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CENTER FOR ENERGY AND SECURITY STUDIES HOLDS THE SIXTH SERIES OF MEETINGS IN PYONGYANG

Pyongyang, DPRK: On March 13-15, 2017, the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) held the sixth series of meetings with representatives of North Korean research organizations and the DPRK Foreign Ministry.

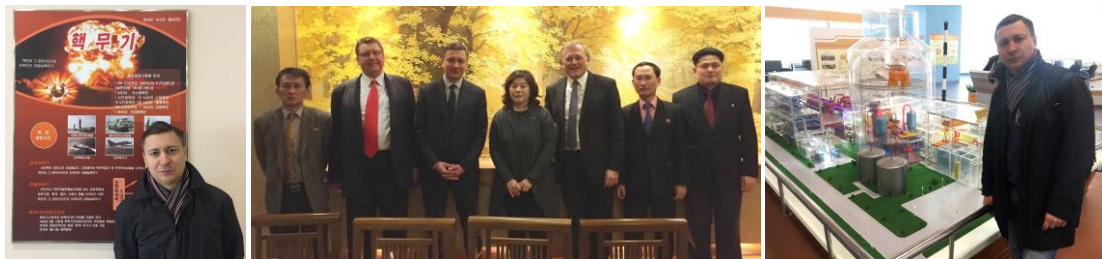
The discussions involved experts of the Institute of Global Affairs (IGA), the DPRK Foreign Ministry's Institute for American Studies (IFAS) and the Institute for Disarmament and Peace (IDP), and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry. They centered on the security situation on the Korean Peninsula, possible steps to prevent further escalation of tensions, pressing nuclear issues in the region, and the outlook for the resumption of the negotiating process.

CENESS representatives visited the Science and Technology Information Center (STIC), the Museum of Natural History, newly-built Ryomyong Street in central Pyongyang, and the port city of Wonsan.

CENESS experts were invited to North Korea by the IFAS President, Ms. Choe Son Hui. Regular exchanges between CENESS and the DPRK Foreign Ministry's research institutes were launched in 2010. CENESS Director visited North Korea for the sixth time. During the meetings in Pyongyang, Anton Khlopkov discussed plans for mutual academic exchanges between CENESS and the IFAS in 2017. Representatives of the DPRK Foreign Ministry's research organizations confirmed their intention to attend the 2017 Moscow Nonproliferation Conference scheduled for October 19-21, 2017. The event, which is organized by CENESS every 30 months, brings together 200 experts from 40 countries.

Detailed information about the visit by CENESS experts to Pyongyang was presented on March 17 at briefings for Russian experts and foreign diplomats in Moscow. For more information, please contact Dmitry Konukhov at konukhov@ceness-russia.org.

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Photos (left to right): CENESS Director Anton Khlopkov in front of a stand providing basic information about nuclear weapons, its delivery means and the NPT at the Science and Technology Information Center (STIC); CENESS experts, representatives of the DPRK Foreign Ministry's IFAS institute, and Russian Ambassador to DPRK Alexander Matsegora after a joint meeting; CENESS Director Anton Khlopkov in front of a mock-up of a light-water power reactor at the STIC.