Conditions for the Success of Trans-Siberian Railway Landbridge

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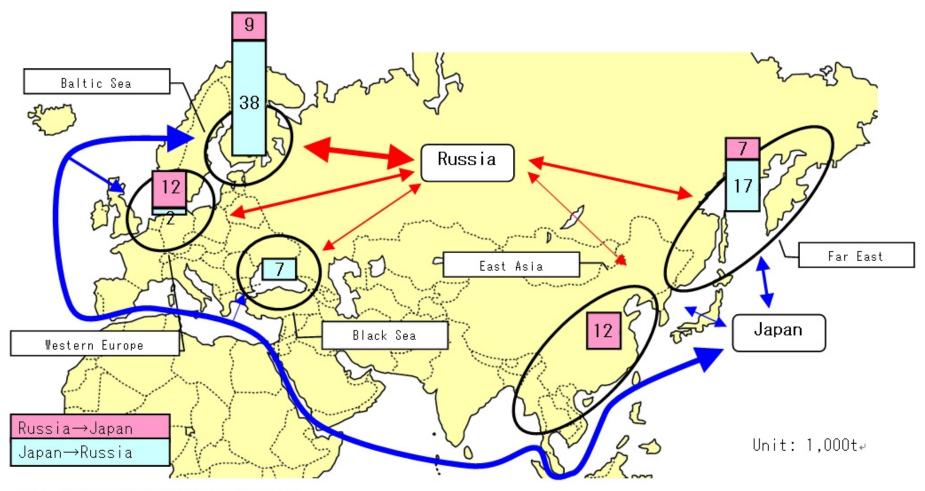
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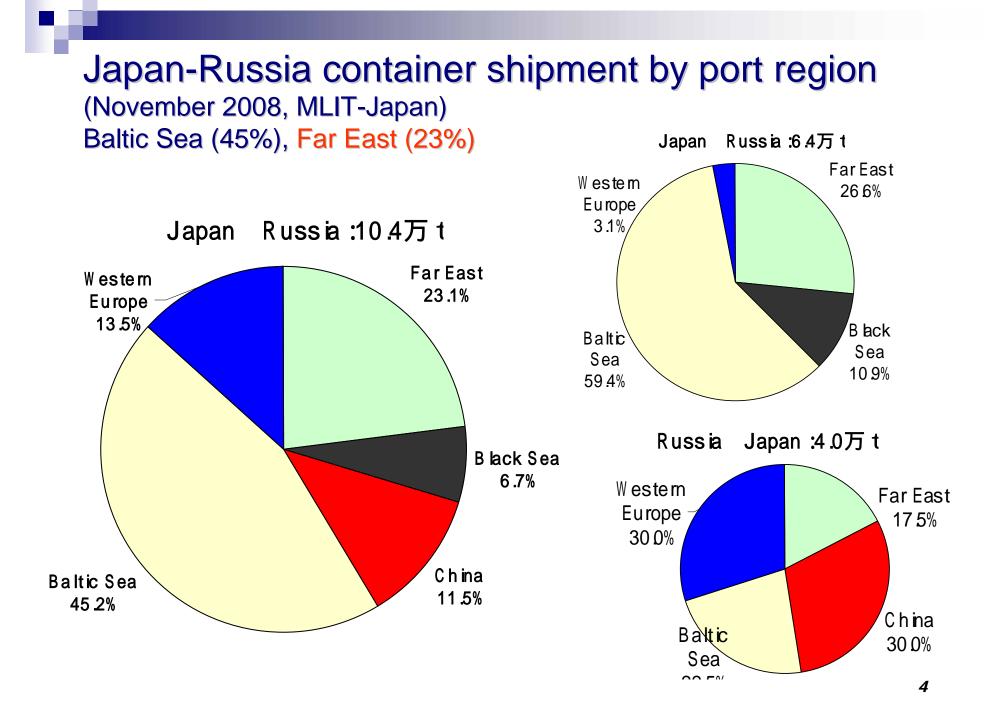
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- Competitive and flexible tariff policy
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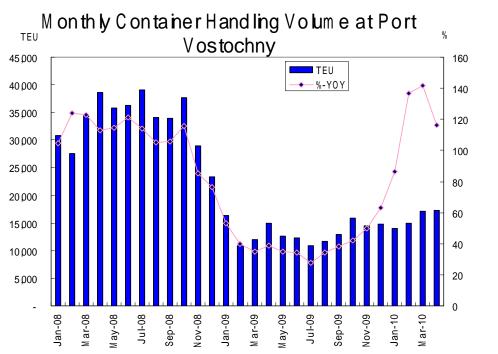
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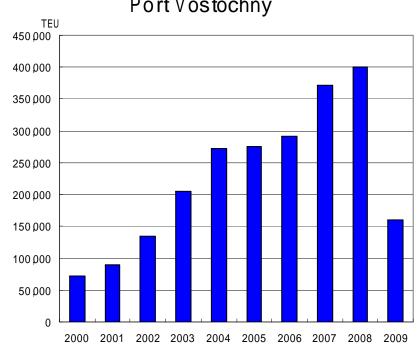


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Impact of the global financial crisis Container handling volume at Port Vostochny -60% decline in 2009 -Severe decrease of Korean 'Project Cargo' for local car manufacturing



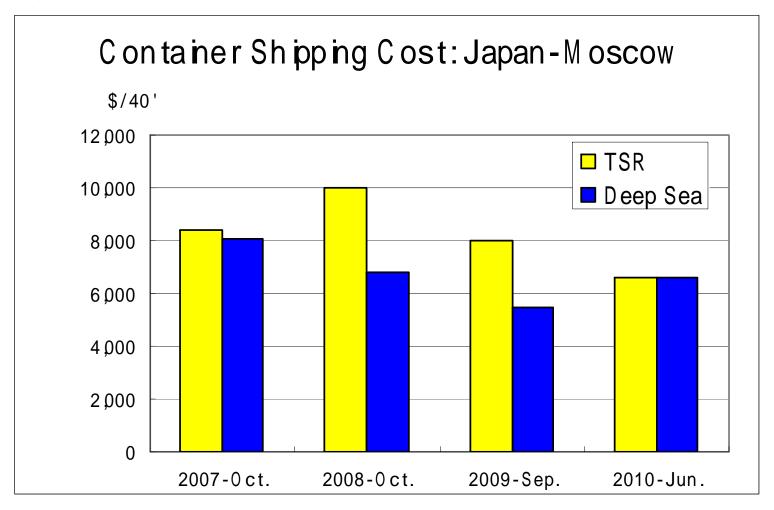


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Price comparison versus Deep Sea

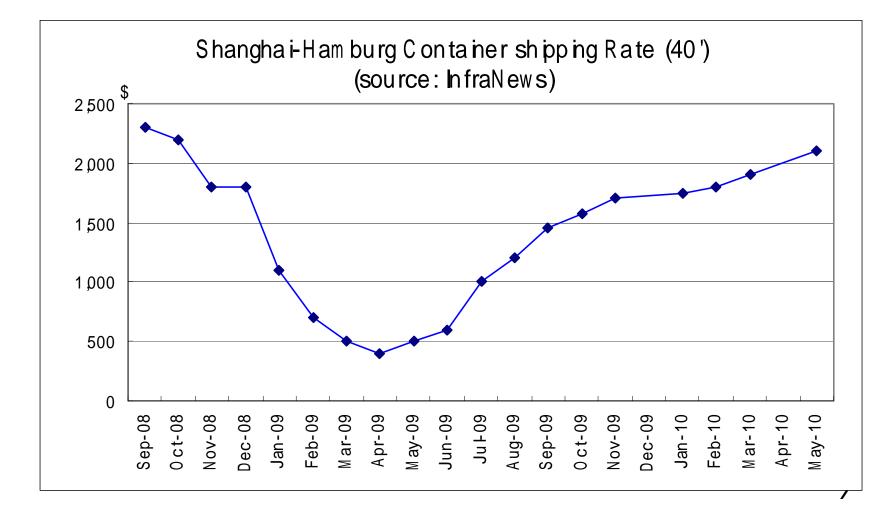
-TSR rate is higher than Deep Sea rate between East Asia and Moscow most of the time

-Consignors tends to choose lower cost than faster delivery



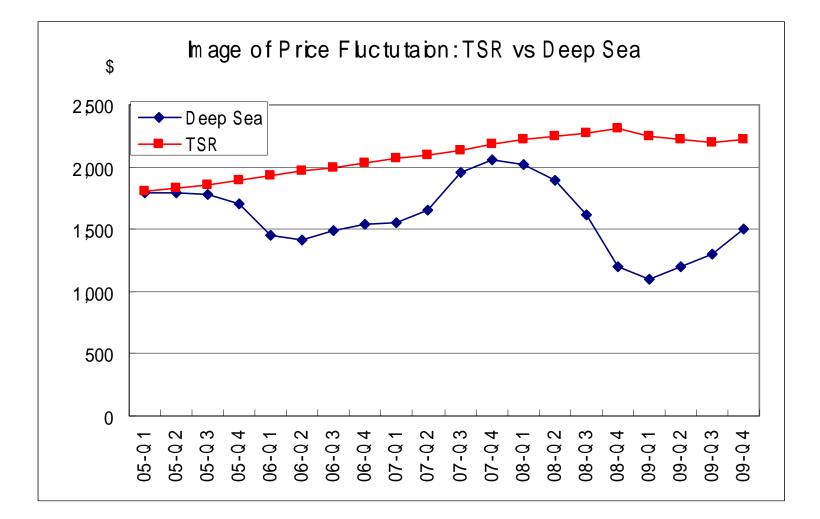
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Impact of the global financial crisis Sharp Decline of Deep Sea rate during the recession period

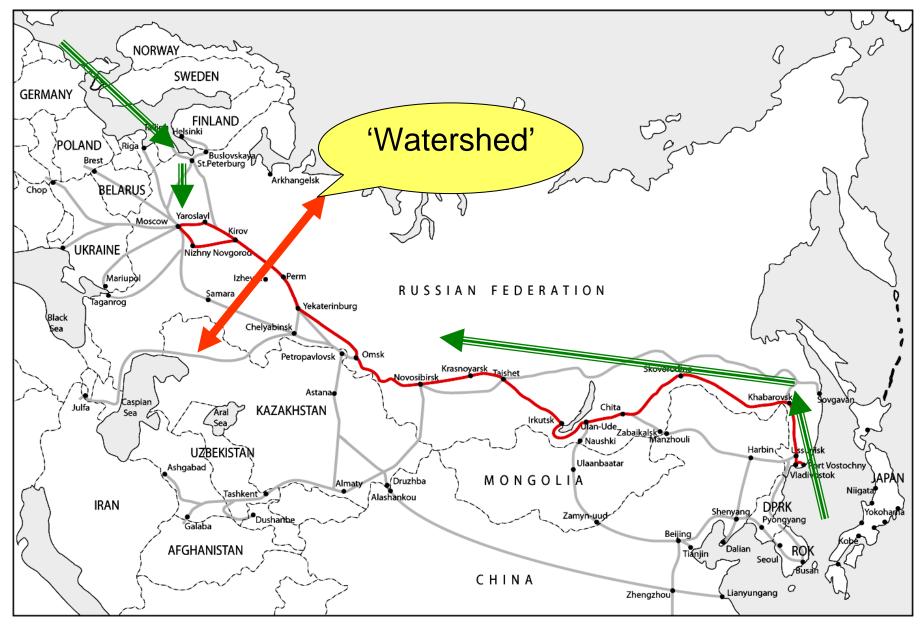


Fluctuating Deep Sea rate vs. stable TSR rate - Loss of price competitiveness vs. Deep Sea under an economic

recession



The Trans-Siberian Land Bridge Network



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Strengthen competitiveness of the TSR Route

- Keep the TSR rate low by a <u>cooperation</u> of multiple modes
 - Eliminate 'Convoy fee'
- Flexible tariff policy
 - Competitive tariffs versus fluctuating Deep Sea rate
 - □ Keep the 'Watershed' around Moscow area
- Promote competitive environment avoid monopolistic abuse
 - □ Encourage entry of multiple shipping lines (Japan RFE)
 - Develop alternative modern ports and stevedores in RFE, by government's initiative
- Develop alternative competitive routes
 - Zabaikalsk route
- Customs clearance
 - Introduce electronic customs clearance system

Zabaikalsk Transshipment Station

- Creating competition versus traditional TSR route



