

The Current State of Infrastructure in the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture

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Summary

In this paper I have undertaken analysis, from such perspectives as roads, railways, aviation, electrical power and communications, on the current state of infrastructure in the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture associated with the national plan "Cooperation and Development Planning Outline of the Tumen River Area of China: Setting Changjitu [Changchun-Jilin-Tumen] as the Development and Opening-up Pilot Area" which was announced in 2009.

The roads and railways of the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture have basically been upgraded and put in place, and as the implementation of the autonomous prefecture's transportation development programs and of Jilin Province's railway projects progresses, there is the prospect that the road and rail network will be completed by 2015 (or 2020). The numbers of passengers using Yanbian's airport and freight transportation volumes are expanding steadily, and new airline routes are also being opened up. In addition, concerning the autonomous prefecture's electricity supply, a modern electrical power network will basically be in place within the period of the Eleventh Five Year Plan, and with the construction of the electrical power projects the autonomous prefecture has been changing from a region of previous electricity shortages to one which supplies electricity. In the area of communications also, informatization is progressing via the development of the electronic information industry and the implementation of urban digitalization.

Based on the above analysis of the current state of infrastructure in the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, for the further opening-up of the autonomous prefecture to the outside world it is necessary to undertake the attraction of foreign capital centered on such areas as capital-intensive activities, the physical distribution industry, energy production, and environmental protection.

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