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New Department Director General of DPRK Foreign Ministry for Negotiations with U.S. Issues Statement

The new department director general of the DPRK Foreign Ministry for negotiations with the U.S. released the following statement on Mar. 30:

The world does not know well why the DPRK-U.S. relations remain amiss despite the special personal relations between the top leaders of the DPRK and the U.S., to which U.S. Secretary of State Pompeo gave a clear answer.

On Mar. 25, he made irrelevant remarks calling for sanction and pressure on the DPRK at a news conference held after the teleconference of G-7 foreign ministers on prevention of the spread of COVID-19 which is threatening the safety of the whole mankind.

The U.S. president sent our leadership his personal letter carrying a "sincere aid plan" as regards the issue of curbing novel coronavirus to ask for close communication, whereas the U.S. secretary of State slanders the country, with which his president wants to establish good relations of cooperation, against the president's will. This makes us misjudge who is the real chief executive in the U.S.

There is one point I reconfirmed clearly in Pompeo's remarks.

The point is that no matter how excellent and firm the relationship between the top leaders of the two countries is, it can not reverse the U.S. hostile policy towards the DPRK, and the resumption of dialogue much touted by the U.S. is nothing but a decoy to keep us from going our own way.

The U.S. knows well about us through dozens of years-long DPRK-U.S. confrontation, I think, but it seems to think we may give up the way we are going with determination, tempted by spotlighted personal relations between the top leaders of the two countries.

Explicitly speaking, we see through the U.S. tricks like seeing fish in a globe, and sometimes used to sound the U.S. intention, pretending to do what it wanted.

If even a sound of coughing was heard from the White House, we correctly spotted who coughed and why. And we have foiled without difficulties the "tricks" worked out by the U.S. policymakers.

It can be said that we as well as the international community have become accustomed to the U.S.-style scenarios designed to bind our limbs and prevent something by putting emphasis on the personal relations between the top leaders often, as there are no means to restrain and check us.

What the U.S. should know clearly is that it must admit that neither threat nor witchcraft can work on us.

The only thing invented by the chief diplomat of the U.S. is to take its appearance as "supporter of dialogue" before the international community and make us idle the time away with absurd expectation by trumpeting about good relationship between the top leaders of the two countries and making false propaganda for dialogue.

The reckless remarks made by Pompeo seriously impaired the signboard of dialogue put up by the U.S. president as a decoy to buy time and create the environment favorable for himself.

Hearing Pompeo's reckless remarks, we dropped the interest in dialogue with further conviction, but have become more zealous for our important planned projects aimed to repay the U.S. with actual horror and unrest for the sufferings it has inflicted upon our people.

The U.S. seems to have no power and strategy to stop the second-hand that began running towards a crash again.

We will go our own way.

We want the U.S. not to bother us.

If the U.S. bothers us, it will be hurt.