became part of the Far Eastern Federal District in November 2018. Over 1 thousand participants got land in Buryatia, and 1.6 thousand people received land in Zabaikalye Territory.

ysia.ru/kolichestvo-poluchatelej-dalnevostochnyh-gektarov-v-2019-godu-uvlichilos-na-18/

NEW MECHANISMS FOR THE FAR EAST DEVELOPMENT: SUCCESS STORIES

27 January 2020, TASS

FEFU is developing equipment to control condition of underwater oil and gas platforms

Specialists and students of the FEFU School of Engineering have joined their efforts with experts from Gazprom's engineering centre to develop equipment that will help track condition of underwater units. Each platform has special underwater equipment that are usually made overseas. FEFU is developing its own equipment. Normally, designing and making such equipment takes 2–3 years.

tass.ru/v-strane/7611145

22 January 2020, AviaPORT

Vladivostok International Airport served 3 million passengers for the first time in its history

Vladivostok International Airport has shared information about its performance in 2019. Russia's main eastern airport served 3.8 million passengers, which is an increment of 18% compared to 2018. Domestic passenger traffic accounted for 1.63 million people (+10%), while the international one is 1.45 million people (+26%). The positive trend at the Japanese market is notable: passenger traffic in this area is up 87%.

aviaport.ru/digest/2020/01/22/623437.html

15 January 2020 г, Vedomosti

Russia to launch an airline for the Far East

Vladimir Putin expects proposals on launching a cargo and passenger airline operating in the Far East and remote areas to be submitted by 31 January. The airline will use Russian-built jets. The President also assigned to prepare a set of measures to bring down the cost of jet fuel in the Far Eastern Federal District and remote areas.

vedomosti.ru/business/articles/2020/01/15/820649-putin-poruchil-prorabotat-sozdanie-aviakompanii

14 January 2020, RBC Nedvizhimost

Kamchatka plans to launch Medvezhya Gora, a tourism mega project

A new tourism cluster may appear in the vicinity of Vilyuchinsky volcano, 70 km away from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. AEON owner Roman Trotsenko plans to implement the mega project in partnership with former Senior Vice President of VTB Andrei Peregodov.

Mountain skiing season in Kamchatka lasts 7–8 months, and the snow is 4–15 metres deep. The project is planned to include pistes of diverse complexity (31 km). This will be an all-season resort: in summer it will offer trekking, mountain karting and infrastructure for mountain climbing

realty.rbc.ru/news/5e1d7b549a79473171b2e7ab

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 118 economic partners; industrialists' and entrepreneurs' unions; and financial, trade, and business associations from 69 countries worldwide. roscongress.org