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NAPSnet Top Story: Rice, China's Jiang Discuss N.Korea Nuclear Issue

U.S. national security adviser Condoleezza Rice discussed the urgent issue of the DPRK's nuclear ambitions with the PRC's military chief Jiang Zemin in Beijing Thursday, but her host showed more interest in Taiwan. Rice and Jiang "discussed the need for North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions," said a senior U.S. administration official on her delegation. But Jiang appeared more interested in Taiwan. "The Taiwan issue is the most important and the most sensitive key issue in Sino-U.S. relations," Jiang said.

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Discussion of "Notes From Ground Zero"

The following are comments on the essay "Notes From Ground Zero: Power, Equity and Postwar Reconstruction in Two Eras" by Mark Selden, Professor of Sociology and History at Binghamton University, which appeared as Policy Forum Online 04-26A on June 30, 2004. This report includes comments by Scott Snyder, Senior Associate at the Asia Foundation.

Designing Public Capital Mobilization Strategies For DPRK

In a special report by Bradley O. Babson, an Asian specialist and former World Bank official, was presented at the 2004 Workshop: "Towards a Peaceful Resolution with North Korea: Crafting a New International Engagement Framework" in Washington D.C. The workshop, which ran from February 12-13, 2004, was hosted by the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and the Korea Economic Institute (KEI), in cooperation with the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). In this presentation Babson gives an excellent summary of the methods of mobilizing capital for the DPRK. This presentation notes the intricacy of the relationship between political and economic issues in the DPRK. Babson also emphasizes the need for open dialogue between nations to support such an endeavor.

"Conference Diplomacy", All Over Again

Nicholas Eberstadt, Henry Wendt Scholar in Political Economy at the American Enterprise Institute, compares the recent six-party talks in Beijing over the DPRK nuclear issue with "Conference Diplomacy" in the 1930s. Eberstadt writes that "'Conference Diplomacy' only came to an end when the escalating provocations of dictators awakened the sleepers, and shredded the last remaining illusions of the would-be appeasers."

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