Chinese Northern Province Development Policy and Economic Cooperation with North Korea

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I. Introduction

This paper analyzes economic development plan and policy in the China’s northeast region, including Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang Province, and also assesses recent progresses in the economic exchanges and cooperation between China and North Korea. China’s northeast regional development

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strategy not only accelerates developments of relatively underdeveloped provinces in China, but also provides new opportunities for developments and cooperation in the region where China, Russia, North Korea, South Korea, and Japan’s political and economic interests are entangled.

Furthermore, it is designed to analyze the problems of deepening dependence of North Korea on China due to strengthening economic cooperation between two nations. It has been estimated that an enhanced economic cooperation and exchange between China and North Korea have influence negatively on the effect of economic sanctions led by United States, Japan and South Korea since North Korea conducted nuclear tests.\(^1\) In other words, China’s economic assistance to North Korea lowers effectiveness of the economic sanctions against North Korea and deepens North Korea’s dependence on China, and as a result, it is analyzed that China has any intention of putting North Korea under the influence.\(^2\) Therefore, this paper reviews the extent of China’s support for North Korea, and analyzes the level and the cause of North Korea’s economic dependence on China.\(^3\) In addition, it will be reviewed whether economic sanctions led by South Korea, Japan, and the United States are effective, and whether economic sanctions to North Korea are the appropriate approaches for resolving the nuclear issue.

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1) There is tendency to perceive that China is very actively supporting the North Korea economically for the political purpose at all time. John J. Tkacik. (2006. 4). Hedging Against China, Background published by Heritage Foundation, 5-6.
