Spokesman for DPRK Foreign Ministry Denounces U.S. for Withdrawing from Paris Agreement

Pyongyang, June 6 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK gave the following answer to the question raised by KCNA on June 6 as regards the Trump administration's announcement to withdraw from the Paris Agreement (on climate change):

On June 1, Trump officially announced the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement asserting that the agreement is not fair to the U.S. and it brings disadvantages to the American people.

Global warming is one of the gravest challenges the humankind is facing today and the Paris Agreement that called for nationally determined contribution to the reduction of GHG emission is the outcome of decades long efforts to mitigate it.

The U.S. announcement to withdraw from the Paris Agreement is inviting strong denunciation and criticism from world-wide.

The "America First Policy" advocated by Trump led to the withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. This is the height of egoism and moral vacuum seeking only their own well-being even at the cost of the entire planet and, at the same time, a short-sighted and silly decision ignorant of the fact that the protection of the global environment is in their own interests.

The selfish act of the U.S. does not only have grave consequences for the international efforts to protect the environment, but poses great danger to other areas as well.

The U.S. attitude towards the nuclear issue in the Korean peninsula is the typical example.

The hostile policy of the U.S. against the DPRK has grown so unreasonable and reckless today that they are even coercing other countries to sacrifice their relations with the DPRK under the pretext of ensuring the U.S security.

It is high time the world stopped pondering over the dangerous ideological trend which is surfacing in the U.S. with the emergence of the Trump administration, but raised alarm and stayed highly vigilant about it.

Whoever chooses to blindly follow the Trump administration overpowered by its bravado should be fully aware that the judgment of history shall take them all as one.