DeLisle noted that when the democratic parties and their allies invoke the Joint Declaration or Hong Kong’s special status to nurture democracy or autonomy, Beijing calls it an attempt to “internationalize” a domestic issue and thereby seeks to impugn Hong Kong democrats’ loyalty to the nation. Wang also pointed to the potentially volatile mix of democratization and increasing national defense. Pekkanen concluded that a coalition cutting across LDP/DPJ lines is likely, given the fading of the polarization of the 1955 system in security policy and the similarity of views among portions of both the LDP and the DPJ on foreign policy.
issues. In this environment, the high polarization and weak institutionalization of Korea's political parties affected Korean foreign policy.