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**Summary:**

The DPRK is striving to establish diplomatic relations with as many states as possible and has most recently reached out to the Philippines.

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Relying on diplomatic sources in Beijing, Davinder Singh, secretary of Indian Embassy in Pyongyang, said that in the last few years the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is interested in establishing and maintaining diplomatic relations with as many states as possible (the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has relations with 93 countries, and South Korea with 102 countries), thus, through the government of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea contacted the Philippines government with a view to establishing diplomatic relations.

Recently a head of department in the North Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs paid a visit to Manila in order to discuss the problem of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.

South Korea established diplomatic relations with the Philippines in 1949.

Signed  
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