The History of Interchange between Former E.Germany and N.Korea through the Research on Oral Statements*

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국 문 요 약

구술증언으로 본 구동독의 북한교류사

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본 연구는 구동독과 북한관계 국가관계에 참여하였던 독일인과 북한인들의 경험적 구술증언을 기초로 하여 당시 구동독이 북한과 어떤 경제적, 정치적 및 문화적인 협력 을 추진하였으며, 중소기업분야에서 국제정치의 변화의 영향으로 동독과 북한의 관계는 어떻게 전개되었는지를 살펴보고자 하였다.

독일에서 제출된 여러 정책에 관여하였던 구동독전문가와 북한인들로부터 그동안 밝혀지지 않아왔던 여러 측면의 정치외교사 제반과 기억에 관한 증언은 양국관계 연구를 기존의 문헌분석만이 아닌 역사적 인물관을 생성하게 담고 심층적으로 접근하고자 하는 취지에서 이루어졌다. 구동독인으로서 북한 및 개발도와 정치적, 경제적, 문화적 교류과정에서 중요한 역할을 하는 인사들로, 브로호르스바흐, 베투리트교수, 비안다치, 요한네스 슈로트, 마텔라이네 그로태블, 프레슬라, 에바 라디하르트 북한관계 및 후속국가교육사업으로 구동독에

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I. Introduction

This study is to discover the history of interchange between Former East Germany (German Democratic Republic) and North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) through intensively interviewing certain residents in Germany and nearby regions. The diplomatic relationship between North Korea and Former East Germany has been in existence since the foundation of both countries; the diplomatic relationship was established on November 6th, 1949. The exchange of ambassadors between them has taken place since then, except during Korean War. The exchange resumed in 1954, and Former East Germany has supported North Korea’s post-Korean War reconstruction along with Former Soviet Union and East European countries such as Hungary, Poland, etc. The relationship continued until the Unification of Germany took place.

The fact that Former East Germany has maintained a close relationship with North Korea is very meaningful because Germany is now relatively free from ideologies and many people and experts related to North Korea reside there. Therefore, it is possible to gather much unknown diplomatic history from Former East German politicians and experts on North Korea actively involved in diplomacy with North Korea. This research recorded the

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