

Koreans Rise up Determined to Work Harder

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Korean working people call leader Kim Jong Il in chocking voice upon hearing that he passed away from sudden illness. They are now suppressing their grief and rising up with determination.

"Let us work harder"-this is the call they are shouting from the bottom of their hearts.

Ko Yong Sim, 24, female weaver of the Tetron rayon fabrics shop at the Pyongyang Textile Mill, told a reporter as follows:

What would he have said if he saw us disheartened? Let us work.

The weavers went back to the worksite deep at night as they believed that it was the way of building a thriving nation as wished by Kim Jong Il.

Weaving as much cloth as they can so as to produce more goods, this is the noble mental world and fighting spirit of the Korean working class determined to improve the standard of people's living as desired by Kim Jong Il.

New Stamps Issued to Mark Anniversary of Kim Jong Il as Supreme Commander



Increasing Number of People Visit Mourning Sites

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Mourning sites can be seen here and there in the DPRK being visited by an increasing number of people from all walks of life and school youth and children. They are ardently yearning for leader Kim Jong Il in bitter grief.

They are wailing in memory of Kim Jong Il in humble reverence.

Workers of the Pyongyang Textile Mill were seen shedding tears yearning for Kim Jong Il after laying wreaths reflecting their loyalty before his portrait in the mourning site at the textile mill.

Mun Kang Sun, 29, weaver of the general weaving shop, said:

Leader Kim Jong Il put forward me, an ordinary worker, as a pioneer well known all over the country. Born as a posthumous daughter, I called Kim Jong Il "father" when I was received by him.

To think of the unexpected loss of my father, I cannot repress bitter sorrow.

Working people of the Pyongyang 326 Electric Wire Factory set up a mourning site to express deep condolences over the demise of the father of the nation.

Kim Sok Nam, 49, manager of the factory, hardly holding back tears said that he can not help picturing to myself the image of Kim Jong Il who expressed great satisfaction with the factory that had been updated as befitting a factory of the Songun era while going around the modern production processes and the compound of the factory in which cultured practice in production and life has been established on a high level.

Kong Tok Chang, 57, director of the Pyongyang Horticulture Guidance Bureau, said to a reporter in the mourning site at the Pyongyang Vegetable Science Institute:

Leader Kim Jong Il came here to praise a success, though small, achieved by us. We made up our mind to give bigger pleasure to him, but now hearing the news of his passing away we cannot keep back our sorrow.

An increasing number of students, servicepersons of the Korean People's Army and people of different social standings are heading to the mourning site at Kim Il Sung University.

Ri Kyong Yong, 70, researcher of the faculty of economy of the university, said:

For decades since I started teaching at the highest institute of Juche education, I received trust and loving care shown by Kim Jong Il and in this period I became a professor and a doctor thanks to him. In January this year I received a birthday spread from him on my 70th birthday.

I can not forget his great loving care so long as I am alive.

Though I am called elder professor, I will hold in high esteem Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea Kim Jong Un who is identical to Kim Jong Il with youthful ardor.

People of North Phyongan Province Pledge Loyalty to Kim Jong Un

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Grief-stricken people in North Phyongan Province, DPRK are calling leader Kim Jong Il, father of the nation, in heartrending voices upon hearing the sad news that he passed away of a sudden illness.

Pak Jong Gun, 65, manager of the Rakwon Machine Complex, said when interviewed:

Leader Kim Jong Il visited our complex in July and highly appreciated successes, though small, made by us. He set forth the task to produce more and better machines urgently needed for different fields of the national economy in the future.

No one has ever imagined that his instructions would become his behests.

All the officials and workers of the complex are pledging themselves to be loyal to Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, by overcoming today's sorrow and displaying courage so as to bring about a leap forward in the production of modern machines.

Kim Yong Sun, 57, chairwoman of a management board of the Sinam Co-op Farm in Ryongchon County, said that she could hardly repress sorrow after hearing the news that Kim Jong Il passed away from the great mental and physical strain on a running train. He worked day and night for the improvement of the people's living standard, she added.

As an official of a co-op farm, she would be loyal to Kim Jong Un, who is just the same as Kim Jong Il, by fulfilling her responsibility and role, she vowed.

Press Review

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The newspapers of the DPRK Wednesday highlight the news and articles on leader Kim Jong Il's demise, front-paging a photo of his bier. The following are their major news items:

A solemn ceremony to express condolences took place in Pyongyang before the bier of Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, together with leading officials of the party, state and armed forces organs, visited his bier to express deep condolences in the bitterest grief. (Edited with photos)

The papers devote much space to photos introducing the revolutionary activities conducted by Kim Jong Il while he was a student of Kim Il Sung University.

President Hu Jintao together with senior party and state leaders of China visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing to express condolences over the demise of Kim Jong Il and a mourning period was proclaimed in Cuba over his demise.

Kim Jong Un received a message of condolences from Raul Castro Ruz of Cuba.

The Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan sent a message of condolences to Kim Jong Un over the demise of Kim Jong Il.

Officials of the party, armed forces and power bodies, working people's organizations, ministries and national institutions, servicepersons of the KPA, overseas Koreans and diplomatic envoys of different countries, representatives of international organizations and the military attaches' corps here visited the bier of Kim Jong Il to mourn his demise.

Kim Jong Un received messages of condolences from many personages of foreign countries. Among them are the emir of the State of Qatar, chairman of the Arab Socialist Party of Egypt, governor of Amur Region of the Russian Federation, chairman of the Communist Workers' Party of Finland for the Peace and Socialism, secretary general of the International Kim Il Sung Prize Council who is director-general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and the secretary general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea.

From noon on Dec. 19 when the sad news of Kim Jong Il's demise was reported to the noon next day a total of more than five million citizens of Pyongyang mourned his demise.

The Venezuelan president, the government of Cambodia, foreign ministries of Vietnam and Philippines, former president of Indonesia, a Russian political figure and the Egypt-Korea Friendship Association grieved over his death and released statements.

The widow of Kim Dae Jung, former president of south Korea, chairwoman of Hyundai Group and personages of opposition parties of south Korea expressed deep condolences over demise of Kim Jong Il in bitter grief.

The Roh Moo Hyun Foundation of south Korea decided to send a mourning group.

Rodong Sinmun

- An article stresses feats performed by Kim Jong Il for national reunification.

People in Jagang Province Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- People in Jagang Province express deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

'Such Biggest Loss Can't Happen, Unbelievable'

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- At 1:00 a.m. on Dec. 21 snow fell on the plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium where the portrait of smiling leader Kim Jong Il is displayed.

One could see citizens standing vigil, wiping away tears in their eyes with bare hands, girl students sobbing mournfully, saying "General, you can't go. We miss you very much" with snow in their hands, youth and students and servicepersons lamenting before the portrait...

They were in great sorrow as Kim Jong Il passed away so suddenly and so early to their great sorrow. He used to weather the first snow on this land, going in a jumper. He could not have good rest even in a single day, suffering all sorts of hardship for the people's happiness and the prosperity of the country. Beating the ground, unable to recognize the reality, they wept bitterly.

Kim Ji Won, 17, girl student of Pyongyang Jongsung Secondary School, said, looking up to the portrait of smiling leader in tears:

"This can't happen. It is unbelievable."

Ri Yun Hui, 22, girl student of Kim Chaek University of Technology, said in a choking voice:

"Everyday we looked forward to the day we will meet the tender-hearted father, singing the song 'He will certainly come.' He didn't pass away. He will always be with us in our hearts and our songs."

Jo Kwang Nam, 48, officer of the Korean People's Army, made the following pledge before the portrait:

"General, We will thoroughly defend your ideas and cause in whatever storm and stress and build a thriving socialist nation to be proud of by single-mindedly rallying around Kim Jong Un, outstanding leader of our party, army and people".

Kim Jong Il will always be alive in the hearts of the people and with the country that will prosper under the leadership of Vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea Kim Jong Un.

Pyongyangites Feel Extremely Regretful

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- "After displaying the portrait of smiling leader Kim Jong Il at the plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium I can't raise my head and watch the sun in the sky, feeling guilty for failing to fulfill the responsibility as an official and filial duty as a soldier and disciple," said Jon Yong Gun, 52, manager of the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium. This reflects the guilty conscience of Pyongyangites who failed to erect a statue of Kim Jong Il in any place of the country.

Portraits of smiling Kim Jong Il in ordinary jumper have been displayed in different parts of the city including Kim Il Sung Square and the April 25 House of Culture.

The mourning sites turned into veritable seas of wailing people. Such lamentation as "How could you go leaving us behind?" "Come back, come back, please" could be heard from among them.

Thak Hwa Suk, 49, deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly, said in a choking voice. "Leader Kim Jong Il did not pass away. He gave everything to the people while conducting forced march for the happiness of the people only. It is painful to think that he did not allow the erection of his statue. How to describe the sorrow of Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, when our hearts are breaking."

War veteran Sin Myong Chol, 77, resident in Sokbong-dong in Sosong District of Pyongyang, said:

"Whenever I watch over TV the kind-hearted and benevolent image of Kim Jong Il dedicating himself to the people's happiness day and night, I thought he was in good health. But I did not know he was on his field guidance despite serious illness.

They say return kindness for kindness. But I received loving care only. I am very regretful for failing to repay his loving care."

Ri Un Sim, 15, pupil of Pyongyang Pongji Secondary School, said that she had eagerly waited for the New Year Day every year to bring pleasure and satisfaction to leader Kim Jong Il by giving a successful performance on the New Year Day. But now we will never have such honorable occasion to perform before him, she cried in a choking voice.

Rodong Sinmun on Kim Jong Il's Feats for National Reunification

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Leader Kim Jong Il was the father of the nation, peerless patriot and outstanding leader who performed immortal feats in the cause of the country's reunification with his great patriotic devotion since he embarked on the sacred road of the struggle for the country and the nation.

Rodong Sinmun Wednesday says this in a bylined article.

Kim Jong Il was always with President Kim Il Sung in the efforts for national reunification, considering it his greatest duty to allay the cares of the President who could hardly get to sleep, because of the protracted pain resulting from the national split, the article notes, and goes on:

He comprehensively systematized the immortal feats the President performed in the cause of the country's reunification and formulated the three principles of national reunification, the ten-point programme of the great national unity and the proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic

of Koryo as the three charters for national reunification. This reflected his iron will to carry forward the cause of national reunification of the President 100 per cent and accomplish the country's reunification the way he did.

Scientific and realistic ideas and policies for national reunification set forth by Kim Jong Il in every period and at every stage, his indefatigable enthusiasm, ardent patriotic will, indomitable spirit and outstanding leadership served as an engine that made it possible for the movement for the country's reunification to firmly preserve its Juche-oriented character and victoriously advance despite of the U.S. imperialists' persistent moves to perpetuate the national division and to stifle the DPRK.

At the turn of a new century Kim Jong Il provided the historic north-south joint declaration, a milestone for the country's reunification in the 21st century. This immortal feat put the inter-Korean relations which repeated the vicious cycle of antagonism and confrontation on an orbit of harmony and reunification and also gave a strong spurs to the overall reunification movement.

His ardent love for the nation and noble virtues ushered in a new epoch of the great national unity.

It is necessary to more dynamically advance the movement for the country's reunification by carrying forward the ideas of the President and Kim Jong Il and the immortal feats performed by the peerlessly great persons. This is a sure guarantee for victory.

All the Koreans should stage a nation-wide struggle upholding the June 15 joint declaration and the October 4 declaration as a great reunification programme and thus accomplish the historic cause of the country's reunification at any cost and translate into reality the lifelong desires of the President and Kim Jong Il for reunification without fail.

Foreign Media Report about Koreans Mourning Demise of Their Leader

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Xinhua news of China and ITAR-TASS of Russia on Monday reported about the Korean people mourning the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Xinhua news said:

Streets of Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, were engulfed in bitter grief after the news of demise of Kim Jong Il, supreme leader of the DPRK, was reported on Monday.

That day the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, the National Defence Commission, the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet of the DPRK announced a "Notice to all party members, servicepersons and people."

A darkly dressed woman announcer of the DPRK Central TV conveyed in tears and trill the news that Kim Jong Il passed away.

The notice said that "the sudden death of Kim Jong Il, the great leader of our party and people, is the greatest loss to our party and revolution and the bitterest grief to our people and all other Koreans."

The Central TV is airing the news of his demise, documentaries on his revolutionary activities, etc.

Pyongyangites coming and going on streets did not keep back their tears, sharing the bitter grief with each other.

Many citizens and students in Pyongyang gathered in front of the statue of President Kim Il Sung on Mansu Hill to express their deep condolences over the demise of Kim Jong Il.

Also seen before the statue of the President at Kim Il Sung University, the highest university in the DPRK, were citizens and students lamenting over his demise while expressing condolences.

Flags were flown at half-mast at institutions and schools in mourning for his demise.

The number of vehicles and passersby in streets was far less than at ordinary time.

Traffic controllers on streets were standing guard with tears in their eyes.

ITAR-TASS reported under the title "The Korean people expressing condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il":

The voice of an announcer of the DPRK Central TV informing the news of his demise stopped several times with sobbing.

The Central TV televised people wailing before portraits of their respected leader and mosaics portraying him at different parts of the country.

A woman lamented with words "General! Please, come back to us. It is unbelievable that you left us".

Tens of thousands of citizens in the capital city gathered at the historic sites associated with the leader's exploits to pay tribute to him.

Seen at the statues of President Kim Il Sung, founder of the DPRK, were a large number of people grieving with tears in their eyes.

Such voices as "General, don't leave us, please" and "General will always be with us" were heard from among those people one after another.

Servicepersons solemnly pledged to more dynamically advance along the road of revolution indicated by the leader by overcoming sorrow and displaying strength and courage.

Radio and TV are airing in turn dirge, march and patriotic songs and poems praising the undying feats of Kim Jong Il.

The demise of the leader is the greatest loss to the people of the DPRK.

KCNA called upon the people to stand the trial by overcoming sorrow and displaying strength and courage.

It stressed: The Korean people suffered heavy loss but Kim Jong Un, the great successor to the revolutionary cause of Juche and outstanding leader of our party, army and people, is standing in the van of the Korean revolution. No force on earth can block the revolutionary advance of our party, army and people going under his wise leadership.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Party Leader of Czech Republic

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, on Monday received a message of condolences from Vojtech Filip, chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czech and Moravia.

The message said:

Respected Comrade,

In bitter heartfelt sorrow, I received the sad news that Kim Jong Il, the great leader of your country, passed away.

We highly respected Kim Jong Il who devoted himself to bringing happiness to the Korean people, ensuring the security of the DPRK and achieving peaceful reunification of Korea.

The Communist Party of Czech and Moravia firmly believes that the Workers' Party of Korea will overcome the present bitter grief and continuously lead to victory the courageous Korean people's struggle for defending socialism in your beautiful country.

Please accept my comradely salute.

Message of Condolences to WPK from FUNCINPEC on Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea Tuesday received a message of condolences from the FUNCINPEC Party of Cambodia on the passing of leader Kim Jong Il.

The message said as follows:

Leaders and all the members of the FUNCINPEC express deep condolences to all the members of the WPK upon the sad news that His Excellency Marshal Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party

of Korea, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and the respected leader of the Korean people, passed away on December 17, 2011.

His demise is a great loss to the Korean people as they lost their great hero and outstanding leader who wisely led the DPRK under the banner of the Juche idea which enabled them to achieve great development in all fields as masters of their own destiny.

Sharing sorrow with the WPK and every Korean and expressing condolences over his demise, our party is convinced that the exploits performed by H.E. Kim Jong Il, prominent leader of the DPRK, will remain forever.

The great heroism displayed by His Excellency Marshal Kim Jong Il will always be in the hearts of not only the fraternal Korean people but the progressives of the whole world.

We wish the Korean people great victory in every domain true to the intentions of H.E. Generalissimo Kim Il Sung and H.E. Marshal Kim Jong Il.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Senior Russian Official

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Viktor Ishayev, presidential envoy to the Far East Region of the Russian Federation, Monday.

The message said:

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

Allow me to extend my deep condolences to you on the demise of Comrade Kim Jong Il, chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK.

His life was totally dedicated to the well-being of the beloved country.

As a state leader he made really a great contribution to the socio-economic development of the DPRK and exerted a lot of efforts for the stable life of the people.

He paid great attention to economic and trade relations, the implementation of joint investment projects, cooperation in science, technology and culture between the Russian Federation and the DPRK. Relations with Russia have always been friendly and constructive and the good neighborly relations have grown stronger.

He visited the Russian Federation, the Far East Region in particular, several times.

I was privileged to be with him and be received by him several times during his visits to the Far East Region and in this course I learned he was an extraordinary man.

I also felt that he had great affection for his country and a vast stock of knowledge about various fields including economy and brilliant professional qualifications.

He was an all-round person.

I share sorrow with the people of the DPRK.

Highest Regards.

Message of Condolences to WPK Central Committee from Chairman of C.C., Communist Party of Russian Federation

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea Monday received a message of condolences from G. Zyuganov, chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The message said:

Dear comrades,

We were saddened to hear the news that Comrade Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the WPK, leader of the DPRK and faithful son of the Korean people, passed away.

Kim Jong Il's life had been dedicated to the country and the cause of the socialist construction in the DPRK.

Under his leadership the Korean people have achieved good successes in various fields of the national economy.

As supreme commander of the KPA Comrade Kim Jong Il had paid particular attention to increasing the fighting efficiencies of the Korean People's Army and the national defence capabilities.

He laid down historic proposals for peaceful reunification of the country and for peace, stability and security in the Korean Peninsula and the rest of Northeast Asia.

Dear comrades,

We, along with the Korean communists and all other Korean people, cannot repress our heartrending grief over the demise of Comrade Kim Jong Il.

We express our heartfelt condolences over his demise.

We are convinced that the heroic Korean people will overcome sorrow and steadily keep to the path chosen by Comrade Kim Jong Il.

Message of Condolences to C.C., WPK from Lao Party

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Monday sent a message of condolences to the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The message said:

The Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and all the Lao people heard the saddest news that Comrade Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission, passed away on Dec. 17, 2011.

Comrade Kim Jong Il, inheriting the cause of President Kim Il Sung, great leader of the Korean people, devoted all his wisdom and energy to victoriously advancing socialism in the DPRK and to building a powerful and thriving nation.

He made great contribution to further developing the traditional friendship and cooperation between the parties, governments and peoples of the two countries.

His demise is the loss of a great leader to the party, government and people of the fraternal DPRK. In his death Laos has suffered the sorrowful loss of a close friend to its party, government and people.

The C.C., the Lao People's Revolutionary Party at this time of heartrending grief expresses the deepest condolences to the C.C., the Workers' Party of Korea, government and people of the fraternal DPRK.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Bangladeshi President

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Tuesday received a message of condolences from Zillur Rahman, president of Bangladesh.

The message said:

I heard sad news with bitter grief and sorrow that Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, passed away all of a sudden.

In his sudden demise the DPRK and its people lost the great leader and we lost a dear friend.

At this moment of grief and sorrow, I express my deepest condolences to Your Excellency and the people of the DPRK.

We hope the people of the DPRK will overcome this great loss to the nation.

May he rest in peace.

Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Nepali President and Prime Minister

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received messages of condolences from Nepali President Ram Baran Yadav and Prime Minister Baburam Bhattarai on Tuesday.

The messages read:

I was deeply saddened to learn about the sudden demise of His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, on 17 December, 2011.

On behalf of the government and people of Nepal and on my own, I would like to convey heartfelt condolences to your Excellency and, through you, to the government and the bereaved people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Dear leader Kim Jong Il's death has been a great loss to the people of DPRK. In his death, Nepal has lost a great friend, too.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Former Moldavian President

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Vladimir Voronin, former president and chairman of the Party of Communists of the Moldovan Republic, on Dec.19.

The message said:

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

We have received the sad news that the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il passed away all of a sudden. The shining image of Kim Jong Il, who performed noble exploits for the development and prosperity of the DPRK, will always be remembered by the people.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

People in South Phyongan Province Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- People in South Phyongan Province mourn the demise of leader Kim Jong Il with bitter grief.

Students Wail over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Students of Jo Ok Hui Haeju Teacher Training College in South Hwanghae Province wail over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Workers of Thermal Power Complex Vow to Change Sorrow into Strength

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Workers of the Pyongyang Thermal Power Complex, overwhelmed by grief at the demise of leader Kim Jong Il, vow to change sorrow into strength and courage to boost electric-power production.

People in South Hamgyong Province in Grief

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- People in South Hamgyong Province are in deep grief at the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Brazilian Party Leaders

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Renato Ravello, national chairman of the Central Committee of the Brazilian Communist Party, and its International Secretary Ricardo Alemao Abreu on Monday.

The message said:

It was with great sorrow that we heard the sad news that Comrade Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, passed away.

Comrade Kim Jong Il, an outstanding revolutionary, devoted his whole life to the building of a socialist economic power in reflection of the interests and desire of the popular masses in the DPRK holding aloft the banner of independence and anti-imperialist struggle.

He defended with dignity the socialist achievements of your country, steadily developing the Korean revolution started by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

A patriot and internationalist, Comrade Kim Jong Il promoted the reunification of Korea, global peace and the cause of solidarity among peoples.

We express bitter grief on behalf of the Central Committee of the Brazilian Communist Party and its members and pay homage to Comrade Kim Jong Il.

We are convinced that the people and the Workers' Party of Korea will overcome the present sorrow, unite close to stand up against the imperialists' threat and attack, protect the sovereignty of the Korean nation, advance the socialist construction and bring about steady innovations in the efforts to improve the people's life.

S. Korean Civic Organizations Urge Authorities to Send Mourners' Group

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Citizens' Solidarity for Democratic Society and the Peace Network of south Korea made public statements on Monday and Tuesday to urge the authorities to send a group of mourners to the DPRK on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The statements praised Chairman of the National Defence Commission Kim Jong Il as the supreme leader of the DPRK who provided two inter-Korean summits.

They urged the regime to express condolences over the demise of Kim Jong Il and send a group of mourners.

S. Koreans of Different Circles Call for Mourning Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Personages of different circles of south Korea expressed deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Veteran pro-reunification champion Kang Sun Jong, Chairman of the South Headquarters of the Pan-national Alliance for Korea's Reunification Ri Kyu Jae, Permanent co-representative of the Solidarity for Progress Ri Kang Sil and Co-representative of the Women's Solidarity of south Korea Son Mi Hui expressed deep condolences over the sudden demise of Kim Jong Il.

They conveyed the profound condolences to the compatriots in the north stricken with the bitterest sorrow over the great loss to the nation.

Mourning the demise of Kim Jong Il comply with etiquette and obligation, they said, calling upon the "government" and all NGOs to opt for expressing condolences.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Russian Party Official

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Monday received a message of condolences from Sazhi Umalatova, chairwoman of the Party for Peace and Unity of Russia.

The message said:

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

We cannot repress great sorrow over the sudden demise of Comrade Kim Jong Il, the great leader and general of the DPRK and faithful son of the country.

Kim Jong Il was the gifted statesman, wise strategist, world-renowned thinker who devoted himself to leading the Korean people to prosperity based on transparent life principle and faith. Such a great man passed away.

His whole life has been dedicated to the cause of building a great socialist state and orientated to the creation for the victory of peace and justice and people's wellbeing.

He has been sincerely loved by all the progressive humankind for his loyalty to the idea of freedom and humanitarianism.

Being faithful to his post, Comrade Kim Jong Il displayed his personality as a general and an outstanding state activist recognized by the world.

He preserved peace and stability under all the critical circumstances created on the DPRK due to world imperialism and ensured steady victory.

Under the leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Il, the DPRK turned into a full-fledged nuclear weapons state and its military and economic potentials have increased.

The Korean People's Army, securing its position, has become the champion of peace in the Northeast Asian region. It is preserving the sovereignty and independence of the DPRK.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

We express deep condolences to you and all the Korean people.

We are sharing profound sorrow with you.

Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Secretary General of Palestine Liberation Democratic Front

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Nayef Hawatimah, secretary general of the Palestine Liberation Democratic Front, on Dec. 19.

The message said:

Please accept internationalist regards.

Upon hearing the sad news that Comrade Kim Jong Il, great internationalist leader, passed away to the people's regret in the middle of his tour for field guidance, I express deep condolences to you and the leadership and people of your country representing the comradely, internationalist and militant solidarity on behalf of me and the leadership and comrades of the Palestine Liberation Democratic Front and the people of Palestine.

We are sharing with you the sorrow of the great loss of Comrade Kim Jong Il.

We are firmly convinced that the able, talented and friendly Korean people will surely overcome grief and move forward.

We extend solidarity to you, the leadership and the glorious party and people of your country, once again expressing our profound condolences to you.

May the martyrs be honored.

Victory is on the people's side.

Message of Condolences from Great King and Great Queen of Cambodia

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Great King Norodom Sihanouk and Great Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk of Cambodia on Tuesday.

The message says:

Most respected Your Excellency.

Today we were shocked to hear the saddest news that His Excellency Marshal Kim Jong Il passed away on Dec. 17, 2011 at the age of 69.

Sharing the deepest grief with the heroic Korean people, we extend our condolences.

The demise of Kim Jong Il is a great loss of an outstanding leader to the Korean nation and people.

We appreciate the exploits of Kim Jong Il, greatest leader of the Korean nation and people.

We will never forget the matchless great support given to us by Kim Jong Il just as His Excellency Generalissimo Kim Il Sung rendered multifarious support to us.

Kim Jong Il made great contributions to boosting the fraternal and close ties of friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

His exploits will shine forever.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Cambodian King

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Monday received a message of condolences from Norodom Sihamoni, king of Cambodia.

The message said:

Your Excellency General, great leader,

I and my parents heard in the bitterest grief the sad news that His Excellency Marshal Kim Jong Il, respected leader of the Korean people and supreme leader of the DPRK, passed away.

I, on behalf of the Cambodian nation, people and royal family and on my own, express the most profound condolences to you and the Korean nation and people.

I share with you and the brave and fraternal Korean people the great loss to your nation and indescribable grief.

I express my deep condolences once again to you, paying the highest respect to Your Excellency General.

Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Peruvian Party Leader

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Tuesday received a message of condolences from Genaro Ledesma Izquieta, chairman of the People's Front of Workers, Peasants and Students of Peru.

The message said it expressed the deepest condolences over the demise of respected Marshal Kim Jong Il.

Comrade Kim Jong Il bringing eternal glory to the Korean people and throwing radiant rays to all countries has never passed away, the message said.

Kim Jong Il Will Always Be with Us

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Portraits of smiling Kim Jong Il set up in plazas in Pyongyang are being visited by an endless stream of mourners.

The grief-stricken people look up to the portraits of leader Kim Jong Il in his ordinary field jacket. His picture makes everyone feel pangs of compunction as he made long journey of field guidance, going in his field jacket all his life.

He had inconvenient naps and simple rice-balls in cars or on trains while making the journey of field guidance for the country's prosperity and people's happy life, not even taking a day off.

Mourners cried in choking voices, "General, you have had pain only for people all your life", "How can you, General, pass away so early leaving us behind?", "We have not fulfilled our obligation".

Kim Jong Il found himself among the people and shared joys and sorrows with them all his life and the Korean people can not live even a moment without him.

People were always in his mind and he was always in their minds.

That's why people weep so bitterly, crying "General has not left us, He is always with us."

Kim Jong Il's Field Jacket Cherished in Hearts of People

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Portraits of smiling Kim Jong Il in simple khaki jacket were set up in various places of Pyongyang Tuesday.

An endless stream of servicepersons of the Korean People's Army, people from all walks of life and school youth and children thronged to Kim Il Sung Square, plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium and other locations to mourn his demise before his portraits.

They sobbed with bitter grief, looking up to the image of the kind-hearted father. Surging in their minds were strong feelings of yearning for leader Kim Jong Il, a peerlessly great man who made long journey of total dedication to the people, going in his casual jacket all his life.

Enshrined in the hearts of the soldiers and people of the DPRK is a noble image of Kim Jong Il in his field jacket.

In that dress he inspected the posts on the defence line of the country including the post under shrub pine trees, Mt. Osong, Mt. Taedok and Panmunjom to protect the independent destiny and future of the people.

This dress instilled the wisdom and bravery capable of matching a hundred into soldiers.

He visited time and again many factories, enterprises and co-op farms in his field jacket reeking of soil of heights, leading the people to a victory.

Thanks to his devoted efforts with which he made tireless forced march of field guidance for decades the DPRK has grown strong, its towns and villages turned into a socialist land of bliss and the eternal treasure of people has further increased.

Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Mexican Party Leaders

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received messages of condolences from Cuautemoc Amezcua Dromundo, chairman of the C.C., the Socialist Popular Party of Mexico, and Alberto Anaya Gutierrez, coordinator of the National Coordinating Committee of the Workers' Party of Mexico, on Dec. 19.

The messages said that the sudden demise of leader Kim Jong Il means not only the greatest loss to the Korean revolution and the world socialist movement but the bitterest sorrow to the Korean people and the world progressives.

Kim Jong Il was the distinguished thinker and theoretician, peerlessly elder statesman and peerlessly illustrious commander of Songun as he led the Korean revolution and the world revolution along ever-victorious road with his gifted ideas and theories and extraordinary leadership, they noted. His august name and immortal feats will always be remembered by mankind, they stressed. -

S. Korean Organization Calls for Sending Mourners' Group to DPRK

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The "Forum for Peace on the Korean Peninsula", a civic organization of south Korea, issued a statement for mourning the demise of leader Kim Jong Il Tuesday.

The statement expressed deep condolences over the sudden demise of Kim Jong Il and extended consolation to the compatriots in the north engulfed in grief.

Kim Jong Il made total dedication to develop the north-south relations of distrust and confrontation into those of reconciliation and cooperation through the adoption of the June 15 joint declaration and the October 4 declaration, it said.

It contended that the "government" should express condolences and send mourners' group to the north.

S. Korean Internet Paper Hopes for Official Expression of Condolences and Sending of Mourners' Group

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- South Korean Internet newspaper Saram Ilbo posted an article titled "We express condolences over demise of Kim Jong Il, chairman of the National Defence Commission" on Tuesday as regards his demise.

The article expressed profound condolences over the sudden demise of Kim Jong Il due to a sudden illness.

It praised Kim Jong Il for securing meetings with preceding "presidents" of south Korea for the first time in the history of national division and providing a framework for the development of south-north relations, peace and prosperity through the adoption of the historic June 15 joint declaration and the October 4 declaration which inherited it.

It is quite natural to express condolences over the demise of Kim Jong Il and pay a condolatory visit, it noted.

Expressing condolences once again, the article looked forward to the "government's" official expression of condolences and dispatch of mourners' group.

Korean People Make Uninterrupted Efforts to Build Thriving Nation

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The army and people of the DPRK are seized with the bitterest grief over the greatest loss to the nation but they are now rising up to the hard time, holding back tears, to push forward the drive to build a thriving nation.

Anyone who visits the construction site in Mansudae area of Pyongyang can easily see the might of Korea overcoming the bitterest sorrow and displaying redoubled strength and courage to rise up in unity. Construction continued even on Monday evening, the day when the sad news about leader Kim Jong Il's demise struck the nation.

Han Yun Chol, 45, officer of the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, said:

We were saddened to hear the shocking news of the sudden demise of Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il but we braced ourselves up with determined will.

We, servicepersons of the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, firmly pledge ourselves to devotedly defend Vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea Kim Jong Un by overcoming today's sorrow and displaying redoubled strength and courage.

Song Hyok Chol, 22, soldier of the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, said they will let the world see how the DPRK builds a thriving socialist nation, pledging loyalty to the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Korean Revolution Is Invincible: Uruguayan Party Leader

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Monday received a message of condolences from Ruben Maria Vera, chairman of the March 26 Movement of Uruguay.

The message said:

Respected Comrade,

I, on behalf of the leadership and all members of the March 26 Movement of Uruguay, express most profound condolences over the demise of respected Comrade Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il.

At this time of the bitterest sorrow, we extend full solidarity and regards to you and to brothers of the WPK, leaders of the government and all the fraternal people of the DPRK.

It is our belief that the new leadership of the DPRK would reliably give continuity to the great revolutionary cause started by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and carried forward by respected Comrade Kim Jong Il.

In addition, we express belief that the fraternal and friendly ties of solidarity between our two parties would continue to expand.

Long live the revolutionary idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!

Eternal glory to the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il.

The Korean revolution is invincible. -

DPRK Will Overcome Today's Hardship: Swedish Organization

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Sweden-Korea Friendship Association Monday posted on Internet homepage an article titled "Leader Kim Jong Il passed away" with his portrait.

Kim Jong Il devoted his whole life to the cause for the Korean people, the article said, referring to his leadership feats.

Kim Jong Il's demise shocked the Korean people, the article said, adding:

The DPRK will overcome the present difficulties as it is led by Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea Kim Jong Un who remains unfailingly loyal to the cause of Juche, the cause of independence pioneered by President Kim Il Sung and carried forward by Kim Jong Il and there are the Korean people rallied close around Kim Jong Un.

The association expressed the most profound condolences to Kim Jong Un and the Korean people.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from General Secretary of C.C., People's Vanguard of Costa Rica

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) --Leader Kim Jong Il's revolutionary idea will be immortal in the hearts of all the revolutionaries.

This was said in a message of condolences sent to Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, by Humberto Vargas Carbonel, general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Vanguard of Costa Rica, on Monday.

The message expressed the most profound condolences over the demise of Kim Jong Il. It extended solidarity to Kim Jong Un and all the Korean people.-

Pyongyang Citizens Recollect Kim Jong Il's Politics of Love for People

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Employees of Pyongyang Department Store No.1 and other Pyongyang citizens recollect the politics of love for the people pursued by leader Kim Jong Il.

Korean People Wail over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Many people from all walks of life, including servicepersons and schoolchildren, wail over the demise of Kim Jong Il before large pictures of the leader with a broad smile on his face displayed in Kim Il Sung Square, plazas of the Party Founding Memorial Tower and the April 25 House of Culture and other places of Pyongyang on Dec. 21.

Korean People Ardentely Yearn for Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Korean people's voices yearning for leader Kim Jong Il are growing louder as they are overwhelmed by great sorrow at the loss of the benevolent father of the nation.

Jon Hyang Mi, 25, woman instructor of the Samjiyon Schoolchildren's Palace in Ryanggang Province, said with tears in her eyes:

Where should I lay this bouquet?

Kim Jong Il prevented officials from erecting his statue not only in the capital city of Pyongyang but also in Ryanggang Province. What a great pity it is! We wailed yearning for the father.

Sok Yong Chol, 37, man instructor of the Hangu District People's Committee in Nampho City, said that he saw Kim Jong Il lying in state in the Kumsusan Memorial Palace on TV.

No one on earth has been so simple as Kim Jong Il who always wore an ordinary jumper and passed away on a running train in the middle of tour for field guidance, he added.

Kim Chun Sil, 31, a woman work-team chief of the Kaesong Textile Mill, said: "We produce a lot of cloth every day, but we failed to make him a new dress with good cloth. This makes us feel compunction.

"I failed to make sincerer devotion to Kim Jong Il, but I will do my best to hold Comrade Kim Jong Un in higher esteem."

Kim Il Sung Square Inundated with Mourners

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Il Sung Square in the central part of Pyongyang is inundated with people mourning the demise of leader Kim Jong Il on December 21.

S. Korean People Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Upon hearing the sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away all of a sudden, more south Koreans from all walks of life are expressing condolences on his demise.

The headquarters of the movement for withdrawal of the U.S. troops made public a statement on Tuesday expressing deep condolences on so sudden demise of Kim Jong Il, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission.

He adopted the June 15 joint declaration, a landmark for national reunification, making a big contribution to the history of the national reunification movement, the statement noted.

The labor headquarters of the South Side Committee for Implementing the June 15 Joint Declaration, the south Korean Confederation of Trade Unions and the Federation of Trade Unions released a joint commentary and message of condolences on the same day.

They noted that they miss Kim Jong Il more than ever before as he passed away at a time when a great advance was being made in the nationwide movement for independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity in the spirit of "By our nation itself".

The chairman of the south Korean Federation of Peasants Association said on the same day that there should be urgent efforts for all Koreans to share the present sorrow. He urged the "government" to express condolences together with NGOs in an effort to provide an occasion of inter-Korean reconciliation.

The Solidarity for Progress in its statement on Monday said that it was expressing deep condolences on the unexpected sad news. The efforts of the nation should be increased in the future to achieve south-north reconciliation and unity and peace and prosperity on the basis of the joint declarations, it stressed.

The South Side Committee for Implementing the June 15 Joint Declaration in its statement on Monday urged the "government" to officially express condolences on the demise of NDC Chairman Kim Jong Il without fail.

Koreans in U.S. Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Hyon Hwan, head of the Institute of Independent Ideology in the United States, issued a condolatory statement over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

No words can express the bitter grief at the fact that Kim Jong Il, chairman of the National Defence Commission, died of great mental and physical strain on a running train, the statement said.

Always in simple jacket he engaged himself only in work all his life as a soldier and an official serving President Kim Il Sung before passing away, it noted, describing his life as a brilliant one dedicated to the country and the people.

We express deep condolences over the demise of the chairman who had energetically worked around the clock for national reunification and global independence all his life, it said, adding that he will always live in the mind of mankind.

Kim Suk, a member of the Federation of Koreans in the U.S., too, made public a condolatory statement. It is hard to believe that Kim Jong Il passed away, the statement said, mourning his demise in humblest reverence.

DPRK Will Stably Develop: Russian Expert

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Vorontsov, chief of Section for Korea of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, in a press interview on Tuesday said as follows:

The demise of leader Kim Jong Il of the DPRK will not have any impact on the principled stand taken by the DPRK at the nuclear talks.

The DPRK will stably develop and no big change would be made in its internal and external policies.

When President Kim Il Sung passed away in 1994, the West blared Kim Jong Il's leading system would last for two years at best.

But he defended the republic.

The present situation is better than that in the mid-1990s.

The DPRK has recorded positive economic development in the recent 10 years.

We don't think there would be any switchover in its domestic and foreign policies.

The successor will be faithful to the objective which had already been set.
The political elites of the DPRK will unite closer around the leader.

Demise of Kim Jong Il Is Greatest Loss: Finnish Party Leaders

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Monday received a message of condolences from Chairman Kalevi Wahrman and General Secretary Heikki Manikko of the Finnish Communists' League on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The message noted that the demise of General Secretary of the WPK Kim Jong Il is the irretrievable biggest loss to the Korean people and was sad news like a bolt from the blue to the world communists and labor movement.

It is our firm belief that though Kim Jong Il passed away, his revolutionary cause for independence and Korea's reunification will steadily advance under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, the message said. It sincerely hoped that Kim Jong Un would take care of his health and work full of vigor.

Foreign Personages Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Personages of Russia, Peru and Nicaragua Monday and Tuesday expressed deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said:

"We cannot repress our sorrow over the sudden demise of Comrade Kim Jong Il. We share this bitter grief with the Korean people".

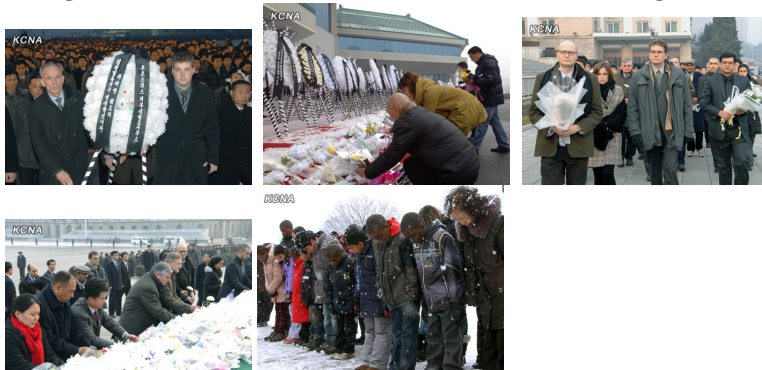
He expressed belief that the Korean people would overcome the present sorrow and rise up, remaining true to the leadership of Kim Jong Un, their supreme leader.

Genaro Ledesma Izquieta, chairman of the People's Front of Workers, Peasants and Students of Peru, said that the news of Kim Jong Il's demise was so sad. The members of the front and socialists of Peru are overcome with profound grief over the loss of the leader, he added.

Victor Oliva Miguel, general secretary of the Revolutionary Socialist Party of Peru, said the demise of Kim Jong Il is a great loss to them struggling for socialism.

Tani Baler Lopera, international secretary of the Communist Party of Peru "Red Motherland", said: Though Kim Jong Il passed away, the feats he performed for the country's reunification and the cause of global independence will remain shining forever.

Foreigners Offer Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il



Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Foreigners lay wreaths and flowers before large pictures of leader Kim Jong Il with a broad smile on his face displayed in several places of Pyongyang, offering deep condolences over his demise.

Korean Children Wail over Kim Jong Il's Demise



Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Korean schoolchildren wail over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.