

Trump takes 20 steps into North Korea, making history as first sitting US leader to enter the nation

President Donald Trump shook hands with **Kim Jong Un** on Sunday and took 20 steps into North Korea, making history as the first **sitting** US leader to set foot in the kingdom.

Kim Jong Un 金正恩

sitting 现任的

The encounter at the heavily **fortified** Korean **Demilitarized** Zone — their third in person — came a day after Trump raised the prospect of a border handshake in a tweet and declared he'd have "no problem" stepping into North Korea.

fortified 加强的；防御的

demilitarization 非军事化；解除武装

"Would you like me to step across?" Trump asked Kim as they shook hands. "I am OK with it." While inside North Korean territory, Trump and Kim shook hands and **patted** each other's backs before returning across the border to the South after about a minute.

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"I never expected to meet you at this place," Kim, who appeared overjoyed in the moment, told Trump through an interpreter. Later, Trump said he was "proud to step over the line" and thanked Kim for the meeting.

The moment marks a **milepost** in the United States' **fraught** history with North Korea. The North Korean government praised Trump's "historic" meeting and handshake with Kim as an "amazing event" in the country's first acknowledgment of the talks at **Panmunjom**, North Korean state news agency KCNA reported Sunday.

milepost 里程碑

fraught 焦虑的；担心的

Panmunjom 板门店

The prospect of a US president stepping over the world's most heavily fortified border into North Korea would once be unthinkable. Trump says he's in no rush and claims to have already seen results for another meeting.