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Options For Rehabilitation Of Energy System & Energy Security & Energy Planning In DPR Of Korea

This report by the DPRK delegation was presented at the Nautilus Institute's Asian Energy Security Workshop in Beijing, China from May 12th to the 14th, 2004. The report states, "the most important task for the sustainable development of the economy is to realize the rehabilitation of existing energy systems and to ensure its long-term safety in the DPRK." The overall objective of the energy sector - an increase in production of domestic resources with improved demand side management and environmental sustainability - is subject to a lack of funding and technology. Policy priorities focus on the establishment of "an efficient, stable and sustainable system."

NAPSNet Top Story: North Korean U.N. Envoy Visits Capitol Hill

A senior DPRK official, in an unusual visit to Capitol Hill sanctioned by the Bush administration, said "big differences" remain between the DPRK and the US over the DPRK's nuclear ambitions, but he asserted that the reclusive nation will pledge not to test or transfer nuclear weapons and would ultimately dismantle its nuclear programs if the US dropped its "hostile policy." Yesterday, however, Pak and Han spent hours on Capitol Hill, attending an all-day seminar in the Dirksen Senate Office Building with congressional officials, ROK parliamentarians and Korean experts and holding a news conference. "North Korean U.N. Envoy Visits Capitol Hill"

FOIA Report: Implications Of Indian And/Or Japanese Nuclear Proliferation For U.S. Defense Policy Planning

Iran, North Korea, and Libya are all suspected or have acknowledged their pursuit of a nuclear deterrent. In this context, this report written by the Strategic Studies Center only a few months before India would test its first nuclear weapon, is particularly significant. The report considers proliferation in Japan and India in the context of the impact that these states going nuclear would have on the balance of power in Asia.

North Korea's Military Strategy

This special report by Homer Hodge, Senior Intelligence Officer for Asia at the US Army National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC) in Charlottesville, Virginia, notes that, "North Korea's military strategy remains an offensive strategy designed to achieve reunification by force.... Therefore, regime survival depends on staying the course. Simply stated, Pyongyang cannot abandon its offensive military strategy."

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