

Russia and Tumen Area Cooperation

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Carried out under the aegis of the UNDP, the Tumen River Area Development Programme aims to assist the economic and social development of the region by facilitating cooperation between the member-countries. Such cooperation should result in an increase of flows of people and goods between these countries. However, this could aggravate the ecological problems of the area. The given circumstances require more intensive environmental protection cooperation.

Russia attaches great importance to the reduction of obstacles to cross-border movements of people and goods. This year the new auto container route from China to Japan through the Russian port Posyet was opened, and a similar route to the Republic of Korea will be opened soon. In the near future a railway boundary passage to China will also begin to work in the south part of Primorsky Krai. In June 1999, a Russian-Chinese intergovernmental agreement was signed on the introduction of simplified access of Russian citizens to the Chinese parts of trade complexes situated on the border,

In the sphere of environmental protection, Russia possesses unique environmental research opportunities. A number of large, world-famous research centers are based in Vladivostok. They are ready to cooperate with research teams from other countries of the Tumen River area in the creation of a system for ecological monitoring of the whole area.

We are ready for closer cooperation in all kinds of trans-border challenges in the Tumen River area.