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

Pyongyang, DPRK: On May 19-22, 2015, the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) held fourth series of meetings on pressing nuclear issues with representatives of the North Korean research organizations and the DPRK Foreign Ministry.

The discussions involved experts of the DPRK Foreign Ministry’s Institute for Disarmament and Peace (IDP) and Institute for American Studies (IFAS), the Institute of Economics of the North Korean Academy of Social Sciences, senior officials of the Foreign Ministry and State Planning Committee. They centered on possible measures to prevent further escalation of tensions in the Korean Peninsula, North Korea’s nuclear policy and electricity development plan, including prospects for generation of electricity through nuclear energy. Progress in resolving Iranian nuclear crisis was also discussed during the meetings. CENESS experts visited Kaesong Joint Industrial Complex and Port of Nampo during their travel to DPRK.

Regular exchanges between the Center for Energy and Security Studies and the DPRK Foreign Ministry’s Institute for Disarmament and Peace were launched 5 years ago. In March 2010, September 2012, and November 2014, the institute’s experts visited Russia and participated in the Moscow Nonproliferation Conference. In 2012-2015 CENESS experts visited Pyongyang four times for a series of bilateral meetings.

Representatives of the DPRK research organizations informed about their interest to increase participation in the next Moscow Nonproliferation Conference scheduled for 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 at briefings for Russian experts and foreign diplomats held in Moscow on June 9.

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