

DPRK's Fundamental Economic Structure and Survival Strategy — Analysis on Its Self-Rehabilitation Policies from the Viewpoint of Industrial Placement — (Summary)

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This paper elucidates what the DPRK's economic foundation was built on and how the nation's leadership pursued self-rehabilitation policies that constitute a core part of its development strategy. Since the 1950s, DPRK leadership has carried out a national policy to locate industrial enterprises geographically evenly. However, a closer inspection of its consequences reveals that large-sized firms in heavy industry are concentrated in industrial bases, whereas small and medium-sized firms that produce daily necessities are locally dispersed. The geographical location of firms reflects the reality of self-rehabilitation policies and has a persistent influence on the country's survival strategy to this day.

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