

The DPRK-China Summit: A Strategic Meeting in Preparation for 2012
-- Kim Jong Il makes Field Guidance Visit at a Power Plant on His Return

According to the Japan based newspaper, Chosun Shinbo, Kim Jong Il's recent visit to China was a strategic move in preparation for 2012. The visit was said to demonstrate the "ever-strengthening and developing friendship between China and North Korea."

In addition the news reported, "The two countries are working to improve the bilateral relationship to be highly strategic and prospective while mutually cooperating with current projects."

Special attention was paid to the year 2012 for both countries in which, "North Korea is on the verge of becoming the strong and prosperous nation," and, "China is expected to undergo major leadership shift."

The friendship between the two countries is reported to have reached a new phase since 2009, which was marked as the "Year of China-DRPK Friendship." The newspaper also stated that Western nation's analysis of Pyongyang's China Policy is misguided, saying that such analysis mistakenly ties Pyongyang's policy only to assistance and permission.

At the summit, the two leaders agreed on the goal of denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and the need to resume the Six Party Talks.

Related to the meeting, North Korea emphasized economic development which is necessary to open 2012 as the strong and prosperous nation and improve the lives of North Korean people. For the denuclearization process of the Korean peninsula, it was stressed that it is closely tied to the reorganization of regional order in Northeast Asia and China must treat this as a top priority next year with the launch of its new leadership.

The newspaper explained that the summit talk was a chance for confirmation of mutual interests and strategies related to regional peace, stability and prosperity. It also expected the future cooperative friendly relationship between the two countries to grow stronger.

According to the Rodong Sinmun, on his return from China, Kim Jong Il provided field guidance at the Huichon Power Plant construction site on May 29. Kim Jong Un, the heir-apparent and the vice-chairman of Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea accompanied the elder Kim.

The North Korean state news reported, "Huichon Power Plant construction is an important project to fulfill the teachings of Kim Il Sung and the Dear leader instructed for early completion of the plant." In addition, resolving the electricity issue was mentioned as the top priority for building strong and prosperous nation.