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**KEEPING AN EYE ON AN UNRULY NEIGHBOR: CHINESE VIEWS OF ECONOMIC REFORM AND STABILITY IN NORTH KOREA**

Bonnie Glaser, senior associate of CSIS as well as with Pacific Forum CSIS in Honolulu, Hawaii, Scott Snyder, senior associate of Washington programs in the international relations program of The Asia Foundation, and John S. Park, expert on Northeast Asian security issues at the U.S. Institute of Peace, visit. "In the event of instability in North Korea, China's priority will be to prevent refugees from flooding across the border. If deemed necessary, PLA troops would be dispatched into North Korea. Contingency plans are in place for the PLA to perform at least three possible missions in the DPRK: 1) humanitarian missions such as assisting refugees or providing help after a natural disaster; 2) peacekeeping or "order sweeping" missions such as serving as civil police; and 3) "environmental control" missions to clean up nuclear contamination resulting from a strike on North Korean nuclear facilities near the Sino-DPRK border and secure "loose nukes" and fissile material."

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**THE HARD PART STARTS FOR SEUL'S NEW MAN**

David Koh, a journalist who has been covering Korea - and the combination of forces in Northeast Asia - for more than 30 years, writes, "In the end, some analysts say, Lee's instincts for business, especially construction, may trump his notion of firmness toward North Korea. As a product of the Hyundai empire, he may well build on progress already achieved by the subsidiary Hyundai Inpat in developing tourism to Mount Kumgang, above the eastern border with North Korea, and further westward in the Kaesong special economic zone, also above the line 38 kilometers north of Seoul."

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