

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR NEA AND GTI

TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY

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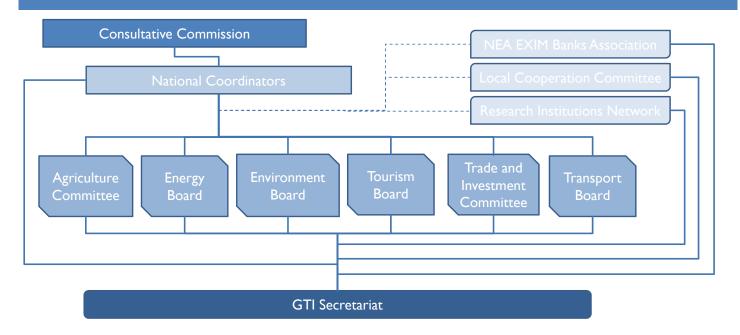
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OUTLINE

- Recent developments in GTI
- Focus area: Transport
 - Studies, strategy and issues identified
- Regional dynamics
- Perspectives: GTI's potential in regional development and future directions



I. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GTI: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GTI

For the past five years, utilizing its resources and with the financial and in-kind support from its partner organizations such as UNESCAP, GIZ and member countries' national agencies and authorities GTI had implemented 24 different researches, studies, training and specific capacity building and development activities amounting 1.56 million US dollars in the following areas:

- Capacity building and training programs in <u>trade facilitation</u>, energy efficiency and policy and tourism
- Number of theme specific studies in <u>transport</u> and tourism, pilot testing project in <u>transport</u> connectivity
- Studies exploring potential for cooperation in agriculture, energy, environment, <u>trade facilitation</u>, research network



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GTI

Milestones achievements

- I. NEA EXIM Banks Association: Construction of a Grain Terminal in Zarubino Port
 - Sponsored by United Grain Company (Russia) and coordinated under the NEA Exim Banks Association
 - 1st phase: 3.5 million tons, USD280 million, 2nd phase: 6.5 million tons, USD230 million
- 2. <u>Local Cooperation Committee: Pilot sea-land route testing project</u>
 - Trial transport of cargo through Mudanjiang Suifenhe Vladivostok Donghae Sakaiminato using DBS cruise ferry, logistic bottlenecks and greater costs and time
 - Findings: if certain cargo level is maintained logistics cost, transit time and service could be improved
- 3. Trade and Investment Committee: Development of Authorized Economic Operators Cooperation scheme
 - Developed a Mutual Recognition Agreement for Authorized Economic Operators
 - Working group setting to analyze, elaborate and development policy recommendation and proposal for systems development in specific area

Transport, trade facilitation



II. FOCUS AREA: TRANSPORT SECTOR

GTI Transport Board guiding documents

- Terms of Reference for the GTI Transport Board (2009, revised 2012)
- GTI Transport Cooperation Program 2010-2013 (2010, extended 2012)
- GTI Regional Transport Strategy and Mid-term Action Plan 2013-2016 (2013).

TRANSPORT STUDIES/TRIALS

Studies and Projects	Objective
GTI Transport Corridors Study (2011-2013, GTI, ROK)	Regional Transport Strategy, Regional Summary Report, 5 Country Reports (GTI + Japan)
Study on Trans-GTR Transport Corridors: Financing Infrastructure Development (GTI-GIZ, 2014)	PPP readiness in GTR, recommendation on financing structures
Study on Software Support to the Operationalization of Transport Corridors in the GTR (GTI, 2014)	GTI cross border transport and transit agreement, other options to improve legal environment
Evaluation Study of Sea-Land Routes in NEA (KMI, 2014)	Current situation of multimodal ferry lines in GTR, measures to promote this type of logistic services
Study on Rajin (DPRK) – Khasan (Russia) Railway and Port project ,(ROK, 2014)	Status Rajin port development and relating facilities, proposed most effective financial channels
Pilot Route Testing Project (GTI/LSC-Tottori Pref., 2016)	Test transportation through a new route, identification and analysis of bottlenecks

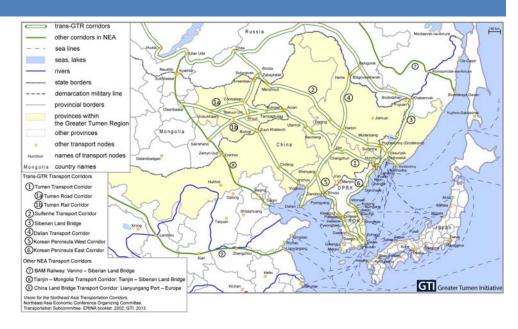
TOPICS FOR TRANSPORT AND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Topics

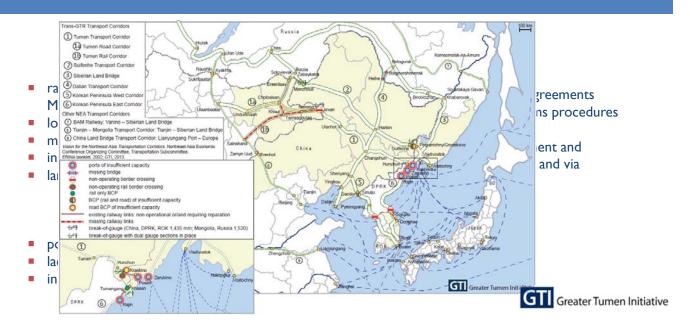
- Transport Corridors
- Sea-Land Intermodal Routes

Regional Transport Strategy Directions

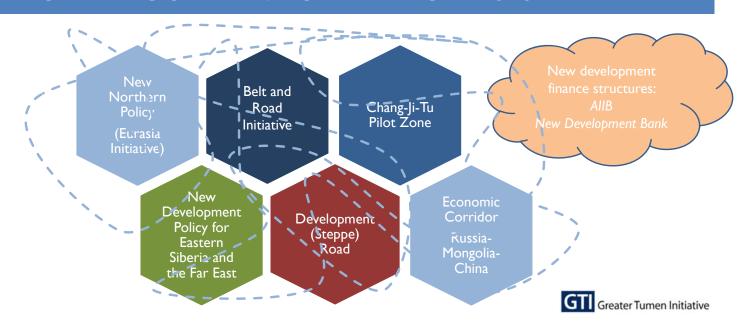
- Connectivity
- Support to transport infrastructure improvements
- Software support to transport corridor functioning
- Managing of transport corridors
- Private sector involvement



ISSUES IDENTIFIED: BOTTLENECKS



III. REGIONAL DYNAMICS: OTHER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MECHANISMS



IV. PERSPECTIVES: GTI'S ROLE AND POTENTIAL IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Coordination, facilitation and synergy for regional programs/initiatives

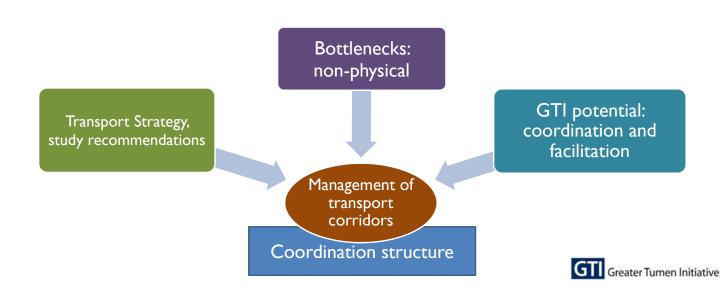
Initiatives and programs are "unilateral"

 Initiatives and policies put in place by nations in the NEA region although are widely accepted and supported reciprocally by each other, are "unilateral" activities i.e. initiated on unilateral basis and dialogue is mostly on direct bilateral basis Absence of supporting structure

 Exchange between governments within the framework of initiatives NOT supported by organized multilateral operational structures GTI: Platform for coordination, facilitation and synergy

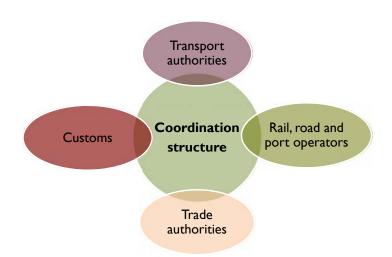
GTI as a readily available existing structure could serve as a platform for dialogue, professional exchange and facilitation for coordination and development of regional projects and programs stemming from these initiatives

PERSPECTIVES: MANAGEMENT OF CORRIDORS



I. MANAGEMENT OF CORRIDORS: COORDINATION

- Oversee transport and trade facilitation issues and projects in an integrated manner
- Categorize array of issues and agenda items in management of corridors and address them
- Reporting of the performance of the transport corridors using commonly agreed monitoring indicators



GTI Greater Tumen Initiative

2. PERSPECTIVES: SEA-LAND ROUTES

~ Geographical position of the GTR presents unique opportunities in designing transport network and intermodal logistic routes ~

Intensify cooperation within the Logistics Sub-Committee and Transport Board to promote the sealand intermodal services

Carrying out number of new pilot testing projects in different routes
Information sharing and analyses

Support from Local Governments

Japan's participation

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Greater Tumen Initiative

3. PERSPECTIVES: INTERMODAL TRANSPORT NETWORK

- Transport corridors are in place or being developed
- Improvement of transport connectivity and more options
- Should not be limited with existing channels and corridors
- Look beyond development of individual segments of transport
- Integration of modalities
- Sea routes to extend to inland routes and hubs and vice versa

<u>Development of regional</u> <u>transport network</u> Structural integration of intermodal transport

Integrated intermodal transport network

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ROAD AHEAD FOR TRANSPORT

Management of GTR Corridors

- Oversee transport and trade facilitation issues and projects in an integrated manner
- Identification of categories of issues to be tackled and addressing them in a systematic manner (sub-working groups)
- Reporting of the performance of the transport corridors using commonly agreed monitoring indicators

Promotion of Sea-Land Routes in NEA

- GTI suggests to further intensify cooperation within the Logistics Sub-Committee to promote the sea-land intermodal services in the region by:
- Carrying out number of new pilot testing projects in different routes
- Information sharing and analyses
- Operation of a Working Group

Vision: Integrated GTR Transport Network

- Single multimodal transportation network supported by efficient logistics
- Look for other options and possible transport "channels"
- · Well connected intermodal system of sea and land routes and sea and in-land ports and logistical hubs
- Extension of routes over different modalities structural integration of intermodal transport

SUPPORTING PROCESSES: TRADE FACILITATION

~ Management and operation of corridors, development of sea-land routes and intermodal transport network to be supported by promotion of trade facilitation systems ~

Capacity building in paperless trade and single window implementation

- On-going project:
- · Identify and develop instruments and tools for seamless information and data exchange to promote cross-border paperless trade

Joint work on implementation of WTO TFA - Action Plan

- Set-up of a Working Group on WTO TFA implementation
- Analysis of current situation on implementation of WTO TFA on national level in each country and their strengths and
 weaknesses; identification of activity areas among GTI members to accelerate implementation of TFA; coordination and matchmaking of countries' plans in capacity building and technical assistance; development of an Action Plan: priorities, actions, timeline,
 donor and beneficiary, monitoring etc.

Further promotion of AEO Cooperation

- Next phase in development of cooperation scheme on Authorized Economic Operators is widely expected
- Activity to be based on recommendations of the AEO Working Group (work completed in December 2017)

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Additional Information

ROAD AHEAD BY SECTORS: AGRICULTURE

Capacity building

• Capacity building and knowledge exchange between professional organizations – consultation on area for capacity building

Partnership with CSAM

 Collaboration with Center for Sustainable Agriculture Mechanization of UNESCAP on technical training programs and technical exchange

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• Creation of task force/working group to analyze and identify issues to tackle, and jointly develop policy recommendations, develop, harmonize and integrate systems for sanitary and phytosanitary control



ROAD AHEAD BY SECTORS: ENERGY

Priority areas: energy efficiency, renewable energy and reduction of non-physical barriers

 Analysis and identification of specific areas and format for collaboration under these directions based on mutual consultation and studies such as national energy efficiency reports

Information provision, knowledge exchange, research and development of expertise

• GTI to provide value-added service to members and others in a form of development of area specific expertise, knowledge and provision of information as an inquiry point

Technical cooperation, capacity building

• Knowledge exchange between laboratories, collaboration between scientific laboratories with private sector

International events

• Utilize such events for promotion of policy dialogue and as occasions for back-to-back events for joint capacity building, study and policy or recommendation development



ROAD AHEAD BY SECTORS: ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Cooperation Strategy

- · review situation on regional environmental conservation and protection
- identify key issues on regional environmental cooperation
- · prepare regional environmental cooperation strategy

Capacity Building and Awareness Activities

- Proposed area of focus:
 - capacity building in guidelines, policy and procedures in green/clean financing for industry and private sector
 - knowledge exchange in developing projects and gaining access to green funds



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Creation of a platform for public and private exchange in trade and investment

- •Trade and investment briefing session during GTI International Trade and Investment Expo
- •Operation of GTI Trade and Investment Expert Group
- Each country holds a briefing session
- •Experts from public sector brief on rules, procedures, acts on trade, customs operations and investment

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ROAD AHEAD BY SECTORS: TOURISM

Multi-Destination Tourism in GTR

- Promotion of identified MDT routes in GTR (awareness raising)
- Preparation of GTR Tourism Marketing Strategy
- MOU on tourism cooperation in NEA

Development of Tourism Products and Marketing

- Capacity building training for local authorities and agencies on tourism planning and marketing
- "Ski resorts in GTR"

Web promotional platform

- GTI Tourism Website
- Promotional platform integrated with social networks
- Facilitate B-to-B and B-to-C exchange

Participation in major tourism events by tour operators from GTR

- Facilitate participation of tourism operators and agencies in international regional tourism events to promote their networking, marketing and cooperation i.e. joint product development/integration
- GTI countries' joint exposition at the IV Pacific Tourism Forum (May 2018, Vladivostok), GTI's participation in ITB Berlin, ITB Asia and other international tourism exhibitions

