



MONGOLIA – RUSSIA – CHINA “ECONOMIC CORRIDOR”:

ONGOING PROCESSES AND IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM



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Third Summit (June 2016, Tashkent)

- Leaders of Mongolia, Russia and China signed the Program of China-Mongolia-Russia Economic corridor (32 projects)

Fields of Cooperation:

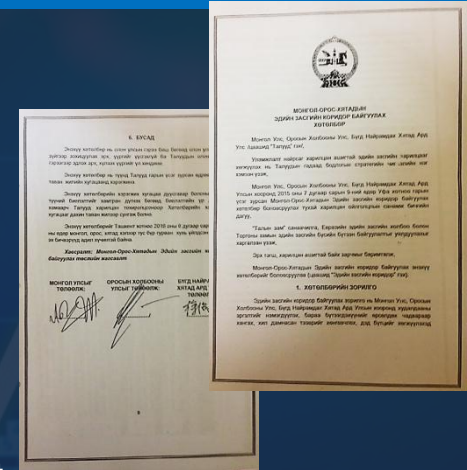
- Transportation infrastructure - 13
- Cooperation in industrial sector - 2
- Development of border-crossing points - 5
- Cooperation in energy sector - 1
- Environment and ecology - 3
- Education, science and technology cooperation - 3
- Humanitarian - 3
- Agriculture - 1
- Health - 1

Sponsors:

- Government budget
- Private sector investment
- PPP

Financing Sources:

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- BRICS New Development Bank
- Silk Road Fund
- Other national and multilateral financial institutions





Railway Transit Corridors





Road Transit Corridors



**Eastern
Corridor**

TRILATERAL EXPERT 1ST MEETING

- First meeting was held in Beijing on 24 Mar 2017.
- Following respective government agencies' officials from three countries represented;
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia
 - National Development and Reform Commission of China,
 - Ministry of Economic Development of Russia.
- The parties agreed to establish “Trilateral cooperative mechanism” for ensuring implementation of program on economic corridor.
- The parties discussed about Priority projects and its criteria.



TRILATERAL EXPERT 2nd MEETING

- The parties agreed on the content of “Trilateral cooperative mechanism” for ensuring implementation of projects listed on Economic corridor MOU.
- The parties agreed to implement 3 priority projects
 - Central railway corridor,
 - Central Highway corridor
 - Energy sector (electricity transmission line)





THE PRIORITY PROJECTS CENTRAL RAILWAY CORRIDOR

Comprehensive upgrading and developing Central Railway corridor (*Ulan-Ude - Naushki - Sukhbaatar - Ulaanbaatar - Zamiin Uud - Erlian - Wulanchabu - Zhangjiakou - Beijing - Tianjin*), conducting feasibility study on development of double track and electrification.

On 3rd June 2019 the General Committee of “Ulaanbaatar railway” adopted the “Plan for development and modernization of Ulaanbaatar railway till 2030, which was designed by Design and Survey Institute JSC “Mosgiprotrans” of Russia.



THE PRIORITY PROJECTS CENTRAL HIGHWAY CORRIDOR



Asian road network AH-3

(Ulan-Ude - Kyakhta / Altanbulag - Darkhan - Ulaanbaatar - Sainshand - Zamyn-Ude / Erlian - Beijing outside ring - Tianjin)

TRILATERAL EXPERT 3rd MEETING

- The 3rd meeting was held through video conferencing on 30 May 2018.
- The parties discussed about contents of “Memorandum of Understanding on establishing a joint mechanism to advance the implementation of Mongolia-Russia-China Economic Corridor”. The parties signed the document on 11 September 2018 in Vladivostok.



Fourth Summit (June 2018, Qingdao)

- Heads of States signed “Memorandum of understanding on establishing a trilateral mechanism coordinating implementation of China-Mongolia-Russia economic corridor program”

National Working Group to implement Mongolia-Russia-China Economic Corridor

- National Working Group headed by Vice Minister for Ministry of Foreign Affairs was established by the Prime Minister's decree №103 of May 30, 2017, which consists of 20 experts representing
 - Ministry of road and transport development,
 - Ministry of energy,
 - Ministry of environment and tourism,
 - Ministry of justice and internal affairs,
 - Ministry of education, culture, sciences, and sports,
 - National development agency,
 - Development Bank of Mongolia
 - Communications and information technology authority,
 - State professional inspection agency,
 - Mongolian agency for standardization and metrology,
 - “Erdenes Mongol” LLC .

Since the establishment in 2017, National Working Group has held 5 meetings and discussed Mongolia's policy and position towards the Central Railway Corridor and Central Road Corridor priority projects within the Economic Corridor Program, also exchanged views on determination of feasible trilateral projects on electrical grid renovation and measures to be taken until the trilateral meeting.

Trilateral Expert 4th meeting for Economic Corridor Implementation

TRILATERAL EXPERT 4th MEETING

- The 4th meeting was held in Ulaanbaatar on 10-11 December 2018. The parties agreed
 - ✓ to form a joint working group to conduct feasibility study for reforming the central railway corridor in stages.
 - ✓ to ensure the implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the countries on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network
 - ✓ to activate the work on the establishment of the Joint Investment Planning Center in Ulaanbaatar.
 - ✓ to implement joint projects in energy sector such as the Northeast Asian Electricity Super Grid project, construction project of the transit gas pipeline from Russia to China through Mongolia.



Joint Investment Planning Center



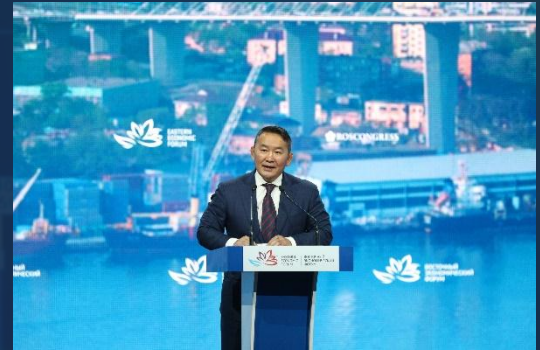
- The main responsibilities to analyze laws and regulations of 3 countries and seek to harmonize them.
- To coordinate with Chinese and Russian similar organization
- To provide coordination between respective organizations in implementing projects

Research Center for Investment

- The center is responsible for
 - conducting research on technology, economic estimation, research on coordinating regulations of the three countries necessary for the project to prepare advice and methodology,
 - independently conducting Environmental Impact Assessments on projects related to infrastructure, border checkpoint, free trade zone and urban development, in accordance to the international standard and related domestic law.
- The work of the research center will be the foundation for forming the Joint Center for Investment and Protection in the future and is expected to help ensure the implementation of the economic corridor.

Eastern Economic Forum-2019

- President Kh.Battulga announced at the Eastern Economic Forum on 5 September 2019 that Russian President Vladimir Putin backs Mongolia's offer to build a transit gas pipeline to China through its territory. According to President, Chinese President Xi Jinping has also promised to study the project.
- President Kh.Battulga stated that with the implementation of the program to create an economic corridor, three countries can take regional cooperation to a new level and give impetus to business development.



Next step

- In near future, the government of Mongolia is aiming to hold the heads of National working groups meeting to review the implementation of establishing the Mongolia-Russia-China Economic Corridor.
- Discuss the implementation of priority projects of building railway, highway, upgrading electricity transmission lines, gas pipeline via Mongolia and agree on the timeframe of implementing the projects.



Tourism:

- 1st ministerial conference - Hohhot, Inner Mongolia.
- 2nd ministerial conference –Buryatia, Russia
- 3rd ministerial conference – Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 4th Tourism Ministerial Conference of China, Russia and Mongolia - Ulaanqab, Inner Mongolia autonomous region, 23 June 2019
- Since the establishment of the Tea Road International Tourism Alliance in 2016 as a result of the first ministerial conference, a wide range of related travel products have been jointly developed by Mongolia, Russia and China, including an international self-driving tour, a special train, a summer camp and more, making the cross-border tourism scene diversified and vibrant.



Customs:

- Under the framework of the “Program to establish a Mongolian, Russian and Chinese Economic Corridor” customs cooperation among the three countries are also enhancing.
- Three parties signed an agreement on mutual recognition of inspection results of certain goods. (23 June 2016)
- the parties held its 3rd meeting in Moscow to review the progress and to discuss the way forward (26-27 February 2019)
- The parties agreed to hold the subsequent meeting in September of 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.





THANK YOU!