

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Chongryon Central Standing Committee

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) sent a message of condolences to Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il on Tuesday.

Noting that his life was the most brilliant life of a great revolutionary and peerless patriot who devoted his all to the country and its people, the message went on:

He was a genius of creation who brought to the homeland the period of prosperity, the first of its kind in the history of the nation spanning 5 000 years with his brilliant wisdom and superhuman energy.

Kim Jong Il was the father of the nation and loadstar of national reunification who ushered in the June 15 era of reunification in which the noble idea of "By our nation itself" is coming true.

He was defender of socialism and staunch anti-imperialist fighter who conducted energetic external activities, thereby remarkably raising the international prestige of the DPRK and making an undying contribution to accomplishing the human cause of independence.

He was the great leader of Chongryon and very kind-hearted father who carved out the happiness of Koreans in Japan and future of posterity.

All Chongryon officials and Koreans in Japan will overcome bitter tears and sorrow with courage and carry on the movement of Koreans in Japan as wished by Kim Jong Il.

We will build Chongryon into a mighty overseas Koreans organization which upholds with loyalty the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Chongryon Central Standing Committee Adopts Decision

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) Monday adopted a decision on mourning the demise of leader Kim Jong Il according to the notice of the National Funeral Committee of the DPRK.

According to the decision, the period from Dec. 17 to 29, Juche 100 (2011) will be set as a period of mourning the demise of Kim Jong Il.

A delegation of mourners of Chongryon made up of delegates from its Central Standing Committee and representatives of various social standings will be sent to the homeland to express deep condolences.

Messages of condolences will be sent by the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, its organizations, enterprises, Chongryon headquarters and all other institutions to the National Funeral Committee of the DPRK.

A memorial service of Korean residents in Japan to bid farewell to Kim Jong Il will be held at the Korean Hall of Culture in Tokyo at 11:00 on Dec. 29. During the time of the memorial service, similar memorial services will be held at all regional headquarters of Chongryon.

At the moment of the memorial service the compatriots at all organs, enterprises and families of Chongryon will observe three minutes' silence.

Mourners will be received at the Korean Hall and all the headquarters of Chongryon on Dec. 21 and 22 (from 10:00 to 17:00).

During the mourning period all the organs, institutions and enterprises will hoist flags at half-mast in their buildings and all songs and dances and other entertainment will be refrained.

Senior Party and State Leaders of China Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, Tuesday visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing to express condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Accompanying him were Wu Bangguo, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress; Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC; Xi Jinping, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC, vice-president of the PRC and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the CPC; Guo Boxiong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the CPC; Ling Jihua, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the C.C., the CPC; Chen Shiju, director of the General-Secretary's Office of the C.C., the CPC; Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs; and Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the CPC.

Placed before a portrait of Kim Jong Il were wreaths in the name of the Central Committee of the CPC, the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, the State Council, the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the Central Military Commission of the CPC and a wreath in the joint name of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of National Defense of the PRC and the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the CPC.

Also laid there were wreaths in the name of Hu Jintao, Jiang Zemin, Wu Bangguo, Li Changchun and Xi Jinping.

The senior party and state leaders of China expressed deep condolences to the demise of Kim Jong Il, making three bows to his portrait.

Hu Jintao said that the party, government and people of China express deep condolences over the sudden demise of Kim Jong Il, noting he was a great leader of the party and state of the DPRK and a close friend of the Chinese people.

He devoted his whole life to the Korean revolution and the cause of state building and made an important contribution to the development of the traditional Sino-DPRK relations of friendship and cooperation, Hu noted, adding the Chinese people will always remember him.

Hu expressed belief that the Korean people would unite close around the Workers' Party of Korea, true to the behest of Kim Jong Il and overcome sorrow and display strength under the leadership of General Kim Jong Un and make strenuous efforts to build a thriving socialist nation and achieve durable peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

It is the steadfast policy of the party and government of China to steadily consolidate and develop the traditional Sino-DPRK relations of friendship and cooperation, Hu stressed, reaffirming his will to boost the bilateral friendship together with the Korean comrades.

Kim Il Sung Square, Pyongyang Indoor Stadium Crowded with Mourners

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Pyongyang citizens come to Kim Il Sung Square and Pyongyang Indoor Stadium all night to mourn before pictures of leader Kim Jong Il with a broad smile on his face.