

Russia's Policy on Economic Cooperation with DPRK (Summary)

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There are friendly relations between the Russian Federation (Russia) and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) that have lasted since the former Soviet Union era. This paper focuses on the economic cooperation between these two countries in the 2010s and explores what intentions Russia has in building economic cooperation with DPRK. In light of this, the paper reviews the history of policy dialogue, trade relations, labor supply, and infrastructure projects between the two countries and discusses the implications thereof.

To summarize the characteristics of Russia's economic cooperation policy toward DPRK in a nutshell, to maximize its benefits achievable within limited resources available to the Russian side, Russia is cooperating within a reasonable compass, while being conscious of cost-effectiveness and making use of its intangible heritage from the Soviet era (such as experiential knowledge and human connections).

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