

# Kim Dae-jung Quotes

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You know, North Korea situation is far worse than East Germany, and South Korea is weaker than West Germany.

~Kim Dae-jung

Well, that is very imperative to let North Korea open door to outside.

~Kim Dae-jung

There is some sign that North Korea is changing recently. There is ongoing successful negotiation to have a military talk to Pyongyang, which has been stopped for seven years.

~Kim Dae-jung

So such an American troops presence in Korea in the South and Japan, total some 100,000 should stay there forever, even after unification of Korean peninsula.

~Kim Dae-jung

So South Korean ability is very much limited to handle North Korean, you know, difficulties. So we don't want to see an immediate collapse of the North Korea regime.

~Kim Dae-jung

To realize peace on the Korean peninsula, and to develop exchange, cooperation between both Koreas, they are the, you know, immediate target of our government.

~Kim Dae-jung

If America would withdraw from South Korea, there could be a power struggle between such as China and Japan.

~Kim Dae-jung

So if North Korea continues present isolation, then with such economic difficulties the North Korean government must meet a very serious situation in the future.

~Kim Dae-jung

I think a major cause of present Asian economic difficulties that mainly come from, you know, lack of market economy.

~Kim Dae-jung

So in Asia I want to make - I want to succeed to make a model of what success, practicing democracy, and market economy. Then that will give a good influence over Asian countries.

~Kim Dae-jung

But such IMF pressure is very much helpful for me to push such a, you know, reform. So in this sense I think IMF is very much helpful for alien society.

~Kim Dae-jung

American presence is, you know, the major cause of balance of power and the stability in this region.

~Kim Dae-jung

Democracy is the absolute value that makes for human dignity, as well as the only road to sustained economic development and social justice.

~Kim Dae-jung

Unification is not our present goal. That is a future program.

~Kim Dae-jung

Only the truly magnanimous and strong are capable of forgiving and loving.

~Kim Dae-jung

Unification is one thing, and stability in Northeast Asia is another thing.

~Kim Dae-jung

So now we are pushing economic reform, bank reform and enterprise reform. So we can finish that reform this year, in September or October. Then our economy may be much more, you know, normalized.

~Kim Dae-jung

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