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Compton Awards Nautilus \$25,000 For DPRK Briefing Book Initiative

The Compton Foundation has awarded the Nautilus Institute \$25,000 in continued support for the DPRK Briefing Book. The DPRK Briefing Book is a set of briefing materials outlining US Policy options aimed at a peaceful resolution of the Korean Peninsula. The DPRK Briefing Book is the only systematic, organized outreach effort over time that is aimed to counter the radical hard-line policy current that has led us into the nuclear impasse with the DPRK.

NAPSnet Top Story: Leak Aimed At Blocking Progress At 6 Party Talks

Washington insiders state that the leak to AP that the DPRK threatened a nuclear test is an attempt to block dialogue at the Beijing talks. The leak was contained in an AP wire story that reported that the DPRK told the United States on Thursday that it would test a nuclear weapon unless Washington accepted Pyongyang's proposal for a freeze on its atomic program, a senior administration official said.

"N. Korea Threatens to Test Nuclear Weapon"

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."

Lessons From The Agreed Framework

In a NAPSNet policy forum essay entitled "Lessons Learned: The Road Ahead," Joel Wit, Daniel Poneman, and Robert Gallucci lay out seven lessons from the 1994 Agreed Framework negotiations that bear directly on the current six party talks in Beijing. "Mark Twain once observed that by sitting on a hot stove, his cat learned not to sit on a hot stove again. But the cat also learned not to sit on a cold stove. Even if one considered the Agreed Framework a hot stove, the question is whether the government could design a cold stove that could support a lasting and effective diplomatic solution to the North Korean nuclear challenge. To do so, it would have to consider what kind of agreement would advance U.S. interests and how the United States should go about negotiating such an arrangement. The 1994 crisis has relevance for today on both counts."

Read the full essay.

Hayes Spells Legal Issues In DPRK Energy Development

In a presentation recorded via videoteleconference from San Francisco and presented at The Law Association for Asia and the Pacific Seoul Energy Conference "Towards Energy Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region" on June 24, 2004, Peter Hayes outlined North Korea's priority energy needs, the legal and institutional issues such as indemnity, property rights, and transparent legal frameworks, and the political-legal issues such as ending the Korean Armistice, and cooperation on energy transport and trans-boundary energy-related pollution such as acid rain that affect North Korea's energy development.

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