

CROSSBORDER

*Domnich Yegor report on
Ganbold Baasajav presentation*

KEY ISSUES

- Mongolia as a landlocked and transit country;
- Trade turnover with northern neighbor (Russia) is 2 times less than with southern one (China);
- Non-diversified structure of trade with Russia (export: meat and wool, import: petroleum);
- Transit trade flow declining.

CONSTRAINTS FOR COOPERATION

- Remoteness;
- Underdeveloped infrastructure;
- Budget dependency on central budget;
- Insufficient personnel of customs;
- Unregulated status of transit transportation.

SOLUTIONS

- Port of Zamyn Uud – potential transshipping centre.
- Zamyn Uud is border check-point situated in Eastern Gobi aimak (Mongolian-Chinese border).
- Free economic zone established here.
- Unfortunately, there was no economic indicators reflecting Zamyn Uud activity or efficiency in Mr. Baasajav report.

FORUM DECLARATION

- Forum declaration reflects the issues Mr. Baasajav touches upon satisfactorily.
- A remarkable issue was added by academician Pavel A. Minakir who raised a burning-day question of small crossborder trade importance.
- Such kind of trade doesn't need in sophisticated infrastructure or strong direct control from the government. But it really helps people in local communities to survive.