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DPRK  70th anniversary

DPRK's 70th anniversary highlighted by military parade and public procession

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

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, arrived at the square.

The Supreme Leader reviewed the honour guard of the KPA services after receiving a salute from its chief.

He appeared on the platform of the square.

The Supreme Leader extended congratulations to all the service personnel and people on the 70th founding anniversary of the DPRK, warmly waving back to the cheering participants in the parade and the procession.

Taking the platform and special seats around it were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Choe Ryong Hae, vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, and Premier Pak Pong Ju, vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, and other Party and government officials and commanding officers of the KPA.

Present on the platform at invitation were Li Zhanshu, chairman of the



Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, president of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Salvador

Antonio Valdes Mesa, first vice-president of the Council of State and first vice-president of the Council of Ministers of Cuba, Helal Al-Helal, deputy regional secretary of Syria's

Baath Arab Socialist Party, and Valentina Ivanovna Matvienko, chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council.

The special seats were taken by heads of the congratulatory group of Koreans in Japan, the delegation of the General Association of Koreans in China and the delegation of the International United Confederation of Koreans, heads of foreign party, state and government delegations, special envoys and personages.

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Kim Jong Un received a report from the chief of the KPA General Staff that the military parade for celebrating the 70th birthday of the DPRK would begin.

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Kim Jong Un pays homage to great leaders

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

He was accompanied by senior Party and government officials, the chairman of a friendly party,

members of the WPK Central Committee, chairmen of provincial Party committees, officials of power organs, the Cabinet and working people's organizations, and officials of military organs.

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

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

Also placed there were a floral basket in the joint name of the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK and the DPRK State Affairs Commission, and a floral basket in the joint name of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un paid high tribute to the great leaders at their statues.

He then entered the hall of

immortality where President Kim Il Sung lies in state.

He paid homage to the President in the humblest reverence for him.

He also entered the hall of immortality where Chairman Kim Jong Il lies in state.

He paid respect to the Chairman in the humblest reverence for him.

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

Kim Yong Nam delivered a speech.

When the cars with flags bearing the beaming images of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il entered the square, escorted by the KPA generals and officers, the honour guard of the KPA services and all the paraders paid the noblest tribute to the great leaders.

The military parade started off with three columns leading the way. The first column was of the officers of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, the second of the cadets of the Central Security Officers Training Centre and the third of the 38th Guard Unit, the last two representing the service personnel who had defended the country in the post-liberation days for building a new Korea.

They were followed by other units of the service personnel in the days of the Fatherland Liberation War, all holding their colours at the head of the columns--the Seoul Kim Chaek Guards 4th Infantry Division, the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division, the Guards 2nd Torpedo Flotilla and the Guards 56th Pursuit Plane Group.

Also marching past were the columns of the 1st Base of the Navy Command, the air force units, the military police unit of Panmunjom, an artillery unit under the 4th Corps, the Guards 1st Hero Brigade and the unit which had been seconded to the construction of the West Sea Barrage.

Next came the columns of the Hainan Dao Front Unit, a unit of pilots and workers in the munitions



industry.

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

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

Planes appeared in the sky, flying in the formation of the number "70", symbolic of the proud history of the DPRK.

The columns of mechanized units passed the square in tune with the song *Let's Support Our Supreme Commander with Arms*.

The parade was wound up with the military band portraying the letters

of "Victory" and the planes spraying three-colour smoke just above the square.

Then, the public procession of Pyongyang citizens began.

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

There was a burst of loud cheers and excited waving when there appeared the column of those holding flags with the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in the middle.

It was followed by other columns of meritorious persons, families

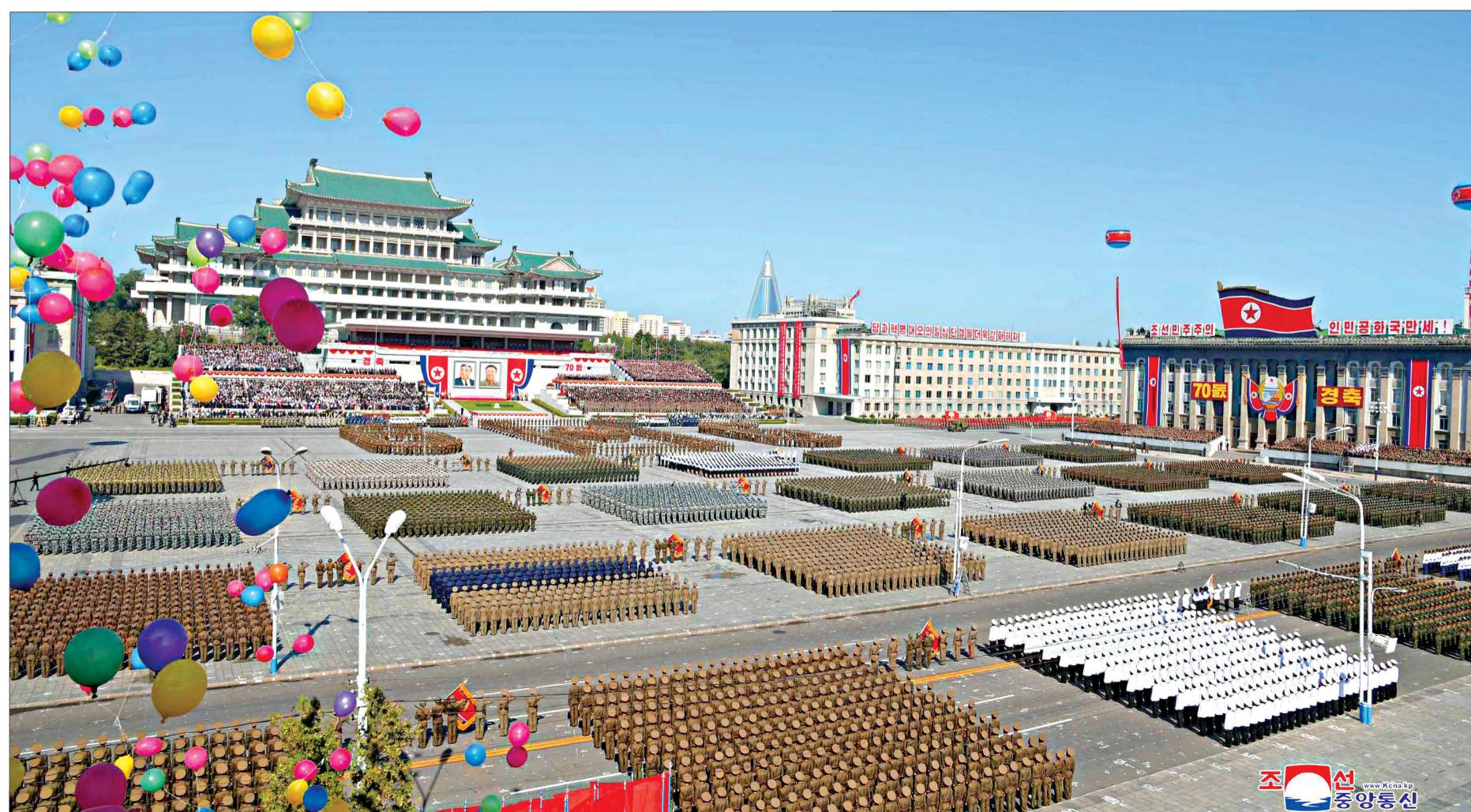
of service personnel, agricultural workers, sportspeople, Children's Union members, workers, scientists and teachers, each holding slogan-boards and other decorations.

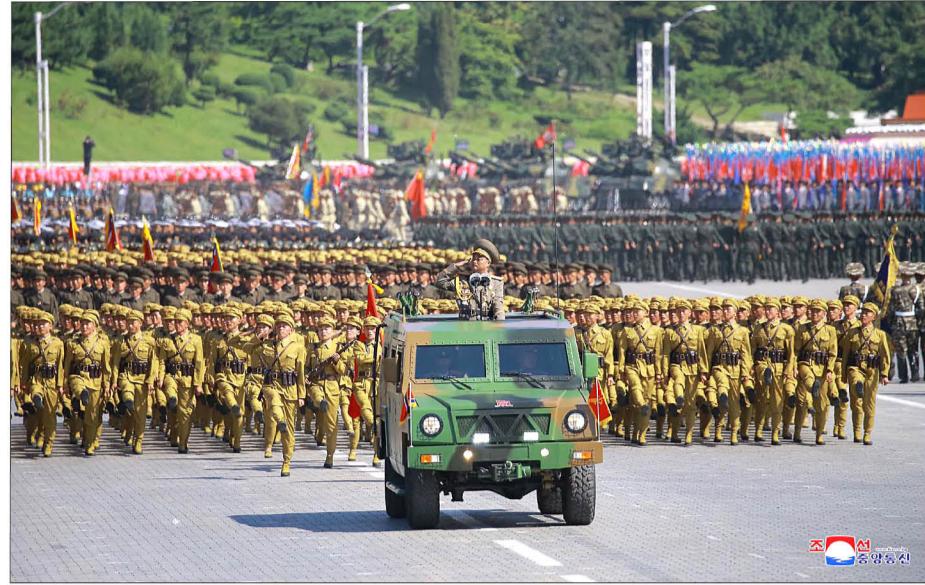
Amid the playing of the songs *We Will Follow Our Party Forever* and *We'll Travel One Road Forever*, the columns of those holding the flags of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK passed the square, demonstrating their resolve to follow the road of revolution to the end.

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

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

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DPRK 70th anniversary

National meeting celebrates DPRK's 70th birthday

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

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

The platform was taken by Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly; Choe Ryong Hae, vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee; and Premier Pak Pong Ju, vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, who are all members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

Also present there were senior Party and government officials, the chairman of a friendly party, leading officials of military organs, the chairmen of the provincial Party committees, army and civilian officials, delegates to the celebrations of the 70th founding anniversary of the DPRK, officials of the WPK Central Committee, armed forces organs, ministries and national agencies, officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, officials of institutions and industrial establishments, labour innovators and working people in Pyongyang, members of congratulatory groups

and delegations of overseas Koreans, compatriots and the chief of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-imperialist National Democratic Front.

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

Kim Yong Nam made a report.

Upon authorization of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, he warmly congratulated all the service personnel and people throughout the country on the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, paying tribute to the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners, KPA martyrs and patriots who laid down their precious lives for the cause of national freedom and independence and the happiness of the people.

He extended greetings to the fellow countrymen in the south and overseas compatriots, welcoming the foreign friends attending the meeting.

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

He added that the Korean people were born again as dignified and powerful people who take their destinies into their own hands and that the country, once eclipsed in the world map, emerged as a full-fledged independent and sovereign state in the international arena.

He noted that the DPRK has steadily advanced along the road of building a powerful socialist country for seven decades since its foundation.

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

The history of the DPRK is that of victory as the country advanced straight ahead without any slight line mistake and political turns and twists, that of dramatic change as it brought about the greatest change under the most difficult conditions with the might of self-reliance and self-development and that of creation as it set an example of the times in the building of a government centred on the masses of the people, he noted, adding that herein lies the greatness of the 70-year history of the DPRK.

He said that the country has consistently adhered to national independence and the state-building idea of love for the people, which the DPRK flag reflects, in the 70-year-long course, adding that the state and the people are proud of it.

He referred to the fact that the DPRK has made dynamic efforts to reunify the country under the banner of national independence and the great national unity and positively contributed to the accomplishment of the cause of global

independence, consistently adhering to the idea of the foreign policy— independence, peace and friendship.

The DPRK is, indeed, the greatest patriotic legacy and the country of eternal Sun, which was built and passed on to the coming generations by Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, peerless patriots and fathers of the Korean nation, he stated.

Noting that the DPRK has entered the prospering period for building a powerful socialist country under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, he said the Supreme Leader has wisely led it so that it could preserve the revolutionary nature as a Juche-oriented socialist state and successfully realize the patriotic desire of the great leaders for building a powerful country.

He called on all the service personnel and people to devotedly defend the WPK Central Committee led by Kim Jong Un and strengthen the single-minded unity and the politico-ideological might, the strongest might of their state.

The DPRK government will as ever vigorously struggle for the improvement of north-south relations and national reunification, eternal peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and building of a new just world, he stressed.

Similar meetings also took place in provinces, cities and counties across the country.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Joint message adopted to extend congratulations to Supreme Leader

A meeting took place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on September 7 to adopt a joint congratulatory message for Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, on the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

It was attended by senior Party, government and military officials including Kim Yong Nam, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly.

It also brought together officials from Party and government organs, the Cabinet, working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies, officers and men of the Korean People's Army and



A meeting takes place to adopt a joint message to congratulate Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un on the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.

the Korean People's Internal Security Forces and officials from institutions and industrial establishments in Pyongyang.

Kim Yong Nam read the

congratulatory message for the Supreme Leader in the joint name of the WPK Central Committee, the WPK Central Military Commission, the DPRK

State Affairs Commission, the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the DPRK Cabinet.

The message noted that

the Supreme Leader laid the permanent foundation for the eternal prosperity of Juche Korea by setting it as the fundamental principle in a powerful country building to develop the DPRK as the state of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il both in name and reality and translating it into practice.

It also referred to the fact that he brought about a new radical turn in improving north-south relations and accomplishing the cause of national reunification and, through his energetic external activities, safeguarded peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and the rest of the world and boosted the DPRK's dignity and international prestige to the highest level.

The message was adopted with unanimous approval.

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Extravaganza *The Glorious Country* raises its curtain



Grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "The Glorious Country" was given with splendour at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang on September 9 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, saw the performance together with his wife Ri Sol Ju.

The platform was also taken by senior Party, government and military officials, as well as the chairmen of the provincial committees of the WPK.

Invited were Li Zhanshu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China; Salvador Antonio Valdes Mesa, first vice-president of the Council of State and first vice-president of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, and his wife; Helal Al-Helal, deputy regional secretary of the Baath Arab Socialist Party; Valentina Ivanovna Matviienko, chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council; and heads of delegations and special envoys and personages from various countries.

Present there at invitation were congratulatory groups of overseas Koreans, delegation members, overseas compatriots, chief of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-imperialist National Democratic Front, members of the delegations of different countries, foreign diplomatic envoys, representatives of international organizations and

military attaches in Pyongyang and their wives and foreign guests.

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

With the display of the title "The Glorious Country" against the nocturnal sky, a sea of dance was unfolded.

Composed of prelude "Sunrise on Mt Paektu" and such acts as "Our Socialist Homeland", "Victorious Road", "New Era in the Offing", "Reunified 3 000-ri Land" and "International Friendship", the performance impressively depicted the revolutionary exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and the history of Juche Korea which has always advanced victoriously, bringing about epoch-making changes.

Reflected in the elegant music and graceful rhythmic movements of the performers was their reverence for

Kim Il Sung who built a genuine people's country, a dignified socialist state independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence.

Amid the playing of the song *We Will Never Forget* there spread a sea of dance to depict the heroic and epic journey of Songun-based leadership made by Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Scenes depicting the invincibility of the elite revolutionary army and the true image of the advantageous socialist system of the Korean style unfolded one after another.

The performers gave a lifelike portrayal of the stirring reality of the DPRK, where great changes are being made under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, by dint of music, dance, gymnastics, acrobatics, a large background, modern lighting and stage setting.

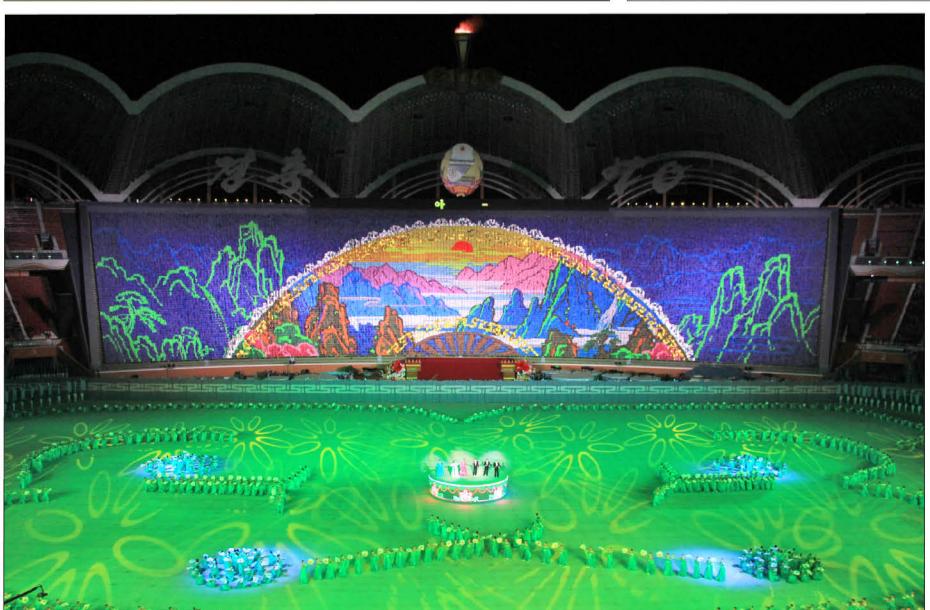
The strong desire of all Koreans to write a new history of reunification in the spirit of *By Our Nation Itself* under the banner of the historic April 27 Declaration was reflected in the map of a beautiful reunified Korea formed by performers, and the human desire for a new, peaceful world was reflected in a symphony of friendship which resounded through the stadium.

The performance was applauded by the audience.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance was created in a new and special style, Kim Jong Un extended warm greetings to all the performers and spectators.

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Kim Jong Un meets Chinese delegation, hosts art performance and banquet

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, met with Li Zhanshu, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, who was on a visit to the DPRK as special envoy of Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and president of the PRC, at the office building of the Central Committee of the WPK on September 9.

Present there were Song Tao, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Yang Zhenwu, secretary general of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, and Li Jinjun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, who were members of the Chinese Party and government delegation led by Li Zhanshu.

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

Li Zhanshu courteously handed over the personal letter of Xi Jinping to Kim Jong Un.

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

Li Zhanshu thanked Kim Jong Un forgiving top priority to the delegation, according its special hospitality and personally meeting with it although he was so busy with the schedule of celebrations of the national day, and warmly congratulated the WPK, the government of the DPRK and all the Korean people on the 70th birthday of the DPRK upon authorization of Xi Jinping.

The Supreme Leader said that General Secretary Xi Jinping sent Li



Zhanshu as his special envoy and the Party and government delegation to the celebrations of the 70th founding anniversary of the DPRK, which served as a great encouragement for the Korean people. He warmly welcomed the delegation's visit to the DPRK and extended warm greetings to Xi Jinping and the Chinese Party, government and people.

Li Zhanshu said that the Sino-DPRK friendship forged and developed by the leaders of the older generation of the two countries has further been deepened on the basis of the special intimacy of the supreme leaders of the two parties after overcoming changes in the regional situation and turns and twists of history, adding that invariable is the firm stand of the Chinese Party and government to steadily and stably develop and promote China-DPRK relations no matter how the international situation may change.

The Supreme Leader exchanged

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

The talk proceeded in a friendly and amicable atmosphere.

Kim Jong Un arranged an art performance and a banquet on September 10 in honour of the Chinese Party and government delegation led by Li Zhanshu.

He and his wife Ri Sol Ju saw the performance together with Li Zhanshu and his delegation members.

Among the audience were Choe Ryong Hae, Pak Kwang Ho, Ri Su Yong, Pak Thae Song, Kim Yo Jong and other officials of the WPK Central Committee and the State Affairs Commission.

Invited to the performance were Chinese ambassador Li Jinjun and his embassy staff.

Kim Jong Un and Ri Sol Ju greeted the members of the Chinese delegation

in the lobby of the Mansudae Art Theatre. After exchanging warm greetings and posing for a photo with the Chinese guests, he had an amiable talk with them.

The Supreme Leader appeared at the auditorium, followed by the Chinese guests.

Put on the stage were such colourful numbers as male vocal solo *Fly High*, *Our Party Flag*, orchestral music for *kayagum Arirang*, female vocal solo *We Sing of the Party* and Chinese songs including female vocal solo and male chorus *Song of Changjiang*. The performance culminated with the finale "Korea-China Friendship Will Be Everlasting".

Kim Jong Un, together with Li Zhanshu, mounted the stage to congratulate the artistes.

That evening he hosted a banquet in honour of Li Zhanshu and his delegation.

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Kim Jong Un meets Russian Federation Council chief



Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, received Valentina Ivanovna Matvienko, chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council, at the office building of the WPK Central Committee on September 8.

The Supreme Leader kindly greeted the chairwoman, warmly welcoming her on her visit to the DPRK to join the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.

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

The chairwoman expressed thanks to him for showing a deep concern for her schedule of stay, although he was busy, and sparing his precious

time to meet her.

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

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

Kim Jong Un expressed deep gratitude to Putin for sending greetings and wonderful personal letter on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, and conveyed warm greetings of the

Party, government and people of the DPRK to the President and the people of Russia.

He warmly welcomed her to Pyongyang once again and expressed thanks to the Russian leadership for sending the delegation of the Russian Federation Council to the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.

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

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

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

The talk proceeded in a friendly and amicable atmosphere.

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Congratulatory message sent to Chongryon officials and Korean compatriots in Japan

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, sent a congratulatory message to the officials of Chongryon (General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) and all other Korean compatriots in Japan on September 8. The following are the excerpts from the message:

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, our glorious motherland, I, in reflection of the wish of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the founders and builders of our Republic and eternal sun of socialist Korea, and on behalf of the government of the Republic and the people in the homeland, extend warm congratulations and compatriotic greetings to all the officials of Chongryon and other Korean compatriots in Japan.

The sacred course of development of our Republic—its founding, defending, miraculous events and prosperity—is associated with the invaluable blood and sweat shed by the officials of Chongryon and other Korean compatriots in Japan.

who have exalted the honour of their organization as a pacesetter of patriotism, a model of loyalty and a prototype of overseas compatriots' organizations, flying high the tricolour flag of the Republic in the faraway alien land.

I extend a noble tribute to the patriotic compatriots, known and unknown, including the first generation of Chongryon, who supported the great leaders regarding them as their spiritual mainstay, as the saviours of their destiny, and dedicated their precious lives on the road for their homeland and nation.

My warm thanks go to all the officials of Chongryon and other Korean compatriots who, sharing destiny with their socialist homeland and asking for no honour and reward, are supporting their homeland with unstained conscience and obligation and stoutly following the road of genuine patriotism as their predecessors did.

At present our Republic is dynamically stepping up the historic advance for achieving the ultimate victory of the cause of building a powerful socialist

country in conformity with the requirements of the new, higher stage of the development of the revolution which has attained the highest position as recognized by the world.

Cherishing the unique pride and dignity of having built high a monument of patriotic loyalty to the motherland over the glorious 70 years of Kim Il Sung's and Kim Jong Il's Korea, Chongryon officials and other Korean compatriots in Japan should charge forward to carry out the decisions of the 24th Congress of Chongryon by keeping step with the people in their homeland, who are on a grand onward march.

I firmly believe that Chongryon officials and other Korean compatriots in Japan will cherish the noble traditions and glorious baton and accelerate their patriotic advance to bring about a comprehensive prosperity for the movement of Koreans in Japan, thus making a positive contribution to translating into reality the patriotic desire of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il to build a powerful nation.

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DPRK's 70th founding anniversary celebrated with colourful events

Congratulations to Kim Jong Un

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un received congratulatory messages from the presidents of China, Russia, Laos, Indonesia and Turkmenistan, the chairman of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and Cambodian Great King on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.

A basket of flowers came from the Mozambican President, gifts from the presidents of Syria, Venezuela and Equatorial Guinea, the chairman of the Party of Socialists of Moldova, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the People of Spain and the Mongolia-DPRK Friendship Parliamentary Group, and a congratulatory letter and gift from the general chairwoman of the Central Directive Council of the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle.

The Supreme Leader also received baskets of flowers and gifts from the general secretaries of the South African Communist Party, the Independent Workers'

Party of Senegal, secretary general of the United Left Movement of Dominica, the chairman of the Central Committee of the National Construction Front of Laos, the chairman of the Democratic Party of Mongolia, participants in the second general meeting of members of the Kim Il Sung-Kim Jong Il Foundation, and delegations and delegates of Juche idea study organizations, and a floral basket from the family of Zhang Weihua, Chinese related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Floral baskets also came from foreign organizations and personages on the same occasion. They included Yuwen Middle School in Jilin, China, the Japan-Korea Society for Scientific and Educational Interchange, the Japan-Korea Cultural Interchange Association, the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee for Supporting Peaceful Reunification of Korea, the Japanese Committee for Supporting Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea and Jindallae Saphariny, president of the Jindallae



Senior Party, government and military officials and working people present baskets of flowers and bouquets at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.

Children's Foundation.

The Central Committee of the Anti-imperialist National Democratic Front, the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China sent letters to the Supreme Leader.



A music and dance performance held on the eve of the DPRK's 70th anniversary.

at their statues on Mansu Hill, while foreign organizations and personages sent flower baskets, including the Central Council of the Union of Communist Parties-the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Switzerland-Korea Committee.

Wreaths were laid at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Simmi-ri, the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery, statues and cemeteries of martyrs, memorial towers for the fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army and graves of martyrs across the country.

Celebratory meetings were held in all local areas, bringing together officials and other working people of local Party and government organs, working people's organizations and industrial establishments.

Keynote speeches were made by the leading officials of the relevant units. They said the epoch-making changes brought about in the DPRK over the past victorious years are associated with the wise leadership of the great leaders and patriotic devotion

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Visitors look on in a celebration event that showcases Korean stamps.



The national fine art show draws many people as part of events that are held to mark the 70th birthday of the DPRK.

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of the Korean people, and called for adding eternal brilliance to the nation-building ideas and exploits of the great leaders and waging a dynamic struggle to hasten final victory in the building of a powerful socialist country, firmly rallied around Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

The State Affairs Commission of the DPRK arranged banquets.

They were given at the Mokran House, People's Palace of Culture, Okryu and Chongnyu restaurants, Pyongyang Noodle House, Taedonggang floating restaurant and Mujigae full service ship.

Music and dance performances were given across the country, including a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra.

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

in North Phyongan, South Hwanghae, North Hamgyong and other provinces also adorned the September festival with colourful programmes.

A national fine art show was opened and Korean stamps were put on show intensively at the Korean stamp exhibition hall.

The State Stamp Bureau issued two kinds of individual stamps and a sheetlet.

Torchlit procession

Young vanguard held torchlight procession "Young people, forward, demonstrating the valiant mettle of heroic Korea!" in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the DPRK at Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square on September 10.

The platform was taken by senior Party, government and military officials, chairmen of the provincial Party committees and the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League.

Also seen on the platform were Salvador Antonio Valdes Mesa, first vice-president of the Council of State and first vice-president of the Council of Ministers of Cuba, Helal Al-Helal, deputy regional secretary of the Baath Arab Socialist Party, and heads of party, state and government delegations from different countries who were on a visit to the DPRK to attend the celebrations of the 70th birthday of the DPRK.

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envoys, representatives of international organizations and military attaches and other foreign guests.

When the procession was declared open, letters reading "September 9" and "Celebrations 70" representing the anniversary of the DPRK were depicted on the ground amid the playing of song *The Glorious Motherland*.

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

Young people including students depicted with torches the emblem of the WPK, the national flag and such letters as "Kim Jong Un's era", "Supreme Leader" and "Banner of victory" in reflection of their fervent loyalty to Kim Jong Un who leads them to live a fulfilling life by performing feats as he puts them forward as the most vital force of the times.

"Kim Jong Il's patriotism", "Death-defying defence", "Youth power", "Revolutionary spirit", "Reserve", "Pathfinder", "Wing" and other letters and popular dance circles represented with torches displayed their burning enthusiasm to follow the Supreme Leader only and staunchly support the great cause of Paektu.

Preceded by the column of revolutionary school students holding high the torches of the revolutionary faith to loyally support the Supreme Leader, young paraders depicting letters "Final victory" marched past the square in fine array to the tune of song *We Acknowledge You Only*.

The torchlit procession was crowned by the portrayal of large letters "Glory to the Marshal!" mirroring the best wishes of all the Korean people and youth towards Kim Jong Un and a fireworks display.

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Young vanguard marches in a fine array holding torches.



Torches depict the words "Era of Kim Jong Un".



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A dazzling fireworks display graces the torchlight gala at Kim Il Sung Square held in celebration of the DPRK's 70th anniversary.

MEETING

Juche idea and 70 years of DPRK extolled

An international seminar on the Juche idea and 70 years of the DPRK took place on September 8 at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang to mark the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, co-sponsored by the International Institute of the Juche Idea (IIJI) and the Korean Association of Social Scientists.

It was attended by Pak Kwang Ho, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea who is chairman of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, officials concerned, Harish Gupta, IIJI deputy director-general, and delegations and delegates of Juche idea study organizations in various countries and regions.

Ogami Kenichi, secretary general of the IIJI who is

laureate of International Kim Il Sung Prize and International Kim Jong Il Prize, made an opening speech and Ri Hye Jong, president of the Academy of Social Sciences who is first vice-chairwoman of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, made congratulatory remarks.

Harish Gupta delivered a report, followed by speeches.

The speakers gave in-depth explanations about the proud 70-year history of the DPRK that has demonstrated its invincible might as a socialist country which is independent, self-supporting and self-reliant in defence and the issues arising in waging a dynamic struggle for building a new society, independent and prosperous,

under the banner of the Juche idea.



An international seminar on the Juche idea and 70 years of the DPRK is held at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang.

The seminar adopted a letter to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

There was a friendly gathering with delegations and delegates of Juche idea study organizations around the world on September 11.

The participants talked about the significance of the

international symposium in Pyongyang which served as an occasion for giving a fresh impetus to the study and dissemination of the Juche idea and deepened friendly feelings, and played various sports and amusement games.

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Festival due in 2022 to honour DPRK leaders

An enlarged meeting of the Organizing Committee of the International Festival in Praise of the Great Persons of Mt Paektu took place in Pyongyang on September 11.

The participants reviewed the work conducted by the organizing committee and friendship and solidarity organizations in all countries after the formation of the organizing committee and exchanged their experiences, and the orientation of future activities was published.

A press release of the enlarged meeting was announced.

It said that preparations would be stepped up to arrange with splendour the 6th International Festival in Praise of the Great Persons of Mt Paektu in Pyongyang and the Mt Paektu area in 2022, which will mark the 110th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il and the 10th anniversary of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un's assumption of the top posts of the Party and state of the DPRK.

Saying the organizing committee would conduct an international solidarity campaign for peace, prosperity and reunification of the Korean peninsula on a worldwide scale, the statement noted that it would strongly demand an earlier lifting of all sorts of anti-DPRK sanctions, support the Korean people both materially and morally in their efforts to build a powerful socialist country, and ensure a smooth, unified coordination of activities of solidarity with the Korean people.

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SOLIDARITY

International march calls for Korea's peace, prosperity and reunification

An international march for Korea's peace, prosperity and reunification took place in Pyongyang on September 11.

A starting ceremony of the march was held in front of the Monument to the Three Charters for National Reunification.

It was attended by Kim Jong Suk, chairwoman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries who doubles as chairwoman of the Korean Committee for Solidarity with the World People (KCSWP), Ri Son Gwon, chairman of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Country,

KCSWP's vice-chairmen, officials concerned and working people in Pyongyang.

Also present there were co-chairpersons of the Organizing Committee of the International Festival in Praise of the Great Persons of Mt Paektu, delegations and delegates of organizations for friendship and solidarity with the Korean people and international democratic organizations, and home-visiting overseas Koreans.

Speeches were made at the event.

Iraklis Tsavdaridis, executive secretary of the World Peace

Council, extended greetings of solidarity to the heroic Korean people in the name of the World Peace Council on the occasion of the 70th birthday of the DPRK and said that Korean socialism continues to thrive as it is led by Chairman Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK.

Himori Fumihiro, chairman of the Japan Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea, said that an environment for peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia was provided thanks to the bold decision of Supreme Leader

Kim Jong Un.

He expressed the will to demand the Japanese authorities make apology and reparations for the past crimes committed against the Koreans and discontinue suppression of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and to strive for earlier normalization of relations between Japan and the DPRK.

Kim Jong Suk expressed thanks to those who joined the international march after meaningfully celebrating the grand festival of September together with the Korean people and affirmed the will to work together with the world's progressives.

An appeal to the world's peace-loving people was read out.

The participants in the march departed from the Monument to the Three Charters for National Reunification.

They marched holding placards which read "We support north-south summit meetings and the Panmunjom Declaration" and "We support the DPRK-US summit and joint statement".

The crowds gave a warm welcome to the marchers who are extending firm support and solidarity to the just cause of the Korean people as they chanted such slogans as "Friendship" and "Welcome" and waved bouquets.

An international joint meeting was held on September 8 at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the DPRK.



Marchers parade holding a placard which reads "International march for peace, prosperity and reunification of Korea".

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