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NEAR, the largest interregional cooperative organization in Asia with seventy-seven participating regional governments from six countries, including China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, North Korea, and Russia, representing 665 million people, was founded to contribute to the prosperity of North East Asia and global peace by building exchange and cooperation based on the spirit of reciprocity and equality between regional governments.





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Message



Message



Honorable Members of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments,

Since the foundation of NEAR, the member regional governments have agreed on the importance and necessity of NEAR activities to strengthen cooperation between regional governments in North East Asia.

There are various cooperation projects in different spheres ranging from economics and trade to issues of international cooperation in science and the introduction of new technologies which have been successfully implemented through the network of the Association. Currently, the Association faces new challenges in expanding interregional cooperation using practical mechanisms in implementing joint projects and strengthening the strategic vectors of cooperation.

The Sakha Republic (Yakutia), as one of the founders of NEAR attaches great importance to the strengthening of pre- existing relations and the establishment of new trade, economic, and friendly ties with the regions of NEAR member regional governments. Seeking out new areas of cooperation is one of the priorities of the external economic activities of the Sakha Republic.

As the NEAR Chair, the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) is ready to take an active part in strengthening and expanding interregional cooperation between the countries of North East Asia, promote the ideas of NEAR, and support and strengthen bilateral cooperation between foreign countries.

For social and economic development in North East Asia, NEAR member regional governments are required to commit themselves to resolve challenges in cooperation. Through proactive economic activities among NEAR member regional governments, it is possible to raise living standards and improve the quality of life. As the head of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), and the Chair of NEAR, we will be able to present solutions for greater prosperity in North East Asia based on the principles of equality and reciprocity.

We wish all the NEAR members happiness, prosperity, and success as you hold international activities with a sense of professionalism and responsibility.

December 2018

Aysen Nikolaev

Chair of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments

Head of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)



We wish the members of NEAR every success as we welcome in 2019. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude on behalf of NEAR to all who are present, for their concerted efforts for the development of the Association over 2018.

Since its founding in 1996, NEAR has become an outstanding international cooperative organization in North East Asia, encompassing a population of 66 million people from 78 members and 1 associate member in the region. At the 12th NEAR General Assembly, which was held in Hunan Province, China, in October 2018, Akita Prefecture from Japan became our 11th member regional government of Japan. Furthermore, through the newly established subcommittees of Innovation Plus, Youth Policy and Traditional Medicine, NEAR will strive to provide a wider platform for exchange among member regional governments.

NEAR has made efforts to provide opportunities aimed at strengthening the capacity of member organizations and platforms for practical exchange through subcommittee meetings on Transportation and Logistics, International E-commerce, Tourism, Traditional Medicine, Innovation Plus, International Humanities Exchange, Disaster Prevention, and Economic and Humanities Exchange, as well as the NEAR International Forum. Furthermore, NEAR holds various programs for the future leaders of North East Asia, such as the North East Asia Youth Leaders Forum and the NEAR Youth Contest.

The NEAR Secretariat will maintain close ties with Sakha Republic (Yakutia) of Russia, the 13th Chair of NEAR, to initiate various discussions for the future of NEAR at the Working Committee to be held in 2019. Notably, the Secretariat has plans to introduce and run a new virtual network for businesses among the NEAR members to promote exchange. It will also provide support for the newly established subcommittee on Transportation and Logistics to create practical exchange among NEAR members. We value and appreciate your opinions and interest through your ongoing participation in NEAR.

NEAR wishes to build a better future and promote regional co-prosperity and world peace in the spirit of NEAR, 'Reciprocity and Equity,' in conjunction with its 78 members. We wish all our members great success and prosperity in 2019. Thank you.

December 2018

Hong Jong-kyoung

Secretary-General of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments



Main Activities of the Association



Getting Ready to Leap Into the Future

I. 12th Working Committee

1. Overview

The 12th NEAR General Assembly was held at the Sunshine Hotel, Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province, China, from Sunday, October 28 to Wednesday 31 under the theme, 'Cooperation and Co-Prosperity.' About 150 participants attended the event, including Governor Xu Dazhe of Hunan Province, China, 7 governors of Mongolia, the prime minister of Sakha Republic, Russia, vice governors of Jeollanam-do Province and Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea, representatives from 29 member regions from five countries, high-level officials of Zhangjiajie City, and NEAR staff members.



2. Meeting Details

The opening ceremony took place on the morning of Monday, October 29. It was followed by a welcome speech by Municipal Party Committee Secretary Guo Zhenggui of Zhangjiajie City, China, congratulatory speeches by representatives including Vice-Governor Jun Woo-Hyun of Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, a welcome speech by NEAR Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung, and lastly, an opening speech by NEAR Chairperson Xu Dazhe. After the speeches, the participants took a group photo. NEAR Chairperson Xu Dazhe held a reception with high-level representatives before and after the opening ceremony. Separate discussions were held with the representative of the next chair candidate.

<Session 1>

During the first session which followed the opening ceremony, presentations were given on major NEAR events, member promotion and presentations, the selection of the next chair member region, and handover ceremony of the Chair flag took place.

Main Activities of NEAR

First, Hunan Province, China, Chair of NEAR, reported on the meeting outcomes of the 11th Working Committee. Then Toyama Prefecture, Japan gave a presentation on the outcomes and plans of the 13th Subcommittee on Environment, individual projects and further plans.

Shandong Province, China, reported on the Subcommittee meeting on Ocean and Fisheries held in 2017 in the forum titled 'Pilot Forum for Maritime Economic Innovation in North East Asia.' Hyogo Prefecture, Japan gave a presentation on the outcome of the 16th Subcommittee meeting on Disaster Prevention in Toyama and plans for the forthcoming meeting. Shimane Prefecture, Japan made a presentation on daily programs of the Subcommittee on Educational and Cultural Exchange along with youth exchange programs. Shanxi Province, China, a coordinator of the Subcommittee on Energy and Climate Change since September 2016, gave a presentation on Taiyuan Energy Low-Carbon Development Forum which took place on the next day of the Subcommittee meeting in 2018. Lastly, Jilin Province, China gave a presentation on the outcomes of the first Subcommittee on International Exchange of Human Resources along with an overview of the meeting as follows: establishment of an international platform for human resources exchange, branding of local human resources training programs, and MOU signing for human resources exchange.

Member Presentations

First, Shandong Province of China introduced the province by showing a promotional video of the region, marking a new openness. Daegu Metropolitan City of Korea gave a presentation on 'Medi-city Daegu,' introducing the present and future of the medical tourism. Bayankhongor Province, Mongolia gave a presentation on major international events along with an overview of the province, and UVS Province, Mongolia introduced festivals, development, and cooperation in the field of tourism. Lastly Kamchatka Region, Russia gave a presentation on the fisheries, mineral resources, agriculture, and tourism industries for international cooperation.



Selection of the Next Chair

The Sakha Republic (Yakutia) of the Russian Federation was chosen to be the next Chair of NEAR for the next two years. As the Chair of NEAR, Sakha Republic will hold the 13th NEAR General Assembly in 2020.

<Session 2>

In the second session, Jeollabnam-do Province, South Korea, and the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia signed a Letter of Intent on Friendship. Discussions were held on major agendas and decisions were made. Lastly, an agreement was present, and the General Assembly came to a close.

Main Agenda

The following decisions on each agenda were made at the 12th General Assembly:

1. Appointment of the Next Chair: Sakha Republic, Russia
2. Adoption of New Members
3. Report: Adoption of Associate Members
4. Reaffirmation of the Revisions Made to the Regulations on Membership Fees
5. Distribution of Certificate of Membership
6. Amendment of NEAR Charter
7. Revision of Regulations on Establishment and Operation of Sub-committees of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments
8. Joint Coordination of Subcommittee on Tourism

At the 12th General Assembly, Akita Prefecture of Japan became a new member of NEAR, and three new subcommittees on “Innovation Plus”, “Youth Policy”, and “Traditional Medicines” were installed. Furthermore, two member regional governments of Henan Province and Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China became joint coordinators of the Subcommittee on Tourism. Other addenda items were also decided: the delaying of the first collection of the NEAR membership fee was confirmed, and the holding of Ad-hoc Working Committee when necessary, were approved. Furthermore, the tabling of an agenda item concerning the replacement of coordinators of subcommittees which have not run meetings more than two years was approved. A decision was also made to issue certificates of membership to NEAR member regional governments.

3. Side Events

After the closing of the General Ceremony, representatives of the participating member regional governments watched an outdoor performance which was given at Tianmenshan Mountain, a sacred site for the Tujia tribe in Zhangjiajie. The following day, October 30, the participants went on a tour of Tianjiashan and Tianmenshan which was organized by Hunan Province.



12th General Assembly Declaration

The 12th General Assembly was held in Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province from October 28 to 31. It was attended by 29 representatives of five countries: People's Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, and Russian Federation. 50 member regional governments, including 21 member regional governments which turned in written letters of decision, participated in the decision making process at the General Assembly.

The General Assembly reaffirmed the founding spirit of "Reciprocity and Equality," "Trust and Respect," "Exchange and Cooperation," and "Peace and Prosperity." It also recognized its role and contribution to the building of platforms for peace and co-prosperity in North East Asia through exchange and cooperation based on mutual trust among the member regional governments. The participants of the General Assembly agreed to endeavor to protect multilateralism and free trade and realize co-prosperity and reciprocity through promoting regional cooperation and maintaining international economic order based on international law and rules.

At the General Assembly themed, 'Cooperation and Co-Prosperity,' the participants agreed that North East Asia is entering into a new era of peace and prosperity. It was agreed that in order to promote the 'New Era of Peace and Co-prosperity in North East Asia,' strengthening the existing platforms of NEAR in the fields of economy, tourism, disaster prevention, and others, new area of cooperation shall be developed.

For co-prosperity in North East Asia and the development of the Association, the participating members held thorough discussions on the agendas and met to reach an agreement as follows:

1. Selection of the Next Chair

The Sakha Republic (Yakutia) of the Russian Federation was chosen to be the next Chair of NEAR for the next two years. As the Chair of NEAR, Sakha Republic will hold the 13th NEAR General Assembly in 2020. The Sakha Republic will hold the Working Committee in 2019 in accordance with NEAR Charter Article 10.

2. Registration of New Members

In April 2018, Akita Prefecture, Japan showed interest in joining NEAR. At the General Assembly, the decision of accepting Akita Prefecture as a new member was approved. As a result of the decision, the Association is now composed of 78 members from 6 countries and 1 associate member.

3. Report on Associate Membership

At the 11th General Assembly in Irkutsk in 2016, an associate membership was adopted through an amendment of the NEAR Charter. The 11th Working Committee in 2017 approved the application for associate membership of Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam under Article 9-2 (Delegation of Decision of the Working Committee) and it was reported to the 12th General Assembly in Hunan Province.

4. Reaffirmation of the Revisions Made to the Regulations on Membership Fees

At the 11th General Assembly, the adoption of a membership fee system was approved to begin on January 1, 2017, with the collection of the membership fee to start in 2018. However, according to the Survey on the Running of Membership Systems which was held from between 14 and August 24, 2017, in terms of the member regional governments, 72 percent of the 70 members who completed the survey expressed that they would like to delay the collection and operation of the membership fee.

In 2017, the 11th Working Committee decided to revise the addendum of the Regulations on Membership Fees, stating that the 12th Working Committee in 2019 would decide when to pay the first dues. This decision was made in accordance with Article 8 (2) of the NEAR Charter, "Determination of membership fees."

5. Distribution of Certificate of Membership

The decision of the NEAR Secretariat to issue a Certificate of Membership to member regional governments following the basic approval of the NEAR Chair was approved for planning purposes, such as budgeting.

6. Revision of the NEAR Charter

In order to respond promptly to the environmental changes in North East Asia, it was decided that the efficiency of the operation of the General Assembly and the Working Committee should be improved. To activate subcommittees as an auxiliary body of the Working Committee, a decision was made to partially revise the NEAR Charter as follows:

First, Article 10 (1) of the NEAR Charter was amended to add the following clause:

If it is deemed necessary by the chair of the Working Committee, a temporary meeting may be held.

Second, Article 10 (4) of the NEAR Charter, which allows subcommittees established by the Working Committee with the approval from the General Assembly, was amended as follows: The clause "approval from the General Assembly" was deleted and "shall be reported to the General Assembly" was inserted.

7. Revision of Regulations on the Establishment and Operation of Subcommittees of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments

In accordance with the requests by the NEAR member regional governments, three subcommittees have been newly established and the revision to the "Regulations on Establishment and Operation of Subcommittees of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments" (hereinafter referred to as Regulations on Subcommittees) was made.

First, Article 2 of the "Regulations on Subcommittees" was revised to Subcommittee on Innovation Plus, Subcommittee on Youth Policy, and the Subcommittee on Traditional Medicine.

Second, the Article 5 of the Regulations on the Establishment and Operation of Subcommittees of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments was revised. For the Coordinating regional government which had not held a subcommittee for more than two years and another regional government wished to become a Coordinator, the Secretariat has the ability to propose the substitution of the Coordinator as an agenda at Working Committee. A new provision of a quorum for the replacement of the self-governing body was made.

8. Joint-Coordination of Subcommittee on Tourism

The decision to make Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region joint-coordinators of the Subcommittee on Tourism with the current coordinator, Henan Province, China, was approved.

The members of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments agreed to do their utmost to uphold the Declaration through mutual cooperation.

Platform for Mutual Exchange to Achieve Co-prosperity

II. Subcommittees

1. Overview

Since the establishment of the Subcommittee on Economy and Trade in 1998, currently 17 subcommittees are in operation, and meetings are held annually or biennially. As a result of the concentrated efforts of the NEAR Secretariat to revitalize the subcommittees following the decision made at the 12th General Assembly in 2018, Hunan Province, and Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China will be joint coordinators of the Subcommittee on Tourism. Furthermore, the Subcommittee on Innovation Plus; Subcommittee on Youth Policy; and Subcommittee on Traditional Medicines were established.

Organization of Subcommittees and Main Activity Areas

Subcommittee	Coordinator	YEAR	No. of Meetings	Main Activity Areas
Economy & Humanities	Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea	1998	12	Trade promotion, trade consultation seminars
Environment	Toyama Prefecture, Japan	1998	13	Research into driftage, environment symposium
Disaster Prevention	Hyogo Prefecture, Japan	1998	16	Improving disaster prevention
Educational & Cultural Exchange	Shimane Prefecture, Japan	2002	17	Nurturing human resources and vitalizing cultural exchange
Tourism	Henan Province, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China	2008	2	Tourism exhibition and promotion, cooperation forum
Oceans & Fisheries	Shandong Province, China	2008	5	The use of marine resources
Mineral Resources Development & Coordination	Magadan Region, Russia	2010	4	Mining and manufacturing mineral resources
Energy & Climate Change	Shanxi Province, China	2010	2	Cooperation system for energy and climate change
Life and Medical Industry	Chungcheongbuk-do Province, South Korea	2011	1	Exchange and cooperation of medical industry
Agriculture	Jeollanam-do Province, South Korea	2011	2	Information and technology sharing on agriculture
Sports	Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia	2013	-	Information and technology sharing on sports
Logistics and Transportation	Heilongjiang Province, China	2017	-	Joint forum and exhibition on transportation and logistics
E-Commerce	Henan Province, China	2017	-	International e-Commerce Industry Forum, Business Matching

Subcommittee	Coordinator	YEAR	No. of Meetings	Main Activity Areas
International Exchange of Human Resources	Jilin Province, China	2017	1	North East Asia joint-forum on humanities project, information and human resources exchange, cooperative means seeking
Innovation Plus	Hunan Province, China	2018	-	Information and exchange on the innovation of science, products, culture management
Youth Policy	Krasnoyarsk, Russia	2018	-	Information and exchange on policies for youth and youth support
Traditional Medicines	Shaanxi Province, China	2018	-	Information and exchange on traditional medicine

2. Subcommittee Meetings in 2018

16th Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention

1) Overview

The 16th Subcommittee Meeting on Disaster Prevention was held from March 5 to 7, 2018 in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan. The Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention, a representative subcommittee of NEAR, has met annually since 2002. It aims to build up the capacity of participating organizations for the prevention of disasters and the reduction of resulting damage in North East Asia. A total of 25 people from 16 regional governments in 4 countries attended the meeting.

2) Meeting Details

The Hyogo Anti-Disaster Center introduced disaster prevention strategies and a leading information system for disaster prevention, the 'Phoenix Disaster Prevention System,' and introduced disaster prevention systems of each NEAR member regional government.

3) Side Events

After the meetings, the participants visited the Hyogo Prefectural Disaster Management Center and experienced a simulation of an earthquake and observed a reserve storehouse. They also visited the Himeji City Disaster Prevention Center.



5th Subcommittee Meeting on Mineral Resources Development

1) Overview

The 5th NEAR Subcommittee meeting on Mineral Resources Development was held on July 18, 2019 in Magadan Region, Russia. This year's meeting was attended by 30 participants, including the Vice Governor of Magadan Region, Igor Ozimok, representatives of Heilongjiang Province, and Inner Mongolia autonomous region. The meeting was also attended by a delegation headed by Deputy Secretary-General Park Chang-su from the NEAR Secretariat.

2) Meeting Details

At the meeting, presentations were given on the introduction of mineral resources and the practices of investment projects in the Magadan Region. Furthermore, the presentation included outstanding case-studies of companies that had been introduced to the Magadan Region. The meeting closed with an agreement that business personnel in mineral resources companies would be invited to participate in the next subcommittee meeting to help bring about practical outcomes.

3) Side Events

The MINEX Russia-2018 International Investment on Mineral Resources Expo was held alongside the subcommittee meeting. The expo included presentations on investment and the promotional service booths of various mineral companies.



16th Subcommittee Meeting on Educational and Cultural Exchange

1) Overview

The 16th Subcommittee meeting on Educational and Cultural Exchange was held from August 3 to 8, 2018 in Shimane Prefecture, Japan. The meeting was attended by participants from four North East Asian countries, China, Japan, and South Korea, and Russia and Brazil. The aim of the meeting was to promote mutual understanding, build friendly exchange that would extend beyond the boundaries of each country, and to establish new networks.

2) Meeting Details

This year, 29 participants from China, Japan, South Korea, Russia and Brazil participated in the meeting and listened to lectures given by representatives from both public and private sectors. Over six days, the participants held active discussions on the measures to be taken with regards to securing food safety and security under the theme, 'Food Safety and Security'

3) Side Events

The participants took part in cultural exchange programs, including local home stays, welcome exchange, and various other activities. They also visited local tea fields, and the Marine Products Manufacturing facilities.



Subcommittee Meeting on Energy and Climate Change

1) Overview

On September 15, 2018, the Subcommittee meeting on Energy and Climate Change was held in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, China. The meeting was attended by participants of 11 member regional governments of four countries in North East Asia, Korea, China, Russia, and Mongolia, and 50 experts and representatives from energy-related research institutions.

2) Meeting Details

At the meeting, speakers delivered presentations on customized countermeasures regarding heat, microbial aerosol research on fine dust pollution in China, and low carbon power technology in Altai region, Russia for adaptation to global climate change. Discussions and exchange on ideas among the member regional governments also took place.

3) Side Events

After the meeting, the participants took a tour of industrial sites, including Taigang Group and Luigi Power Station. They also visited the cultural site, Pingyao Ancient City.



1st Subcommittee Meeting on International Exchange of Human Resources

1) Overview

The Subcommittee on International Exchange of Human Resources held their first meeting and founding ceremony on September 20, 2018 in Hunchun City, Jilin Province, China. About 150 participants took part in the founding ceremony and subcommittee meeting with 24 representatives from China, Korea, Mongolia, and Russia, and attendees from Jilin Province, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Hunchun City Government, and related institutions.

2) Meeting Details

A performance to celebrate the founding of the Subcommittee on International Exchange of Human Resources was held, and the NEAR Secretariat signed a mutual agreement with Hunchun Government to promote the exchange of human resources. The meeting was followed by key-note speeches and discussions on exchange programs designed to seek means for human resources development in North East Asia.

3) Side Events

After the meeting, the participants attended a dinner which featured a cultural performance and dinner hosted by Mayor Zhang Jifeng of Hunchun City. The cultural show included Chinese, Japanese, and Mongolian traditional performances by the Hunchun City performance team and a Russian performance team based in the area.



A Starting Point for the Future of NEAR

III. 2018 NEAR Working-level Workshop

1. Overview

The 2017 NEAR Working-level Workshop was held at the Hyundai Hotel, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea for three days from June 21 to 23 2018. The meeting was attended by over 100 working-level staff from 40 regional governments of five countries: 8 from China, 3 from Japan, 14 from South Korea, 13 from Mongolia, and 2 from Russia.

The Working-level Workshop is a platform for working-level staff from NEAR member regional governments to share opinions and build networks. Marking its 13th run, over 1,000 participants took part in the Working-level Workshop this year.

The workshop started with a report on the main activities of the NEAR Secretariat and an introduction to key member events. Presentations and discussions on the ongoing agendas including suggestions concerning the revision of operational regulations and the proper running of the membership fee system.



2. Main Activities

Report by the NEAR Secretariat

The NEAR Secretariat gave a report on the Secretariat's achievements in 2017 and plans for 2018 along with a summary of its main services. In particular, the main events in 2018 included the holding of the 12th NEAR General Assembly, 2018 North East Asia Young Leaders Forum, and the 6th Youth Contest. The NEAR Secretariat requested the active cooperation of the members. Then, a special lecture was given by Director Da Zhigang of Heilongjiang Institute for North East Asia Research on the topic, 'The Change in Political Situation and New Opportunities for Cooperation in North East Asia.' Afterwards, the outcomes of the coordination of the subcommittees on Environment, Disaster Prevention, and Educational and Cultural Exchange were presented.

Presentations by Member Regions

Heilongjiang Province, China, introduced the newly established Subcommittee on Logistics and Transportation, and Jilin Province China requested the active participation of the member regional governments in the Subcommittee on International Humanities Exchange to be held in September 2018. From South Korea, Daejeon Metropolitan City presented on 2018 WTA Events while Chungcheongbuk-do Province gave an introduction on the 13th World Firefighters Games Chungju 2018, and Gyeongsangbuk-do Province shared information on the World Local Government Cultural Tourism Festival. Lastly, Krasnoyarsk Region, Russia gave an introduction to the 'Biryusa,' a World Youth Forum. Khavarovsk Region gave a presentation on the cooperative means by Khavarovsk Region for exchange among the regions in North East Asia



Discussion over major agenda

At the Working-level Workshop, discussions were held to gather the opinions of working-level officers from each member regional government on the revision of NEAR Charter, rules of the coordination and operation of subcommittees, issuing certificates of membership, and proper usage of membership fees system which will be discussed at the 12th General Assembly.

<Revision of the NEAR Charter and Regulations on the Operation of Subcommittees>

Member organizations participated in the amendments to the Charter and Subcommittee Operating Regulations, which started with the background and content of the Secretariat's proposal. The basis of the revision of the regulations were that the 'Coordinating organization had not held subcommittees for two years or more.'

It was agreed by most member regional governments to itemize for decision making at the 12th General Assembly that Article 10 (4) of the NEAR Charter should be amended by deleting the clause, 'approval from the General Assembly,' and inserting 'shall be reported to the General Assembly.'

<Issuing Certificate of Membership to NEAR Members>

In response to the request of the NEAR member regional governments, the NEAR Secretariat suggested that it could issue a Certificate of Membership to NEAR members by basic approval by the Chair. It was agreed to discuss this topic as a meeting agenda at the 12th General Assembly.

<Holding of Ad-hoc Working Committee>

To hold an Ad-hoc Working Committee for new installation of the 'Subcommittee on Innovation Plus' which will be coordinated by Hunan Province, NEAR Chair, it was agreed to hold further discussions with Hunan Province.



<Proper Usage of Membership Fee System >

The 12th Working Committee in 2019 will decide when to pay the first dues as it was decided at the 11th Working Committee in 2017 to revise the addendum of the Regulations on Membership Fees. For the usage of membership fees and system, the NEAR member regional governments shall continue to discuss and reach a mutual understanding, as discussed.

3. Side Events

After the meeting, the participants visited tourists spots in Gyeongju including Bulguksa Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Yangnam Jusangjeolli (columnar joint), No.536 Natural Monument of Korea.



North East Asia: The Future We Dream of Together

IV. 2018 North East Asia Young Leaders Forum / 6th NEAR Youth Art Contest

1. 2018 North East Asia Young Leaders Forum

1) Overview

The 2018 North East Asia Young Leaders Forum was held from August 17 to 22, at Handong Global University (HGU), Pohang City, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea under the theme, 'The Future of North East Asia and Entrepreneurship.' The forum, designed for young people in their twenties, including college students based in NEAR regions, is aimed to nurture future leaders. As an open-field for networking, the forum includes various programs such as team discussion and presentations, special lectures, and cultural tours.

At the opening ceremony, NEAR Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung, and HGU Vice-President Kim Dae-shik delivered congratulatory speeches. Program director Zhanna Khodos-Shikileva from Krasnoyarsk Region of the Annual Youth Forum from Russia also gave a presentation on Biryusa, a youth program of Krasnoyarsk Region, Russia.



2) Main Activities

82 young people in their twenties from five countries attended the forum. The participants listened to lectures on innovation, accounting, law and ethics, business communication, and marketing by professors and experts. Then they were assigned to seven teams, held discussions, and delivered presentations on each subject.

On August 22, the last day of the forum, a business competition was held and each team gave presentations on each topic. Four professors evaluated the presentations and granted awards to the top three teams.



3) Visit to NEAR Secretariat and Cultural Tour

On August 20, the participants had time to explore and appreciate the cultural highlights of Pohang City, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea. They visited POSCO, a globally renowned steel-making company and the NEAR Secretariat located in Pohang. At the Secretariat, the participants were able to hear about the various activities of the NEAR Secretariat and viewed the offices.

Later on, the participants enjoyed a time of recreation at Yeongildae beach. A talent show was held at the HGU campus, and participants presented traditional performances from their respective countries. Together with a HGU K-POP performance team, the events presented a great opportunity for the participants to gain deeper insight and understanding into one another's culture.



2. 6th NEAR Youth Art Contest

The NEAR Secretariat held the Youth Art Contest which is aimed at raising awareness about North East Asia among the youth of the region, the future global citizens. Under the themes, 'Introducing the Regional Cultures of North East Asia' and 'Environmental Preservation,' a total of 130 contestants from 5 countries submitted entries to the Art Contest including 51 from China, 2 from Japan, 21 from South Korea, 22 from Mongolia, and 34 from Russia. Excellence Awards were granted to the participants from Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China, Chungcheongbuk-do Province, South Korea, Selenge Province, Mongolia, and the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia. This year marks the sixth run of the NEAR Youth Contest. The increase in the number of participants from member regions gave the event meaning and significance. The award-winning art pieces are posted on the NEAR official website.



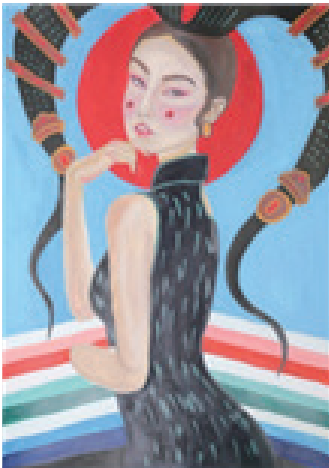
Grand Award - Tyurina Margarita, Tomsk Region, Russia
Fairy-tale of Siberia



Excellence Award - Le Chenghai, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China
Beauty of China : Phoenix, Bird of Birds



Excellence Award - Bing Soobin, Chungcheongbuk-do Province, South Korea
Ani-Where



Excellence Award - Purevjav Nyamtsetseg,
Selenge Province, Mongolia
Mongolian Lady



Excellence Award - Solntseva Anastasya, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia
Shaman Dance of Yakutia



NEAR Working-level International Cooperative Networking Workshop 2018

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NEAR Promotes Associate Membership through Exchange with Cambodia and Kazakhstan

In January 2018, the NEAR Delegation headed by the Director of the Department of Planning and Public Relations visited Phnom Penh City and Siem Reap Province, Cambodia. During the visit, the delegation met with Nuon Pahrat, Vice Governor of the Phnom Penh Capital Municipal Government on 11, and Nuon Puthera, Administration Director of Siem Reap Provincial Government on 12 to discuss the possibility of joining NEAR as an associate member.

Meanwhile, Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung held a luncheon meeting with Dulat Bakishev, Ambassador of Kazakhstan in Republic of Korea on January 12 to discuss Almaty City joining NEAR as an associate member.



Delegation from Hyogo Prefecture, Japan Visits NEAR Secretariat

A delegation headed by Director Misuguchi from the Department of International Affairs in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan visited the NEAR Secretariat in January and held a meeting with Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung. Secretary-General Hong stated that "The active participation of Hyogo Prefecture, a founding member of NEAR, has been the source of much support to the development of NEAR." Director Misuguchi responded that Hyogo Prefecture, a city which has become internationalized around Kobe Port, hopes to actively participate in NEAR and the various opportunities for exchange through transportation and Logistics, international humanities Exchange and disaster prevention.



Secretary-General Visits Jilin Province, China

A delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong visited Changchun in February to prepare for the Subcommittee on Logistics and Transportation (Coordinator: Heilongjiang Province) meeting. The delegation met with Gao Ming, CEO of North East Sea Maritime International Shipping Co., Ltd., a company established by Jilin Provincial Expressway Group for the development of Binhai (Primorye) No. 2 land-marine combined route and held a meeting and visited the TFT office for the ChangjiTu Industrial Innovation Development Zone and listened to the policies for development and opening strategies of Changchun, Jilin, and Tumen river regions of Jilin Provincial Government from officer Cui Jun.



NEAR Secretariat Visits Primorsky Region, Russia

A delegation headed by NEAR Secretary-General Hong visited Primorsky Region in February and discussed the meeting plan of the Subcommittee on Logistics and Transportation and major activities of NEAR. The delegation especially asked for the participation of the Primorsky regional government to the meeting of Subcommittee on Logistics and Transportation to be held in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province.



NEAR Secretary-General Visits Vladivostok Port and Zarubino Port

A delegation headed by NEAR Secretary-General visited the Commercial Port of Vladivostok and met with Aleksandr M. Priskoka of FESCO, the company in charge of operating the port, as well as other officials in the field. After listening to a briefing on the port, Secretary-General introduced the upcoming NEAR subcommittee meeting on Logistics and Transportation and requested their participation in the meeting.



MOU Signed between GTC and the NEAR Secretariat for the Promotion of Tourism in North East Asia

The NEAR Secretariat signed an MOU with the Gyeongsangbuk-do Tourism Corporation for the promotion of tourism in Northeast Asia in March. The NEAR Secretariat will make efforts to promote tourism in Northeast Asia by boosting exchange between public agencies engaged in the tourism services of NEAR member regional governments, such as the Gyeongsangbuk-do Tourist Corporation.



NEAR Secretariat Visits Heilongjiang Province Social Science Center, North East Asia Research Institute to Discuss Cooperation

A NEAR delegation headed by Director of the International Cooperation Department visited the North East Asia Research Institute under the Heilongjiang Province Social Science Center in China in, March 2018. The delegation held a meeting with Director Dázhiqāng and discussed further cooperation between the North East Asia Research Institute and the NEAR Secretariat. The Secretariat signed an MOU with the Institute at the "Road and Belt International Forum" which was held during the China-Russia Conference in Heilongjiang Province last June.



NEAR Secretary-General Establishes Network With Key Personnel During Mongolia Visit

The NEAR delegation held a meeting with Urgamal Byambasuren, the Deputy Head of the Cabinet Secretariat Government of Mongolia. At the meeting, Secretary-General Hong introduced NEAR activities and future plans, such as the NEAR General Assembly, to be held this year, and regular meeting plans with the governors of the Mongolian member regional governments. In response, Deputy Head Byambasuren agreed with the importance of international exchange among regional governments in North East Asia, and promised the support of the central government regarding the participation of Mongolian regional governments in NEAR meetings and events.



NEAR Secretariat-Mongolian Regional Governments Head Meeting 2018 Held

A delegation headed by NEAR Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung, visited Ulaanbaatar City, Mongolia in March, 2018 and held a meeting with the heads of Mongolian regional governments at Tuushin Hotel. The delegation introduced the 12th NEAR General Assembly, to be held in Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province, China and various subcommittee meetings.

At the meeting, 12 representatives from Mongolia including 11 Governors including Arkhangai Province, and Chairman of the Gobisumber Provincial Council.



NEAR Secretariat, Handong Global University Sign MOU on the Globalization of Local Youth

The NEAR Secretariat signed an MOU with Handong Global University (HGU) located in Pohang, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province in April, 2018 for the globalization of the local youth.

Based on the MOU, the two organizations will develop and co-hold exchange and cooperation programs in North East Asia together. This August, the two organizations will host their first co-hosted activity, the 2018 North East Asia Young Leaders Forum in August.



NEAR Secretary-General Meets with Governor of Krasnoyarsk Territory

NEAR Secretary-General visited the Krasnoyarsk Territory to attend the General Assembly of the Northern Forum and the Krasnoyarsk Economic Forum 2018. Secretary-General Hong met with Governor Alexander Uss of Krasnoyarsk Territory, and further cooperation with NEAR.

At the meeting, Secretary-General invited Governor Uss to the NEAR General Assembly due to be held in mid-September in Zhangjiajie, Hunan Province, China, and he requested the participation of Krasnoyarsk Territory. Governor Uss responded positively to participating in NEAR events.



NEAR Secretary-General Attends the General Assembly of the Northern Forum and Opening Ceremony of the KEF '18

NEAR Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung participated in the General Assembly of the 13th Northern Forum, held at the Siberian Federal University, as an observer.

The "Northern Forum" is a regional intergovernmental advisory body for the Northern territories that aims to protect the environment and develop cooperation in the Arctic region. Seven members, including one Korean member, Gangwon-do Province, and six Russian members of the Northern Forum are also members of NEAR.



NEAR Secretariat Meets with Representatives of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and Tomsk Region

In April, a Delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong held a meeting with Vladimir Basilev, the Head of the Department for External Relations of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), who was visiting Krasnoyarsk Region to participate in the Northern Forum.

Secretary-General Hong noted that high-level officials from the Sakha Republic shall be present for the selection of the new chair of NEAR and propose its plans and directions. Secretary-General Hong also requested the active participation of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in the Subcommittee meetings on Logistics and Transportation.



NEAR Secretary-General Meets with the Minister of International and Interregional Cooperation of Khabarovsk Region

In April, Secretary-General Hong visited the Administrative Office and met with Minister Dianov Vyacheslav Anatolyevich of the International and Interregional Cooperation of Khabarovsk Territory. At the meeting, the Secretary-General introduced a schedule of NEAR events including the General Assembly, to be held in mid-September this year, and invited Minister Dianov to the assembly and requested the active participation of the Khabarovsk regional government.



NEAR Secretariat Attends 2018 International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation

NEAR Secretariat participated the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation in April held in Capitol Hotel Tokyu. Under the theme of, 'The Opening of a New Chapter for Trilateral Cooperation – the Past 10 Years, the Coming 10 Years,' the forum was about institutionalizing trilateral mechanism fueled by economic cooperation and promoting future-oriented trilateral cultural & people-to-people exchange.



NEAR Secretary-General Visits Akita Prefecture, Japan

NEAR Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung visited Akita Prefecture from May 9 to 11, 2018 and held a meeting with Governor Satake Norihisa to welcome Akita Prefecture as the newest NEAR member. Secretary-General Hong introduced the major meetings of NEAR, including the General Assembly to be held in Zhangjiajie, Hunan Province, China this September and asked for the active participation of Akita Prefecture.



NEAR Signs MOU for Renewable Energy with Member Regional Governments

The NEAR Secretariat signed an MOU for cooperation on renewable energy development with two member regional governments, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea and Ulaanbaatar City, Mongolia in May 2018 at the Gyeongsangbuk-do Provincial Office. The NEAR Secretariat will act as a platform for the two governments to increase cooperation with one another. Based upon the MOU, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province will conduct regular exchange and training programs on renewable energy with Ulaanbaatar City, and provide support for the building of renewable energy independence systems for ten households in the most polluted areas in Ulaanbaatar.



NEAR Secretariat Attends Eighth Vladivostok Forum

Director and Manager of the International Cooperation Department attended the eighth Vladivostok Forum held at Hyundai Hotel in Vladivostok, Russia in May. Under the theme, 'Realizing Advancements in Korea-Russia Cooperation: Meeting New Opportunities and Challenges,' the purpose of the event was to identify follow-up agenda to realize the agreements of the third Eastern Economic Forum and the Korea-Russia Summit, and to seek possible areas for cooperation.



New Vice-Governor of Gyeongsangbuk-do Province Visits NEAR Secretariat

Yoon Jong-jin, the new vice governor of Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, visited the NEAR secretariat in May. Vice-Governor Yoon held a meeting with Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung and encouraged the secretariat staff. Secretary-General Hong briefed Vice Governor Yoon on the NEAR Secretariat and its major activities, and he expressed his gratitude for the ongoing cooperation of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Province.



Preparatory Meeting with Henan Province for Subcommittee on International E-commerce

A NEAR delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung visited Zhengzhou, Henan Province in May 2018. The delegation met with Deputy Secretary-General Wang Xu of, People's Government of Henan Province, and discussed the preparations for the first NEAR Subcommittee meeting on International E-commerce which was decided to be held at the Working Committee in 2017. At the meeting it was also discussed to hold a Subcommittee meeting on Tourism which has not been held for many years.



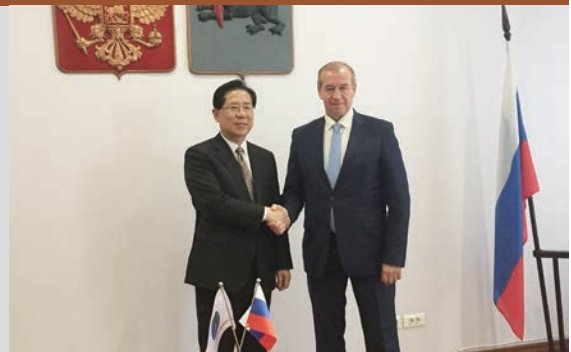
NEAR Secretary-General Delivers Congratulatory Speech at the First Crested Ibis International Forum

Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung visited Yangxian County, Hanzhong City from May 22-23 2018 and delivered a congratulatory speech at the Opening Ceremony of the first Crested Ibis International Forum, held in May. The NEAR Secretariat attended this event as a cooperating organization to the forum. Through his congratulatory speech Secretary-General Hong delivered that Crested Ibis would become a symbol of friendship exchange among the three countries recognized through the summit diplomacy of South Korea, China and Japan.



Secretary-General Hong Visits Irkutsk Region, Russia

A NEAR delegation visited Irkutsk Region, Russia in June and held a meeting and official dinner with Governor Levchenko Sergey to discuss activities and cooperation between Irkutsk Region and NEAR. The NEAR Secretariat requested the participation of Irkutsk Region in various NEAR meetings. Irkutsk Region requested NEAR's support for the Youth Forum to be held in June, and for further support in the expansion of medical cooperation. Discussions continued regarding cooperation on tourism between Irkutsk and the member regional governments. Irkutsk is home to the Baikal Lake, a World Heritage Site designated by UNESCO.



NEAR Delegation Visits Sakha Republic, Russia

A delegation headed by NEAR Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung visited Sakha Republic, Russia in July 2018. Talks were held with Interim Prime Minister Vladimir V. Solodov, and confirmed plans to assume the next chairmanship. Furthermore, participation in NEAR activities for economic cooperation between Russian and Korean regional governments was discussed. Interim Prime Minister Solodov stated that despite the changes in leadership, the Sakha Republic was willing to assume the next Chairmanship of NEAR and planned to attend the General Assembly to be held in Zhangjiajie in Hunan Province, China.



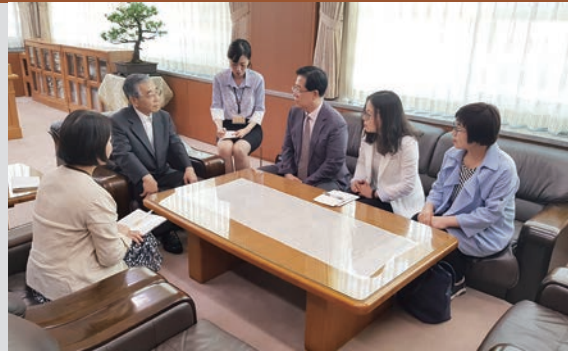
NEAR Secretariat Co-hosts Economic Cooperation Forum of CEO in North East Asia 2018

In July, the NEAR Secretariat co-hosted the 2018 North East Asia Economic Cooperation CEO Forum. Discussions were held on methods for cooperation among regional governments in North East Asia in response to the recent international political changes of the region. At the opening ceremony, held at the POSCO International Center in Pohang City, Mayor Lee Kang-duck of Pohang City delivered the opening remarks. Vice-governor for Economic Affairs Kim Sun-kyeon, and other VIPs delivered congratulatory speeches. Former Minister of Unification Lee Jong-seok presented the keynote address under the title of 'The Future of East Sea Rim in the Era of Northern Economy.'



NEAR Secretary-General Meets with Governor of Shimane Prefecture, Japan

A delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung met with Governor Mizoguchi of Shimane Prefecture at the governor's office. At the meeting, Secretary-General Hong reiterated the importance of the role of NEAR in the new era of change of the North-South Korea relations and invited Governor Mizoguchi to the 12th General Assembly to be held in Hunan Province, China in late October this year. Governor Mizoguchi responded that he would continue to make efforts for co-prosperity among neighboring countries.



NEAR Secretariat Supports and Participates in Multicultural Festival

In August, NEAR Secretariat supported and participated in the 'Festival for Global Citizens to Understand Multicultural Education.' The event was organized by the Idong High School in Pohang City, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province. This event was designed to help students adjust to multicultural society, and view diversity positively and foster a united mindset fitting in a global society through playing traditional games from a variety of different countries.



Delegation from the Asia Research Center Visits NEAR Secretariat

In September, a delegation headed by Yang Long, the director of the Asia Research Center of Nankai University and professor of the Department of Political Science, Zhou Enlai School of Government of Nankai University visited the NEAR Secretariat to discuss cooperation among regional governments of Korea, Japan, and China. Cooperative means between the two organizations for the activation of cooperation among the regional governments in North East Asia were also discussed.



Ambassador for International Relations of Gyeongsangbuk-do Province Ambassador Visits NEAR Secretariat

Ambassador Joo Joong-chul for International Relations of Gyeongsangbuk-do Province visited the NEAR Secretariat in September to encourage the staff of the Secretariat and discuss details of the first Korean-Russian Regional Cooperation Forum to be held in Pohang City. The forum is being held based on an agreement created at the Korea-Russia summit meeting. Nine Russian regional governments of Far Eastern Federal District of Russia Far East and 17 regional governments in Korea are set to attend the forum. Of the participating metropolitan municipalities, 23 of the 26 are NEAR members.



NEAR Secretariat Attends OCEANOMY FORUM

Director of the Department of International Cooperation Park Sung-min and dispatched officials from Russia and Mongolia attended the 2018 OCEANOMY FORUM held at Paradise Hotel, Haeundae, Busan Metropolitan City on September 20.

During the forum, which was co-hosted by the Busan Metropolitan City and the Korea Economic Daily, discussions were held on the Korean government's New Northern, New Southern policies on economic and logistics development. Further discussions were held with regards to strategies on making Busan a hub for marine-based industries.



NEAR Delegation Attends Inauguration Ceremony of the Head of the Sakha Republic

On September 27, Director Park Sung-min of the Department of International Cooperation, accompanied by seconded official, Anastasia Konstantinova, attended and delivered a congratulatory message at the inauguration of the Head of the Sakha Republic, Aysen Nikolayev, which took place at the National Opera Theatre in Yakutsk City, the capital of Sakha Republic. The ceremony was attended by many key figures including the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District, Yuri Trutnev.



NEAR Secretariat Meets with Associate Member, Ho Chi Minh City

On Friday, September 28, a NEAR delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung visited Ho Chi Minh City Hall and met with the Vice-Chairman Le Thanh Liem of External Affairs and held discussions. At the meeting, Secretary-General Hong invited representatives of HCMC to the meeting and asked for a special speech to be made at the 12th General Assembly to be held in Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province, China from October 29 to 30. Vice-Chairman Liem responded that as an associate member of NEAR, HCMC was willing to participate in NEAR activities, especially those related to the Subcommittee on Tourism.



NEAR Delegation Visits Sakhalin Region

On Tuesday, October 9, a NEAR delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung, visited Sakhalin Regional Government and held a meeting with the Minister Alexey Uspensky and staff of the Ministry of Economic Development. At the meeting, the delegation introduced the 12th General Assembly due to take place in Zhangjiajie, Hunan Province of China from October 29 to 30, and the first Korean-Russian Regional Cooperation Forum to be held from November 7 to 9 in Pohang, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, the NEAR International Forum on Cruise Tours in mid-December, and the first meeting of the Subcommittee meeting on Logistics and Transportation to be held next June in Suifenhe City, Heilongjiang Province.



NEAR Delegation Visits Primorsky Territory

On October 10, a NEAR delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung visited the Primorsky Territory administrative government and met with the Director of International Cooperation, Alexei Starichkov. At the meeting, the Primorsky government shared ongoing preparatory work as the co-chair of the Korea-Russia Regional Cooperation Forum to be held from November 7 to 9 in Pohang City. The NEAR Secretariat expressed their gratitude for the support and participation of the NEAR Russian member regional governments.



NEAR Delegation Visits Kamchatka Territory

On Thursday, October 11, 2018, a NEAR delegation headed by Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung visited the Government of Kamchatka Territory in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and met with Vice-Governor Yuriy Zubar. Representatives of Kamchatka Territory stated that they wished to strengthen cooperation with other NEAR member regional governments and that a representative of the region would attend the 12th General Assembly at the end of October. Furthermore, the Governor of the region will participate in the first Korea-Russia Regional Cooperative Forum set to take place in early November this year.



Meeting for the Second Half of 2018 Between Representatives of NEAR Member Regional Governments and the Secretariat Held

On the evening of Monday, October 29, 2018, the NEAR Secretariat held a meeting for the second half of the year for the representatives of the Mongolian NEAR member regional governments who were attending the 12th NEAR General Assembly.

The meeting was attended by 10 representatives of NEAR member Mongolian provinces, including the governor of Bayan-Ulgii Province, Aip Gylmkhan, 6 other governors of Bayankhongor Province, Govi-Altai Province, Govisumber Province, Orkhon Province, Uvurkhangai Province, Uvs Province, the chairman of the Council of Dundgovi Province, and the Director of Arkhangai Province from Mongolia.



Prime-Minister of the Sakha Republic, Russia Visits NEAR Secretariat

On the morning of November 8, 2018, a delegation headed by Prime Minister Vladimir Solodov of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Russia visited the NEAR Secretariat in Pohang, also the venue for the first Korea-Russia Regional Cooperation Forum. The delegation met with NEAR Secretariat staff members and held a meeting with Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung.

At the meeting, Prime Minister Solodov stated that the Sakha Republic, as the Chair of NEAR will make efforts to promote cooperation and exchange in various fields of economy and culture among NEAR members.



NEAR Russian Member Regional Governments in Far Eastern Districts Participate in the First Korea-Russia Regional Cooperation Forum

In November, 2018, the First Korea-Russia Regional Cooperation was held in Pohang, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province. Nine regional governments of the Russian Far Eastern Federal Districts, including 7 NEAR member regional governments, participated. The opening ceremony of the forum was attended by President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae-in, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Korea, Kang Kyung-wha, Minister of Industry and Resources, Sung Yoon-mo, representatives of 17 Korean metropolitan cities and provinces from Korea, Minister of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East Alexander Kozlov, 9 representatives of the Far Eastern Federal Districts from Russia, representatives of business sectors and experts from both countries.

The forum was attended by delegations headed by representatives including Prime Minister of the Sakha Republic Vladimir Solodov, Governor of the Magadan Region Sergey Nosov, Governor of the Khabarovsk Territory Sergey Furgal, Governor of the Amur Region Vasily Orlov, Vice Governor of the Kamchatka Territory Marina Subbot, Vice-Governor of the Primorsky Territory where the next forum will take place, Konstantin Bogdanenko, and Minister of Economic Development of the Sakhalin region Alexey Uspensky among many others from NEAR member regional governments.



NEAR Secretariat Visits Jeollanam-do Province, ROK

A NEAR delegation headed by Choi Ju-hwa, manager of the International Cooperation Team, visited Jeollanam-do Provincial Office on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 and held a meeting with Director General for International Cooperation, Sun Kyung-il.

A representative of the International Cooperation Office of Jeollanam-do Province delivered a message of gratitude to the NEAR Secretariat for their support in the signing of a letter of intent for friendly relationship between the province and the Sakha Republic (Yakutia). Jeollanam-do Province also asked for continuous support to expand their exchange and cooperation with Eurasia, including the Russian Far East.



NEAR Secretariat Attends Eurasia City Forum 2018

A NEAR delegation headed by Director Park Sung-min and Manager Choi Ju-hwa and other staff members of the International Cooperation Department attended the Eurasia City Forum 2018 which was held at the Westin Chosun Busan and hosted by Busan Metropolitan City on Thursday, December 6.

The forum was attended by Ivan TONKIKH, CEO of RasonConTrans, a joint corporation between North Korea and Russia which operated 'Najin-Hassan Project,' a joint business among South Korea, North Korea, and Russia, and Murat Baimukhanbetov, head of the Khorgos-Eastern Gates Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The participants held practical discussions and had opportunities to interact with each other.



NEAR Secretariat Plans for NEAR International Forum on Cruise Tours Finalized

On December 17, 2018 the NEAR Secretariat finalized and announced their plans to host the NEAR International Forum on Cruise Tour. The forum will be held from Wednesday, February 20 to Friday February 22, 2019 in Pohang City, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, home to the NEAR Secretariat. All NEAR member regional governments and bodies involved in the cruise tour industry, shipping and tourism industries, and media field will be invited.





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1. The Establishment of the Secretariat

The establishment of a secretariat with a four-year term was agreed upon at the 5th General Assembly held in 2004 at Heilongjiang Province in China, and the hosting of a standing secretariat that serves consecutive terms, suggested by Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea was approved, with the operating budget funded by Gyeongsangbuk-do Province. Moreover, at the 9th General Assembly held in 2012 in Ningxia, China, an agreement was signed to take a giant step forward from the term-based, standing secretariat, to having a long-term secretariat in Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, Korea. This enabled consistency and continuity in the operation of the Secretariat.



2. Organization of the Secretariat

The Secretariat is divided into the Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General in the form of two Departments: the Department of Planning and Public Affairs and the Department of International Cooperation. The secretariat body includes administrative staff and foreign staff from China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, and Russia, and experts on each country and field.

3. Budget

The annual operating expenses are around USD 1.33 million (KRW 1.5 billion / 9 million yuan / 147 million yen). 70 percent is covered by Gyeongsangbuk-do Province and the rest by Pohang city, Republic of Korea.

4. Main Activities

1. Budgeting and budget execution;
2. Documentation of plans, annual reports, and accounting reports;
3. Organizing and conducting exchange programs for the development of the organization;
4. Liaison and coordination among members;
5. Operational support for meetings and the decision-making process of General Assembly, Working Committee, and Subcommittees;
6. Network-building among local research institutes; and other functions deemed to be necessary.
7. Promotion and Public relations; miscellaneous

5. Secretariat Staff

	Secretary-General Hong Jong-kyoung		
	Director Department of Planning and Public Relations Kwon Tae-nam		
	Manager Department of Planning and General Affairs) Keum Du-yeon		
	Expert on China Piao Lijing		
	Expert on Japan Son Mikyong		
	Expert on Mongolia Lkham Khishigjargal		
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Charter of the Association of the North East Asia Regional Governments

Preamble

In the spirit of reciprocity and equity, representatives of regional governments in the North East Asian Region, which has unlimited potential to contribute to the international community, have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish co-development in the region and, at the same time, to contribute to world peace by promoting exchange and cooperation in all fields of administration, economy and culture. Accordingly, to accomplish these noble aims, the representatives have agreed to the present Charter of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments.

Chapter 1 Name and Purposes of the Association

Article 1 (Name) This organization shall be named as “the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments” (hereinafter referred to as “The Association”).

Article 2 (Purposes) In the spirit of reciprocity and equity, “The Association” has the purposes of pursuing joint development of the North East Asian Region and, at the same time, contributing to world peace by building trust on mutual understanding through the establishment of networks for exchanges and cooperation among member governments.

Article 3 (Agenda) “The Association” shall perform the following clause:

1. Regularly hold the Conference of North East Asian Regional Governments(The General Assembly)
2. Collect and distribute information on economic and technological development within the region.
3. Support and execute projects related to exchange and cooperation.
4. Review projects pertinent to accomplish the purposes of the Association.

Chapter 2 Scope and Rights & Obligations of Members and Others

Article 4 (Membership scope) The members of the Association shall be the regional governments of People's Republic of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, and Russian Federation, which agreed to the purposes of the Association. The membership is open to other regional governments, and will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly. (revised on September 27, 2016)

Article 4-2 (Associate Membership scope) The associate members of the Association shall be the regional governments of countries located in Asia excluding the North East region, which have agreed to the purposes of the Association and obtained the approval of membership by the General Assembly. (newly enacted on September 27, 2016)

Article 5 (Rights and Obligations of Members) Members shall have the rights to participate in various projects and activities performed by the Association, and have the obligations to comply with the provisions stipulated in the Charter.

Article 5-2 (Rights and Obligations of Associate Members) Associate Members do not have the right to vote and are not eligible to run for election as addressed in Article 7 and Article 9 Clause 1 of Rights and Obligations of Members. (enacted on September 27, 2016)

Chapter 3 Organization and Functions

Section 1 The General Assembly

Article 6 (Structure and Operation) The General Assembly is the supreme legislative body of the Association, which consists of heads of member organizations, and is held biennially. (revised on September 27, 2016)

Article 7 (Executives) The General Assembly shall be given due authority to appoint executives to positions specified below.

1. The General Assembly shall designate one person as the chair who represents the Association. The head of the regional government, which holds the General Assembly, shall ex officio become the chair of the General Assembly. The chair's term of office ends on the last day of the General Assembly (revised on 28 October, 2010). However, when the chair cannot represent the Association, the deputy representative of the regional government shall act as the chair on behalf of the representative.
2. Each country shall have an auditor. Auditors shall administer accounting and audit, and be elected at the General Assembly. The auditor's term of office is the same as stipulated in clause 1 of Article 7. (revised on September 27, 2016)
3. On the decision based on the regulations of membership fee, the right to vote and be elected stated in clause 1 for chair and clause 2 for auditor can be restricted (newly enacted on September 27, 2016)

Article 8 (Functions) General Assembly shall perform the following clause.

1. Resolution of member and associate member admission and dismissal (revised on September 27, 2016)
2. Determination of membership fees
3. Amendment of the Association Charter
4. Determination of termination and liquidation of the Association
5. Determination of the venue for the Secretariat
6. Appointment of auditors
7. Approval of budget, project plans, settlement of accounts
8. Approval of the regulations of the Membership System (newly enacted on September 27, 2016)
9. Determination of agendas related to the next General Assembly
10. Determination and execution of business plans of the Association
11. Other functions deemed to be necessary

Article 9 (Resolution) Decision-making of the General Assembly shall be made as the following clause:

1. Each regional government member shall have one vote. However, the right to vote may be restricted in certain situations as determined by the rules of the Membership Fee System. (revised on September 27, 2016)
2. The particular specified under clauses 1 to 5 of Article 8 shall be resolved by more than half of the members present and a two-thirds majority of the members voting. (revised on September 27, 2016)
3. The particular specified under clause 6 to 11 of Article 8, shall be resolved by more than half of the members present and more than half of the members voting. (revised on September 27, 2016)

Article 9-2 (Decision-making Delegated to Working Committee)

1. In years that the General Assembly is not held, the decision-making items listed in Article 8 Clauses 1, 7, and 8 can be commissioned to the Working Committee.<enacted on September 27, 2016>

Section 2 Working Committee

Article 10 (Organization and Operation)

1. The Working Committee consists of director-general level senior administrative staffs nominated by the head of each member regional government. The chair of Working Committee shall convene a meeting more than once every year.
2. The chair of the Working Committee shall be the vice head of the chair local government.
3. The chair of the Working Committee reports the result of the meeting to the General Assembly.
4. For smooth operation of individual projects and other works, a separate subcommittee or subcommittees for each field of work may be organized as a supporting organization for the Working Committee. However, the newly established subcommittees shall be reported to the General Assembly. (newly enacted on September 1998) (revised on October 29, 2018)

Article 11 (Functions) The Working Committee shall perform the following clause.

1. Discussion of business plans and individual projects
2. Documentation of annual reports and audit reports
3. Coordination of opinions among members
4. Determination of the establishment of sub-committees (composition, functions and operations / newly enacted on September, 1998)
5. Determination of issues delegated by the General Assembly to the Working Committee
6. Other functions deemed to be necessary

Section 3 The Secretariat

Article 12 (Organization and Operation) The Secretariat is a standing body of “the Association.” Each member government may set up a liaison body if necessary. The term of the Secretariat is 4 years, and may be extended by the decision of the General Assembly.

Article 13 (Executives and staffs) The Secretariat shall have the following executives and staffs:

1. The Secretary-General shall be one person. The Secretary-General shall be recommended by the head of the member regional government where the Secretariat is located and be appointed by the Chair of the Association.
2. The executives and staffs of the Secretariat shall be comprised of government officials dispatched by “the Association” in principle. However, when it is deemed necessary by the Secretary General, it can be constituted in a separate way after receiving approval from the chair of the Association.

Article 14 (Functions) The Secretariat shall perform the following clause.

1. Budgeting and budget execution
2. Documentations of business plans, annual reports, and accounting reports
3. Liaisons and coordination among members
4. Execution of decisions made by the General Assembly and the Working Committee
5. Other functions deemed to be necessary

Article 15 (Finance)

1. The accounting of the Secretariat shall be treated as special accounting, and its operations shall be covered by

membership fees and other miscellaneous income.

2. Accounting shall temporarily be carried out in accordance with the following clauses:

1. Members shall be obliged to pay membership fees.
2. All expenses incurred by holding the General Assembly and the Working Committee shall be covered and shared as follows:
 1. Half (B) of the total expenses (A) shall be borne by the regional government hosting the General Assembly.
 2. As to the other half (C=A-B), the rest of the regional governments shall share the amount (C/D), which is equally divided by the number of the regional governments of the Association, excluding the host of the conference (D).
 3. In the event that the number of regional governments actually participating in the General Assembly is less than D, the balance shall be borne by the regional government hosting the conference.
 4. In the event that a member regional government is unable to bear a significant portion of the expense due to unavoidable circumstances such as natural disasters, the expense to be borne may be partially reduced to a reasonable level based on the agreement of other member regional governments.
 5. During the General Assembly, the regional government which proposed to host the next General Assembly shall submit tentative accounting of expenses for organizing the General Assembly and the Working Committee.

3. The operating expenses of the Secretariat shall be borne by the member government which hosts the Secretariat.

4. Expenses for other individual cooperation projects shall be covered by the member government which proposed those projects. However, based on agreement, they may be shared among participating members which desire to join the projects.

Section 4 Associated Supporting Organizations

Article 16 (Establishment) Aimed at contributing to the development of the North East Asian region, each member regional government may establish a supporting organization (hereinafter referred to as 'Supporting Organization of the Association') to support the activities of the Association (newly enacted on September 1998).

Article 17 (Registration)

1. In the event that a member regional government establishes a Supporting Organization of the Association, it can register the organization by submitting application (newly enacted on September 1998).
2. The Supporting Organization of the Association shall report its activities to the Association (newly enacted on September 1998).

Chapter 4 Final Provisions

Article 18 (Effectuation) This Charter shall take effect from the 27th of September 2016. (newly enacted on September 27, 2016)

Article 19 (The Scope of Members) The founding members of the Association consist of regional governments, which attended the General Assembly in 1996 and agreed to the basic spirit of the Association.

Article 20 (Language) This Charter shall be written in English and in the languages of the countries where the member regions belong. Original copies of which shall be kept at the archive of the Secretariat and copies of which shall be kept by each member. (revised on October 28)

In faith whereof, the representatives of the regional governments, who were given the due authority from each member government, have signed the present Charter of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments in Gyeongju City, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, Republic of Korea on the 12th day of September, 1996.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 21st of October 1998.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 12th of September 2002.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall be effectuated from the 8th of September 2004.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 28th of October 2010.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 22nd of October 2014.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 27th of September 2016.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 29th of October 2018.

Regulations on Establishment and Operation of Subcommittees of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments

(Establishment) October 21, 1998
(Partial Revision) September 4, 2007
September 2, 2008
October 28, 2010
July 19, 2011
September 11, 2013
October 29, 2018

The present regulations stipulate rules regarding establishment and operation of subcommittees in accordance with Clause 4 of Article 11 of the Charter of NEAR.

Article 1 (Establishment)

For smooth operation of individual projects or tasks (hereinafter referred to as “Individual Projects”) proposed at conferences of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments, subcommittees shall be established for each field of work.

Article 2 (Name and Working Area) The names of the subcommittees shall be as follows :

1. Subcommittee on Economy & Humanities (revised on September 11, 2013)
2. Subcommittee on Environment
3. Subcommittee on Educational and Cultural Exchange (integrated on September 2, 2008)
4. Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention
5. Deleted
6. Deleted
7. Subcommittee on Oceans and Fishery (September 2, 2008)
8. Subcommittee on Tourism (September 2, 2008)
9. Subcommittee on Mineral Resources Development and Coordination (October 28, 2010)
10. Subcommittee on Energy and Climate Change (October 28, 2010)
11. Deleted
12. Subcommittee on Life & Medical Industry (July 19, 2011)
13. Subcommittee on Agriculture (July 19, 2011)
14. Subcommittee on Sports (September 11, 2013)
15. Subcommittee on Logistics and Transportation (September 26, 2017)
16. Subcommittee on E-Commerce (September 26, 2017)
17. Subcommittee on International Exchange of Human Resources (September 26, 2017)
18. Subcommittee on Innovation Plus (October 29, 2018)
19. Subcommittee on Youth Policy (October 29, 2018)
20. Subcommittee on Traditional Medicines (October 29, 2018)

Article 3 (Functions)

1. Each subcommittee reviews and discusses methods to materialize and realize project plans by coordinating opinions among regional governments in order to promote effective execution of “Individual Projects” led by member regional governments which initiated them.

2. Each subcommittee shall report the results of the review and discussion on “Individual Projects” proposed by regional governments to the Working Committee.

Article 4 (Structure)

Each subcommittee consists of directors of local government divisions who have interest in the field that each subcommittee is responsible for.

Article 5 (Operation)

1. An elected member regional government (hereinafter referred to as “Coordinator”) shall be in charge of liaison, coordination and operation of each subcommittee.
2. The office term of a “Coordinator” is two years, and it can be reelected. Upon request, a subcommittee can be co-operated with co-hosting coordinator. (revised on July 19, 2011)
3. In principal, the operation of a subcommittee shall be based on telecommunications such as postal mail and fax.
4. Each subcommittee should convene once a year for a meeting or NEAR-related activity during its term as coordinator. (revised on July 19, 2011)
5. The coordinator should endeavor to allow as many participants from NEAR member regional governments to participate in the subcommittee meeting.
6. If necessary, Working Committee can conduct evaluations on subcommittee's operation. (July 19, 2011)
7. The NEAR Secretariat may propose a replacement of subcommittee coordinators to the Working Committee if the subcommittee has not run meetings more than two years and another regional government wishes to take over the role of coordinator. (newly enacted on October 29, 2018)
8. The replacement of the coordinator of subcommittees will be decided at the Working Committee where the majority of the members are present and the members with the right to vote cast a majority (more than half) yes vote. (newly enacted on October 29, 2018)

Article 6 (Participation)

1. All member regions are eligible to participate in a subcommittee. (revised on July 19, 2011)
2. For efficient operation and practical outcomes of each subcommittee, the coordinator may invite specialists, experts or business persons from NEAR member regional governments.

Article 7 (Expenses)

Expenses for the operation of each subcommittee shall be borne by the “Coordinator.” In the event of a Subcommittee meeting being convened, expenses for transportation and accommodation shall be covered by participating regional governments, in principle.

Article 8 (Relation to the Secretariat)

Each “Coordinator” shall send updated information of the subcommittee to the Secretariat, which shall distribute the documentation to the rest of the regional governments. (revised on July 19, 2011)

Article 9 (Revision of Regulations)

Revision of the present regulations shall be decided by the Working Committee.

Article 10 (Effectuation)

These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on 11 September, 2013 (revised on September 11, 2013)

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on October 21, 1998.

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Regulations on Membership Fee System

(Establishment) September 28, 2016

(Partial Revision) September 26, 2017

[Enforcement September 26, 2017]

Article 1 (Purpose)

This regulation seeks to prescribe matters related to the management and operation of the membership fee and its usage.

Article 2 (Principles of Accounting)

Accounting shall be conducted by the principles below.

The Secretary General shall maintain transparency and reliability of the accounting process by submitting objective and evidential documents.

The Secretary General shall disclose information on the operation of the membership fee when requested by the members, and shall manage it effectively.

The Secretary-General shall manage the membership fee effectively.

Article 3 (Fiscal Year)

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Article 4 (Responsibilities in Accounting)

The Secretary General shall take responsibility for managing the entire process from related to the membership fee.

Article 5 (Membership Fees)

The membership fee shall be applied as the following clauses:

Each member shall pay the annual fee of USD 1,000.

The currency that shall be used is United States Dollars (USD), and the fee shall be paid at the beginning of each fiscal year. A new NEAR member shall pay the fee from the year after its membership is approved.

Membership fees can be adjusted at the General Assembly depending on the economic status.

Article 6 (Regulation of the Member Rights)

When a member fails to pay the membership fee, the rights of the members can be restricted by the Secretariat.

Each regional government which has paid the membership fee shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly and the Working Committee, and the right to vote for and be eligible to become board members.

The rights of members listed in the in Article 6 (1) can be restricted when a member fails to pay the membership fee more than twice.

Article 7 (Execution)

The fund shall be used for development and projects of NEAR to meet the common goals of the members. The Secretariat shall collect the opinions of the members when selecting projects that need the fund.

Article 8 (Budget Planning for the Fee Conduction)

The Secretary General shall draw up and submit a general budget plan for the following year to the board of directors for approval by May 31.

Article 9 (Deliberation and Decision)

The financial plan submitted by the Secretary General and approved by the Review Committee needs to request for approval at least 1 month before the meeting of the General Assembly or Working Committee is held that year.

The financial plan shall be approved by the decision of the General Assembly or Working Committee.

Article 10 (Composition of the Committee)

The Association shall form and run a Review Committee in accordance with the paragraphs below.

The Review Committee is formed at the General Assembly or the Working Committee meeting and consists of each representative of the member country from the director-general level or director level.

The term of the committee is four years, commencing with the General Assembly meeting, at which it is elected and ending four years later after the next one is elected. The committee may be reelected.

The Chairman of the committee shall be elected among the committee members at the General Assembly or Working Committee.

The Chairman of the committee shall open a meeting more than once a year.

Article 11 (Execution of the Membership Fee)

The fund shall be executed under the responsibility of the Secretary General within the planned budget.

In cases of using an extra fund, a reserve fund can be used under permission by the Chairman, and it shall be approved afterwards at the General Assembly or Working Committee that year.

Article 12 (Accounting Inspection)

The Secretary General shall prepare and communicate to auditors periodical financial reports by May 31 every fiscal year.

Auditors shall submit audit reports and comments to the Secretariat a month before the meeting of the General Assembly or Working Committee is held, and the reports shall be approved at the meeting.

Article 13 (Appointment and Term of Auditors)

One auditor shall be appointed by each member nation at the level of Director General or Director and shall be elected at the General Assembly.

The term of the auditor starts from the General Assembly when he or she is elected and ends four years later at the General Assembly when the next auditor is elected.

ADDENDUM

These Articles shall enter into force on January 1, 2017. (The membership fee shall be paid in the fiscal year of 2018.)

Member Regional Governments

Russia



-  ① Republic of Buryatia
-  ② Sakha Republic (Yakutia)
-  ③ Republic of Tuva
-  ④ Altai Territory
-  ⑤ Zabaikalsky Territory
-  ⑥ Krasnoyarsk Territory
-  ⑦ Primorsky Territory
-  ⑧ Khabarovsk Territory
-  ⑨ Amur Region
-  ⑩ Irkutsk Region
-  ⑪ Kamchatka Territory
-  ⑫ Magadan Region
-  ⑬ Sakhalin Region
-  ⑭ Tomsk Region
-  ⑮ Kemerovo Region
-  ⑯ Republic of Khakassia

Mongolia



-  ① Ulaanbaatar City
-  ② Arkhangai Aimag
-  ③ Bayan-Ulgii Aimag
-  ④ Bayankhongor Aimag
-  ⑤ Bulgan Aimag
-  ⑥ Govi-Altai Aimag
-  ⑦ Govisumber Aimag
-  ⑧ Darkhan-Uul Aimag
-  ⑨ Dornod Aimag
-  ⑩ Dornogovi Aimag
-  ⑪ Dundgovi Aimag
-  ⑫ Zavkhan Aimag
-  ⑬ Orkhon Aimag
-  ⑭ Uvurkhangai Aimag
-  ⑮ Umnugovi Aimag
-  ⑯ Sukhbaatar Aimag
-  ⑰ Selenge Aimag
-  ⑱ Tuv Aimag
-  ⑲ Uvs Aimag
-  ⑳ Khovd Aimag
-  ㉑ Khentii Aimag
-  ㉒ Khuvsgul Aimag

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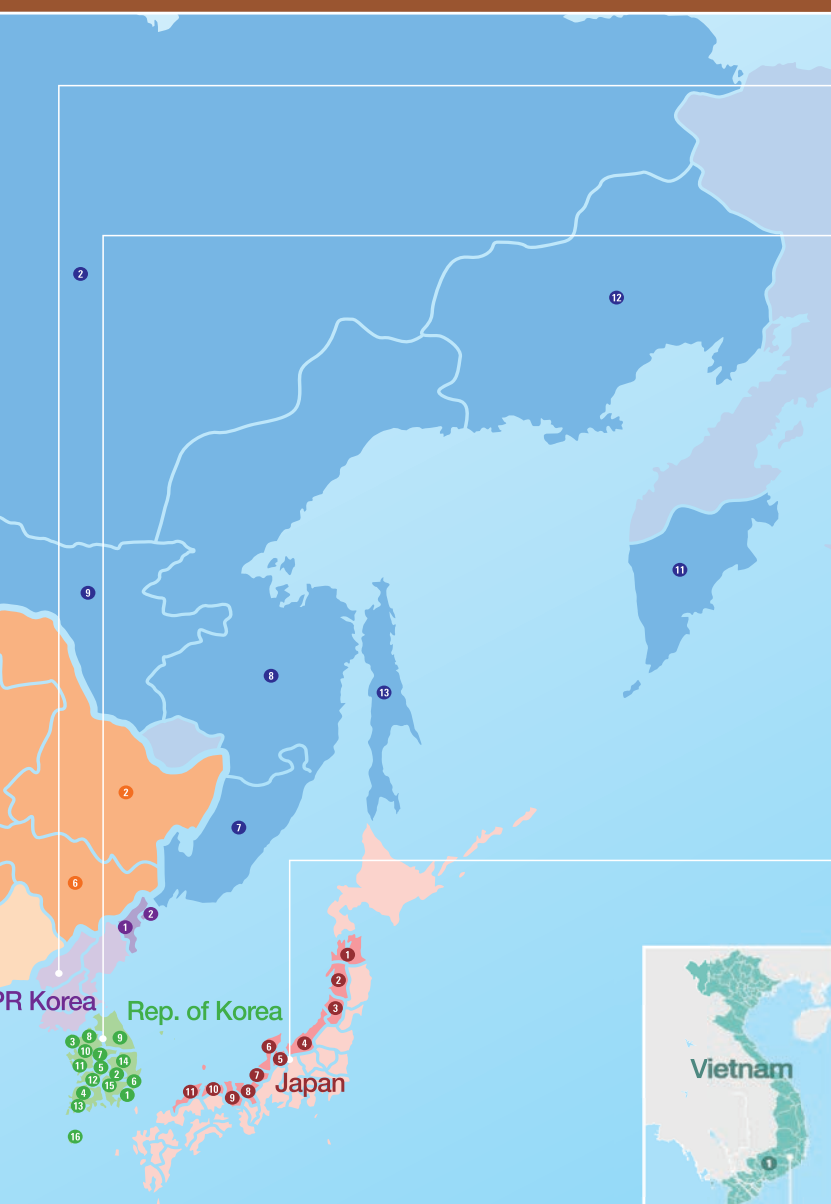
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- DPR Korea ① Hamgyeongbuk-do Province
- DPR Korea ② Rasun Special City

Rep. of Korea



- ① Busan Metropolitan City
- ② Daegu Metropolitan City
- ③ Incheon Metropolitan City
- ④ Gwangju Metropolitan City
- ⑤ Daejeon Metropolitan City
- ⑥ Ulsan Metropolitan City
- ⑦ Sejong Special Self-Governing City
- ⑧ Gyeonggi-do Province
- ⑨ Gangwon-do Province
- ⑩ Chungcheongbuk-do Province
- ⑪ Chungcheongnam-do Province
- ⑫ Jeollabuk-do Province
- ⑬ Jeollanam-do Province
- ⑭ Gyeongsangbuk-do Province
- ⑮ Gyeongsangnam-do Province
- ⑯ Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

Japan



- ① Aomori Prefecture
- ② Akita Prefecture
- ③ Yamagata Prefecture
- ④ Niigata Prefecture
- ⑤ Toyama Prefecture
- ⑥ Ishikawa Prefecture
- ⑦ Fukui Prefecture
- ⑧ Kyoto Prefecture
- ⑨ Hyogo Prefecture
- ⑩ Tottori Prefecture
- ⑪ Shimane Prefecture

China



- ① Anhui Province
- ② Heilongjiang Province
- ③ Henan Province
- ④ Hubei Province
- ⑤ Hunan Province
- ⑥ Jilin Province
- ⑦ Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
- ⑧ Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region
- ⑨ Shandong Province
- ⑩ Shanxi Province (山西)
- ⑪ Shaanxi Province (陕西)

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- ★ ① Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)



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