SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: Russia and China: an optimal model of cross-border cooperation

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Relevance of the research issue: Is conditioned by the tendencies of globalization, which proceed quite unevenly and contradictorily, dramatically increasing the interdependence of countries, activating the processes of multilateral integration of regions. Thanks to the global information space, distances were reduced, the location of industrial production became less dependent on natural and transport-economic conditions, and the importance of state borders was less constraining. These circumstances actualize the task of scientific understanding of the role of cross-border cooperation of regions in the foreign economic and foreign policy activities of the modern state.

Particularly topical issues of cross-border cooperation are for Russia, which, with the collapse of the USSR and the emergence of the Russian Federation as an independent state, more than half of its subjects have become border areas. In the context of increasing interaction between the border regions of the Russian Federation and neighboring countries, which give them impulses of economic and cultural development to a much greater extent than the political and economic center of the country, the need to rethink the development strategy and the border policy of the Russian state gives our study an additional urgency.

The purpose Analysis and consideration of the state of development of economic relations between the border regions of Russia and China and the construction of an optimal model of cooperation between the two states in the border zone.

Research objectives:
- to clarify the concept of cross-border cooperation and determine its features;
- describe the main types and models of cross-border cooperation;
- Definition of the existing system of state regulation of foreign economic activity of Russian border territories as a basis for the development of cross-border cooperation of the Russian Federation;
- to compare economic indicators of development of frontier regions of the Russian Federation and the PRC;

- consideration of trade turnover, investment turnover of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China;

- assess the effectiveness of the current stage of the implementation of Russian-Chinese cross-border cooperation;

- to offer an optimal model of cross-border cooperation between the two countries.

**Scientific novelty:**

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The main results of the research are reflected in the scientific publication of the author on the topic Analysis of the functioning of the territorial zone "Svobodnii Port Vladivostok".

**Structure:** Consists of an introduction, two chapters, including 6 paragraphs, conclusions, a bibliography of the literature used, containing 65 sources, including 8 in English and Chinese, as well as 12 tables, 6 figures and 3 annexes. The total amount of work is 86 pages of typewritten text.

**Summary:**

1. The optimal model of cross-border cooperation depends on the economic, social and political features of the border area. Depending on the functioning model of the PS, the state indicates its intention to pursue a foreign policy in this direction: from the preferential model to the depressive one.

2. To date, China is the key partner for Russia in the zone of cross-border cooperation, which has significant economic results on the world stage. Taking into account the resource potential of the border areas of states, their strategic interests and foreign policy development objectives, the prospects for further cross-border cooperation between the two countries largely depend on their joint activities in implementing joint investment projects based on mutual interest (expansion of the market for goods and services). Taking into account their mutual and various interests, we will try to construct an optimal model of cross-border cooperation.