

# **Quantifying the Benefits of Trade Facilitation in North-East Asia Region**

North-East Asia Forum on Trade Facilitation

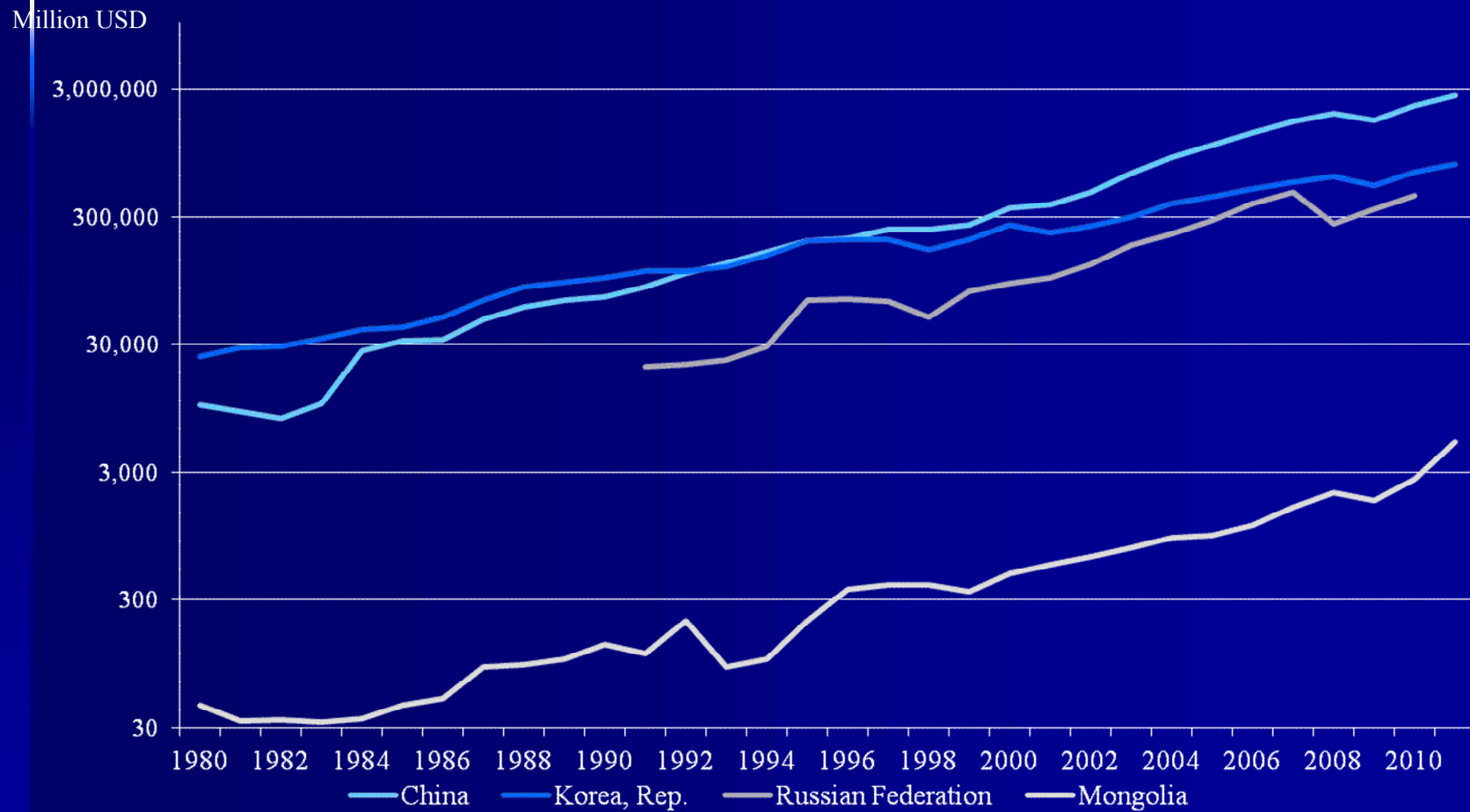
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# Background

- **Rapid yet uneven economic growth within countries of the Greater Tumen Region (China, Mongolia, RoK, Russian Federation)**
- **Following 2009 global economic crisis, mounting economic challenges requiring the region to develop a new way of doing business and new growth poles**
- **Member Countries of GTI and UNESCAP-ENEA recognize:**
  - i. trade facilitation is a key means to increase trade flows
  - ii. huge growth potential of GTR
  - iii. *but no systematic study on current status of trade and trade facilitation of GTR*

# Total trade of NEA countries



Source: Author's calculation based on UN Comtrade database

# Key Issues

- Definition and scope of trade facilitation are not clear
- Benefits of trade facilitation are unknown to potential participants
- Capacity development goals may be improperly prioritized

# Challenges in Measuring Effect

- Measuring trade facilitation
  - Not just about transport cost, or customs clearance, or inventory, or communications, or standards, but all of these.
- Choosing a methodology
  - Needs to be broad-based for many economies
  - CGE vs. econometric
- Designing a scenario to gauge benefits
  - One-size fits all vs. scaled changes for different economies

# Trade Facilitation:

## Areas of Focus in Existing Empirical Works

- **Transports**
  - UNCTAD (2001), APEC (1999), Fink, Mattoo, Neagu (2002)
- **Customs**
  - Hummels (2001)
- **Information technology infrastructure**
  - Freund and Weinhold (2000), Hertel, Walmsley and Itakura (2001)
- **Multi-dimensional approach**
  - Wilson, Mann, Otsuki (2005), Otsuki (2011)

# Measuring Trade Facilitation: Definition

- Simplification & harmonization of trade procedures through:
  - Reduced transport costs
  - Improved ports facilities
  - Efficient and modern customs regimes
  - Transparent and harmonized regulations
  - Improved information technology infrastructure

# Measuring Trade Facilitation: Four Areas of Focus

1. Port efficiency
2. Customs environment
3. Regulatory environment
4. Service sector infrastructure

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