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## **CENESS MEETS REPRESENTATIVES OF DPRK FOREIGN MINISTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**Moscow, Russia.** On June 3, 2016 the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) held a joint academic meeting with the DPRK Foreign Ministry's Institute for American Studies (IFAS) to discuss the current security challenges on the Korean Peninsula and possible ways of reducing tensions in the region.

The meeting focused on exchanging opinions about the current situation on the Korean Peninsula and the related nuclear issues. IFAS representatives informed the attending Russian experts about the key decisions made on these topics by the recent 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The IFAS delegation was led by the Institute's President, Han Song Ryol, and its Vice President, Choe Son Hui. The participants agreed to continue academic exchanges in various bilateral and multilateral formats, including the next Moscow Nonproliferation Conference, which is scheduled for October 19-21, 2017. The meeting was co-chaired by CENESS Director Anton Khlopkov and IFAS President Han Song Ryol.

Regular exchanges between the Center for Energy and Security Studies and the DPRK Foreign Ministry's research institutes were launched 6 years ago. In March 2010, September 2012, and November 2014 the institute's experts visited Russia and participated in the Moscow Nonproliferation Conference. In 2012-2016 CENESS experts paid five visits to Pyongyang for a series of bilateral meetings. The latest such visit took place in March 2016.

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