

China-Russia Far East Development

A big event uncovered by Western media

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The China-Russia Expo promoting Regional Development between China's Heilongjiang Province and Russia's Primorsky Krai (Vladivostok, Far East). See <u>this</u>.

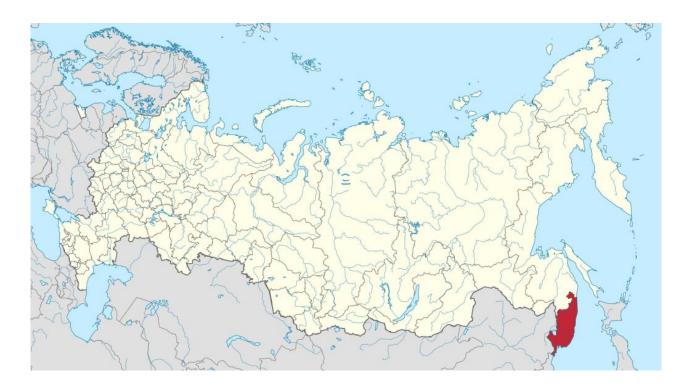
Like last year, Putin goes to this event and promotes the China-Russia Far East economic-industrial-scientific-cultural development. Last year, I know this event attracted representatives from not only China and Russia, but from all South East Asia and beyond. Both countries are investing lots and LOTS in co-developing the Heilongjiang-Vladivostok Region – it's ideally located for strategic high-level projects across borders. As Russia turns away from the West, this is where the future grows.

From my experience with cross-border Regions Denmark-North Germany (where I lived) and Denmark-South Sweden where I worked in both countries, these Regions can have enormous potential. Many such border regions are a bit isolated from the main-dynamism in their respective countries – but when looking across the border, they become centers of connectivity, diversity, and new ideas.

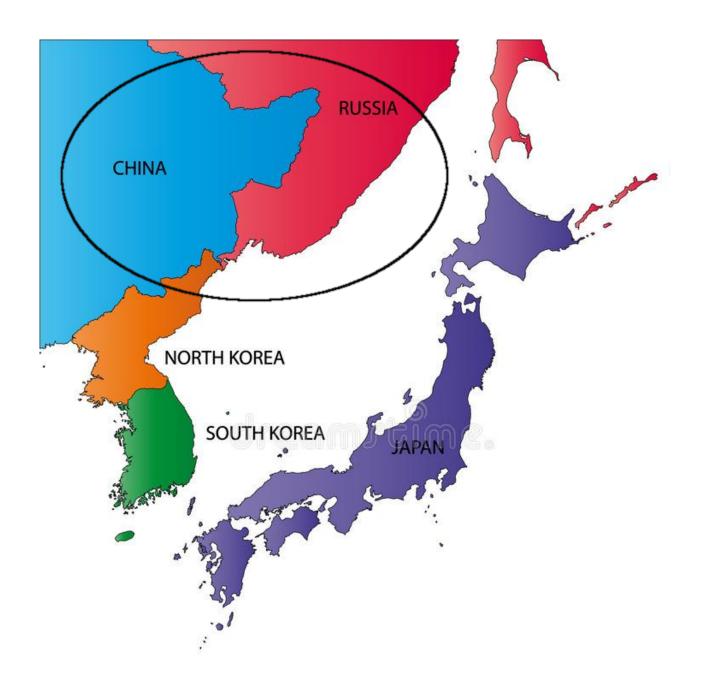
Viewed separately, **Heilongjiang and Primorsky Krai (Vladivostok) are remote border areas.**

Heilongjiang, for instance, is historically an isolated poor province, and since it reverted from being Russian to again become part of China, it doesn't even have sea access. **But with Vladivostok, and working with North Korea, Heilongjiang becomes a central region with great international connections, incl. sea access.**





Viewed separately, two "remote" provinces - in China and Russia respectively.



Together, these provinces become dynamic crossing points for not only China and Russia, but even for Korea, Japan, rail-connection with Europe, and global maritime trade.

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