

Revitalize the Tumen Programme as the Greater Tumen Initiative

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Agreements renewed



• Initiate the extension of the "Agreement on the Establishment of the Consultative Commission for the Development of the Tumen River Economic Development Area and Northeast Asia" and the "Agreement on the Establishment of the Tumen River Development Coordination Committee" which were signed by the member governments on 6 December 1995 for another successive period of ten years.



Objectives for 2006-2015(1)

- Rehabilitate and construct the basic communications infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods through the Tumen ports
- Increase the movement of goods from the GTR and in particular from Northeast China through Tumen ports by ten to fifteen per cent per year
- Increase the deregulation of border crossing procedures for goods and passengers in the Tumen River area;

Objectives for 2006-2015(2)

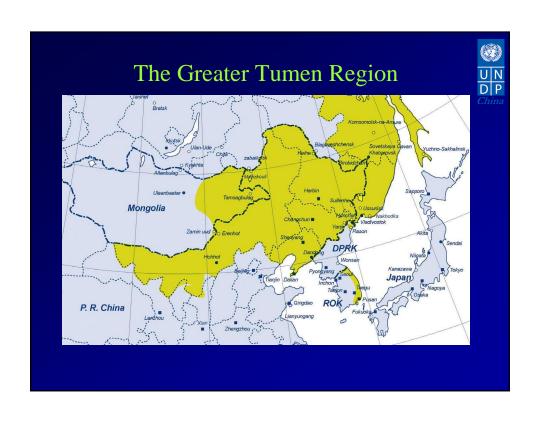


- Annual increase of ten to fifteen per cent in cross-border crossings of tourists in the Tumen River area;
- Establish a high-level institutional mechanism for energy policy support;
- Increase private sector investment;
- Improve access to international financial institutions;
- Revise and re-activate the environment Strategic Action Plan.



Geographical coverage

- 1. The three Northeast provinces and Inner Mongolia of China;
- 2. The Rason Economic and Trade Zone of DPRK;
- 3. Eastern provinces of Mongolia, Eastern port cities of ROK and
- 4. the part of the Primorsky Territory of Russia



Private sector involvement



Intensify efforts in involving the private sector in the Greater Tumen Initiative by establishing a Business Advisory Council which will allow for constructive engagement of investors and partnerships with the private sector aimed at strengthening regional development and cooperation.

Four priorities



- Energy
- Transportation
- Tourism
- Investment



Approach

Shift resources and activities of the Tumen Secretariat to the identification and implementation of concrete regional projects in the agreed priority sectors with great value to Northeast Asia and the Greater Tumen Region in particular. In so doing, also strive to seek and forge new partnerships and broaden the resource base

Commitment



Revitalize and promote Tumen River Area Development Porgramme (TRADP) as the Greater Tumen Initiative through member countries' enhanced commitment to the initiative's goal to strengthen further the existing bonds of regional solidarity and cooperation for economic growth and sustainable development for the peoples in Northeast Asia and the Greater Tumen Region



Ownership

Ensure the full ownership of each member country to drive the collaborative efforts under the Greater Tumen Initiative. UNDP remains committed to continue its support focusing more on concrete projects to promote economic cooperation in Northeast Asia through the mechanisms of the Greater Tumen Initiative.



Thank you!

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