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The Development of the Diplomatic Relationship between South Korea and Hungary: A Survey of the Diplomatic Documents of the Two Countries

(Abstract)

This study focuses on the process by which the Republic of Hungary and the Republic of Korea established official relations in 1972 when the “7.4 South-North Joint Statement” was declared. Surveying the diplomatic documents of both countries, this study reveals that there were two turning points, in 1972 and 1983, from the viewpoint of diplomatic relations. Especially from 1983 onward, the contact between the two countries increased hugely, and undoubtedly, this was the result of the diplomatic relations between the two. This article specifies three factors that influenced the two countries to establish each other’s embassies in 1989 in their respective countries: the first is the Seoul Olympics, the second is the economic factor including loans from South Korea, and the last is the affair related to the bombing of Korean Air Flight 858.