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## Report on a visit to Pyongyang

1. Topik joined a special visit to Pyongyang from Sept. 20 to Sept. 23, which was organized by Korean Sharing Movement. The whole delegation was around 130 together with TOPIK members and rented a special airplane which was directly travelled from Seoul to Pyongyang through the West Sea. This trip has been the biggest formal one since the start of the new Mr. Lee Myung Park's administration.
2. Many press members were on board in order for them to ascertain Mr. Kim Jung Il's health problems of North Korea. However, there was no tangible sign from ordinary people in Pyongyang. Pyongyang was a well planned capital. Most houses and facilities were old and its development stayed still in the 70's. We could eye-witnessed the shortage of energy and basic needs for their living. At night we could see only a couple of lights and most of the city was covered with darkness.
3. On Sept. 22, we discussed about how to help Nampo Pregnancy Facility with North Korean authorities called Minwhahyup, which has been the door for people's level dialogue and subsidy programs. From Minwhahyup, Mr. Kim Seung Ju and Mr. Kim Sung Chul, and from TOPIK, Rev. Joachim H. Kim, Ms. Park Myung Sook, Ms. Kim Mi Ryung, and Brother Choi Min Ho were participants. The participants discussed and exchanged the background and business proposal from TOPIK. We were told that the North Koreans would positively consider the proposal and they would respond in Oct. through Korean Sharing Movement.
4. During the meeting, TOPIK proposed a \$100,000 plan for pregnant women and new born babies of Nampo Facility. If North Korea accepts the proposal, TOPIK will visit Nampo Facility and discuss the details of the aids such as contents, date, and the size of the aids. If things go well as planned, we will

deliver the first aids either in the late Oct. or the first week of Nov.



5. In addition to the above project, TOPIK is preparing to send 50,000 briquettes to the Whanghae province area. Rev. Joachim H. Kim visited Gaesung on Sept. 26 and discussed with North Korean officials how and when TOPIK can send briquettes to North Korea. We will report it to you when the details are decided.