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NAPSNet Top Story: Powell: No N. Korea Aid Until Disarmament

Secretary of State Colin Powell said that the DPRK would be wasting its time if it holds out for economic benefits from the US before showing serious intent to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

"Powell: No N. Korea Aid Until Disarmament"

AESNet Top Story: PIINTEC

The Nautilus Institute released this brochure presented at the Institute's Asian Energy Security Workshop 2004 in Beijing, China, hosted by the Energy and Environmental Technology Center (EETC) at Tsinghua University in Beijing. The brochure notes that "PIINTEC was founded in Oct. 2003, as a non-governmental and non-profit organization with the support and participation of a wide range of academic, industrial and social institutions of Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and foreign NGOs to join a global partnership for development. PIINTEC aims to provide an opportunity for exchange and cooperation in the fields of economy, technology and science between universities, research institutes, enterprises, individuals and NGOs of the DPRK and other countries."

Asian Energy Security Network (AESNet)

Notes From Ground Zero

The NAPSNet policy forum essay entitled "Notes From Ground Zero," by Mark Selden, originally published by Japan Forum, closely examines the American occupation of Japan following the Second World War. Selden's piece provides a useful analysis of the often referred to historical lessons of the occupation of Japan in relation to Iraq. The piece is applicable to current issues since the linkage between East Asian and global, as well as other regional security issues, is tight, particularly considering that the Bush Administration itself linked them in the "Axis of Evil."

Six-Party Talks: Round 3

The NAPSNet policy forum piece by B. C. Koh, Director of the Institute for Far-Eastern Studies, argues that the change in both the US and the DPRK's position at the workshop was a repositioning, not a softening, of each country's stance. The United States is still looking for CVID (complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantling) even if it is not using that specific term. The DPRK is likewise still unwilling to acknowledge the existence of a HEU or compromise on the distinction between a peaceful and a military nuclear program.

Hayes Says Six Party Talks Didn't Fail, Didn't Succeed

Interviewed on WBEZ Chicago's Worldview on June 29, 2004, Peter Hayes said that limited progress was made at the latest round of six party talks just ended in Beijing, but that until the United States puts concrete commitments of recognition and reciprocal actions in return for nuclear disarmament on the table, North Korea will continue to pursue nuclear weapons.

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