

1st Session of 13th SPA of DPRK Held

Pyongyang, April 9 (KCNA) -- The 1st Session of the 13th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on Wednesday.

It was attended by the newly elected deputies to the SPA.

Officials of the party, armed forces and power bodies, public organizations, ministries and national institutions and those in the fields of science, education, literature and arts, public health and media were present as observers.

Supreme leader Kim Jong Un took the platform.

All the participants observed a moment's silence in memory of President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

Deputy Yang Hyong Sop made an opening address at the session.

The session elected Deputy Choe Thae Bok as chairman of the SPA and Deputies An Tong Chun and Ri Hye Jong as its vice-chairpersons.

It also elected Deputy Kim Phyong Hae as chairman of the Deputy Credentials Committee of the 13th SPA and Deputies Pak Yong Sik, Kang Phil Hun, Ri Man Gon, Cha Yong Myong, Kim Yong Ho and Kim Hyong Nam as its members.

It decided the following agenda items of the 1st Session of the 13th SPA of the DPRK:

1. Election of the First Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK
2. Election of the State Guidance Organ of the DPRK
3. On the Results of the Implementation of the DPRK's State Budget for Juche 102 (2013) and State Budget for Juche 103 (2014)

The first agenda item was discussed at the session.

Deputy Kim Yong Nam made a speech on the election of the first chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK.

He courteously proposed to the SPA the proposal of the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea on electing Kim Jong Un as first chairman of the NDC of the DPRK, reflecting the general will of the whole party and army and all the people.

The proposal was fully supported and approved by all deputies and participants.

The session solemnly declared that Kim Jong Un was elected first chairman of the NDC of the DPRK.

It discussed the second agenda item.

The session elected the president of the Presidium of the SPA of the DPRK and its vice-presidents, honorary vice-presidents, secretary general and members.

It elected the vice-chairmen and members of the NDC at the proposal of Kim Jong Un.

It elected the premier of the DPRK Cabinet.

It appointed with approval of all deputies members of the Cabinet proposed by Deputy Pak Pong Ju, premier of the Cabinet.

It appointed the director of the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office and elected the president of the Supreme Court.

It also elected the Legislation Committee and the Budget Committee, panel committees of the SPA.

Pak Pong Ju took an oath on behalf of the members of the Cabinet.

Deputy Kim Phyong Hae, chairman of the Deputy Credentials Committee, made a report on the committee of the 13th SPA at the session and it adopted a decision on approving the report.

The session discussed the third agenda item.

A report made by Deputy Choe Kwang Jin, minister of Finance, was followed by speeches of deputies.

It adopted a decision of the SPA "On Approving the Results of the Implementation of the DPRK's State Budget for Juche 102 (2013)" and an ordinance of the SPA "On the DPRK's State Budget for Juche 103 (2014)".