

*A General Report on Arctic Resource Development and
Shipping Lane Use:
From the perspective of Russia's energy security and the
transportation of resources to Asia, including Japan*

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Summary

The Arctic Ocean is attracting attention from the perspective of natural resources and shipping lanes.

With global warming as the main cause, the potential has been opening up for the development of a great variety of mineral resources, present in abundance, and for sea passage linking east and west.

In addition to the "Basic Law on the Arctic" enacted in 2008, in Russia they are hurrying the formulation of the legal system and resource development plans concerning the Arctic.

Meanwhile, in 2011, there was also the fact that the ice-free period was long, and in excess of 90 voyages were carried out.

This report places emphasis on the actual situation for the use of shipping lanes and on the system of legislation. I would like to take forward the ongoing research regarding resource development.

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