

## **Medicines for Reconciliation between DPRK and USA: ISR's Humanitarian Medical Aid to DPRK**

**(Washington, D.C. October 1, 1999)** The Institute for Strategic Reconciliation (ISR)'s 5-member team of "Reconciliation Ambassadors for Medicines" has completed a successful humanitarian trip to DPR Korea Sep. 18 to 21, thanks to the partnership of DPRK's hosting organization. Vice Chairman of Asia Pacific Peace Committee and his representatives pleasantly hosted the ISR delegation led by President Asaph Young Chun.

The trip of the ISR, an independent non-partison think tank, was coincidentally made when President Clinton announced the partial lifting of economic sanctions against DPRK. DPRK permitted the ISR delegation to have confirmed at Port Nampo the delivery of 20-foot container full of medicines and medical supplies all with effective due dates.

DPRK has allowed the ISR team to pay a special visit to a 24-hour Children's Care Center treating kids aged 1 month to 48 months. ISR has hand-delivered the Children's center substantial medicines, including anti-biotics, oral rehydration salts, and medicines to de-worm kids with parasitic infestation. The experienced center director, doctor, and caretakers have all gladly greeted the ISR delegation. The Center was clean, and well organized.

DPRK and ISR have agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a 16-month-long delivery of medical aid, accountable distribution plan, and transparent documentation of field activities.

DPRK has provided ISR with the certificate of humanitarian donation of antibiotics for 76,500 people, oral rehydration salts for 2,000 treatments of diarrhea, Mebendazole for treating 9,000 children with parasitic infestation for a year, and a 20-foot container (13,448 pounds of medical aid) of quality medicines and medical supplies. The 20-foot container included critically-needed medicines including Motrin, Thioridazine, Ioban, Indocin, Mintezol, Duratuss, and 20 other basic medical supplies including Stethoscope.

The ISR delegation was thankful to DPRK's hospitality. DPRK was thankful for ISR's provision of critically-needed medicines and timely medical supplies. The next visit would be made in November, or when the medical shipment is ready on the basis of Essential Drug List prioritized by the DPRK hosting organization.

If you are interested in hosting a presentation of the ISR trip report or helping send the medical aid, please contact ISR President Asaph Young Chun at [isr\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:isr_usa@yahoo.com), 301.570.3948/call, or 301.570.0911/fax.