

Towards a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone



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When US State Secretary Pompeo visited
Pyongyang in April, 2018 --
Pompeo: "Are you willing to dismantle your nuclear program?"
Kim Jong-Un: "I'm a father and a husband. And I have children.
And I don't want my children to carry the nuclear weapon issue
on their backs their whole lives."
(*Hankyoreh*, Feb. 25, 2019)



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Outline

In April, 2018, an inter-Korean summit was held, and in June, 2018, the Singapore summit between the United States and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea) was held. These two Summits ended with significant fundamental agreements.

The international situation in Northeast Asia, which was on the brink of nuclear war, has dramatically shifted toward peace. Now we see promising dialogue.

We believe patient diplomatic efforts by concerned states, as well as the role of civil society, are vitally important for the two summit agreements to be faithfully implemented. Civil society peace organizations need to closely monitor the development of these diplomatic efforts, correct inaccurate media reports, and communicate widely with the government and civil society.

[Activities] Publication of "Watch Report" (roughly once every three weeks), which will be posted on a free-access blog website and sent to subscribers through a mail-magazine. Sponsoring occasional seminars.

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