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Congressman Solarz Visit to North Korea

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Summary:

The Department of State notes that the ROK media reported LDP Diet member Mihara's decision not to go to Pyongyang, heightening the visibility and sensitivity of a visit by Congressman Solarz to the DPRK.

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(C) ROK MEDIA OVER THE WEEKEND REPORTED LDP DIET MEMBER MIHARA'S DECISION NOT TO VISIT PYONGYANG. WE HOPE THIS DECISION WILL BE BROUGHT QUICKLY TO THE ATTENTION OF CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ AND ANY OTHERS CONTEMPLATING A VISIT TO NORTH KOREA. MIHARA'S DECISION NOT TO GO WOULD MAKE A SOLARZ VISIT THAT MUCH MORE VISIBLE AND SENSITIVE IN THE ROK VIEW. GLEYSTEN

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