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Kim Jong Un, the great leader of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the Korean people
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, created a trend towards peace and an atmosphere of dialogue, accepted by the international community, by adopting a bold switchover policy and an offensive-oriented strategy, and conducted adroit external activities to build up the international prestige of the DPRK.

By putting in primary effort to develop the special DPRK-China relations with deep historical roots, the General Secretary built up the friendly relationship with China as required by the new century, opening up a new chapter in the mutual relations with socialism as its core.

He, through five rounds of DPRK-China summit talks, strengthened strategic communication, promoted mutual understanding and deepened comradely trust between the Workers’ Party of Korea and the Communist Party of China and thus provided a firm guarantee for fresh development of the DPRK-China relations as required by the times when it is necessary to carry on the fraternal friendship and unity between the Parties and peoples of the two countries that are inseparably united for the same destiny in the struggle for the common cause.

Understanding the importance of fresh development of the traditional DPRK-Russia relations, the General Secretary conducted external activities for the development of friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries, thus laying the foundation for the expansion and development of friendly relations with Russia.

Through the DPRK-Cuba Pyongyang summit and the DPRK-Vietnam Hanoi summit, Kim Jong Un developed bilateral relations, which were forged and verified in the common struggle for accomplishing the cause of socialism, into special ones between comrades, into strategic ones, thus radically strengthening the unity and solidarity with socialist countries.

In particular, at the one-on-one talks of the top leaders of the DPRK and the US, the first of their kind in the hostile relations between the two countries, the General Secretary, with a strong principle of independence, made sure that a joint declaration was adopted promising to establish new DPRK-US relations. The several rounds of DPRK-US summit talks were a cataclysmic event in the political history of the world, which demonstrated to the world the strategic position of the DPRK defending its independent interests, peace and justice against the superpower.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), paid an unofficial visit to the People’s Republic of China (PRC) at the invitation of Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and president of the People’s Republic of China.

Chinese Party and state leaders warmly welcomed Kim Jong Un on his historic first visit to China and accorded him a warm reception with utmost sincerity. His visit marked an important occasion in carrying forward through generations the laudable history and tradition established by the leaders of older generations of the two countries and developing the bilateral friendly relations forged in the sacred joint struggle for the cause of socialism onto a new higher stage.
A grand ceremony took place at the Great Hall of the People to welcome Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju. They were warmly welcomed by Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan. Xi Jinping offered a warm welcome to the DPRK leader for visiting the People’s Republic of China as his first foreign visit. Kim Jong Un, conducted by Xi Jinping, reviewed the Guard of Honour of the three services of the People’s Liberation Army of China.
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The leaders of the two countries had talks. In-depth opinions on important matters including those for development of the DPRK-China friendship and handling of the situation of the Korean peninsula were exchanged at the talks.
A banquet was held in honour of Kim Jong Un’s visit to China in a comradely, fraternal and amicable atmosphere. Prior to the banquet, the participants saw a video showing the activities of the leaders of the two Parties and the two countries who had provided and grown the roots of the bilateral friendship with great care.
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Kim Jong Un visited an exhibition of outstanding achievements the Chinese Academy of Sciences had made since the 18th CPC Congress.

He made an entry in the visitors’ book: “We can see the mightiness of China, our great neighbour. More excellent scientific successes will be achieved under the wise leadership of the Communist Party of China. Kim Jong Un. March 27, 2018.”
Kim Jong Un and his wife were invited to a luncheon hosted by Xi Jinping and his wife at Yangyuanzhai of the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. Yangyuanzhai, an old cultural relic built in 1773 as a royal villa of Emperor Qianlong of the Qing dynasty, is a historic place where President Kim Il Sung of the DPRK deepened the feeling of friendship with the leaders of China.
The top leaders of the two countries deepened rapport as they exchanged candid views and opinions on various issues.
The venue of luncheon, in which the leaders of the two countries, along with their wives, sat together in a family atmosphere, was continuously filled with amicable, kinship feelings.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, paid a visit to Dalian, China, and met again with Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC and president of the PRC.

The top leaders of the two countries exchanged warm greetings, so pleased to meet again in just a little more than a month.

The meaningful meeting and talks between the top leaders took place in Dalian, Liaoning Province, China.

At the talks both sides informed each other of their assessment of and views on the then trend and development of the situation on the Korean peninsula that had come under the global spotlight, and of the political and economic situations of their respective countries, before stressing the need to promote bilateral friendly and cooperative relations for the better. And they exchanged in-depth views on how to tackle the crucial issues of common concern.
Carrying Forward the Fraternity and Unity
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May 7-8, Juche 107 (2018)
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Xi Jinping hosted a grand banquet in honour of Kim Jong Un.

Xi Jinping offered a warm welcome to Kim Jong Un on another China visit of his in the beautiful season full of vigour and vitality. Kim Jong Un said he was very pleased to get together again with Xi Jinping and other Chinese comrades in 40-odd days and expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Chinese Party Central Committee for its kind-hearted hospitality and close concern.
Kim Jong Un was invited to a luncheon arranged by Xi Jinping at the Qingdao Pavilion of Bangchuidao Guesthouse.

Before the luncheon, Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping appreciated the skills showing China’s long-standing tea culture and talked about important issues.

The luncheon overflowing with genuine friendship, respect and reverence helped the top leaders of the two Parties and the two countries further deepen their comradely rapport.
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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, visited the Republic of Singapore.
Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, exchanged warm greetings with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and wrote his signature on the visitors’ book before having a friendly talk with the latter.

Saying he was pleased to visit the wonderful and beautiful Republic of Singapore, Kim Jong Un extended sincere regards and best wishes to the Singaporean government and people on behalf of the DPRK government and people.

Lee Hsien Loong said he was honoured by the DPRK’s choosing of his country as the venue for the DPRK-US summit, and was hopeful that the historic summit would mark an important occasion in ensuring peace and stability on the Korean peninsula.
Both sides mentioned the need to develop bilateral ties in a wide range of fields by boosting broad exchange and cooperation while maintaining the fine relationship and promoting rapport between the two countries.
Kim Jong Un acquainted himself with Singapore’s socio-economic development as he looked round its iconic Great Flower Garden, the Sky Park atop the world’s renowned Marina Bay Sands building and the Port of Singapore.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, met with US President Donald J. Trump to hold a DPRK-US summit meeting and talks for the first time in his history.

At the talks a comprehensive and in-depth discussion was made about the need to establish a new DPRK-US relationship and set up a permanent and stable peace regime on the Korean peninsula. The two leaders agreed that it is important to observe the principle of taking step-by-step and simultaneous action in the course of the effort to ensure peace, stability and denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, and President Donald J. Trump signed the historic joint statement of the Singapore summit.

Epoch-making Meeting
Heralding a New Chapter of DPRK-US Relations

June 12, Juche 107 (2018)
Kim Jong Un met and had the first handshake with Donald J. Trump. This signalled the first step the top leaders of the two countries had taken towards reconciliation, coming face to face with each other for dialogue, for the first time in over 70 years, a period of confrontation and antagonism between the DPRK and the US.
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A Singaporean newspaper features the first DPRK-US summit

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Many issues stemmed from the deep-rooted distrust and hostility between the two countries, Kim Jong Un said, noting that both countries need to be understanding towards each other, promise to refrain from antagonizing the other party and take legal and institutional measures to guarantee it in order to ensure peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and denuclearize it.

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The joint statement of the Singapore summit signed by Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, and Donald J. Trump, president of the USA
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Commemorative coins to mark the DPRK-US summit held in Singapore

Gold coin
Commemorative coin issued in Singapore to mark the DPRK-US summit

Obverse
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Silver coin
Commemorative coin issued in Singapore to mark the DPRK-US summit

Obverse
Reverse

Commemorative coin issued in the USA to mark the DPRK-US summit

Obverse
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Commemorative stamps to mark the DPRK-US summit held in Singapore

Commemorative stamp issued in Singapore to mark the DPRK-US summit

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Commemorative stamps issued in Tuvalu to mark the DPRK-US summit

Commemorative stamps issued in Palau to mark the DPRK-US summit

Commemorative stamps issued in the Marshall Islands to mark the DPRK-US summit

Commemorative stamps issued in the Central African Republic to mark the DPRK-US summit
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the People’s Republic of China again. Beijing, which would welcome again Kim Jong Un as the top state guest, was enveloped in a warm feeling of the DPRK-China friendship.

Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju were warmly greeted by Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan at the Great Hall of the People.

At the talks between Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping, both sides informed each other of their own appraisals, views and stands related to the results of the historic DPRK-US summit that had taken place amid the unusual interest and expectation of the international community, and exchanged valuable views on the prospect of the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and other issues of common concern before reaching a consensus over the discussed issues.
The third historic meeting of the top leaders of the two countries in a matter of three months was another manifestation of the countries’ fraternal friendship based on the long-standing, kinship-like ties.
Strengthening the DPRK-China Friendship as Required by the New Era

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June 19-20, Juche 107 (2018)
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June 19-20, Juche 107 (2018)
Xi Jinping hosted a grand banquet in honour of Kim Jong Un. Chinese artistes gave a specially prepared artistic performance. They sang songs like *Song of General Kim Il Sung*, *Song of Changjiang*, *Prospering Village*, *Arirang of Prosperity* (a Korean song), *Sleepless Night*, *Exhilarating Weather*, *O Sole Mio*, *New World* and *Song of Toast*, and staged other colourful pieces. Their high artistic skills and wonderful rendition elicited enthusiastic applause of the audience.
Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan met their Korean counterparts at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse again to accord exceptional hospitality.

Kim Jong Un had a talk with Xi Jinping in an amicable atmosphere.

Kim Jong Un and Ri Sol Ju sat together with Xi Jinping and Peng Liyuan to have a luncheon in a happy family setting.

The leaders and their wives, who had gotten closer and more familiar through several meetings, shared amicable conversation and sincerity throughout the luncheon.
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The top leaders of the two countries and their wives posed for a photograph against the background of a spruce, which was planted by President Kim Il Sung of the DPRK in the compound of the guest-house in October 1959 during his trip to China. The tree still stands healthy conveying the laudable story of the DPRK-China friendship.
Kim Jong Un, together with his accompanying officials, inspected the State Agricultural Sci-tech Innovation Institute of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science and the Beijing Rail Traffic Control Centre during his visit to China.

The institute presented him with flowering plants it had cultivated.
The way the DPRK and China are sincerely helping and cooperating with each other while sharing weal and woe like family members clearly demonstrated at home and abroad that the traditional relationship between the two Parties and the two countries is developing into an unprecedentedly special one beyond the traditional ties.
Committed to Unity, Solidarity and Common Cause

November 4-6, Juche 107 (2018)

At the invitation of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, president of the Council of State and president of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, visited the DPRK from November 4 to 6, 2018.

At the meeting and talks Kim Jong Un and Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez highly appreciated that the great preceding leaders of the two countries had provided and developed the framework of the special friendship based on revolutionary principle, comradely obligation and socialist principle, and that the history and tradition of bilateral friendship have invariably been carried forward and further developed thanks to the joint efforts of both sides under the new situation and environment.

They expressed the firm stand and will of the Parties and governments of the two countries to further expand and strengthen the strategic and comradely bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two Parties and the two countries in line with the requirements of the new era in the future.
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A joint performance was given by major art troupes of the DPRK to welcome Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, in the presence of Kim Jong Un.

Put on the stage were famous songs of the two countries by the artistes of the State Merited Chorus, the Samjiyon Orchestra, the Moranbong Electronic Ensemble and the Wangjaesan Art Troupe.

The performance clearly manifested that the just cause of the Korean and Cuban peoples would continue to advance victoriously as ever.
Kim Jong Un invited Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez to the office building of the Central Committee of the WPK to talk and dine with him.
Kim Jong Un, together with Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, saw the mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country* at the May Day Stadium.
Kim Jong Un and Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez visited the Mansudae Art Studio, a world-class art studio.
The Cuban President’s visit to the DPRK served as a historic watershed in invariably carrying forward and developing the fraternal and traditional relations of friendship and cooperation forged between the DPRK and Cuba century after century and generation after generation and strengthening the militant solidarity between the two Parties and peoples of the two countries struggling for the common cause under the banner of socialism.
Warm Friendship,
Deepening Comradely Trust

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, paid a visit to the People’s Republic of China with his wife Ri Sol Ju.

Pleased to meet again at the beginning of the New Year, Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju, and Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan gladly shook hands with each other and had a photo taken with the flags of the two countries for a background.

At the talks that proceeded in a comradely, sincere and friendly atmosphere, the two leaders had an exchange of in-depth and candid views over the issue of further boosting the friendship and unity, exchange and cooperation between the two Parties and the two countries as required by the times and over the international and regional issues of mutual concern, especially the joint study and coordination of the management of the situation of the Korean peninsula and the process of negotiations for denuclearization. They expressed mutual understanding, support and solidarity for the independent stands maintained by the Parties and governments of the two countries in external relations.
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January 7-10, Juche 108 (2019)
Xi Jinping gave a grand banquet to welcome Kim Jong Un’s China visit.

Listening to the speeches of the top leaders of the two Parties and the two countries, participants recollected the unforgettable days of the DPRK-China friendship in 2018 and became confident of a brighter and more beautiful future of the bilateral relations.

A special artistic performance was given by the Chinese artists in honour of Kim Jong Un’s visit to China.

Presenting a basket of flowers to the performers who gave a wonderful performance, Kim Jong Un and his wife mounted the stage together with the Chinese counterparts and had a photo session with the performers.
Kim Jong Un visited a branch pharmaceutical factory of the Beijing Tongrentang Co. Ltd. together with his entourage. Looking round the production lines capable of producing different traditional medicines, he highly appreciated that the factory had successfully developed by making many achievements in production and technical upgrading by enterprising and determined efforts, and wished it greater success in its future business management.
Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping met again at Beijing Hotel and had a candid conversation, further deepening special comradelyship and close relations.

Having a luncheon hosted by the Chinese President and his wife, the DPRK counterparts had a pleasant chat with them in an amicable and happy atmosphere.

Kim Jong Un expressed his heartfelt thanks to Xi Jinping for hosting the luncheon once again with sincerity at a special place in a distinctive atmosphere.

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, and Donald J. Trump, president of the United States of America, had the historic second DPRK-US summit meeting and talks in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Kim Jong Un and Trump had a one-on-one pleasant chat and talk before having a dinner, and had extended talks.

They expressed the conviction that although the barrier of antagonism and confrontation, which had been built up in the hostile relationship spanning over seven decades, was high and there might arise unavoidable hardships and difficulties in the course of writing a new history of the DPRK-US relationship, they could advance the bilateral ties significantly as desired by the peoples of the two countries if they make their way through, hand in hand, with wisdom and patience.
February 27-28, Juche 108 (2019)
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February 27-28, Juche 108 (2019)
Commemorative coin and stamp issued in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to mark the DPRK-US summit held in Hanoi
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, paid an official goodwill visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the first of its kind in 55 years after President Kim Il Sung of the DPRK visited the country in 1964.

While having meetings and talks with Nguyen Phu Trong, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, chairwoman of the Vietnamese National Assembly, and other Vietnamese leading cadres, Kim Jong Un expressed the steadfast stand and will of the WPK and the DPRK government to develop the bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation between the two Parties and the two countries forged by the preceding leaders onto a higher stage.
The Party, government and people of Vietnam warmly welcomed Kim Jong Un’s visit to the country and accorded him hospitality with the utmost sincerity.

March 1-2, Juche 108 (2019)
Working for Fresh Development of Friendship and Cooperation

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Kim Jong Un and Nguyen Phu Trong exchanged greetings with a warm hug.

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March 1-2, Juche 108 (2019)
The Party and government of Vietnam arranged a grand banquet to welcome Kim Jong Un’s historic visit to the country. At the banquet there was an artistic performance of colourful programmes the Vietnamese artists had specially prepared.

Put on the stage were male solo Song of Loyalty (Korean song), female solo Attraction (Korean song) and other Korean songs and Vietnam’s traditional and graceful instrumental music and dance pieces, which enlivened the welcoming atmosphere and left deep impressions on the participants.
Kim Jong Un visited the Vietnamese government and National Assembly buildings to meet with Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Chairwoman Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan of the Vietnamese National Assembly and have talks with them in a friendly atmosphere.

March 1-2, Juche 108 (2019)
Kim Jong Un laid wreaths at the mausoleum of President Ho Chi Minh and the Monument to Heroic Martyrs and observed a moment’s silence.

Written on the ribbons of the wreaths were the words: "To the memory of President Ho Chi Minh," and "To the memory of heroic martyrs" respectively.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, paid an official goodwill visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation.

Kim Jong Un and Putin met and had talks at Far Eastern Federal University on Russky Island in Vladivostok.

They agreed on the concrete ways and measures to further promote mutual understanding and trust, friendship and cooperation and propel the progress of the bilateral friendship in the new century, and exchanged honest and candid opinions to share each other’s views on several issues concerning the situation of the Korean peninsula and international relations and jointly manage the situation.

Kim Jong Un’s goodwill visit to Russia and his historic first meeting with Putin were a great event that demonstrated the stability of the long-standing and close DPRK-Russia friendship carried forward century after century and generation after generation and brought about a turning point in further developing the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in line with the requirements of the new era.
Developing the Traditional DPRK-Russia Friendship onto a Higher Level

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Kim Jong Un had the first meeting with Putin and exchanged greetings with him. Putin heartily welcomed Kim Jong Un’s first Russia visit aimed at strengthening and developing the long-standing friendship between the two countries. Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks to Putin for finding time, busy as he was with his political schedule, to travel a long way to the city of its territory far from the capital and cordially greeting him.
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At a reception arranged to welcome Kim Jong Un's historic visit to Russia an artistic performance was given by artistes from the Academy Ensemble of the National Guards of Russia, the Kremlin Ballet Theatre, the State Academy Bolshoi Theatre, G. F. Ponomarenko Krasnodar Philharmonic Chorus and other prestigious Russian art organizations well known to the Korean people.

The performance included Russian folk songs and instrumental music, ballets, Korean dances and so on.

It ended with the song of friendship Moscow-Pyongyang.
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Kim Jong Un visited the Monument to Military Glory of the Pacific Fleet to lay a wreath and observe a moment’s silence.
Written on the ribbon of the wreath were the words: “To heroic servicemen who fell in battles for the homeland. Kim Jong Un.”
The governor of Maritime Territory of Russia arranged a luncheon for Kim Jong Un at the Resnaya Zaimka Restaurant in Vladivostok City which Chairman Kim Jong Il of the DPRK National Defence Commission had visited during his tour of the Far Eastern Region of Russia in August 2002.

Looking at the commemorative plaque to Kim Jong Il’s visit at the main entrance of the restaurant, Kim Jong Un expressed deep gratitude to the friends in Maritime Territory for treasuring and handing down the cherished memories of the Chairman through generations.

He had a friendly talk with the Russian local officials who recollected with deep emotion the unforgettable day of the Chairman’s visit to the restaurant, and had a photograph taken with them with the restaurant for a backdrop.
A ceremony took place in the plaza in front of Vladivostok Railway Station to bid farewell to Kim Jong Un.

The commander of the honour guard of the three services of the Russian Federal Armed Forces saluted Kim Jong Un before the national anthems of the two countries were played and the honour guard marched past.

Kim Jong Un said that he was returning home with good impressions and feelings of friendship after finishing his satisfactory visit to the Russian Federation under the special concern and warm hospitality shown by Putin and the government and people of Russia, and expressed heartfelt thanks for it.
DPRK-China Friendship Will Last Forever on the Road of Socialism

June 20-21, Juche 108 (2019)

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People’s Republic of China, paid a visit to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK.

The top leaders of the two countries agreed on making positive joint efforts to promote close strategic communication between the two Parties and the two countries, deepen mutual understanding and trust, maintain the tradition of high-level officials’ visits between the two countries and strengthen exchange and cooperation in every field.

Xi Jinping’s visit to the DPRK in the significant year of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the bilateral diplomatic relations served as an important occasion for further consolidating the traditional friendly relations that the two Parties and the two countries had forged by sharing the same intentions and feelings in the joint struggle for independence and socialism against imperialism, and it also gave support and encouragement to the just cause of the Korean people.
DPRK-China Friendship Will Last Forever on the Road of Socialism

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June 20-21, Juche 108 (2019)
The top leaders of the two countries emphasized that it was the consistent stand of the Parties and governments of their countries to promote continuous, dynamic development of the traditional friendship and cooperative relations as required by the times and that it fully conformed to the aspirations and fundamental interests of the peoples of the two countries.
Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping enjoyed the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *Invincible Socialism*.

The performers artistically represented the course of development replete with glory and heroic struggle of the DPRK which has emerged as a socialist state independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in defence, winning great victories and bringing about epochal changes under the leadership of the WPK.

Prestigious art troupes put on stage such Chinese songs as *No New China without Communist Party* and *We Sing of Motherland*, impressively representing the thoughts and emotions of the Chinese people who are achieving the prosperity of their nation under the guidance of the Communist Party of China.
Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping had a photo taken together with the members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee against the background of the office building of the Party Central Committee, an event which would go down in the histories of the two Parties.
The top leaders of the two countries and their wives walked together in the garden of the lodging place, deepening their friendship in an amicable atmosphere.

Then the DPRK leader and his wife Ri Sol Ju conducted the Chinese counterparts to the rosarium of the Kumsusan State Guesthouse and had a specially-arranged luncheon with them in a cordial and genial atmosphere like a family.
The top leaders of the two countries visited the Friendship Tower and observed a moment’s silence in memory of the fallen Chinese People’s Volunteers soldiers who, while fighting on the side of the Korean people, had laid down their prime of youth and lives in the sacred war against the imperialist armed invasion.
DPRK-China Friendship Will Last Forever on the Road of Socialism

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The Chinese President’s visit to the DPRK powerfully demonstrated at home and abroad the unshakeable will of the top leaders of the two countries to carry forward the excellent and great history and tradition of friendship and advance hand in hand along the road of struggle for independence and justice.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, had a historic meeting with Donald J. Trump, president of the United States of America, in the south side portion of Panmunjom, and had a one-on-one chat and talks.

They explained the ways to ease tensions on the Korean peninsula, end the unsavoury relations between the two countries and make a dramatic turn in them, while mentioning mutual fears which would be an obstacle to solving relevant problems and issues of their concern. They voiced full understanding and sympathy.

They agreed to keep in close touch in the future, too, and resume and push forward productive dialogues for making a new breakthrough in the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and in the bilateral relations.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, received a personal message from US President Donald J. Trump.

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Having read the message, Kim Jong Un expressed satisfaction saying it contained good suggestions. He said that he appreciated President Trump’s politically judging prowess and unusual courage, adding he would weigh the appealing contents.
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Kim Jong Un exchanged greetings with Trump and guided him to the north side portion of Panmunjom.
The two leaders walked close to the Panmun House in the north side portion of Panmunjom and held their hands again, recording a historic moment of the sitting US President crossing the Military Demarcation Line and setting foot in the territory of the DPRK for the first time in history.
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Kim Jong Un clarified the principled stand of the DPRK to Trump.
Kim Jong Un and Trump achieved an epoch-making historic meeting, opening wide the door at Panmunjom—which had been locked as the symbol of DPRK-US confrontation and feud. It was a surprising event that created unprecedented trust between the two countries which had been steeped in discord and antagonism as old foes.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid an unofficial visit to the People's Republic of China.

May 7-8, Juche 107 (2018)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, paid a visit to Dalian, China, and met again with Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC and president of the PRC.

June 10-11, Juche 107 (2018)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Republic of Singapore and met Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the presidential palace.

June 12, Juche 107 (2018)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, and US President Donald J. Trump had the first DPRK-US summit meeting and talks on Sentosa Island, Singapore.

June 19-20, Juche 107 (2018)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the People's Republic of China.

November 4-6, Juche 107 (2018)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, met with Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, president of the Council of State and president of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, on his visit to the DPRK.

January 7-10, Juche 108 (2019)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, paid a visit to the People's Republic of China.

February 27-28, Juche 108 (2019)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, had the historic second DPRK-US summit meeting and talks with Donald J. Trump, president of the United States of America, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

March 1-2, Juche 108 (2019)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid an official goodwill visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

April 24-26, Juche 108 (2019)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, paid an official goodwill visit to the Russian Federation.

June 20-21, Juche 108 (2019)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met with Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, on his visit to the DPRK.

June 30, Juche 108 (2019)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, had a historic meeting with Donald J. Trump, president of the United States of America, at Panmunjom.
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