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ST. PETERSBURG SET TO HOST INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM

26 May 2020

International Arctic Forum set to be held in St. Petersburg in 2021

The Russian government has decided to hold the 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum in St. Petersburg in 2021.

According to the government directive: "The forum will take place in St. Petersburg in 2021".

https://www.gazeta.ru/social/news/2020/05/26/n_14470471.shtml

STATE POLICY IN THE ARCTIC

18 May 2020, RIA Novosti

Head of Far East Ministry: Arctic development plans not on hold

Fluctuations on the raw hydrocarbon market and the steps taken to combat the coronavirus infection may take their toll on measures to develop the Arctic zone but will not influence strategic plans, according to Alexander Kozlov, Minister for the Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic.

“We welcome that the strategy will be submitted to the President for approval in June. As for the development plans... putting them off indefinitely is out of the question. Of course, we understand that fluctuations on the raw hydrocarbon market and the steps taken to combat the coronavirus infection may take their toll on the measures to develop the Arctic Zone – that is, on the measures, not the plans as a whole”, he said.

<https://ria.ru/20200518/1571593522.html>

13 May 2020, TASS, RIA Novosti, Izvestia, Vzglyad and others.

Far East Development Ministry begins formulating new state programme to develop Arctic

The Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic has begun formulating a new state programme aimed at facilitating the social and economic development of the Arctic, which should be ready by the end of June.

The state programme will be based on the Arctic development strategy that runs up to 2035, which has already been submitted to cabinet ministers. The strategy defines the key areas and challenges in developing the macroregion, while the state programme sets out concrete steps and milestones for its implementation.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8464809>

NORTHERN SEA ROUTE

21 May 2020, TASS

Rosatom: Northern Sea Route to become international transport zone by 2035

According to the development plan for the Northern Sea Route (NSR), the route will become an international transport zone by 2035 and will be under the control of the Russian Federation. The route will span the Arctic coast, stretching from Murmansk Region to Kamchatka. “The plan essentially covers the period up to 2035 and comprises three stages. The first, by 2024, involves the implementation of Presidential decrees and provision for 80 million tonnes of cargo. The second stage, up for 2030, sets out plans to provide for year-round movement along the NSR. In the third stage, which runs up to 2035, there are plans to construct a fully-fledged international thoroughfare and national transport corridor which will start here [in Murmansk Region] and end at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky”, said Maxim Kulinko, Director of the Department for the Development of the Northern Sea Route and Coastal Territories at Rosatom state corporation.

The plan to develop the infrastructure of the NSR by 2035, drafted by Rosatom, was approved in December 2019 by the Government of the Russian Federation.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8533053>

20 May 2020, RIA Novosti, RBC, Gazeta.ru and others.

Putin gives go ahead for plans to explore Northern Sea Route capabilities

Vladimir Putin has ordered the Ministry of Transport, Rosatom and other relevant agencies to explore the potential of the Northern Sea Route to supply fish from Kamchatka and the Far East Region to the European part of Russia.

According to the President, increasing the capabilities of the NSR will serve to develop the port infrastructure of the Far East and North West of Russia, including the Murmansk transport hub.
<https://ria.ru/20200520/1571739248.html>

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCTIC

27 May 2020, TASS

NOVATEK-Murmansk obtains status as Arctic Capital resident priority development area

NOVATEK-Murmansk and the Far East Development Corporation have signed an agreement which states that the company will receive resident status as a priority social and economic development area (priority development area). This will speed up the implementation of the centre to construct a large-tonnage offshore structure as part of the Arctic LNG 2 project.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8576741>

25 May 2020, TASS

Legislators in Yakutia propose creating priority development area to develop traditional regional industry

Parliament in Yakutia has drafted a project to create a priority social and economic development area entitled Polar Star in the Arctic part of the republic to develop traditional sectors native to the North of Russia, including reindeer farming.

The creation of the priority development area will prevent sharp declines in living standards for local populations and prevent their numbers from dwindling in Russia's Arctic Zone.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8554825>

15 May 2020, The Arctic, TASS, Argumenti i Fakty, IA Regnum and others.

Entries open for proposals to create new constituent entity in Arkhangelsk Region and Nenets Autonomous Okrug

Entries are now open for proposals to create a new constituent entity in Arkhangelsk Region and Nenets Autonomous Okrug. Over the next few weeks, members of the working groups will gather proposals for the project to create a new region.

<https://ru.arctic.ru/news/20200515/943864.html>

13 May 2020, TASS

Trutnev: submit plan to adopt regional incentives in the Arctic by summer

The Deputy Prime Minister and presidential plenipotentiary to the Far East Federal District, Yury Trutnev, has instructed regions to submit a document adoption schedule to the Far East development ministries by 1 June, which will enact the regional component of the incentives system in the Arctic.

The Deputy Prime Minister has instructed the Ministry of Finance to determine the maximum period for cargo customs operations and check points within Arctic Zone territory of the Russian Federation and submit proposals to cabinet no later than 15 June.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8467329>

13 May 2020, Interfax-Russia, TASS, RIA Novosti

Four companies set to obtain status as Arctic Capital resident priority development area by end of May, say Murmansk Region authorities

Four companies will send documents and bids to the Far East Development Corporation (the managing company) with a view to obtaining resident status as a Capital of Arctic Regions social and economic development area (regional priority area) in Murmansk Region.

Bids will be duly submitted by NOVATEK-Murmansk (centre for the construction of a large-tonnage offshore structure), Lavna commercial sea port (Lavna coal shipment facility), Tulom sea terminal (terminal for mineral fertilizer and apatite concentrate) and the corporation to develop Murmansk region (international cultural and business centre).

<https://www.interfax-russia.ru/northwest/news/status-rezidenta-tor-stolica-arktiki-do-konca-maya-poluchat-chetyre-kompanii-vlasti-murmanskoy-oblasti>

13 May 2020, TASS, RIA Novosti. Interfax-Nedvizhimost and others.

Trutnev orders preparations for a comprehensive draft for Norilsk renovation project

Federal ministries and authorities of Krasnoyarsk Territory and the company Norinikel have three weeks to prepare a comprehensive renovation project for residential buildings in Norilsk. Each year, between one and two residential buildings in Norilsk fall into disrepair. The main problem is with the Khrushchev-era and tower block residences, which have existed for 40-50 years rather than the 25-30 years initially envisaged by the planning regulations.

“I am calling upon the Far East ministry, economic and finance ministries, the Krasnoyarsk District and companies. <...> There should be a fully-fledged draft on the table within three weeks if we are to make progress in this area. It is essential that we support the redevelopment of Norilsk,” said Mr Trutnev.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8461801>

6 May 2020, TASS

Yamal plans to start supplying fish to Belarus and Kazakhstan

Regional authorities have estimated that the annual fish supply will amount to USD 2.3 million by 2024. Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District plans to export fishery products processed at the Salekhard plant to Belarus and Kazakhstan, according to First Deputy Governor of the district Aleksey Sitnikov.

The potential export supply of advanced processed fishery products in the district is estimated at 240 tonnes, or roughly 1 million cans.

<https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8404377>

INDIGENOUS MINORITY POPULATIONS OF THE ARCTIC

5 May 2020, The Arctic

Payments double for nomadic Yamal population

The Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District has become the first of Russia's Arctic regions to raise payments for socially vulnerable categories of nomadic resident on the tundra during the pandemic.

The doubled social payments will be given to parents living on the tundra with a child under the age of 18, as well as tundra residents who are of retirement age (women older than 55 and men older than 60). In total, around 5,000 people will be eligible for the payment.

<https://ru.arctic.ru/population/20200505/941866.html>

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROJECTS

8 May 2020, Gazeta.ru, TASS, Lenta.ru and others

Roscongress Foundation and Russian Arctic National Park launch joint project

The 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum and Russian Arctic National Park have started work on a large-scale educational project. The project will involve creating educational content along with exclusive photos, video materials and online expeditions. An Arctic volunteer-led school will also be organized remotely. The International Arctic Forum project was launched on social media back in May.

<https://www.gazeta.ru/gazeta/adv/13076167.shtml>

30 April 2020, Komsomolskaya Pravda, TASS, The Arctic and others.

Roscongress Foundation launches 'Arctic cinema'

The Roscongress Foundation, supported by Komsomolskaya Pravda, is set to launch a new project in the form of a virtual cinema. Films about the unique nature, history and culture of the Arctic region will be made available via the online cinema. There will be a new cinema screening every week. To launch the special project, the 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum has teamed up with the Arctic Open International Film Festival.

<https://www.kp.ru/daily/27126/4208978/>

For references purposes

The Roscongress Foundation is a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of international conventions and exhibitions, along with sporting, public and cultural events.

The Foundation was established in 2007 with the aim of facilitating the development of Russia's economic potential, promoting its national interests and strengthening the country's image. One of the roles of the Foundation is to comprehensively evaluate, analyse and cover issues on the Russian and global economic agendas. It also offers administrative services, provides promotional support and attracts investment for business projects, and helps foster social entrepreneurship and charitable initiatives.

Each year, the Foundation's events attract participants from 208 countries and territories, with more than 15,000 media representatives working on-site at the various Roscongress venues. The Foundation benefits from analytical and professional expertise provided by 2,500 people working in Russia and abroad. In addition, it works in close cooperation with 122 economic partners, industrial and entrepreneurial unions, along with financial, trade and business associations from 69 countries worldwide.

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