

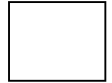
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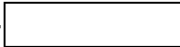
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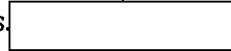
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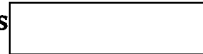
Wary Support for US-North Korea Relations



Seoul, Beijing, and Tokyo are anxious about the pace of US-North Korean reconciliation. Public statements of support for Secretary Albright's visit to P'yongyang mask concern about the implications of a sudden breakthrough in US-North Korean relations.

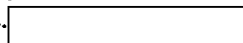


Seoul Anxious About Costs



South Korean President Kim lauded Washington's coordination with Seoul and Tokyo on North Korean issues but would be reluctant to compensate P'yongyang for freezing missile programs that do not target South Korea. Seoul has expressed concern that it might have to pay what it sees as a disproportionate share of the costs, as with the 1994 Agreed Framework.

— The Unification Minister this week told reporters Seoul was not interested in joining a consortium to address North Korean long-range missiles.



Beijing Worried About Losing Influence

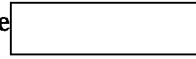


Chinese officials have been upbeat about the "relaxation" between P'yongyang and Washington, calling it a positive contribution to peace and stability in the region.

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Tokyo Wary of Pressure To Keep Pace



After Secretary Albright's visit to P'yongyang, a Japanese Government official confided to a third-country diplomat that Tokyo considers the steps by Washington exceedingly premature.

