

The Current Situation and Measures for the Development and Opening-Up Strategy in the Changchun-Jilin-Tumen Area of Jilin Province

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Summary

Two years have passed since the development project for the Changchun-Jilin-Tumen Development and Opening-Up Pilot Area (the area in Jilin Province including part of Changchun City and Jilin City, and Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture) was put into effect, and the central government and local governments have tackled it by putting effort into economic development within the region. They have strengthened support measures and carried out the putting in order of infrastructure, and have been pushing ahead the integration of Changji (Changchun City and Jilin City) and of Yanlongtu (Yanji City, Longjing City and Tumen City). From the perspective of international cooperation, cooperative relations with the DPRK and Russia have developed remarkably. A number of issues have come into relief, however. The degree of economic dependence of the target Changji and Yanlongtu integrated areas is low, and the obstacles of domestic policy concerning trade and the deficiency of information exchange, etc., have been pointed out. Subsequently, it is necessary to strengthen the gateway function for opening-up to the outside world in Hunchun City, obtaining the cooperation of each of the countries. Via promoting regional economic links for Changji and Yanlongtu, carrying out the putting in place of logistical infrastructure, it is thought that the Changchun-Jilin-Tumen Development and Opening-Up Pilot Area will go on attaining stable and coordinated development.

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