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1. DPRK Energy Development

At the meeting of the Nautilus Institute's Asian Energy Security project, held in Beijing Nov. 6-7, a delegation from the DPRK presented their country's views of regional energy cooperation, and its efforts at wind power development.

Energy Futures and Energy Cooperation in the Northeast Asian Region
Renewable Energy Policy and Wind Energy Development in the DPRK

2. Russia-Korea Electricity Trade

The Seattle-Post Intelligencer (Burt Herman, "Russia negotiating Korea energy deals," 11/10/06) reported that a Russian official said that the country has been negotiating electricity supply deals with both North and South Korea, although the talks are now in jeopardy due to the sanctions imposed after North Korea's nuclear test.

Russia negotiating Korea energy deals

3. Inter-Korean Electricity Cooperation

Reuters (Jon Herskovitz, "Light shines again on South Korean power plan for North," 11/06/06) reports that South Korea's earlier plans to provide electricity to North Korea may be revived as a means for solving the North Korean nuclear issue.

Light shines again on South Korean power plan for North

4. Japanese Energy Security

The Los Angeles Times (Bruce Wallace, "Japan runs obstacle course in search of energy security," 11/04/06) reports how geopolitics are hampering Japan's ability to secure its future energy needs. Writing in Japan Focus ("Goodby Iran, Hello Iraq: Japan's and China's Oil Prospects Hang in the Balance," 11/13/06) Hisane Masaki says that, after losing out on Iranian oilfields, Japan is trying to secure access to Iraqi oil as part of its rivalry with China for energy resources.

Japan runs obstacle course in search of energy security
Goodbye Iran, Hello Iraq: Japan's and China's Oil Prospects in the Balance

5. Japanese Nuclear Energy

An international committee of nuclear experts conducted an interim review of Japan's long-term nuclear program.

International Critical Review Committee on the Long Term Nuclear Program

6. Taiwan Solar Power

Delta Electronics, Inc. of Taiwan, its majority-owned subsidiary DelSolar Co. Ltd. (Taiwan), and STMicroelectronics NV signed an MOU to cooperate in the field of photovoltaic power generation.

Three World Leaders Sign MOU for Solar Energy Co-Operation

7. Nuclear Spent Fuel

In a presentation at the EASSC meeting Nov. 3-4 in Beijing, Frank von Hippel discussed why the Bush administration's proposed Global Nuclear Energy Partnership is unlikely to solve the spent fuel problem.

GNEP and the U.S. Spent Fuel Problem

8. French Nuclear Tests

In the first two parts of a four-part series in OhmyNews International, Ludwig De Braeckeleer discusses the history of French nuclear tests in the Pacific. Part I looks at the atmospheric tests held from 1966-1974, while Part II discusses the underground tests held from 1974-1992.

History of French Nuclear Tests in the Pacific: Part I
French Nuclear Tests in the Pacific: Part II

9. Export Controls

At the East Asia Science & Security Collaborative workshop, held in Beijing Nov. 3-4, Tatsujiro Suzuki presented on Japan's export controls, while Jungmin Kang did the same for South Korea.

Security Trade Control in Asia: Role of Japan and International Cooperation
Current Status of the South Korean Export Control System

10. Climate Change

Sir Nicholas Stern, Head of the UK Government Economics Service and Adviser to the Government

on the economics of climate change and development, presented a report on the economics of climate change which concludes that the benefits of early action outweigh the costs.

Stern Review: The Economics of Climate Change (Executive Summary)
Full report and other links

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