

## **APEC So Far Without Water**

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The Regional Development Ministry sent proposals to the government to build a water pipeline to Russky Island, where the 2012 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit will be held, Izvestia reported Thursday.

To ensure a permanent water supply to Saperny Peninsula on Russky Island, a pipeline across Bosfor Vostochny Strait will have to be built at a cost of 2.3 billion rubles (\$83.4 million).

The ministry noted that the expense is not included in the cost estimate for the summit. The Primorye region administration told Izvestia that the project did not include a water line because there were hopes of finding a source of fresh water on the island. But the search yielded nothing.

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