

ASAN REPORT (South Korean Attitudes on the Korea-US Alliance and Northeast Asia)

Major issues in ROK - US Relation, Park Geun Hye Government Period

2013

- March 18 Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton Carter visits South Korea, discussing a measured approach to North Korea's nuclear program
- March 25 President Park meets Former US Secretary of State Colin Powell, saying nuclear North Korea 'unacceptable'
- March 29 President Park meets US Senator Bob Corker, discussing renegotiation of the 123 Agreement
- April 1 Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se visits US, discusses growing tensions with Japan and North Korea
- Ministry of National Defense proposes postponement of OPCON transfer to December 2015
- April 12 President Park meets US Secretary of State John Kerry, discusses growing tensions with Japan and North Korea
- April 18 Korea and the US hold the 37th Military Committee Meeting, discuss OPCON transfer and North Korea nuclear issues

- May 5-10 President Park visits the US
- May 7 ROK-US Summit Meeting
- June 1 ROK-US Defense Minister Meeting, discuss postponement of
OPCON transfer
- June 28 US House of Representatives approves extension of the 123
Agreement
- July 30 South Korea and US Integrated Defense Dialogue,
discuss postponement of OPCON transfer
- August 19 President Park meets US Senator Robert Menendez, discusses North
Korean nuclear issues and Korea-Japanese security cooperation
- September 17 The House Committee on Foreign Affairs approves a bill (H.R.2449)
extending the existing US-ROK 123 Agreement
- September 30 President Park meets US Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, discusses
OPCON transfer and North Korea nuclear issues
- October 2 45th ROK-US Security Consultative Meeting to inaugurate joint
command and discuss conditions and period of OPCON transfer
- November 25 Lieutenant General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander of US-ROK

of the Han River and to create a combined division including both American and South Korean troops

December 6 US Vice President Joe Biden visits South Korea, discussing KADIZ extension issues

December 11 ROK-US meeting of the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) Joint Committee in Seoul, revises guidelines on USFK's patrol activities

2014

January 12 Compromise agreement of the 9th Special Measure Agreement (SMA)

January 27 US Congress passes extension of the 123 Agreement

February 2 The Signing of the 9th Special Measures Agreement (SMA) between ROK and US

February 12 President Park meets US Secretary of State John Kerry, discusses