

Joint Press Release of the 12th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

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The 12th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Pyongyang from October 14 to 17, 2003.

In the Talks, the South and the North fully expressed their respective positions in a discussion on current issues. Pursuant to the fundamental spirit of the June 15 Joint Declaration, the two sides agreed to continue cooperation in promoting peace on the Korean peninsula and reconciliation and cooperation between the South and the North.

The South and the North agreed to actively push their economic cooperation projects and hold the 7th meeting of the Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee in Pyongyang early in November.

The South and the North also agreed to hold the 13th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks from February 3 to 6, 2004 in Seoul.

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