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“The Scope of Foreign Engagement in the DPRK, 1995-2012”



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Abstract: What is the scope of foreign engagement inside the DPRK? What are the potential benefits and risks of engagement for various organizations operating inside the DPRK on one hand, and for the North Korean state and society on the other hand? Although North Korea remains one of the most isolated countries in the world, hundreds of foreign actors continue to work quietly inside the country. Based on data from the Engage DPRK mapping initiative and interviews with various NGO, IGO, and business representatives, I present basic trends related to people-to-people engagement. This is followed by a broader discussion on the implications of such interactions in different sectors including humanitarian relief, development assistance, professional training, and business.

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