



**PASSPORT
OF THE AMUR REGION**

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Dear all!

Industrious people, unique nature, generosity of earth interior and favorable climate - all these make the Amur Region the region of great opportunities and development perspectives.

The region possesses the richest natural resources: such as deposits of gold and silver, titanium, semiprecious and ornamental stone, coals. The Amur Region comprises 53 percents of plowed fields of the Far Eastern Region. Also there is electricity high-capacity export potential in the region.

Realization of big energy projects, transport infrastructure development and development of modern production create conditions for dynamic development of the region. Due to its advantageous geographical position the Amur Region has become «the gates» of Russia to the Asian continent. The Government of the Amur Region is interested in making these «gates» widely opened for honest, business oriented and mutually beneficial partnership.

Dear all! I hope that acquaintance with the Amur Region will be interesting and useful for you.

**O.N. Kozhemyako,
Governor of the Amur Region**

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AMUR REGION

The Amur Region is located in the south-east of the Russian Federation and it is the part of the Far Eastern Federal District. The Amur Region borders on China in the south, the Trans-Baikal Territory in the west, Yakutia in the north and the Jewish Autonomous Region and Khabarovsk Territory in the east.

The area is **361,9 thousand square km.**

The territory of the region spreads over **750 km** from the north to the south.

The territory of the region spreads over **1150 km** from the north-west to the south-east.

The border length of the region is **4300 kilometers**, **1234** of which are the state frontier with the People's Republic of China.

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CLIMATE

The region is located in the temperate zone. The climate is continental monsoon. Partly sunny and abundance of sunny days per year at any season is the striking peculiarity of the Amur Region's climate. Practically the whole year there is low wind weather on the territory of the region.

Average January temperature is 27,6 degrees below zero in the south, 32,8 below zero in the north. Average July temperature varies from 20,7 degree above zero in the south to 17,6 in the north.

The largest amount of precipitation is in the mountainous east of the region – to 781 mm per year. To the west the amount of precipitation reduces to 430 mm.

Seasons are sharply defined. Summer is primary hot, in the north summer is warm but rainy. Winter is cold and dry with thin snowpack. The Amur Region takes one of the first places in Russia in the number of sun glow hours in winter.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TERRITORIAL DIVISION

The Amur Region consists of 9 urban districts and 20 municipal areas, 15 urban settlements, 260 rural settlements which consist of 20 urban type settlements and 600 rural-type settlements.

They include 7 cities under regional jurisdiction, 2 cities under district jurisdiction, 16 urban villages, 601 rural communities.



POPULATION AND LABOR RESOURCES

As of January 01, 2014 residential population is **811,3 thousand people**, out of which **544,4 thousand people** (67%) is urban population.

Urban districts	Square, thou.km	Population, thou. people
Blagoveshchensk city	0,32	225,5
Belogorsk city	0,14	68,0
Zeya city	0,04	24,1
Raichikhinsk city	0,22	20,9
Svobodny city	0,22	56,2
Tynda city	0,12	34,2
Shimanovsk city	0,05	19,1
Progress settlement	0,17	12,6
Ulegorsk settlement		6,1
Municipal districts		
Arkharinsky	14,35	15,9
Belogorsky	2,59	18,7
Blagoveshchensky	3,06	21,7
Bureisky	7,09	22,2
Zavitinsky	3,29	15,0
Zeisky	87,49	16,2
Ivanovsky	2,66	24,7
Konstantinovsky	1,82	12,7
Magdagachinsky	14,79	20,9
Mazanovsky	28,32	13,8
Mikhailovsky	3,04	14,5
Octyabrsky	3,38	18,9
Romnensky	10,07	8,8
Svobodnensky	7,32	14,7
Selemdzhinsky	46,67	10,9
Seryshevsky	3,80	24,7
Skovorodinsky	20,51	28,0
Tambovsky	2,54	22,1
Tyndinsky	83,29	14,4
Shimanovsky	14,55	5,8
Total:	361,9	811,3

ECONOMICAL POTENTIAL

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES OF THE AMUR REGION

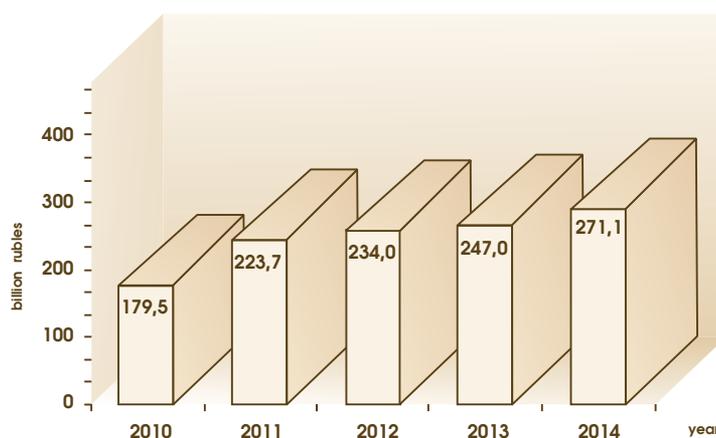
The Amur Region has advantageous geographical and geopolitical position:

- the frontier with the PRC, nearness to the countries of the Asian Pacific Region;
- developed transport infrastructure (the Trans-Siberian Railroad and Baikal-Amur Railroad, Chita-Khabarovsk Highway of federal significance);
- industrial sites equipped with engineering infrastructure;
- favorable climate conditions for agriculture development;
- natural resources potential, free energy supplies.

ECONOMY

Gross Regional Product of the Amur Region is 271,1 billion rubles.

Gross Regional Product Evolution, billion rubles



Transport and communication – 23,0 %, industry – 21,5 %, wholesale and retail trade – 13 %, construction – 10 %, are the leading types of economic activity.



NATURAL RESOURCES

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By natural-resources potential the Amur Region takes the 13th place among other regions of the Russian Federation.

There are large deposits of iron, colored and rare metals, brown and black coal, nonmetal, precious, semi precious and ornamental stones, different construction materials, fresh, sulfur and thermo sulfur waters, zeolites, kaolin, apatite, graphite and rare earth elements in the region.

The Amur Region takes the second place in gold mining in Russia. In the year 2013 gold mining comprised 30,7 tons. The Berezitovsky, Pokrovsky and Pioneer deposits have been explored. Gold will be mined in the Bamskoe and Malomyrskoe ore deposits.

Coal is the leading natural resource of the region. About 3,0 million tons were mined in the year 2013. 6 deposits of brown coal have 3,5 billion tons supplies for open cut mining which were counted by the government balance. Brown coals take 99% of total volume supplies.

Garinsky and Khorogochinsky ore clusters are the most promising ones in the sphere of industrial iron and ore raw materials. Explored supplies of iron ores in the volume of 388,8 billion tons are located in the Garinskoe deposit.

Titaniferous magnetite ore is being mined in the Kuranakhskoe deposit. Concentrate is extracted from this titaniferous magnetite ore.

Occurrences of ore with nickel mineralization of industrial type have been revealed in the region.

More than 400 lead and 100 zinc occurrences are known.

Ore occurrences of industrial purpose have been discovered only in the Borgulikanskoe ore field (the Ikanskoe deposit).

By the number of discovered occurrences, molybdenum is the second one after gold and iron and it is one of the leading natural resources. Okhok, Atugey, Chubachy and Silyan are the most large-scale occurrences. Urusha-Oldoisky ore district, with its Oboronnoe and Mongoly famous occurrences, and Kharga-Selemdzhinsky ore district, with its Zhilnoe, Molibdenovoe, Solovyevskoe and Tungusskoe occurrences, are the ones of the most promising districts.



WATER RESOURCES

The Amur Region is the zone abundant in both river flows and underground river resources.

There are more than 29 thousand rivers with the length of more than 10 kilometers and the total length of 77 thousand kilometers. Among them four rivers are navigable. The majority of rivers are small and average. Large rivers (longer than 500 km): the Amur, Zeya, Selemdzha, Gilyui, Bureya, Olekma, Nyukzha.

The majority of rivers belong to the basin of the Amur river (86.9%), the rest - to the basins of the Lena (11.7%) and Uda (1.4%) rivers. River network is especially dense in the north of the region.

Water storage reservoirs have been created during construction of Zeiskaya and Bureiskaya Hydro Power Stations.

Fresh, mineral and thermal underground waters are widely spread out. Fresh underground waters are commonly found. There are 42 springs and wells of mineral waters in the region.

FAUNA AND FLORA RESOURCES

Fauna of the Amur Region is considerably abundant in species diversity. The brown and black bear, sable, fox, lynx, wild boar, roebuck, musk deer, elk, Manchurian deer, reindeer, squirrel, Siberian weasel and chipmunk inhabit in the region. Such birds as the azure-winged magpie, oriole, dorhawk, flycatcher, mandarin duck, game species such as hazel-grouse, wood grouse, black grouse, pheasant, partridge, rare species such as several types of cranes and storks inhabit there.

The grayling, lenok, taimen, burbot, ratan goby, crucian carp, carp, Chinese carp and black carp, silver carp, mudfish, sheatfish and pike inhabit in water reservoirs of the region.

Some types of flora are included in the Endangered-Species List of Russia - lotus, large-flowered ladies'-slipper (*Cypripedium macranthos*), yellow lady's slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*), *Neottianthe cucullata*, yam nipponica (*Dioscorea nipponica* M.), *Iris ensata*, white-flowered peony (*Paeonia lactiflora*), inversely eggplant peony (*Paeonia obovata*, *Paeoniaceae*).



FORESTS

The Amur Region is considered to be one of heavily forested regions, forest-land percentage is 64%.

Total area of forest lands is 22,6 million hectares.

Total timber reserves are estimated in 2,0 billion cub. meters including 0,9 billion cub. meters of coniferous species.

Total calculated cutting area of the region is 9,9 million cub. meters.

Due to natural resources and diversity forests of the Amur Region are one of the main natural potentials of the region.

Larch, birch, spruce and pine are the main forest species.

High specific weight of old growth and overmature forests - 50,0% is the main characteristics of the forests. The majority of forests are mountain. Reserves of coniferous species take 76% of all reserves of forest range.

Availability of rich timber base makes a reliable basis for functioning of the multi-branch timber processing complex which identifies economic climate of the region.

Forests of the Amur Region are used for organization of eco-tourism and recreation of population.

Ledum, cowberry leaf, heliotrope (*Yaleriana officinalis*), burnet (*Sanguisorba*), bearberry (*Arctostaphylos*), blooming sally (*Epilobium angustifolium*) and John's-wood (*Hypericum*) are widely spread treatment forest resources.

Wild fruits, berries, nuts, mushrooms, seeds, birch sap, ramson (*Allium ursinum*), fern, rhubarb (*Rheum*), moly (*Allium moly*) and other similar forest resources are considered to be edible ones.



INDUSTRY

The Amur Region specializes in electricity generation, brown coal and gold mining, logging, production of machinery building and metalworking goods.

In the structure of shipped goods raw materials' mining takes large specific weight - 50 %, production and distribution of electric power, gas and water - 26%, manufacture activities - 24%.

ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY

There is a powerful energy complex in the Amur Region. Amur Region's electric power system is a part of a large trans-regional power pool system of the East.

The Amur Region is an energy redundant region. The region takes the first place in electricity production in the Far Eastern Federal District, its part is more than 20%.

Branches of «RusHydro», OJSC, Zeiskaya Hydro Power Station with capacity of 1330 megawatts and Bureiskaya Hydro Power Station with capacity of 2010 megawatts make the basis of electric power industry. Construction of Nizhne-Bureiskaya Hydro Power Station with capacity of 320 megawatts has been started since the year 2010.

In the year 2013 electricity production was 15148,8 million kilowatt hour.

In the structure of consumption of generated electricity, 52,7 % of the energy falls on securing of activity of economy branches and satisfaction of needs of the region's population. 24,2 % of electricity of the Amur Region is directed for consummation by other regions. Other 23,1 % of electricity - electricity exported to China.

Transport (30,4 %) and industry (19,3 %) are main electricity consumers in the region. 1,0% of electricity falls on agriculture, 49.3% - other branches of economy.



MANUFACTURE ACTIVITIES

In the manufacturing industries' shipped products structure food industry has the largest share - 54,4 %, the next are metallurgical industry and finished metal products manufacture (14,6 %), manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (9,2 %), vehicle production (7,1 %)

Alimentary manufacturing enterprises produce various alimentary goods which are in demand and held in esteem among dwellers of the Amur Region and other regions. These goods are confectionary, pasta and bakery goods, meat and meat goods, sausage goods, juices and beverages, alcohol goods, mineral waters, dairy goods, flour, grits, canned goods, mayonnaises, ice-cream, soy bean oil.

Self-sufficiency of the Amur Region in basic alimentary goods (whole dairy, sausage goods, non-alcohol beverages, mineral waters, oil) is 60-80 %.

Construction materials industry of the Amur region is characterized by production of the following main building products and materials - ceramic and silicate bricks, heat-insulation materials, non-metallic building materials, precast and reinforced concrete constructions and units, products made of polymer (polystyrene) raw materials, wood building materials and other wood products.

Production of grain combines from Chinese and Belorussian accessories («Bureya-Kran», OJSC, «Kranspetsburmash» Shmakovskiy Machinery Manufacturing Plant, CJSC), construction of modernized small seiners («Shipbuilding Yard named after October Revolution», OJSC) is being performed. Crane products, equipment for extraction industry are produced by enterprises of the region («Amur Metallist», OJSC).



TIMBER PROCESSING COMPLEX

Being a top-priority type of activity the timber processing complex takes one of the leading places in the region's economy.

1469,1 thousand cub. meters of industrial timber, 188,4 thousand cub. meters of converted timber were produced in the year 2013.

Timber processing complex is an export-oriented branch. China, Japan, Korea are the main importers of the Amur Region's forest. The Amur Region takes the third place in volume of timber export in the Far Eastern Region.

Timber processing complex is represented by 175 companies of timber manufacturing and processing industry. These companies produce wide nomenclature of timber products:

- edge-surfaced and unedged timber of parts of house-building;
- dry edge-surfaced timber and parts of house-building, furniture;
- dry and glued wood trim.

The region continues to implement priority investment projects in the forest development field on the basis of CJSC «Turanles», which is included in the list of priority investment projects in the field of forest development.

Wood chemical industry is actively developed in the Amur Region. «Ametis» company realizes «Construction of an industry enterprise of deep timber processing with further receiving of active ingredients» and produces dihydroquercetin - natural antioxygen extracted from the butt part of Dahurian larch's timber.



AGRICULTURE

The Amur Region is the main agricultural district of the Far East which takes more than 53 % of plowed lands in the Far Eastern Federal District. There are reserves for cultivation area expansion for more than 500 thousand hectares in the region.

Husbandry and meat and dairy cattle breeding are the leading branches of agriculture. Poultry and bee keeping are well developed in the region. Reindeer breeding, animal breeding and fur-trade are widely-spread in the north of the region.

Soy bean, grains (wheat, oats, barley), buckwheat, potato and vegetables are cultivated in the region.

The Amur Region is the basic producer of soy bean in the country. In the Far Eastern Region specific gravity composes from 50 % to 70 % in All-Russian volume.

The region conducts a state «Development of agriculture and regulation of raw materials, food and agricultural products markets of the Amur region for 2014-2020» program, activities of which are aimed at improving rural economy, increasing the agricultural products' competitiveness, development of infrastructure in rural areas, attracting young professionals to work in rural areas.

«Creation of soy bean cluster in the Amur Region» investment project is being realized in the Amur Region. Project's objective – organization of stable production and technological chain: from growing of grain and oil crops, by means of their processing, to the production of fodders as a basis of cattle breeding development of meat and dairy direction.



CONSTRUCTION

Housing construction is a top-priority direction of development of the region's economy.

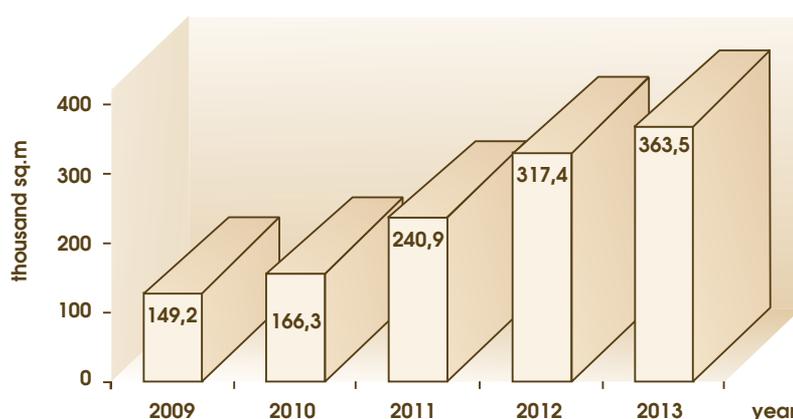
Implementation of the newest construction technologies is performed to increase people's conform living in accommodation units of needed reliability and durability within a framework of «Affordable and comfortable housing to the citizens of Russia» national project.

Construction complex of the Amur Region is represented by 806 companies and enterprises of different forms of property, where about 30 thousand people work.

In the year 2013 volume of executed works in this type of economic activity by companies of all form of property was composed of 34,2 billion rubles.

363,5 thousand sq. meters of living space were brought into service in the year 2013.

Dynamics of constructed buildings which have been put into service



On the average total area of living accommodations was 23,2 sq. meters for one dweller of the Amur Region.



In order to promote housing development and improve living conditions of the population in the Amur region, government conducts «Providing affordable and quality housing for the population of the Amur region for 2014-2020» state program, within which there are the following subprograms:

- «Provision of orphaned children, children deprived of parental care, and also persons among orphaned children, children deprived of parental care with living accommodations»;
- «Development of residential mortgage in the Amur Region»;
- «Provision of young families with accommodation units»;
- «Resettlement of citizens from rundown housing acknowledged as uninhabitable, and (or) housing with high level of wear (more than 70 percent), located in the zone of Baikalo-Amurskaya Railway (BAM) on the territory of the Amur Region»;
- «Provision of land lots with communal infrastructure for the purpose of residential construction»;
- and other subprograms.

Execution of this program will broaden mechanisms, supporting the housing market, stimulate the development of housing-construction industry and support all categories of the population, who are recognized as in need of improvement of their living conditions.

In 2013, 1829 families improved living conditions, including 39 families of the World War Two veterans, 167 large families, 406 young families, 273 families previously lived in dilapidated buildings.



TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

RAILWAY TRANSPORT

Railway transport plays a leading role in cargo and passenger transportation, its part is always stable and high in the structure of cargo turnover - 99 %, passenger turnover - 76 %. In the year 2013 cargo turnover was composed of 86245,4 million ton/km, passengers transported - 2284,0 thousand people.

3222 km of railways spread though the territory of Amur Region. Trans-Siberian and Baikalo-Amurskaya Railways are the longest ones. Their use makes it possible to increase considerably affectivity of transport system's use. Construction of Ulak-Elga Railway till Elginskoe deposit of power-generating and crozzling coal is being finished in Yakutia.

Trans-Siberian Railway has the exit to the sea ports of the Primorsk Territory (Nakhodka, Vostochniy, Vladivostok) and part of the Far Eastern Railway with the exit to the ports of the Khabarovsk Territory - Vanino and Sovetskaya Gavan (Soviet Harbour).

ROAD FACILITIES

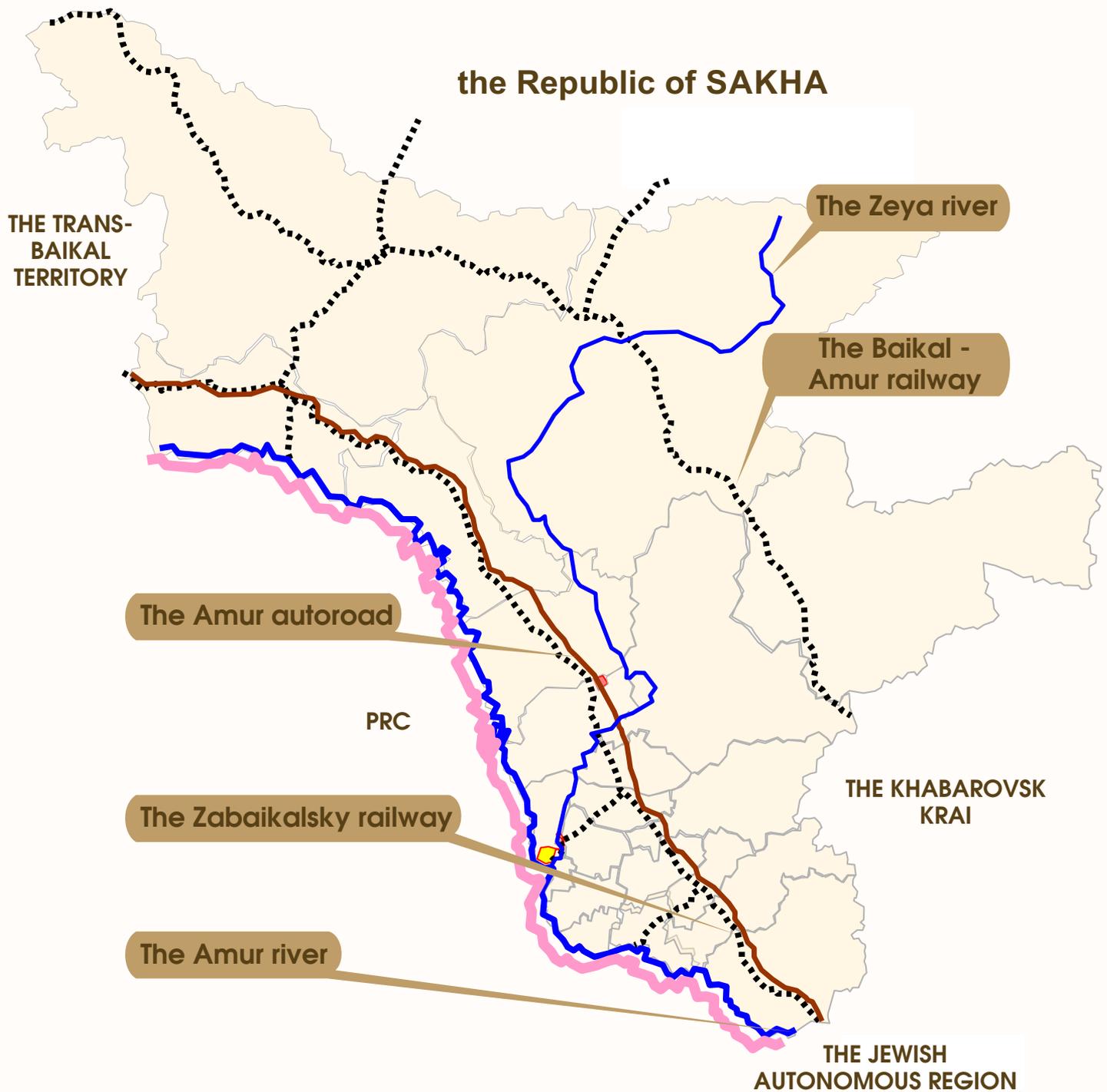
Auto roads are the main part of a transport system of the Amur Region. Their length is 16 thousand kilometers. «Amur», «Lena» Federal Auto Roads and regional roads make up the main network of auto roads. «Amur», «Lena» Federal Auto Roads and regional roads provide transport network with the Khabarovsk Territory, the Chita Region and the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

Construction of drive ways to the «Amur» Federal Road is being performed to make vehicle access from region's localities to the road.

Also they work on development of international «passage» and integration of transport systems of the Amur Region with China by means of construction of a bridge crossing which will link Blagoveshchensk city (RF) with Heihe (PRC).



THE AMUR REGION



AIR TRANSPORT

There is «Blagoveshchensk» airport in the Amur Region. It is the airport of federal significance and the only international airport of the Amur Region.

Flights' geography from the airport of Blagoveshchensk city includes flights on domestic federal airlines (Moscow, Irkutsk, Chita, Khabarovsk, Yukutsk, Uzhno-Sakhalinsk, Vladivostok), on local airlines (Svobodniy, Ekimchan, Fevral'sk) and on international airlines (Harbin, Shaihanguan (PRC), Utapao (Thailand)).

Also there are three acting airports of local airlines (Zeya, Tynda, Ekimchan) and landing fields in different localities (Arkhar, Beregovoy, Bomnak, Zlotoustovsk, Novokievskiy Uval, Oktyabrskiy, Olekma, Ogodzha, Skovorodino, Stoiba, Khvoiniy).

2800 tons of cargos were transported and 316,4 thousand people were served by the air transport in the year 2013.

River transport

The length of domestic navigable waters of the Amur Region is 2572 km.

In the region there are 4 river ports where cargo and passenger transportations are performed: Blagoveshchensk, Poyarkovo, Zeya and Svobodniy. Main types of activity are cargo transportation and rehandling, passenger transportation. All ports have the drive ways which enable to send cargos to any railway direction including international traffic to the PRC.

719,6 thousand tons of cargo and 450,7 thousand passengers were transported by the domestic water transport in the year 2013.



SCIENCE AND INNOVATIONS

The Amur Region has sufficient scientific potential. There are more than 10 research institutions in the region. They are:

- The Amur Scientific Center of the Far Eastern Department of Russian Academy of Science;
- The Institute of Geology and Management of Natural Resources of the Far Eastern Department of Russian Academy of Science;
- The State Scientific Institution, All-Russian Scientific and Research Institute of Soybean of Russian Academy of Agricultural Science;
- The Far Eastern Zonal Scientific and Research Veterinarian Institute of Russian Academy of Agricultural Science;
- The Far Eastern Research Institute of Agriculture mechanization and Electrification;
- The Institution of Russian Academy of Medical Science, the Far Eastern Center of Respiration Physiology and Pathology of Siberian department, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences;
- The Far Eastern State Agricultural University;
- The Amur State University;
- The Amur State Medical Academy;
- Blagoveshchensk State Pedagogical University.

About 100 unique innovation ideas have been elaborated in the region which have to be actively implemented, among them: vacuum-sealed cable entries of a new generation for Atomic Power Station, new technologies of processing of high-moisture coal, aluminum, silicon and their compounds' mining, methods of respiratory human's system diagnosis and treatment, use of bacteria preparations, agricultural machinery of high efficiency, devices and equipment, new hybrids and sorts of soy bean, grain crops and others.

Main directions of state innovation policy of the region are determined with the Conception of innovation activity development in the Amur Region till the year 2020, approved with the decree of the Amur Region Government No 243 dated May 02, 2012.



SPACE ACTIVITY

Scale project of development of the Far Eastern Region is connected with outer space exploration from the territory of the Amur Region. Construction of a new «Vostochniy» space launching site in the region has a special significance for development of the region. This will accumulate the most advanced achievements of domestic and foreign science and technology and will favor technical upgrading of other sectors of economy.

Launching of carrier rocket from «Vostochniy» space launching site will start in the year 2015, manned mission – in the year 2018.

Construction of «Vostochniy» space launching site ensures development of the Far Eastern national space center by means of implementation of complex of high space technologies, instrument-making and electronics.

Far Eastern national space center is aimed at:

- use of modern technologies;
- integration of space activity with industry, science and education of Russia and the Amur Region;
- creation of regional space cluster;
- dramatic development and strengthening of social and economic climate of the Amur Region and the Far East.

Functioning of «Vostochniy» space launching site will favor to increase Trans-Siberian Railway's traffic and to perform integrated development of «Amur» Auto Road.

Need of construction and exploitation of the space launching site forms labor potential adapted to the living conditions in the Far East. To have high-skilled personnel at the space launching site, Moscow Aeronautical Institute and Uzhno-Uralskiy State University have organized professional training of specialists at the Amur State University.



TOURISM

Tourism is one of dynamically developing branches of the Amur Region economy. Due to its geographical peculiarities, Chinese direction is a dominating one - it takes 90 % of tourists going abroad. Tours to the European countries, Vietnam, Thailand, Turkey and Egypt are also popular.

In the domestic tourist market the most popular directions are the Primorsk Territory direction, tours in the Far East and on the Baikal Lake.

Nature reserves and natural parks, such as Zeiskiy, Khinganskiy, Norskiy and Muravyevskiy park, occupy about 6% of the region's territory.

Priority directions of tourist industry development in Amur region are:

- aerospace (driven by the «Vostochny» spaceport construction, and by Far East aerospace museum project implementation)
- paleontological (driven by the biggest Cretaceous period dinosaurs fossil fields, located on the territory of Amur region)
- ethnographic (closely connected with region exploration, inhabitation of indigenous minorities of the North (Evenks) on the territory of region). In order to promote the national culture of evenks, «Evenk village» ethnographic complex has been built.

Most prominent activities for the region are: interregional and international river cruise on the river Amur; medical and health tourism, which attributes to mineral springs - Bissinskiy, Gonzhiyskiy, Buruhinskiy, Ignashinskiy, Komissarovskiy, Konstantinovskiy mineral springs, and «Kisloe lake» peloid deposits.

On the territory of the region, tourist recreational cluster «AMUR» has been established.

Cluster's specialization is cultural-educational tourism. Cluster facilities are planned to be built on the territory of Blagoveshchensk city and Blagoveshchensk district. Key cluster facilities are: «Golden Mile» tourist entertainment zone and «Little Venice» theme park.



FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Amur Region uses more and more actively possibilities of international partnership. Opportunities of the Amur Region economic development are determined by geostrategic position and region's specialization.

Following the results of the year 2013 external turnover of the Amur Region is 959.5 million USD. Export – 442,6 million USD, import – 516,9 million USD.

Region's economy is related with about 45 countries, first of all with countries of Asian and Pacific region. The largest contractors in external turnover of the Amur Region for the year 2013 are China, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Republic of Belarus.

China remains to be the main trade partner of Amur region, the trade volume with which reaches 80%.

EXPORT

The main exports of the Amur region are: electricity and ore; wood and wood products; food products and agricultural raw materials.

IMPORT

Imports consists of the following: machinery, equipment and transport vehicles; textiles, textile products and footwear; chemicals; metals and metal products; food products.

On the territory of Amur region, there are 4 border post operating: Blagoveshchensk - Heihe border post, Poyarkovo - Xunke border post, Skovorodino border post, and Blagoveshchensk airport border post.

For ensuring cargo and passenger transportation in winter season, from 2013 on a regular basis pontoon bridges are being installed.

Major cross-border transport infrastructure is being actively constructed: bridge across the Amur river near the cities of Blagoveshchensk and Heihe, cross-border ropeway between Blagoveshchensk and Heihe.



INVESTMENT ATTRACTIVENESS

Due to its natural and climatic, geographical and other factors the Amur Region is an investment-attractive region.

According to «Exper-RA» agency's data, region's investment attraction is characterized as «minor potential and moderate risk» and is in the 3B2 group of regions following the results of the years 2012-2013. By the investment risk in Russia the Amur Region takes the 48th place, by the investment potential – the 66th.

«Economic development and innovational economy of Amur region for 2014-2020» state program is being conducted on the territory of Amur region, the purpose of which is creation of favorable conditions for investments' attraction and mechanisms of rise of the Amur Region's investment attraction.

In the year 2013 investment volume to the capital stock was 115,8 billion rubles. Transport and communication – 61,4 %, electric power, gas, water production and distribution – 11 %, natural resources mining – 8,7 %, are the most attractive types of activity.

Funds of foreign investors flow into the region's economy in the volume of 162.8 million USD from Cyprus (80 %), China (19.9 %). The largest volume of foreign investments is aimed at natural resources mining – 69%.



LEGISLATION BASIS OF THE AMUR REGION REGULATING ISSUES OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

1. The Law of the Amur Region dated September 05, 2007 № 374-OZ (O3) «About investment activity in the Amur Region»;

2. The Law of the Amur Region dated September 06, 2010 № 379-OZ (O3) «About public private partnership in the Amur Region»;

3. The Law of the Amur Region dated June 30, 2008 № 67-OZ (O3) «About procedure of the Amur Region's state guarantees granting»;

4. The Law of the Amur Region dated August 31, 2007 № 365-OZ (O3) «About innovation activity in the Amur Region»;

5. The Law of the Amur Region dated May 13, 2009 № 201-OZ (O3) «About establishment of additional basis and other conditions of indulgence and payment by installments granting on regional tax payment and about other basis and conditions of investment tax credit granting»;

6. The Law of the Amur Region dated October 04, 2010 № 389-OZ (O3) «About reduced rates on company's profits tax which is to be deposited to the region's budget»;

7. The Law of the Amur Region dated November 28, 2011 № 266-OZ (O3) «About company's property tax on the territory of the Amur Region»;

8. The Law of the Amur Region dated August 31, 2007 № 368-OZ (O3) «About budget process of the Amur Region»;

9. The Law of the Amur Region dated December 05, 2006 № 259-OZ (O3) «About regulation of urban construction activity in the Amur Region»;

10. The Law of the Amur Region № 66-OZ (O3) dated June 27, 2012 «About economically favored local zones on the territory of the Amur Region».



FORMS OF STATE SUPPORT OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

Tax benefits:

- reduction of company's profit tax rate till 13,5%;
- exemption from property taxes of companies;
- postponement and payment by installments on regional tax payments;
- investment tax credit.

State guarantees.

Subsidy assistance from funds of regional budget:

- subsidy assistance of rate of interest's part;
- lease payments subsidizing;
- subsidy assistance in part of expenses for production of industrial goods and other subsidies.

Participation in authorized share (joint-stock capital) of legal entities.

Provision of land lots, buildings and constructions, which are in property of the region, in lease on benefit conditions.

Granting lands to individuals and legal entities, implementing priority investment project in the sphere of agro-industrial complex.



SOCIAL SECTOR

EDUCATION

System of education of the Amur Region is characterized with a wide range of forms of incorporation and types of educational establishment.

261 establishments of preschool education carry out their activity in the region. 2957 additional places were made in the year 2011.

Program of general education is realized by 330 general educational establishments in the region. All educational institutions were supplied with modern educational equipment, that helped the vast majority of Amur region students to study in conditions, meeting the modern educational requirements.

20 professional educational institutions conduct manpower training for the leading regional industries of Amur region. Total number of students exceeds 16,000 people.

11 independent higher state and non-state educational establishments and branches function in the Amur Region, where more than 25 thousand students study.

Development of the educational system is performed by means of reconstruction and broadening of network of educational establishments, modernization of professional education, which stimulates growth of quality of education.



HEAL CARE

Medical aid to the population of the Amur Region is performed by 68 hospital establishments, 62 outpatients' clinic establishments and 330 medical and obstetric centers.

Provision of the region's population with twenty-four-hour in-patient beds exceeds average indicator for the RF and it is composed of 99,7 per 10 thousand people.

Regional indicator of population provision with doctors also exceeds average indicator for Russia – 48,2 per 10 thousand people. Provision with doctors in rural locality is considerable lower and is composed of 16,5 per 10 thousand people.

Big attention is paid to growth of medical service quality.

The overhaul of following medical facilities, as Amur region TB dispensary and Amur region oncologic dispensary is being completed, second level trauma centers are expected to open in the northern territories of the region. Reconstruction of «Amur regional forensic medical examination bureau» educational building into laboratory facility has already initiated.

According to the «Amur region healthcare development program for 2014-2020», surgical building of Amur regional clinic hospital for 250 patients and surgical department of «Blagoveshchensk municipal clinic hospital» for 300 patients is being finished. When they are brought into service, modern and multi-purpose in-patient clinics of medical-diagnostic and surgery aid will start functioning.



CULTURE

The Amur Region has a big cultural potential, rich traditions and developed network of culture establishments. There are 383 clubs, 391 libraries, 3 theatres, a regional philharmonic hall, 19 museums, 5 parks of culture and recreation, a center on preservation of historical-cultural heritage of the region and a regional educational and methodical center in the region.

Regional Drama Theater, the oldest in the Far East, shows more than 250 performances annually, number of spectators reaches 70 thousand people. Theater repertoire is various: comedy, melodrama, fairy-tales, plays of classical and modern genre. Artists of the Amur Regional Theater participate in regional festivals, successfully tour around Russia (Moscow, Siberia, the Far East), and perform abroad (PRC, USA, Israel).

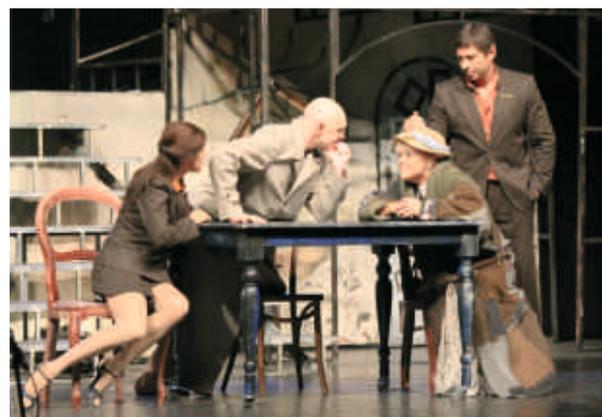
Amur Regional Local History Museum, named after G.S. Novikova-Daurskogo, has been functioning in the Amur Region since the year 1891. More than 150 thousand items about nature, history and culture is kept there. Annually more than 60 exhibitions are held in the museum and 130 thousand people visit those exhibitions.

Amur Regional Scientific Library named after N.N. Muravyeva-Amurskogo is an information-cultural and methodical center. Annually about 26 thousand readers attend the library. Volume of book fund is composed of 532 thousand items.

For the purpose of popularization of Russian cultural traditions, Russia-Chinese exchange creative meetings and festivals are regularly held.

«Amur Autumn» Cinema and Theater Festival has been annually held in Blagoveshchensk since the year 2003.

Novelty of Russian cinematograph and also single-play company performances with participations of famous Russian and foreign actors are included into the competitive program of the festival.



PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORTS

In the Amur Region there are 1132 groups of physical culture and sports, 26 stadiums, 567 gyms, 11 swimming pools, 9 skiing lodges and other sports grounds and constructions.

About 110 thousand dwellers of the Amur Region are involved into regular physical culture and sports doing. Dwellers of the region have an opportunity to participate in 67 types of sports. Track-and-field athletics, volleyball, basketball, orienteering, ski sport and unarmed combat are the most popular ones

Participation in federal mass sport competitions – «Orange Ball», «Ski Track of Russia», «Cross-country Race of Nations», «Russian Azimuth» has become a tradition for city dwellers.

Picked sports teams of the region regularly participate in championships, educational – training meetings, sports contests and other sport evens of regional, All-russian and international level.

There are 28 youth sport schools in the region, which facilities include 132 sport constructions. Regional sport school system involves more than 15,000 people.

Out of total number of sport groups more than 45 % of groups are in rural localities.

In the region there are 42 regional public federation for sports, 131 local sports club operating. Such extreme sports, as skateboarding snowboarding, mountain bike, motocross, speedway, motor rally, ice racing, and others have been developed.



THE AMUR REGION INVITES TO COLLABORATION

Investment attractiveness of the Amur Region is determined by the whole complex of compounds formed on the basis of natural-resources potential, production base, developed financial and investment infrastructure, high level of labor and scientific potential of the region.

The Government of the Amur Region leads an open policy on realization of region's investment activity aimed at development of economy, creation of production on the territory of the region with high value added and efficient use of touristic and recreation potential.

Data about investment climate of the region, legal basis regulating investment activity, forms of investors' state support, list of investment projects and proposals are posted on the official portal of the Government of the Amur Region for potential investors. Work on attraction of investors is performed jointly with municipal bodies. There are specialized sections on the sites of administrative municipal bodies.

We invite you to collaboration!

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