

The Promotion of Industrial Development and the Construction of a Cooperation Model in Heilongjiang Province during the Period of the Twelfth Five-Year Program

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Summary

This paper examines the industrial development and cooperation model in Heilongjiang Province during the period of the Twelfth Five-Year Program. It clarifies the direction of industrial development of each area within Heilongjiang Province, and makes detailed analysis of the cooperation model for promoting international economic cooperation.

Heilongjiang Province adjoins the international frontier with Russia, and it is necessary to promote international cooperation centered on Russia intensively. To be more specific: to promote the export of value-added, highly processed commodities, and to encourage energy- and raw materials-related investment into Russia; to raise the level of the internationalization of agriculture, and to get actively involved in the regional development of Far Eastern Russia; and to put in order economic and trade cooperation zones, and to push forward investment into Russia by Chinese firms.

Within China domestically, in attempting the promotion of the processing of agricultural products, the strengthening of the industrial base, and the development of modern service industries, it is necessary to deepen the cooperative relationships with other provinces. It is necessary to clarify the priority industries for the "Harbin-Daqing-Qiqihar Industrial Corridor" and "Harbin-Mudanjiang-Suifenhe Industrial Corridor" developments, and to strengthen the logistics, imports and exports, and processing capabilities of the border areas. For Heilongjiang Province it is necessary to form a comprehensive regional cooperation construct of: international cooperation (Russia); internal cooperation (with other provinces and municipalities domestically); and intra-provincial cooperation (the various regions within the province).

In order to push the above-mentioned three forms of regional cooperation, the following cooperation models are conceivable. Models raised for the expansion overseas of Chinese enterprises include: "Foreign Economic and Trade Cooperation Zones"; the "Angola Model"; "Project Assistance and Investment"; "Agriculture and Forestry Industrial Investment Cooperation"; and "Joint Ventures, Exclusive Investment, and Mergers and Acquisitions". For the attraction of foreign investment it is necessary actively to bring in investment from Northeast Asian countries and other regions within the country.

The building of an intergovernmental cooperation mechanism and an inter-enterprise investment cooperation mechanism has major significance for international regional cooperation. In the intergovernmental cooperation mechanism the government of Heilongjiang Province must build stable cooperative relationships with Russian regional governments. In addition, it is necessary to garner support from the Chinese central government. In the inter-enterprise investment cooperation mechanism it is necessary to build the three platforms of a company information exchange center, a human resources exchange center and a science and technology exchange center, and actively to promote economic exchange between Heilongjiang Province firms and Russian firms.

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