

In the final analysis the challenge may be educational. Currently, the negotiations with the North Koreans are tantamount to one-hand clapping. The problem is how to create what MacIntosh called an epistemic community: to create a community of like-minded negotiators where the players are fully aware of the value of confidence building and the counter-productivity of the hardware that Dr. Yoon reviewed with such authority. At the heart of confidence building is transparency and, as Ronald Diebert revealed, greater satellite sophistication has enabled us to move beyond the primitive verification techniques of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission to the subtle enquiries of National Technical Means. But the problem remains, how to educate the protagonists about the value of greater transparency.

The discussions stimulated by the Third Annual Workshop were particularly valuable, occurring as they did at a time of heightened tensions on the Korean peninsula. The deliberations were characterized by candour, a recognition of the complexity of the issues at hand, a search for precision of meaning, and a desire to arrive at policy-relevant conclusions. Fresh links were forged with the Korean Institute for Defense Analysis and members of the Canadian security community had an opportunity to wrestle with the most perplexing and lethal security problem in the Asia-Pacific region.

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