

## **Toward an Asian Energy Community: Abstract of Comments**

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As is quite well known, Northeast Asia is one of the most heavily weaponed areas in the world, since traces of the Cold War still exist. In this area, there are two kinds of movements. One is progress of economic cooperation projects especially in energy fields. The other is issues for nuclear crisis in DPRK. The former includes projects such as the West-to-East Gas Pipeline, the Irkutsk–China and ROK Gas Pipeline, the Sakhalin to Korean Peninsula Gas Pipeline, the Sakhalin to Japan Gas Pipeline, and the Angarsk to Nakhotka and Daqing, China Crude Oil Pipeline.

In order to solve the serious issue of DPRK nuclear crisis by multilateral dialogue, many efforts have been made by the countries concerned.

I think that in the process of the solution of an international pipeline project should be adopted for satisfying energy and security issues in the Korean Peninsula.

Moreover, through a series of multilateral negotiations among Northeast Asian countries, fundamental conditions and atmospheres for establishing an Asian Energy Community will be created. This is the most striking turning point in economic cooperation in this area.