

His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong-un

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Re: Improving diplomatic relations with Japan

His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong-un,

Recently as you already know, the government of the People's Republic of China is working on improving its diplomatic relations with the government of Japan. I believe that this was an extremely smart move to make for the People's Republic of China, especially due to the fact that the People's Republic of China and Japan do not have a good procedural history as to engaging in non-hostile relations with one another. I am extremely happy to see that two countries, such as the People's Republic of China and Japan, are in the process of working together to improve their diplomatic relations that they have between one another. As part of this initiative, the government of the People's Republic of China is sending representatives to improve diplomatic relations with Japan by having its representatives enter into a Japan, and a South Korean Summit.¹ I also suspect that the government of the People's Republic of China will be sending its representatives to Japan as an effort as to improving diplomatic relations and I believe that the government of Japan will also be doing the same, for the same purpose, with regard as to the People's Republic of China.

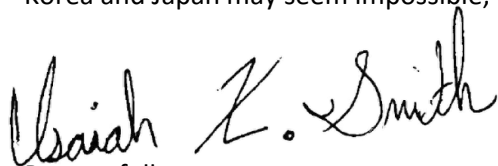
Currently, the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the government of Japan do not have a good diplomatic relationship with one another. I believe that this needs to change and I am confident that this is possible. I believe that would be beneficial for the international community, and for both parties, to follow in the same footsteps that the People's Republic of China is involved in as with them seeking to improve their diplomatic relations with the government of Japan. I believe that the government of the Democratic People's Republic of China needs to work to improve diplomatic relations with the government of Japan and I also believe that the government of Japan needs to work as to improving the diplomatic relations with the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. I do not believe that it is good diplomacy for the international community to blame one country with respect as to diplomacy while not working to ensure that all parties that are involved in a conflict are entering into peace talks equally in which would lead to the establishment of a peaceful settlement occurring. No one country should be the sole responsible party behind the peace talks occurring because peace talks that occur should be the initiative of both countries working equally and at the same rate as to establishing or re-establishing diplomatic relations between one another.

¹ It may be a good idea for the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to be a participant in this summit, as for the purpose as to helping improve diplomatic relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, South Korea and Japan.

Since it does appear as if the government of the People's Republic of China and the government of Japan may be sending representatives to each other's country for the purpose as to working on improving diplomatic relations between one another, I believe that the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the government of Japan needs to also do so with regard as to one another. Specifically speaking, I believe that representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea needs to make trips to Japan, or in some neutral country, for the purpose as to having peace talks occur between the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan. While I do believe that in order for there to be an improved diplomatic relationship between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan, I believe that all parties, both the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan, need to both work equally as to the establishment of a good and healthy diplomatic relationship between one another. I am once again confident that this is possible, and I am absolutely hoping that this occurs.

I would like to also say that with regard as to South Korea, I am extremely happy and proud that the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and that the government of South Korea have re-established a communications channel. I think that this was an extremely wise decision by both parties to make. While I do believe that this will be a step towards the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the government of South Korea working together for the establishment of a peaceful settlement, I also hope that the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will also do the same, establish a communications channel with Japan. This also will be a step towards a peaceful settlement being established.

In conclusion, I am hoping that the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and that the government of Japan will work on the establishment of healthy diplomatic relations between one another. While I do believe that this type of formal establishment of peace may not be immediate and that working on peace treaties or a peaceful settlement will take time, I do believe that the first step towards the establishment of a peaceful settlement occurring would be by representatives of both countries, in closed meetings, talking between one another for the purpose of engaging in peace talks with one another. This also includes the establishment of a communications channel between both countries. I believe that those things would be extremely beneficial for both parties and the international community when this occurs. Even though that the characteristics of the people who live in different countries may be somewhat different from the way in which the people in other countries are, all of us are all a part of one world. Therefore, I believe that it is imperative for all of us to work together for the purpose as to helping improve diplomatic relations between one country to another. While the road to a peaceful settlement being established between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan may seem impossible, this is certainly not impossible.


Respectfully,

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