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FRONT COVER: A military parade and a public procession of Pyongyang citizens for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the DPRK
Photo: An Chol Ryong

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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Visits Kumsusan Palace of the Sun

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on September 9 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.

The palace, the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who founded and built up the DPRK lie in state, was enveloped in a solemn atmosphere.

Kim Jong Un entered the hall where the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il stand.

A basket of flowers was laid at the statues in the name of Kim Jong Un.

Also placed there were a floral basket in the joint name of the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK and the DPRK

State Affairs Commission, and a floral basket in the joint name of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un bowed before the statues of the great leaders.

He then entered the hall of immortality, where President Kim Il Sung lies in state, to pay homage to the President in the humblest reverence for him.

He also entered the hall of immortality, where Chairman Kim Jong Il lies in state, to pay tribute to the Chairman in the humblest reverence for him.

The officials of the WPK, the government and the army were filled with determination to glorify forever the DPRK, which is permeated with the soul and wish of the great leaders, as a Juche-oriented socialist power by discharging their responsibilities and duties in the vanguard of the ranks of the general onward march to bring about overall revitalization of the country.

Article: Kim Son Gyong

Military Parade and Public Procession Highlight 70th DPRK Anniversary





Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, reviews the honour guard of the KPA services [September Juche 107 (2018)]

The Korean people, who are making efforts to bring a bright future closer by creating a great history along the victorious road indicated by the Workers' Party of Korea, celebrated the 70th anniversary of their country, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

A military parade and a public procession of Pyongyang citizens for celebrating the 70th birthday of the DPRK took place with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square on September 9.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un arrived at the square, and reviewed the honour guard of the Korean People's Army services after receiving a salute from its chief.

He appeared in the platform of the square, receiving thunderous cheers and

waving to the crowds.

Taking the platform and special seats around it were cadres of the WPK and the DPRK government and commanding officers of the KPA.

Present at the platform on invitation were Li Zhanshu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, president of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Salvador Antonio Valdes Mesa, first vice-president of the Council of State and first vice-president of the Council of Ministers of Cuba, Helal Al-Helal, deputy regional secretary of the Syria's Baath Arab Socialist Party, and Valentina Ivanovna Matvienko, chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council.



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un waves his hand to the participants in the military parade and Pyongyang citizens [September Juche 107 (2018)]





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un salutes the parading columns [September Juche 107 (2018)]



The special seats were taken by heads of the congratulatory groups and delegations of overseas Koreans, heads of foreign party, state and government delegations, special envoys and personages.

A 21-gun salute was fired amid the solemn playing of immortal revolutionary hymns *Song of General Kim Il Sung* and *Song of General Kim Jong Il*.

Kim Yong Nam, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, delivered a speech.

Cars with flags bearing the portraits of smiling President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il entered the square, escorted by the KPA generals and officers.

The military parade started off with the column of officers of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, demonstrating the proud traditions of the Juche-oriented revolutionary armed forces.



Column of officers of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army marches with the car of the commander of the paraders in front, representing the proud traditions of the Juche-oriented revolutionary armed forces





It was followed by the columns of cadets of the Central Security Officers Training Centre and the 38th Guard Unit, representing the service personnel who had defended the country in the post-liberation days for building a new Korea.

They were followed by columns of guard units that performed brilliant feats in the days of the Fatherland Liberation War, army units that distinguished themselves in national defence and socialist construction, army units that displayed ennobling internationalism on anti-imperialist frontlines and workers in the sector of the munitions industry.

Striding behind them were the columns of the frontline army corps, Navy units, Air and Anti-Aircraft Force units, Strategic Force units, Special Operation Force, Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards.

Kim Jong Un waved back to the paraders shouting “hurrah!” on their march.

Columns of mechanized units, possessed of ever-victorious military strategy and tactics, heroic fighting spirit and perfect ability for real war, passed the square in tune with army songs.

Then, the public procession of Pyongyang citizens began.



Planes trail three-colour rainbow in the sky over Kim Il Sung Square



Columns of mechanized units are filled with a determination to perform with credit the honourable mission of defending the country, the revolution and the people





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un acknowledges the cheering crowds [September Juche 107 (2018)]

The column in the shape of the national flag went past the square amid the playing of the songs *The Glorious Motherland* and *Ode to the Motherland*, while the civilian participants on the square depicted the letters *Celebration September 9*.

The atmosphere of the square was furthered when the column appeared of those holding flags with the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in the middle. It was followed by other columns of meritorious persons, families of service personnel, agricultural workers, sportspeople and Children's Union members, each holding floats and slogan-boards.

Columns of workers, scientists, teachers and youth and students marched past, carrying floats, on which were written *Invincible Powerful Country, Forward, Every Effort for Economic Construction* and others, and placards

including the one which read *All Out for Implementing the Decisions of the April 2018 Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee*.

When the procession ended, thunderous cheers were raised and fireworks set off.

Kim Jong Un came out to the balcony of the platform and waved back to the cheering crowds.

That day military paraders were trucked through the streets in Pyongyang amid warm welcome of the citizens.

Article: Ri Ki Song

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA, Ri Kwang Song, Ri Myong Guk, Hong Kwang Nam, An Chol Ryong, Kim Yun Hyok, Kim Song Chol and Pang Un Sim



Pyongyang citizens march displaying the unquenchable mental strength of the great Korean people, who are ushering in a new era of overall revitalization while exalting on the highest level possible the 70-year history of their Republic and the overall strength and prestige of socialist Korea



A national meeting took place at Pyongyang's May Day Stadium on September 9 to celebrate the 70th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It was attended by Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army.

Present there were delegates to the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, officials of the WPK Central Committee, armed forces organs, ministries and national agencies, officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, officials of institutions and industrial establishments, labour innovators and working people in Pyongyang, members of congratulatory groups and delegations of overseas Koreans, compatriots and the chief of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front.

Invited there were foreign diplomatic envoys and representatives of international organizations and military attaches in Pyongyang.

Kim Yong Nam, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, made a report, titled, *Let Us Further Exalt the Dignity and Might of the Republic under the Leadership of the Great Party*.

He said that it was a great pride and auspicious national event that the Korean people were greeting the 70th anniversary of their Republic in

the days when the overall strength of the nation and its strategic position have reached the highest level and a new era of overall revitalization has started in accomplishing the socialist cause.

As a reflection of the unanimous desire of all the Korean people, he extended the noblest respect and eternal glory to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who founded and built up the Republic, and the highest honour and warmest greetings to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, who is unfolding an era of fresh prosperity of Juche Korea.

He said that the foundation of the DPRK by Kim Il Sung on September 9, Juche 37 (1948) was the great historic event as he successfully realized the long-cherished desire of the Korean people to establish a genuine government of working people.

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il set the Juche idea as the guiding ideology of the state and built the country into an advantageous and powerful socialist state, perfectly solving all the problems arising in state building and activities with their gifted wisdom and through their indefatigable leadership, he said.

Noting that the DPRK has greeted a period of overall revitalization in building a powerful socialist country under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, he said the Supreme Leader has wisely led the efforts for preserving the country's revolutionary nature as a Juche-oriented socialist state and successfully realizing the patriotic desire



National Meeting Highlights DPRK's 70th Birthday



of the great leaders for building a powerful country under the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The outstanding ideology and guidance of the great leaders, the united efforts of the masses of the people and the foundations for achieving prosperity, foundations laid down by their own efforts, have guaranteed the country's today when it is demonstrating its might as a dignified, people's country and promise a more prosperous tomorrow of a powerful socialist country—this is the review of the glorious 70-year history of the DPRK, he stressed.

He pointed out the honourable and important tasks for achieving the goals of socialism without fail by accelerating the advance of the revolution, calling on all the people and service personnel to fight more stoutly, rallied firmly behind the great Party, for the development of the Republic and final victory of the socialist cause.

The national meeting ended with the playing of the song *The Glorious Motherland*.

Article: Kang Su Jong
Photo: Ri Kwang Song



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un sees the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country* held to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the DPRK [September Juche 107 (2018)]

Grand Mass Gymnastics and Artistic Performance Premieres

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country* was given with splendour at the May Day Stadium in Pyongyang on September 9 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un saw the performance together with his wife Ri Sol Ju.

He acknowledged the cheering audience.

The platform was also taken by senior Party, government and military officials.

Seen there were also heads of delegations, special envoys and personages from various countries, as well as heads of congratulatory groups and delegations of overseas Koreans.

Present there on invitation were overseas Koreans, members of delegations from different

countries and other foreigners.

Delegates to the celebrations of the 70th birthday of the DPRK, officials of the Party and power organs, ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the Korean People's Army, officials of institutions, factories and enterprises, and working people in Pyongyang also saw the performance.

With the display of the title *The Glorious Country*, reflecting the invincible might of the DPRK which is dashing forward to achieve the goals of socialism braving the storms of history, against the nocturnal sky, a sea of dance was unfolded.

Composed of the prelude *Sunrise on Mt Paektu*, and such acts as *Our Socialist Homeland*, *Victorious Road*, *New Age in the Offing*, *Reunified*

3 000-ri Land and *International Friendship*, the performance impressively depicted the imperishable revolutionary exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il shining in the course of development of the DPRK, its founding, defence, creation and prosperity, and the glorious history of Juche Korea which has advanced victoriously, bringing about epoch-making changes under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Through well-harmonized music, dance, gymnastics, acrobatics, large-scale background, illumination and stage setting, the performance depicted in an artistic way the vibrant reality of the DPRK, in which eye-opening changes are taking place under the guidance of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, and the desire of the Korean people



to write a new history of reunification, as well as the desire of mankind for peace.

The performance, which portrayed artistically the past and present of socialist Korea, which has exalted its might and dignity thanks to the great leaders, reached its climax with the finale *We Have the Great Party*.

The audience gave unstinting cheers to the performers that instilled in them fresh vigour through characteristic gymnastic movements and artistic portrayal.

After the performance was over, the stadium resounded with cheers for the Supreme Leader and fireworks were set off.

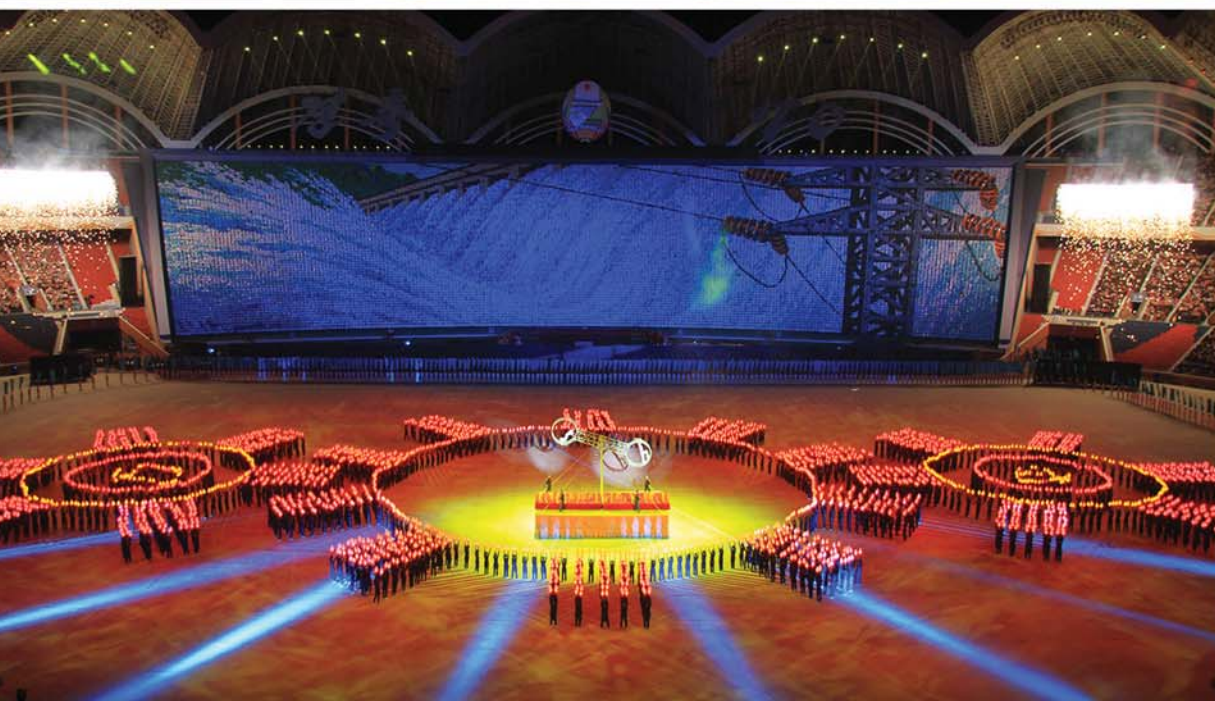
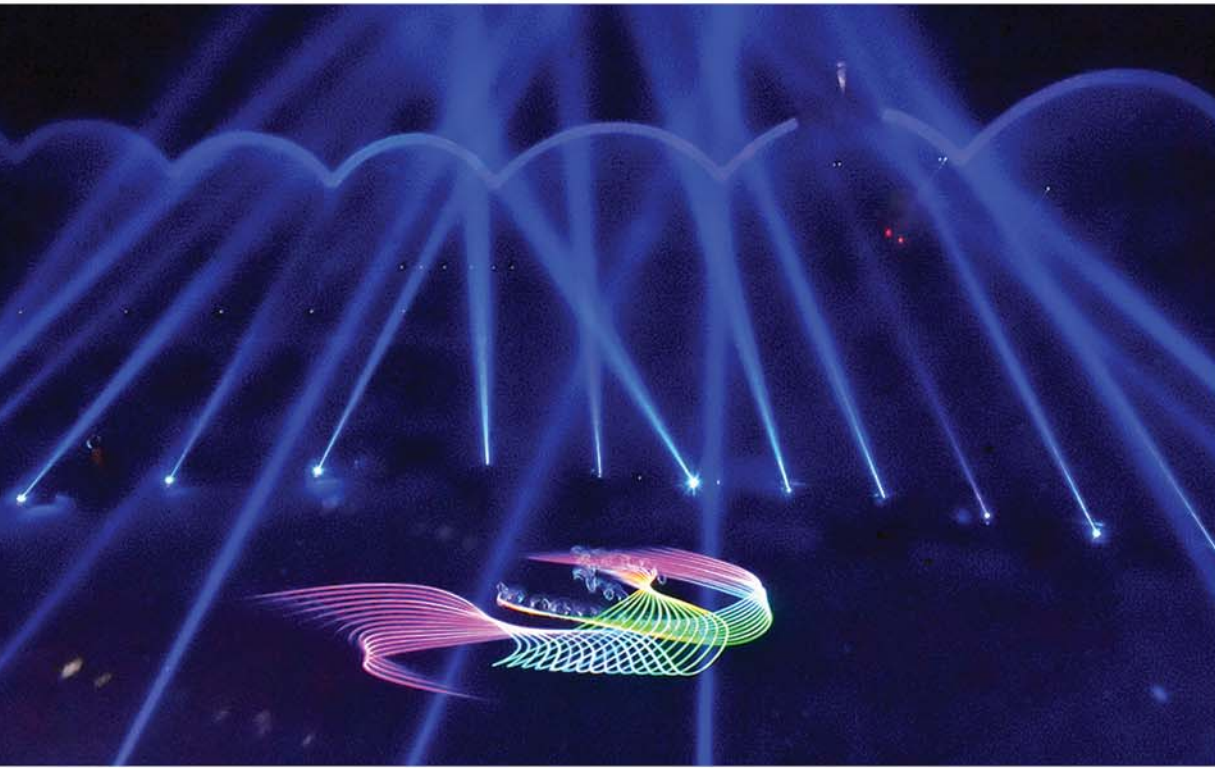
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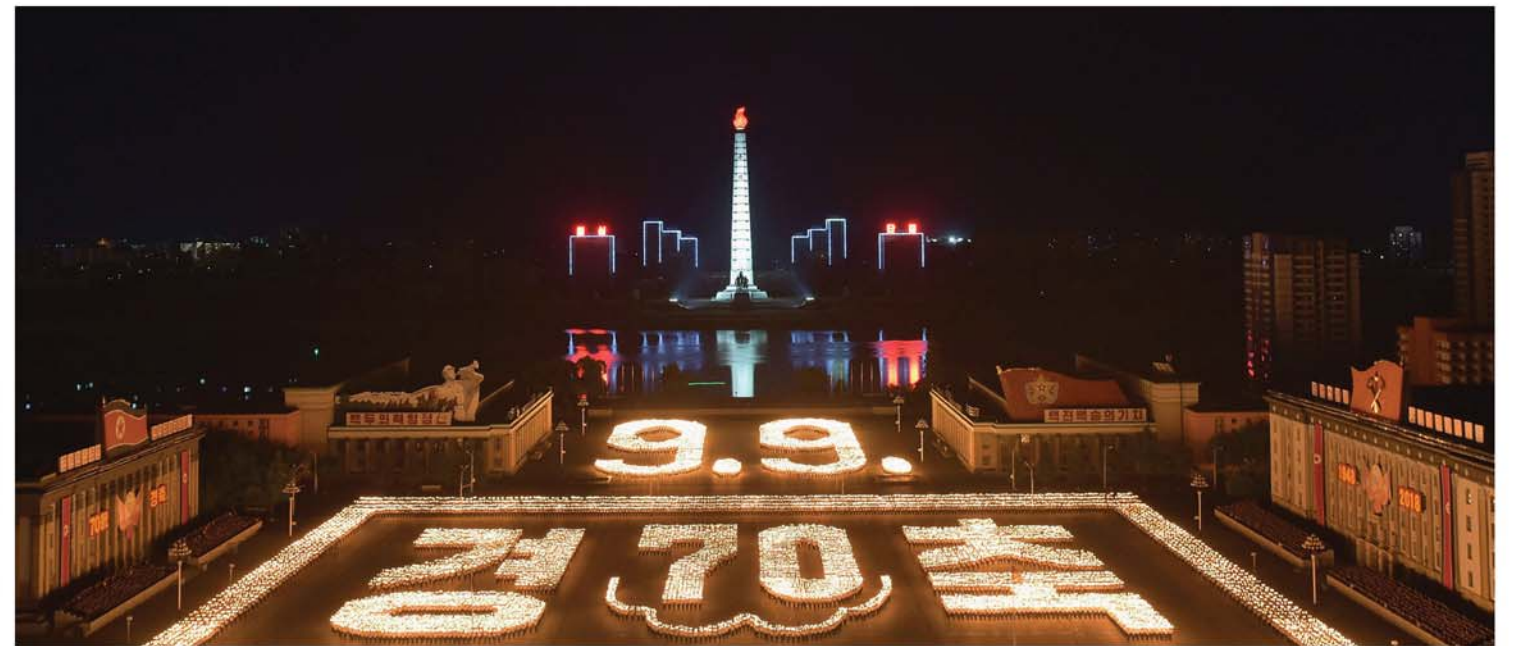






The performance presents vividly the founding, defence and development of the DPRK through well-harmonized music, dance, gymnastics, acrobatics, large-scale background, illumination and stage setting





Display by Young People of Their Unshakeable Faith and Will

Young vanguard held a torchlight procession titled *Young People, Forward, Demonstrating the Valiant Mettle of Heroic Korea!* in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK at Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square.

When the procession was declared open, letters reading *September 9* and *Celebrations 70* representing the anniversary of the DPRK were depicted on the ground.

Open limousines carrying the red flags bearing the beaming images of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il entered the square, escorted by young people holding torches in their hands.

Young people including students depicted with torches large letters of *Kim Il Sung's Nation* and *Kim Jong Il's Korea*, the shining sun, the emblem of the WPK, the national flag and such letters as

Kim Jong Un's Era, Supreme Leader and Banner of Victory.

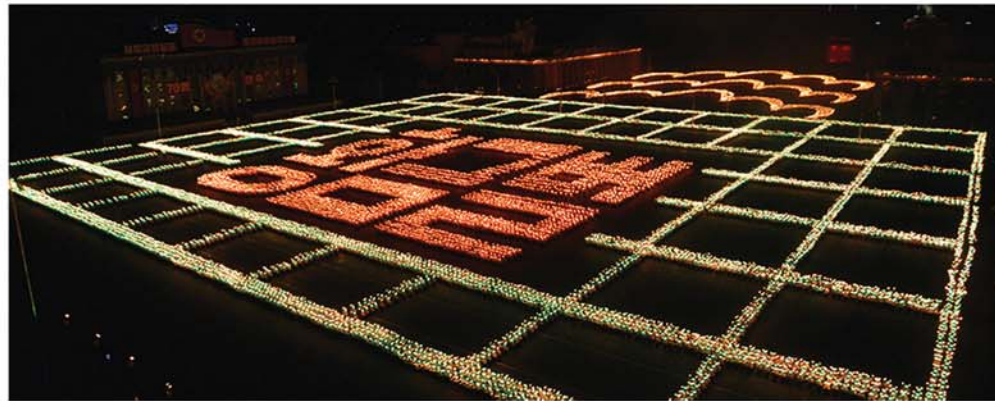
Looking at the procession, which led them to look back upon the WPK's history of attaching importance to young people while training them in the 70-year course of the Republic to be heroes of the times, artists of creation and warriors for the implementation of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the audience cheered the young people.

The torchlight procession was crowned by a fireworks display with the square resounding with the song *We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Very Lives* sung by the participants in the procession.

Article: Pak Pyong Hun

Photo: Pak Chang Bok, Kim Song Chol





Young people display their stout mettle with which they have marched along the road for building a prosperous country and their will to continue to march straight ahead in support of the Workers' Party of Korea, flying high the red flag of the revolution

Greeting the September Holiday in Great Delight and Happiness



Music and dance performance in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK



Central Photo Exhibition 70 Years of Victory and Glory, National Book Exhibition, performance by the National Symphony Orchestra *Symphony of Socialism* and other functions in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK

With delight and pride in opening a new era of overall revitalization of their socialist country, rallied firmly around the Workers' Party of Korea, all the people across the country greeted the 70th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with splendour.

An endless stream of visitors flowed to the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill and the mosaic murals depicting the beaming images of the leaders in Pyongyang and in other parts of the country; the venues were filled with boundless reverence for the leaders.

A national symposium was held at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on the imperishable exploits performed by President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il for the founding and development of the DPRK.

The Central Photo Exhibition, National Fine Art Exhibition, National Book Exhibition and other similar events took place, showcasing the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who founded the Republic and led it along the victorious road, the greatness of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, who is opening a new era of building a powerful socialist country through outstanding seasoned guidance, and the proud and glorious course the DPRK has travelled under the leadership of the WPK.

Amid the national pride and dignity brimming over, a music and dance performance was staged in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.

Present there were cadres of the WPK, government and army, chairman of a friendly party, delegates to the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of

the DPRK, officials of the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies, officers and men of the Korean People's Army, officials of institutions and industrial establishments and labour innovators in Pyongyang, foreign delegations, special envoys, delegates and other foreigners, members of congratulatory groups and delegations of overseas Koreans and other overseas compatriots on a visit to the DPRK to take part in the celebrations of its 70th anniversary.

Invited there were foreign diplomatic envoys and representatives of international organizations in Pyongyang.

Entertainers of prestigious art troupes in Pyongyang created and represented the people's odes to their beloved socialist motherland in a unique way to unfold a stage of jubilant celebrations.

Through its performance *Symphony of Socialism* held in the Moranbong

Theatre in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, the National Symphony Orchestra portrayed in a unique instrumental arrangement the Korean people's reverence for and trust in their Supreme Leader, who is exalting the honour of their socialist country as a great, people's country true to the preceding leaders' patriotic wish for a powerful country.

An artistic performance by schoolchildren was held at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace.

Other congratulatory artistic performances were held in provinces.

The State Stamp Bureau created and issued new stamps.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho
Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un meets and has a talk with Li Zhanshu, special envoy of Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, together with Li Zhanshu, mounts the stage to congratulate the artistes for their wonderful performance [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Ever-Developing Invincible DPRK-China Friendship



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un met with Li Zhanshu, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, who is on a visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as special envoy of Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and president of the PRC, at the office building of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on September 9.

Present there were other members of the Chinese Party and government

delegation and Chinese ambassador to the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un gladly met with Li Zhanshu and other delegation members on a visit to the DPRK to attend the celebrations for the 70th birthday of the DPRK, and had a photo taken with them before having a warm talk with them.

Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks to Xi Jinping for sending a warm and fine personal letter.

Noting that it is the firm option and immutable line of the WPK and the DPRK government to steadily develop the DPRK-China friendship, the



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un hosts a banquet for the Chinese Party and government delegation [September Juche 107 (2018)]

precious common treasure of the two countries, he expressed his will to further boost high-level visits and deepen the strategic mutual understanding as already agreed with Xi Jinping in order to more firmly and profoundly develop the special and solid DPRK-China relations which no one can hurt.

He exchanged with Li Zhanshu candid views on the issues of developing the relationship between the two parties and the two countries and those of mutual concern.

The talk proceeded in a friendly and amicable atmosphere.

On September 10 a performance by artistes was held in the Mansudae Art Theatre to welcome the Chinese guests on a visit to the DPRK with friendly

feelings to congratulate its 70th founding anniversary.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju enjoyed the performance together with Li Zhanshu and other members of the Chinese Party and government delegation.

After the performance was over, Kim Jong Un, together with Li Zhanshu, mounted the stage and congratulated the artistes for their excellent performance.

That evening Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un arranged a banquet for the Chinese guests.

Article: Ri Ki Song



Kim Jong Un Meets Chairwoman of Russian Federation Council

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un met Valentina Ivanovna Matvienko, Chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council, at the office building of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on September 8.

He kindly greeted the chairwoman, warmly welcoming her on a visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to join the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of his country.

After exchanging warm greetings with her, he had a photo taken and had a friendly talk with her.

The chairwoman courteously conveyed warm greetings and a personal letter of Russian President Vladimir Putin to the DPRK Supreme Leader.

She extended heartfelt warm congratulations and best wishes to him and the friendly Korean people in the name of the Russian President and people on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, saying that she deemed it a great honour to visit the DPRK upon authorization of the President and to take part in the significant celebration events on behalf of Russia.

Kim Jong Un expressed deep gratitude to Putin for sending greetings and wonderful personal letter on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, and asked her to convey warm greetings of the Party, government and people

of the DPRK to the President and the people of Russia.

As he talked with her he listened to the view and stand of the Russian leadership on the situation on the Korean peninsula and in the region, exchanged broad views for the stable development of the situation and shared with her the view on the need to promote close cooperation and concerted action between the two countries in defending lasting and stable peace and security on the peninsula and in the rest of the world.

Also expressed at the talk were the stand and will of the supreme leaderships of the two countries to invariably maintain and develop in a sustained and constructive way the strategic and traditional DPRK-Russia friendly relations provided by the leaders of the elder generation, keep closer overall bilateral ties including cooperation between the two parliaments and expand and develop them.

Kim Jong Un expressed his pleasure over the wonderful talk with the chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council and wished her pleasant time during her stay in the country.

The talk proceeded in a friendly and amicable atmosphere.

Article: Kim Son Gyong

Another Historic North-South Summit



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju welcoming south Korean President Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook to Pyongyang [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, warmly greeted south Korean President Moon Jae In, who was to visit Pyongyang for the historic north-south summit, at Pyongyang International Airport on September 18.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un came out to the airport with his wife Ri Sol Ju.

Seen at the airport were Kim Yong Nam, member of the Presidium of the

Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK; Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee; Kim Yong Chol and Ri Su Yong, vice-chairmen of the WPK Central Committee; Ri Yong Ho, minister of Foreign Affairs; Army General Kim Su Gil, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army; Army General No Kwang Chol, minister of the





Talks between Kim Jong Un and Moon Jae In [September Juche 107 (2018)]

People's Armed Forces; Kim Nung O, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK; Ri Son Gwon, chairman of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Country; and Cha Hui Rim, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee.

The plane carrying the south Korean President and his party touched down at Pyongyang International Airport at 10 a.m.

Amid the playing of welcome music, the top leaders of both sides embraced each other, sharing their pleasure of meeting again after nearly four months.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un warmly welcomed the south Korean President Moon Jae In to Pyongyang.

Moon Jae In expressed his deep thanks to Kim Jong Un for warmly

greeting him at the airport.

He was accompanied by official entourage: Jong Ui Yong, chief of the National Security Office of the Blue House; Jo Myong Gyun, minister of Unification; Kang Kyong Hwa, minister of Foreign Affairs; Song Yong Mu, minister of Defence; To Jong Hwan, minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism; Kim Hyon Mi, minister of Land and Transport; Kim Yong Chun, minister of Oceans and Fisheries; So Hun, director of the National Intelligence Service; Kim Jae Hyon, minister of the Korea Forest Service; Ju Yong Hun, head of the Presidential Security Service; Kim Hyon Chol, adviser to the president for economic affairs; Kim Jong Chon, chief protocol secretary of the Blue House; Yun Kon Yong, chief of the State Affairs Planning Office of the Blue



Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju seeing an artistic performance together with Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook [September Juche 107 (2018)]

House; and Kim Ui Gyom, spokesman for the Blue House; special entourage consisting of personages of various circles and journalists.

After the welcoming ceremony Moon Jae In, accompanied by Kim Jong Un, waved back to the cheering crowds, walking past them.

Along the route, more than 100 000 citizens welcomed with compatriotism Moon Jae In and his party visiting Pyongyang for another historic inter-Korean summit.

The historic fifth north-south summit talks took place at the office building of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on September 18.

The Supreme Leader warmly greeted the President who visited the office building of the WPK Central Committee and had a photo taken with him.

At the talks there was an in-depth exchange of opinions on various issues arising in further accelerating the development of inter-Korean relations by fully implementing the Panmunjom Declaration in an all-round way.

The top leaders of both sides highly appreciated the present state of the north-south ties that have positively developed on good terms since two rounds of meetings and talks were held successfully this year, and had a frank and candid conversation over important issues of mutual concern.

That day an artistic performance was given to welcome south Korean President, and Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju saw the performance together with Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook.

The next day Kim Jong Un visited the Paekhwawon Guest House



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un hosts a banquet for south Korean President Moon Jae In visiting Pyongyang [September Juche 107 (2018)]



where south Korean President Moon Jae In stayed and had second-day talks with him.

The talks reaffirmed the will of both sides to implement the historic Panmunjom Declaration to the letter and formulated important matters to be maintained in implementing the declaration and detailed measures as well.

The top leaders agreed on a series of immediate practical steps to be taken by the north and the south.

They had an in-depth discussion of ways of steadily taking measures, which meet the requirements of the era of reconciliation and cooperation and fully guarantee the current development of relations, on the basis of the precious success and experience they achieved and gained as they dramatically reversed the inter-Korean relationship of extreme hostility and confrontation and brought about startling changes and fruits by making sincere efforts with the viewpoint and attitude of pooling minds and intentions and respecting and trusting each other.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and south Korean President Moon Jae In signed the September Pyongyang Joint Declaration and made joint statements on it on September 19.

That evening Kim Jong Un saw a grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance together with Moon Jae In at the May Day Stadium.

The audience was deeply moved by the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance which showed impressively that only when the north and the south join their efforts to open up a broad avenue for peace and prosperity, can one Korea be built on this land to be handed down to the coming generations.

President Moon Jae In and his party left Pyongyang on the morning of September 20 for Mt Paektu.

Pyongyang citizens warmly saw off the south Korean president and his party along the streets in the capital and at Pyongyang International Airport.

Kim Jong Un came out to Samjiyon Airport together with his wife Ri Sol Ju to greet President Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju climbed Mt Paektu together with south Korean President Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook on the morning of September 20 after the successful north-south summit, drawing the attention of all the fellow countrymen and the whole world.

Officials of the north side and the entourage of the south side climbed together.

On top of Janggun Peak, the highest of the peaks of Mt Paektu, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, together with President Moon Jae In, feasted



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visiting the guest house where south Korean President Moon Jae In is staying and having second-day talks with him [September Juche 107 (2018)]

their eyes on the beautiful and magnificent peaks, spectacular view of the limpid and blue Lake Chon and the wavy sea of foliage extending far reminding one of the blood vein of the nation.

Moon Jae In expressed his impression of climbing the holy mountain symbolic of the soul and spirit of the Korean nation and voiced his expectation

and conviction that the first step today would be followed by a new era desired by all the fellow countrymen.



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and south Korean President Moon Jae In in the signing ceremony of the September Pyongyang Joint Declaration [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and south Korean President Moon Jae In making joint statements on the September Pyongyang Joint Declaration [September Juche 107 (2018)]

Chairman Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and President Moon Jae In of the Republic of Korea had north-south summit talks in Pyongyang from September 18 to 20, 2018.

The top leaders appreciated that after the historic Panmunjom Declaration, wonderful achievements were witnessed such as close dialogue and negotiations between the authorities of the north and the south, multilateral NGO exchanges and cooperation and important measures for the detente of military tension.

They reaffirmed the principles of national independence and national self-determination and agreed to develop the inter-Korean ties in a consistent and sustained way for national reconciliation, cooperation and solid peace and common prosperity, and strive to provide policy guarantee for the realization of the aspirations of all the fellow countrymen to lead the present improved north-south ties to reunification.

They had a frank and in-depth discussion of all issues and practical measures for advancing the north-south ties onto a new high stage by thoroughly implementing the Panmunjom Declaration, and shared the understanding that the Pyongyang summit would mark an important historic turning point, before declaring as follows:

1. The north and the south decided to lead the termination of military hostility in the areas of confrontation including the Demilitarized Zone to the substantial removal of the danger of war and fundamental eradication of hostility in the whole of the Korean peninsula.

First, the north and the south agreed to adopt the "military agreement to implement the Panmunjom Declaration" concluded in the period of the Pyongyang summit talks as an annexe to the Pyongyang Joint Declaration, strictly adhere to and sincerely implement it and take practical measures

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proactively to make the Korean peninsula a lasting peace zone.

Second, the north and the south agreed to put the north-south joint military committee in operation as early as possible, examine the implementation of the military agreement and have constant contact and discussion for the prevention of accidental armed clashes.

2. The north and the south decided to take practical measures to further boost exchanges and cooperation and to develop the nation's economy in a balanced way on the principle of mutual benefits and common interests and prosperity.

First, the north and the south agreed to hold groundbreaking ceremonies for reconnecting severed railways and roads on the east and west coasts and modernizing them within this year.

Second, the north and the south agreed to put the operation of the Kaesong Industrial Park and Mt Kumgang tourism on normal track first as conditions get ripe and hold consultations over the establishment of the West Sea joint special economic zone and the East Sea joint special tourism zone.

Third, the north and the south agreed to actively promote the north-south environmental cooperation for the protection and restoration of the natural ecosystem and to work primarily to achieve practical success in the cooperation project in the forestry field now underway.

Fourth, the north and the south agreed to bolster up cooperation in the anti-epidemic and public health fields including emergency measures for the prevention of inflow and spread of infectious diseases.

3. The north and the south decided to further promote humanitarian cooperation for the fundamental settlement of the issue of separated families and relatives.

First, the north and the south agreed to open the reunion building for separated families and relatives in the Mt Kumgang area as early as possible and to restore its facilities at an early date to this end.

Second, the north and the south agreed to discuss and settle the issue of online meeting and exchange of video messages between separated families and relatives on a priority basis through Red Cross talks.

4. The north and the south decided to actively promote cooperation and exchanges in various fields so as to stoke the atmosphere of reconciliation and unity and demonstrate at home and abroad the stamina of the Korean nation.

First, the north and the south agreed to further boost exchanges in the fields of culture and arts and to ensure the Pyongyang art troupe's performance in Seoul within October above all.

Second, the north and the south agreed to make active joint advance

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to international games including the 2020 Summer Olympic Games and to cooperate to win a joint bid to host the 2032 Summer Olympics.

Third, the north and the south agreed to hold significant events to meaningfully commemorate the 11th anniversary of the October 4 Declaration, to jointly commemorate the centenary of the March First Popular Uprising and to discuss technical plans for them.

5. The north and the south shared the view that the Korean peninsula should be turned into a peace zone free from nuclear weapons and nuclear threat and necessary practical progress should be made as early as possible to this end.

First, the north side decided to permanently shut down the Tongchang-ri engine test ground and rocket launch pad with the participation of experts from related countries above all.

Second, the north side expressed its willingness to continue to take additional steps such as the permanent shutdown of the Nyongbyon nuclear facility if the United States takes corresponding steps in line with the spirit of the June 12 DPRK-US joint statement.

Third, the north and the south agreed to closely cooperate in the course of pushing ahead with the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

6. Chairman of the State Affairs Commission Kim Jong Un agreed to visit Seoul in the near future at the invitation of President Moon Jae In.

Moon Jae In
President of the Republic of Korea



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and south Korean President Moon Jae In seeing a grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance [September Juche 107 (2018)]

The top leaders and their wives had a photo taken together in memory of the historic moment of being on top of Mt Paektu together. They went down to Lake Chon and exchanged impressions of climbing the mountain, walking along the shores of the lake. They had another photo taken together on the lakeside. Kim Jong Un exchanged warm farewells with Moon Jae In making his way home after the successful historic north-south summit meeting and talks.

The historic September Pyongyang meeting and talks marked a turning point in further consolidating the valuable achievements jointly made by both sides and stepping up the development of the inter-Korean ties on the new track of peace, reconciliation and cooperation and thereby ushering in a heyday in accomplishing the great cause of reunification.

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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and south Korean President Moon Jae In having a luncheon [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and south Korean President Moon Jae In having a dinner [September Juche 107 (2018)]





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju having a photo taken with south Korean President Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook on Mt Paektu [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju having another photo taken with south Korean President Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook by Lake Chon [September Juche 107 (2018)]





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un hosting luncheon for south Korean President Moon Jae In at Samjiyon [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and south Korean President Moon Jae In having a pleasant chat while walking on the shores of the lake commanding a view of Mt Paektu [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju warmly seeing off south Korean President Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook [September Juche 107 (2018)]



Ryomyong Street in the morning

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