

China-Russia Far East Development

A big event uncovered by Western media

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The China-Russia Expo promoting Regional Development between China's Heilongjiang Province and Russia's Primorsky Krai (Vladivostok, Far East). See [this](#).

Like last year, Putin goes to this event and promotes the China-Russia Far East economic-industrial-scientific-cultural development. Last year, I know this event attracted representatives from not only China and Russia, but from all South East Asia and beyond. Both countries are investing lots and LOTS in co-developing the Heilongjiang-Vladivostok Region – it's ideally located for strategic high-level projects across borders. As Russia turns away from the West, this is where the future grows.

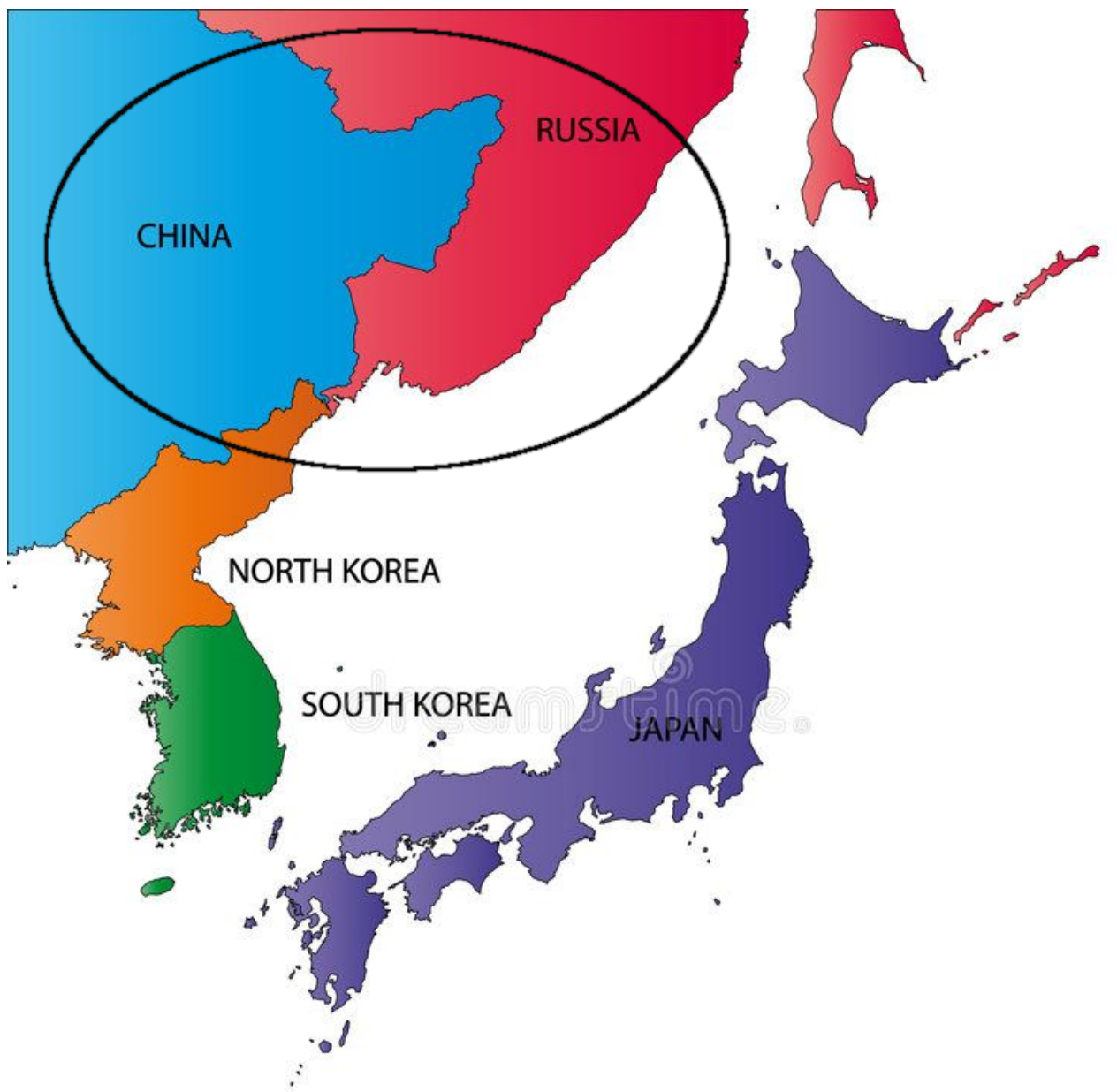
From my experience with cross-border Regions Denmark-North Germany (where I lived) and Denmark-South Sweden where I worked in both countries, these Regions can have enormous potential. Many such border regions are a bit isolated from the main-dynamism in their respective countries – but when looking across the border, they become centers of connectivity, diversity, and new ideas.

Viewed separately, Heilongjiang and Primorsky Krai (Vladivostok) are remote border areas.

Heilongjiang, for instance, is historically an isolated poor province, and since it reverted from being Russian to again become part of China, it doesn't even have sea access. But with Vladivostok, and working with North Korea, Heilongjiang becomes a central region with great international connections, incl. sea access.



Viewed separately, two “remote” provinces - in China and Russia respectively.



Together, these provinces become dynamic crossing points for not only China and Russia, but even for Korea, Japan, rail-connection with Europe, and global maritime trade.

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