

## Answer of Spokesperson for DPRK Foreign Ministry

Pyongyang, July 15 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA on July 15 with regard to a statement of Pompeo, U.S. secretary of State, which denounces China over the issue of South China Sea:

On July 13, U.S. State Secretary Pompeo made reckless remarks with regard to the issue of South China Sea that China's claim to its dominium over the South China Sea is totally illegal and the United States, its allies and partners share the interests in standing up to the unprecedented threats from the Communist Party of China (CPC).

It is an extremely sinister act that a non-Asian country across the ocean, not being content with its reckless remarks over the issue of the South China Sea, has hurled abuses at the CPC, linking the issue with the latter.

If we have close examination into the recent remarks thrown by Pompeo over China, we could easily know what his intentions are.

Pompeo is outrageously deriding the CPC in such a way as to label the Chinese media as "propaganda bodies of CPC", COVID-19 as "crisis caused by CPC" and 5G telecommunication business as "tool of CPC".

He laid bare his inveterate repugnance toward the CPC to such an extent as to spread the wild rumor that demonstrations in protest against racial discrimination going on in America are being abused by the CPC for justifying its system.

Pompeo is making unbridled criticism of the CPC, linking everything with the latter, the reasons for which can be analyzed as follows; First, it is to sully the trust of the Chinese people in the CPC, second, to tarnish the international prestige of the CPC and third, to overpower China with continued harassment from inside and outside.

Any attempt to despise and deride the Communist Party of China stands for a negation of the political system and idea chosen by the Chinese people and an undisguised disregard of and an insult to the Chinese people who are led by the CPC.

"No Communist Party, no new China" - this is the faith and truth embedded in the minds of the Chinese people.

We sternly condemn Pompeo's very dangerous remarks against China.

We have already grasped on several occasions that Pompeo deals with our socialist system led by the Workers' Party of Korea on the basis of the morbid and upside down viewpoint on China.

No matter how maliciously Pompeo slanders the CPC and the socialist system led by it, it will only serve to highlight the invincibility of the CPC and the superiority of the socialist system.

Pompeo should not muddle up the public opinion and make absurd remarks while interfering in other's business whenever he pleases. -0-

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"2020 Defence White Paper" adopted on July 14 by the Japanese government at its cabinet meeting hurled a stream of nonsense on our possession of nuclear weapons, and went to the length of reprimanding us, arguing that it constitutes a new challenge to the neighbouring countries.

This shows that Abe regime has not yet discarded its bad habit of having used every opportunity to create a sense of fear across the Japanese society by exaggerating "missile threat" from the DPRK, thus abusing it for achieving their sinister political and military purpose.

The Japanese main purpose of having found faults with us in the latest White Paper is to legitimize its move for becoming a military power and dispossessing territories under the pretext of "threat" from us.

Against a backdrop of its expanded military forces, Japan has completely thrown off the veneer of "total defence" and is openly talking about possession of "capability to attack enemy base" with a design of pre-emptive strike. The countries in the vicinity of Japan are following this move with stern eyes and keeping a close watch with due vigilance.

The imprudent and extremely dangerous military move of Abe regime will turn out to be an ignition source of undermining the regional peace and stability, and it will invite a miserable consequence of hastening the fall of the regime itself like a foolish tiger moth flying into the flame only to perish. -0-

## Japan's Sycophancy to U.S. Will Only Make Its Future Gloomy: KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, July 16 (KCNA) -- Public demand for revision of the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement is now mounting in Japan.

Recently, the Japanese newspaper Mainichi Shimbun carried an editorial, "It is 60 years since effectuation of Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement and it is high time for Japan to start negotiating for its revision," which commented on the inequitable agreement granting GIs in Japan many privileges.

The paper said that Japan's burden has snowballed to the extent that it is now too huge to accept, adding that the U.S. forces, whose mission is to defend Japan, have used its bases in Japan as strategic ones for putting the Indo-Pacific region under its control.

It also said that the bases with extraterritorial privileges pose a serious threat to the life, stability and rights of the local people.

39 prefecture governors that account for over 80 percent of all governors in Japan demand overall reexamination of the agreement and 25 of them call for the application of Japanese laws to GIs in Japan.

This is an eruption of disillusionment with the authorities who are always at the U.S. beck and call in disregard of the existence, human rights and interests of the people. It is also the mindset of the public in Japan worrying over the future of the country.

The Japanese people want to live peacefully without submitting to the foreign forces bringing misfortune and suffering to them.

However, the Japanese authorities have turned the Japanese archipelago into an outsiders' huge base for aggression characterized by rampant crimes of GIs.

This is aimed to realize at any cost the wild ambition for reinvading Korea.

When a huge amount of toxic materials leaked from a U.S. base in Futenma in April this year, causing a public uproar across Japan, the Japanese reactionaries glossed over the case at the end of a deceptive investigation.

Japan had no other choice but to negotiate the deployment of mediumrange missiles in a U.S. base in Japan with its American master recently though it knew that it would face strong opposition and military counteractions by neighboring countries for doing so.

The U.S. pressurizes Japan into bearing more expense for the upkeep of the U.S. forces in Japan, opening the farm products market, purchasing its weapons, etc. The U.S. wants more and more from Japan and Japan has met only humiliation, insult and maltreatment for its decades-long sycophancy toward U.S.

It served Japan right.

If the Japanese reactionaries persist in sycophancy toward the U.S., taking no heed of the international community's derision, condemnation and warning, they will always remain a poor stooge of the U.S., making the future of Japan gloomy. -0-