

SKorea to host talks on NKorea energy aid

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SEOUL -- South Korea reportedly will be the host for the next working level talks on further energy aid to North Korea in exchange for its denuclearization. The South Korean Foreign Ministry said the talks set for Oct. 29-30 will be on the South Korean side of the border village of Panmunjom, which is jointly administered by the two Koreas, Yonhap news agency reported Monday. North Korea, under an agreement signed with China, Russia, the United States, South Korea and Japan, has shut down its main nuclear facilities and is getting ready to disable those facilities. In return, Pyongyang has been promised substantial energy and economic aid from these nations. The Foreign Ministry said the Panmunjom talks will deal with heavy fuel oil and other energy-related equipment and supplies to be provided to the North. North Korea has already received 100,000 tons of heavy fuel oil from South Korea and China. Earlier this month, the North agreed to disable its key nuclear facilities and submit a complete list of its entire nuclear programs by year's end. In return, it is to receive an additional 950,000 tons of heavy oil or equivalent assistance, the report said.

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