

The Current Status of and Future Prospects for the Modern Logistics Industry in Dalian, China

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Summary

Dalian is an important port city for China and the Northeast Asian region. In recent years Dalian's economic growth has been astounding, with the gross regional product (GRP) of Dalian reaching 515.8 billion yuan in 2010, and the city has been playing the role of a powerful engine for the development of the logistics industry. Along with the expansion of demand for agriculture, industry, and commerce and external trade, the need for the logistics industry has been rising by the day. Aiming toward subsequent further economic development in Dalian, the constructing of modern logistics industry service systems has become imperative.

Dalian is blessed by its geographical location, and also has all modes of transportation: sea, air, rail, and overland. Besides transportation infrastructure, the putting in place of a logistics park and logistics center is progressing, and they are providing conditions favorable to the acceleration of the development of the logistics industry.

The number of Dalian logistics business operators has currently reached approximately 3,500 companies, and approximately 125,000 people are engaged in the logistics sector. Logistics services are maintaining the top level in China, and the construction of logistics information platforms is also progressing smoothly.

Within the period of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2011-2015), there are plans for Dalian to continue striving for such things as the ongoing expansion of investment in logistics infrastructure and improvement of the environment for nurturing the logistics industry. For logistics business operators in particular, they urge the strengthening and improving of macro control, optimally locating logistics resources. Regarding the future direction, the importance is rising of promoting the construction of logistics information platforms, and the synergistic effects via coordination between shippers and logistics business operators.

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