

The History of Inter-Korean Relations



Geopolitical Location of Korea

- Bridge between Continental Power and Maritime Power
 - ✓ “A hammer ready to strike at the head of China”
 - ✓ “A dagger pointed at the heart of Japan.”



Surrounding Powers and the Division

1593: between Japan and China

1894: between Japan and China

1896: between Japan and Russia

1903: between Japan and Russia

1945: between America and Russia

The Division in 1948

Occupation by
the US and the
Soviet Union
for Disarming
Japan

The Cold War
Rivalry in
International
Scene

Domestic
Struggle
Syngman RHEE
vs.
KIM Il Sung

The War for Unification



“Let’s unify Korea under communist system by whatever means possible”

With Stalin’s agreement, North Korea initiated all-out war against South Korea on June 25, 1950.

The War for Unification



“March North!”

**“We can’t live with
Cholera”**

**The War ended on July 27,
1953.**

The Tragedy in Korea



Influence of the War



- Deepening mutual antagonism between North and South Korea

Influence of the War



**Strengthening
Internationali-
zation of the
Korean
Question**

Influence of the War



**Intensifying
Ideological
Confrontation**

The Tragedy in Korea



Joint Communiqué of July 4, 1972

- Agreed on Three Principles of Unification

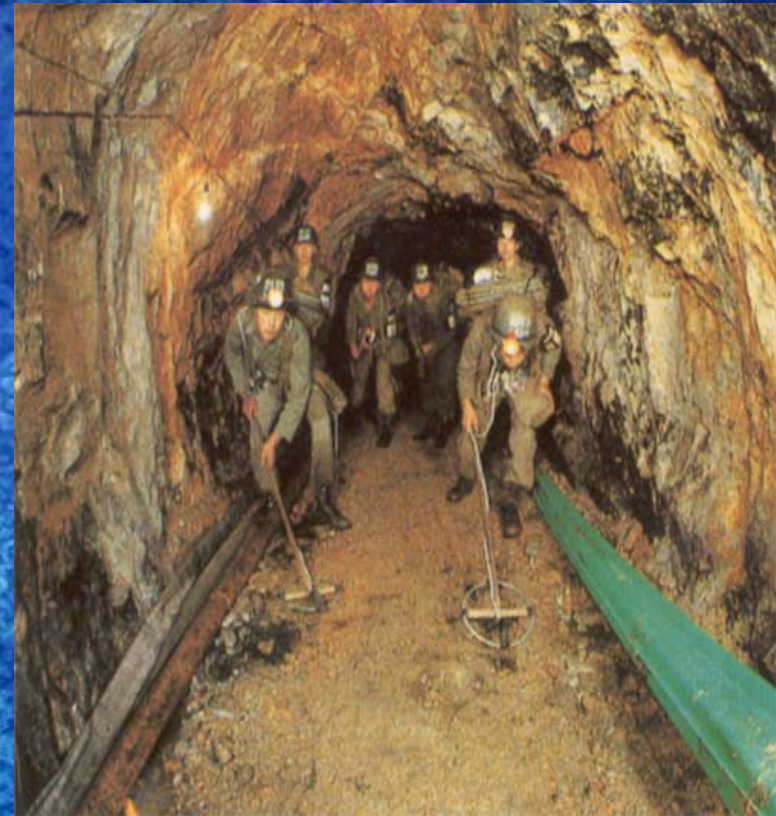
- ✓ peaceful unification

- ✓ independence of outside forces

- ✓ grand national unity

❖ Opening of the era of “Confrontation with Dialogue”

The Cases of North Korean Provocation



The Basic Agreement of 1992

- ① To recognize and respect each other's political system
- ② Not to interfere in each other's internal affairs
- ③ Not to use force and to abandon armed invasion against each other
- ④ To encourage economic exchange and cooperation

Joint Declaration of June 15, 2000

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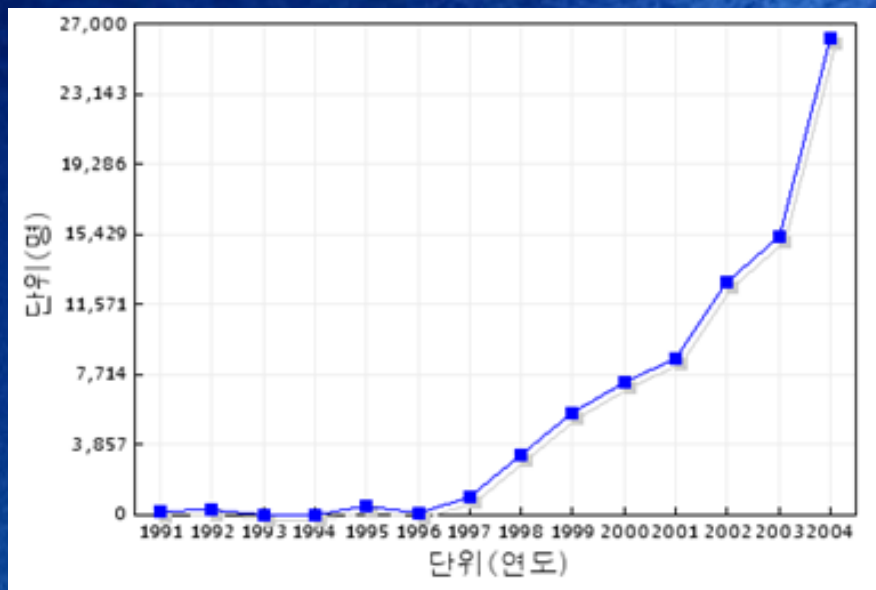
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Joint Declaration of October 4, 2007

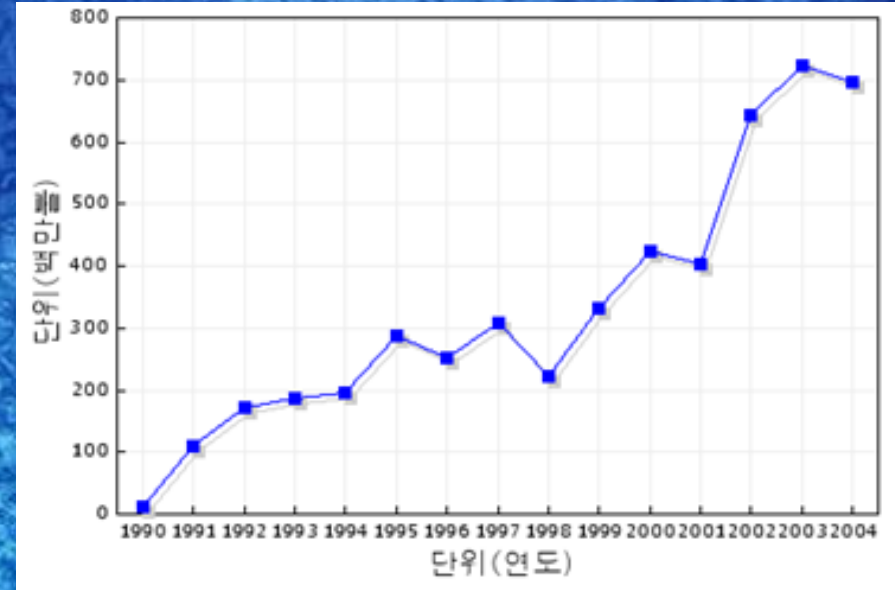


Affirmative Effect

Trend of Social Exchange



Trend of Economic Exchange



North Korea's Nuclear Weapon

● Why Does Pyongyang go for Nuclear?

- for Security (esp. against the US)
- for Political Gains
- for Economic Benefit
- * for Bargaining Chip

한반도의 오늘



The Future of the Korean Peninsula

