

DPRK to Hold Six-party Talks without Preconditions

Pyongyang, August 1 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA Monday following the DPRK-U.S. high-ranking talks held in New York, U.S.:

The DPRK delegation led by First Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Kye Gwan visited the U.S. at the invitation of the U.S. government. It held high-ranking talks with the U.S. delegation led by Special Representative for the DPRK Policy Stephen Bosworth in New York from July 28 to 29.

The talks had an in-depth discussion on the issues of improving the DPRK-U.S. relations, ensuring stability on the Korean Peninsula and resuming the six-party talks in a sincere and constructive atmosphere.

Both sides recognized that the improvement of the bilateral relations and the peaceful negotiated settlement of the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula conform with the interests of the two sides and agreed to further dialogue.

The DPRK remains unchanged in its stand to resume the six-party talks without preconditions at an early date and comprehensively implement the September 19 joint statement on the principle of simultaneous action.