

Some Observations on Sino-Russian Inter-regional Cooperation¹

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Summary

Increasing the development capabilities of eastern Russia is the most crucial issue that President Putin has faced since his appointment: as it will determine whether or not Russia's economic growth will be sustainable, it is an issue that also affects the expansion of Russia's international relations in the Asia-Pacific region. The development of eastern Russia is currently positioned as the top priority for the growth of Russia. As such, its departments of state are placing great emphasis on enacting various bills, while also devoting their energies to ensuring that funds are used more efficiently, meticulously scrutinizing the purposes for which the national budget allocated to the eastern region is used and tightening their management of these funds.

The development of eastern Russia has opened up new aspects in inter-regional cooperation between China and Russia, providing an excellent opportunity to deepen bilateral cooperation. The deepening of inter-regional cooperation between China and Russia is an adaptation to the trend of regional economic integration, and practical endeavors are translating international cooperation in the region into reality. The joint development of adjacent areas of the two countries is an important part of efforts to strengthen and expand Sino-Russian relations. Inter-regional cooperation between China and Russia is necessary for exploring a deeper integration process within the framework of a bilateral relationship, and cooperation between northeastern China and northeastern Russia is an important indicator for determining whether or not bilateral relations should be upgraded to the status of a community of interest. Consequently, the systematic promotion of gradual inter-regional cooperation between China and Russia is a matter of urgency at present and will be an important step in the strengthening of strategic partnerships between the two countries.

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