



1st ESCAP-GTI Seminar on Transport Issues in North-East Asia

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Discussion Highlights

- ❖ Co-organized by the ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office and GTI Secretariat; hosted by the Ministry of Road and Transport Development of Mongolia.
- ❖ Attended by:
 - ✓ transport government officials from GTI member countries (i.e. China, Mongolia, Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation)
 - ✓ representatives from multilateral institutions, international organizations, policy think tanks from the North-East Asia, and academe as well as officials from other government units of Mongolia

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- ❖ Theme “Transport Corridors: Challenges and Opportunities in North-East Asia”
- ❖ Consisted of three sessions:
 - ✓ Session 1 – focused on issues in line with the overall theme
 - ✓ Session 2 – country-focused with information sharing from some GTI member countries
 - ✓ Session 3 – discussed the GTI joint research study “Evolution of Regional Value Chains and Logistics Networks in Greater Tumen Region (GTR)”
- ❖ All presentations are available on the following ESCAP and GTI links:
 - ✓ <https://www.unescap.org/events/1st-escap-gti-seminar-transport-issues-north-east-asia>
 - ✓ <http://www.tumenprogramme.org/content/show.asp?m=114&d=145>

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❖ Several points raised :

- ✓ cooperation activities among multilateral institutions (e.g. World Customs Organization (WCO) and the World Road Transport Organisation (IRU))
- ✓ productivity analysis of railways (e.g. use of key performance indicators and benchmarking exercise)
- ✓ concept of community in transport initiatives and the envisaged roles of various countries
- ✓ expansion of information exchanges beyond ports to include inland cross-border points as well as inclusion of other countries
- ✓ role of private sector (e.g. in logistics)
- ✓ importance of the GTI study in providing recommendations for the GTI Medium Term Transport Action Plan

Discussion Highlights: Going Forward

- ❖ Seminar's Aim: to establish itself as a relevant and strategic platform
- ❖ To this end, the following approaches may be considered:
 - ✓ Align the thematic focus along the issues/policy areas covered in the GTI Medium Term Transport Action Plan
 - ✓ Close coordination and consultation with the GTI Transport Board Chair and members to utilize the Seminar as a means to deliver envisaged outputs/activities under the Chairmanship
 - ✓ Use the Seminar as a platform to advocate for more synergies between transport and other cooperation areas in GTI (e.g. transport and trade, in the context of facilitation; transport and environment in the context of sustainable transport)



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