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Stephen Bosworth, the U.S. special representative for North Korea policy, plans to visit Northeast Asia early next month to seek ways to resume talks with the communist nation. (Page 2)

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DJ and other great leaders

The death of Kim Dae-jung evokes memories of other great leaders who spent time in prison. "Good prisoners" pervade the history of visionary leadership. (Page 4)

Korea fastest in recovery

Korea's economy expanded at the fastest pace in the second quarter of this year among the OECD member economies. (Page 5)

Hyundai top in Turkey

With sales nearly doubling from last year, Hyundai Motor Co. became Turkey's largest carmaker by sales during the first half of the year. (Page 7)

Shanghai shares down

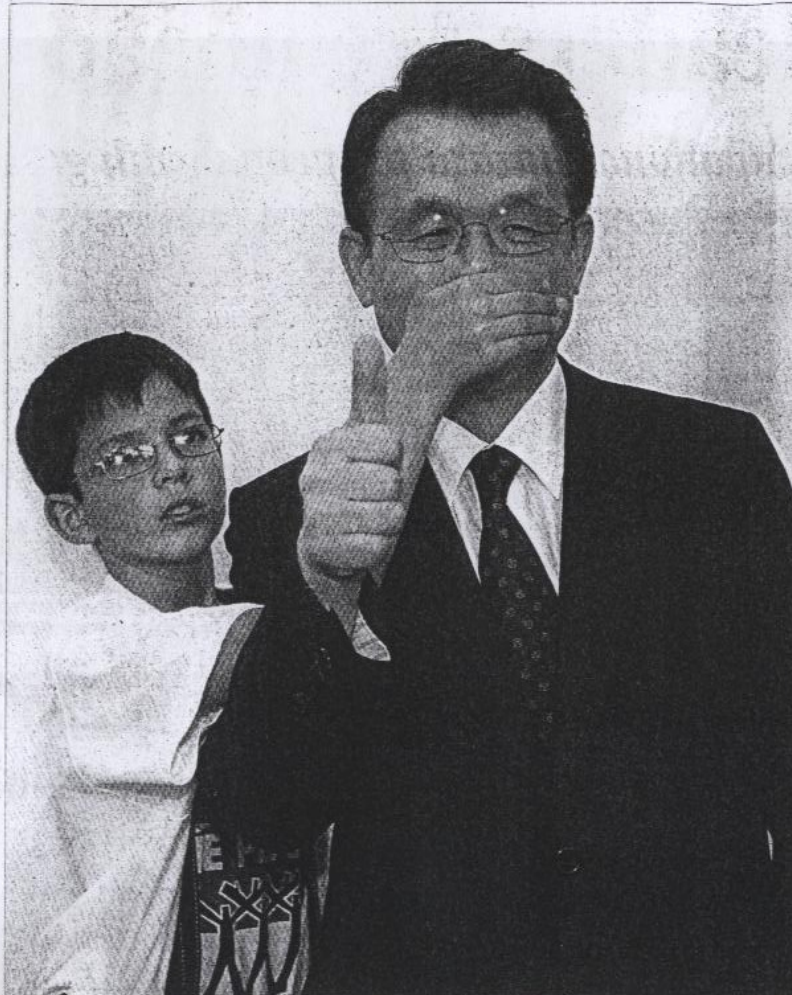
Chinese shares rebounded on Thursday morning after the government promised to aid small and medium-sized enterprises late Wednesday. (Page 8)

Afghan election

Afghans voted Thursday to choose their next president under the shadow of the Taliban's threats of violence. (Page 14)

Rain all day

An exclusive IPTV channel dedicated to Korean news. Details here.



LESS TALK, MORE ACTION — German student Felix Finkbeiner covers the mouth of Prime Minister Han Seung-soo yesterday in a gesture emphasizing action over talk during Han's visit to the Tunza International Children and Youth Conference on climate change in Daejeon underway through Sunday.

Yonhap News

U.N. report praises Korea's 'proactive' green growth drive

By Lee Ji-yoon

The United Nations Environment Program has praised Korea's green growth efforts in its report released yesterday.

The U.N. environmental agency has led the so-called Green Economy Initiative aimed at overcoming the global financial crisis through sustainable growth.

UNEP selected Korea as the first country whose green growth vision has been examined and introduced.

The report, titled "Overview of the Republic of Korea's Green Growth National Vision," indicated that Korea is one of the countries to proactively join the global green efforts and the first country to adopt the green growth vision as its key development paradigm.

The report introduced the nation's Green New Deal Plan launched in January to overcome the economic crisis and create jobs, and the Green Growth Plan, which is a mid-to-long-term green growth strategy released in July.

"The Korean government's \$38.1 billion economic stimulus package, of which 80 percent (the highest ratio among comparable packages from other G20 members) was allocated to environmental themes such as freshwater, waste, energy efficient buildings, renewable energies, low-carbon vehicles, and

the rail network," said Pavan Sukhdev, project leader of UNEP's Green Economy Initiative, in the foreword of the report.

"One of the interesting, but least reported aspects of the current economic recovery effort is that over two-thirds of global green stimulus has in fact been committed in Asia, led by the Republic of Korea, China and Japan and Australia," he added.

Citing the country's high fossil fuel dependency, the report warned Korea is more vulnerable than average to the effects of climate change.

The report, however, applauded the Korean government's goal to use more renewable energy. The government plans to increase the share from 2.6 percent to 3.78 percent in 2013, more than doubling to 6.08 percent in 2020.

"The Republic of Korea has signaled that it believes that green growth is a strategy well beyond current economic recovery efforts, and that it wants to create a green economic future for the Republic of Korea," Pavan said.

The report was prepared in consultation with several ministries and agencies involved in the formulation and implementation of Korea's green growth strategy, as well as representatives of civil society and the private sector in Korea.

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