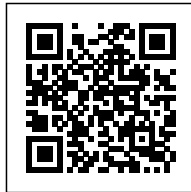


ZAMIN-UUD AND ERLIAN PORTS TO OPERATE 24 HOURS A DAY

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According to an announcement by the Zamin-Uud Mayor's office, Zamin-Uud and Erlian ports will now operate 24 hours a day. This development comes as a result of negotiations between Mongolia's Ports Minister B. Tulga, China's Deputy General Administration of Customs, Zhang Zeng Lian, and the head of the National Port Administration. Moreover, this decision will also apply to other ports along the 4,700km (2,920-mile) land border shared by the two countries.

The expansion of port operations holds significant importance for Mongolia's economic development and is considered one of its key pillars. Under the "New Recovery" policy, Mongolia is actively working towards enabling 24-hour operations at ports such as Gashuunsukhait, Hangi, Bichigt, and Bulgan. This move is crucial for promoting trade and economic cooperation between Mongolia and China.

Launched in 2021, the "New Recovery" policy aims to stimulate investment in various sectors, including energy, border ports, industrialization, urban and rural recovery, green development, and public sector efficiency.

Official data from Mongolia indicates that the total trade value from Mongolia to China surged to US\$4.2 billion in the first quarter, marking a 1.7-fold increase compared to the previous year. Notably, coal constitutes 63% of Mongolia's exports.