

# *Research into Economic Cooperation in the Tumen River Area Development Programme: With a focus on the Yanbian region*

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## **Summary**

Firstly, via analysis of the current situation of FDI and foreign trade in the Yanbian region, this paper examines the Tumen River Area Development Programme (TRADP) process as well as the constraints which affect it. The Yanbian region's foreign trade and introduced FDI have made a certain amount of progress in recent years, yet because of their small scale—especially with the main investors and principal trade partners confined to specific countries—advancement is slow. This reflects the laggardly status of the TRADP to a certain extent. Secondly, this paper not only takes as its basis the complexity of the Tumen River area's relationships from the perspective of international politics, but also considers the two aspects of the countries concerned having their own international strategies and understandings of the TRADP. Therefore, this paper investigates the factors from among the above that have affected the advancement of the TRADP. Finally, this paper also gives related policy-type proposals on how to further promote cooperation mechanisms and international cooperation in the key sectors of the various countries.

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