

## The Possibility and Prospects of the Northeast Asian Railway Community

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Summaries: DPRK, which was preoccupied with nuclear tests and missile launches just a year ago, declared its denuclearization after participating in the Pyeongchang Olympics in February 2018 and came to the negotiating table. Accordingly, the Korean Peninsula is approaching a period of mature peace and prosperity than ever before. However, still, denuclearization negotiations between DPRK and the U.S. and lifting of U.N. sanctions are progressing slowly. None of the parties concerned surrounding the Korean Peninsula want to solve the extreme measure.

Meanwhile, Moon Jae-in, the president of ROK on August 15, 2018, advocated the Northeast Asian railroad, an economic and energy community (NAREE). NAREE will not just be a slogan, but rather a medium to open up DPRK more specifically and join the ranks of normal nations. Even NAREE includes the economic and energy community, it can be initiated from the medium of railways. And even though we are saying the Northeast Asian railway community (NARC) but NARC is a comprehensive concept that encompasses railroads, roads, maritime and aviation.

Therefore, this paper will cover the meaning and status of the NARC and the preconditions for the establishment of the NARC.