Territories of Advanced Development : New Tool for Regional Development in the Far Eastern Regions of Russia (Summary)

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In 2014, the Government of the Russian Federation introduced a new tool for regional development in the Far Eastern regions of Russia, namely, the formation of territories of advanced development (TADs). TAD is regarded here as a compact area (up to tens of km²) with favorable economic, geographical, social, infrastructural, scientific, educational, and environmental conditions for the manufacturing of high-tech competitive finished products destined for export. Companies investing in TAD receive considerable benefits, including tax concessions for up to 10 years, administrative and customs privileges, and ready-made general infrastructure services. The 19 TADs established throughout the region have been classified according to their specialization. The main provisions, priority activities, spatial features and development stages in the formation of these TADs are considered, in addition to the problems which have emerged following their creation.

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