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Analysis:

KCNA published only five China related stories during the week of 15 January – 21 January 2012. Compared to previous weeks, some of which saw more than 20 China-related stories published, this week represents a steep drop in coverage of the PRC. It is possible that there were no major developments in China which KCNA deemed fit to publish, but in the massive and ever-changing country that is China, this seems unlikely.

The first story published this week details the launch of China's new meteorological satellite. This news marks the second Chinese satellite launched into orbit in the past five days, and demonstrates that China is increasingly focused on technological advancement as it pursues its "Peaceful Rise." This particular satellite will be used mainly to gather meteorological, maritime, and water information.

The second story of the week discusses the award ceremony for Miao Weicheng [缪卫诚], the councilor of the Chinese Embassy in Pyongyang. The award, the DPRK Order of Friendship, was given to Miao at the Mansudae Assembly Hall, and in attendance were, "Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Kim Song Nam, vice department director of the C.C., the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Liu Hongcai and his embassy officials." This story shows Sino-DPRK friendship on a more localized level. It also illustrates the importance of events such as these to the leaders on both sides, highlighted by the attendance of Yang Hyong Sop and Liu Hongcai, among others.

Thirdly, KCNA published a story detailing the activities of Koreans in China and their support for the Joint New Year Editorial published in North Korea. The story suggests that Koreans living in China still support the leadership in the DPRK, and by extension the transition in power from Kim Jong Il to Kim Jong Un.

The fourth story published this week also dealt with Koreans in China and their continuing glorification of Kim Jong Il after his death. This story is one of many to come out over the past several weeks reminding the Korean people of their late leader as the country moves forward into a new area headed by Kim Jong Un.

Finally, the last story China story published this week denounced U.S. sanctions of the Chinese company Zhuhai Zhenrong Corp. for

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continued cooperation with Iran in energy, economic and trade matters. China also denounced the U.S. and its attempt to “internationalize its unilateral sanction measures against Iran,” which China has continued to defy.

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China Launches Meteorological Satellite

Beijing, January 14 (KCNA) -- China successfully put meteorological satellite Fengyun-II 07 into its preset orbit on Friday.

Carrier rocket Changzheng-3 with the satellite atop blasted off from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center.

The satellite will be used for providing continuous meteorological monitoring and sending maritime and water resource data.

16 January 2012

No China related stories were published today.

17 January 2012

DPRK Order Awarded to Councilor of Chinese Embassy

Pyongyang, January 17 (KCNA) -- DPRK Order of Friendship was awarded to Miao Weicheng, councilor of the Chinese embassy here, with due ceremony at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on Tuesday.

Present there were Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Kim Song Nam, vice department director of the C.C., the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Liu Hongcai and his embassy officials.

After a decree of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly was read out, DPRK Order of Friendship 2nd Class was awarded to the councilor who made a contribution to boosting the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the DPRK and China, true to the noble intentions of the top leaders.

18 January 2012

Joint New Year Editorial Supported by Koreans in China

Pyongyang, January 18 (KCNA) -- Officials of the Yanbian Regional Association under the General Association of Koreans in China and its branches and the Yanbian Regional Youth Committee under the Federation of Korean Youths in China held a meeting in Yanji, Jilin Province on Jan. 15 in support of the joint New Year editorial published in the homeland.

At the meeting, speakers said that the people in the motherland are accelerating a grand drive for achieving prosperity in the new century of the Juche era, led by the dear respected Kim Jong Un.

The slogan "Let all the compatriots open the gates of national reunification full of fresh confidence!" reflects the aspiration of all the Koreans and the demand of the era and the general orientation and militant goal of the reunification movement, they said, and went on:

We will glorify the feats Kim Jong Il performed in the efforts to achieve the country's reunification in this significant year, the fifth anniversary of the publication of the October 4 declaration, a programme for implementing the June 15 joint declaration.

The desire of the Koreans for the country's reunification is sure to come true as there is the great programme for the country's reunification provided by him and they are led by Kim Jong Un, the lodestar of the country's reunification, they noted.

They called upon the Koreans in China to stage a dynamic movement for the country's reunification to make a breakthrough towards independent reunification this year.

Senior Official of Korean Organization in China Eulogizes Immortal Exploits of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, January 18 (KCNA) -- Cha Sang Bo, vice-chairman of the General Association of Koreans in China, on Jan. 13 made public a statement titled "Let us uphold the brilliant Songun commander of Mt. Paektu forever and glorify his exploits performed for national reunification".

The special report of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea reflects the unanimous ardent desire of all the fellow countrymen to hold General Secretary Kim Jong Il in high esteem for all ages as eternal father of the nation and glorify his revolutionary life and undying revolutionary exploits forever, it said, and went on:

Kim Jong Il led all Koreans along the way of independence and great national unity and ushered in the June 15 era of reunification

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in which the nation is advancing in the spirit of "By our nation itself".

He put the dignity of the country and the nation and national power on the highest level and devoted himself to accomplishing the cause of national reunification. His noble life and immortal exploits will shine for all ages.

The General Association of Koreans in China and all other Koreans in China will turn out as one in the patriotic drive for making a breakthrough towards national reunification this year under the leadership of the dear respected Kim Jong Un with the firm faith that Kim Jong Il will always be with us.

19 January 2012

China Slashes U.S. Decision to Impose Sanction on Chinese Company

Beijing, January 18 (KCNA) -- China on Saturday voiced its "strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition" to the United States' decision to impose sanction on a Chinese company, the Zhuhai Zhenrong Corp.

"As many other countries, China maintained normal cooperation with Iran in energy, economy and trade fields," Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Weimin said when asked to comment on the sanction.

The United States attempted to internationalize its unilateral sanction measures against Iran, and to implement sanction against the Chinese company according to its domestic law, "which is groundless," Liu said.

20 January 2012

No China related stories were published today.

21 January 2012

No China related stories were published today.