

Safe use of Nuclear Energy in South Korea

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25 March 2020 – Kisumu, Kenya – Access to a new resource has been added to the PM World Library (PMWL) related to solving global human and social problems. The new resource is titled “**Nuclear Governance: South Korea’s Efforts to Strengthen Regimes and Frameworks for the Safe and Secure Use of Nuclear Energy**”, a chapter by Toby Dalton in the book titled Middle Power Korea in 2015, published by the Council on Foreign Relations in the United States.

South Korea is the top user of nuclear power that is not also a nuclear weapon state. The only states producing more nuclear power include; China, France, Russia and the United States. South Korea seeks to interdict illicit trafficking of nuclear goods and to combat nuclear terrorism. A \$20 billion agreement to consult for power plants in the United Arab Emirates marked the Republic of Korea’s (ROKs) emergence as a nuclear exporter and its aspirations for nuclear industry. The Fukushima nuclear accident and the US-ROK negotiations elevated nuclear issues to the top of South Korea’s national security and diplomacy priorities.

According to the book, South Korea’s non-proliferation record has been clean and its well on its way to becoming a major nuclear energy power. South Korea now has some pedigree, domestic resources and the international standing to build on its efforts to strengthen nuclear safety and security both regionally and globally. New opportunities may open for ROK to fill a leadership vacuum for nuclear diplomacy. South Korea possess a comparative advantage in technological resources and regional positioning and can utilize its centre of excellence to train a world class cadre of nuclear technology and policy specialists to help staff its institutions that will be pillars of the global nuclear security architecture.

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