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RUSSIA'S RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN: IMAGE AND REALITY

Given the extensive studies that have been carried out on Russia's China policy, it comes the lack of attention given to Russia and Taiwan relations. Such deficiency may be attributed to Moscow's seemingly unequivocal pro-Beijing policy, Russia's loss of superpower status, and the lack of close ties between Russia and Taiwan. Whatever the reasons, the deficiency should be addressed, because Russia is both a global and a regional power, and because the policy differences between Russia and all other major powers need explanation.

Taiwan is one of the most dynamic centers of financial and economic development in the Asia-Pacific region. It plays an important role in the economy of Pacific Asia as well as in the world. From the point of view of potential possibilities for the development of business, scientific and technical cooperation, Taiwan could be considered as a perspective partner for Russian businessmen in South East Asia. It is defined by the island's high degree of import dependence upon main categories of raw material resources and by its leading role in producing a number of articles in the manufacturing industry.

At present neither side sees the other as an enemy which gives more opportunities for broadening economic ties, trade and mutual understanding.

This paper will briefly review the contemporary history of the Russia's relations with Taiwan. It will also analyze the current status (trade, investment, cooperation mechanism) and presume the possibility for future prospects of bilateral economic and trade relations.

An analysis of bilateral trade provides considerable evidence to the compatibility and complementariness of the Russian and Taiwanese economies. At the same time the existing possibilities for the development of trade-economic relations are realized insufficiently.

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