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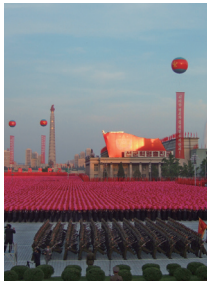
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## Publishing the Hot Summer Issue of 2012

It is a hot summer. After the failure of North Korea's launching of its Number 3 Gwangmyeongseong Earth observation satellite, many so called experts and observers of North Korea predicted it would conduct a third nuclear testing soon; nonetheless it has not happened yet. But hotter issues and events are developing in other parts of Northeast Asia. Japan has inserted "security guarantee" in its laws related to nuclear power, raising concerns that it is strategically moving to become a nuclear state. On the other hand, China succeeded at manually docking its Tian Gong 1 space station and the Shenzhou 9 manned spaceship rising as powerful competitor in space development which was once monopolized by the United States and Russia. Globally speaking, the international community is not in full agreement as to how to resolve the Iranian and Syrian problems. Furthermore, the world is on the alert worried about the impact of the Eurozone crisis on the global economy.

The Korea National Strategy Institute published the first issue of its English quarterly magazine *Asiative* in March and is now publishing its second issue this summer. The special theme of this issue is energy security. "What kind of energy security do we need?" *Asiative* claims through this special issue that true energy security can be realized not through conflict and dispute but through solidarity, cooperation and the development of alternative energy sources for sustainable development.

Energy security is an essential component of national security for any country and insecure energy sources present severe risks. Powerful countries are fiercely competing and coming into conflict in efforts to consolidate and control limited energy resources around the world. As clearly shown during the Fukushima accident last year, mismanagement of energy policies can bring about serious disasters threatening the very survival of humanity and the Earth's ecosystems. Lastly, the development of energy resources for prosperity can actually become a weapon of mass destruction by destroying the world. This issue analyzes why energy security is important in East Asia, alerts the risks of expanded development of nuclear power plants, and examines the need for international cooperation on energy through Pil-ryul Lee's "Right Direction for the Energy Security of East Asia." Jung-pil Lee's "Energy Security Strategies of and Com-

petition for Supremacy between the United States and China in the Energy and Climate Era” defines the current era as the energy and climate era and analyzes the energy security strategies and the new cold war structure of the United States and China to claim the need for an international energy regime and enhanced climate regime. Dal-seung Yu’s “United States’ Global Strategy, the Crisis of the Iran War, and South Korea’s Energy Security” argues that the fundamental cause of the Iranian crisis lies in the United States’ energy supremacy strategies and presents the need for South Korea to draw up systemic energy strategies.

Also, to provide analysis and information from the viewpoint of *Asiative*, we provided our editorial viewpoints. In the In-depth Analysis section, we analyzed the fourth strategic economic conversations between the United States and China; the prospects for the Republic of Korea (ROK) and People’s Republic of China (PRC) FTA negotiations; the prospects for the returning Putin administration and Russia’s foreign policy strategies; China’s efforts to become a maritime power and its disputes over maritime possessions; and Burma/Myanmar’s democratization movement and tasks to implement after its by-election. In addition, in the Issues & Debate section following the last issue, we analyzed the possible future of the Chongqing model in China and the controversy over North Korea’s potential third nuclear test. In the section Inside the Peninsula, we analyzed the meaning of the inauguration of the Kim Jong-un regime in North Korea and its future prospects and also looked at how social networking services (SNSs) influenced politics during the 19th general election of South Korea by looking at SNS usage data and looking for trends in that data that may help shape the upcoming presidential election.

Before fully enjoying the hot summer issue, the editorial board is already busy preparing for the fall issue which we expect to publish in September to provide fresh and rich content with analysis full of wisdom. While hot summer days are parching fields despite the overflowing four major rivers of South Korea, we ask for your keen comments and unfailing support.

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