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Message of Condolences from China

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the WPK Central Military Commission, the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the DPRK Cabinet received a message from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, the State Council and the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China on Monday expressing condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The message said:

Upon hearing the shocking news 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 to our sorrow, we express with bitterest grief most profound condolences and sincerest sympathy to all the Korean people.

Kim Jong Il was the great leader of the WPK and the DPRK. He devoted energy all his life to the great cause of the Korean people for building Korean-style thriving socialist nation and performed immortal historic feats.

Kim Jong Il was a close friend of the Chinese people. It was with great enthusiasm that he carried forward and developed the traditional Sino-DPRK friendship provided and cultivated by the revolutionaries of the elder generation of the two countries, forged close relations with the Chinese leaders and dynamically promoted the steady development of the relations of good neighborliness, friendship and cooperation between China and the DPRK.

The Chinese party, government and people profoundly grieve over the demise of Kim Jong Il and the Chinese people will always miss him.

Though he passed away all of a sudden, he will live in the hearts of the Korean people forever.

We are convinced that the Korean people will overcome sorrow and display strength under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, united close around the WPK, true to the behests of Kim Jong Il, and make uninterrupted advances to build a thriving socialist nation

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and achieve lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

China and the DPRK are linked with each other with a mountain and rivers and are sharing weal and woe. It is the consistent policy of the Chinese party and government to steadily consolidate and develop the traditional Sino-DPRK friendly and cooperative relations.

We are convinced that the friendship between the two parties, countries and peoples of China and the DPRK will surely continue to grow stronger thanks to the concerted efforts of both sides.

The Chinese people will as always stand by the side of the Korean people.

Kim Jong Il is immortal.

Chinese FM Spokesman Mourns Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Chinese foreign ministry issued a statement Monday on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

He said:

Upon hearing the sad news that Kim Jong Il, supreme leader of the DPRK, passed away to our sorrow, we express deep condolences over his demise and send sincere sympathy to the Korean people.

Kim Jong Il was the great leader of the Korean people and close friend of the Chinese people.

He made an important contribution to accomplishing the DPRK's cause of socialism and promoting the development of the Sino-Korean relations of good neighborliness, friendship and cooperation.

We believe the Korean people will surely overcome sorrow and display strength and courage and steadily advance the DPRK's cause of socialism by dint of single-minded unity.

Both China and the DPRK will as ever make joint efforts to make a positive contribution to steadily developing the traditional friendship between the two parties, two countries and two peoples and defending peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula and the region.

Chinese FM Mourns Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- Chinese Foreign Minister

Yang Jiechi Monday expressed deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

When meeting with the DPRK charge d'affaires a.i. in Beijing, he said as follows:

Kim Jong Il, the great leader of the Workers' Party and state of Korea, devoted all his energies to the cause of socialist revolution and construction in the DPRK and performed immortal feats.

Kim Jong Il was a close friend of the Chinese people.

The party, government and people of China express deep condolences over his demise.

The Chinese people will always remember him.

We are convinced that the Korean people will overcome sorrow and display strength, achieve steady and fresh successes in the overall work for socialist construction and make a fresh contribution to realizing lasting peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, united single-mindedly under the leadership of Kim Jong Un and the Workers' Party of Korea.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Son of Chinese Martyr

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Monday received a message of condolences from Zhang Jinquan, son of Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr Zhang Weihua.

The full text of the message says:

The younger generations of Martyr Zhang Weihua cannot keep back bitter sorrow upon the shocking news of the regretful demise of leader Kim Jong Il. Thousands of words would not be enough to express our yearning for him.

The death of General Kim Jong Il is a huge loss to not only the Korean people but also the international communist movement.

But, we firmly believe that all the Korean people will achieve bigger victory without fail in building a thriving nation under your wise leadership.

We will be loyal to you as we were to President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il and devote our efforts to boosting the China-DPRK friendship and stepping up the socialist revolution and construction in the DPRK true to your leadership.

Senior Party and State Leaders of China Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, Tuesday visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing to express condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Accompanying him were Wu Bangguo, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress; Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC; Xi Jinping, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC, vice-president of the PRC and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the CPC; Guo Boxiong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the CPC; Ling Jihua, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the C.C., the CPC; Chen Shiju, director of the General-Secretary's Office of the C.C., the CPC; Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs; and Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the CPC.

Placed before a portrait of Kim Jong Il were wreaths in the name of the Central Committee of the CPC, the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, the State Council, the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the Central Military Commission of the CPC and a wreath in the joint name of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of National Defense of the PRC and the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the CPC.

Also laid there were wreaths in the name of Hu Jintao, Jiang Zemin, Wu Bangguo, Li Changchun and Xi Jinping.

The senior party and state leaders of China expressed deep condolences to the demise of Kim Jong Il, making three bows to his portrait.

Hu Jintao said that the party, government and people of China express deep condolences over the sudden demise of Kim Jong Il, noting he was a great leader of the party and state of the DPRK and a close friend of the Chinese people.

He devoted his whole life to the Korean revolution and the cause of state building and made an important contribution to the

development of the traditional Sino-DPRK relations of friendship and cooperation, Hu noted, adding the Chinese people will always remember him.

Hu expressed belief that the Korean people would unite close around the Workers' Party of Korea, true to the behest of Kim Jong Il and overcome sorrow and display strength under the leadership of General Kim Jong Un and make strenuous efforts to build a thriving socialist nation and achieve durable peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

It is the steadfast policy of the party and government of China to steadily consolidate and develop the traditional Sino-DPRK relations of friendship and cooperation, Hu stressed, reaffirming his will to boost the bilateral friendship together with the Korean comrades.

Senior Party and State Leaders of China Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Wen Jiabao, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Wednesday visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing to express condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Among the mourners were Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Li Keqiang, vice-premier of the State Council of the PRC, He Guoqiang, secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, and Zhou Yongkang, secretary of the Central Commission of Politics and Law. All of them are members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC.

Also among the mourners were State Councilor and Secretary-General of the State Council Ma Kai, State Councilor Dai Bingguo, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, Minister of Commerce Chen Deming, Minister of Culture Cai Wu, Mayor of the Beijing Municipal People's Government Guo Jinlong, President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries Li Xiaolin and Wu Donghe, chairman of the China-DPRK Friendship Association.

Laid before the portrait of Kim Jong Il were wreaths in the name of Wen Jiabao, Jia Qinglin, Li Keqiang, He Guoqiang and Zhou Yongkang.

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Also laid before the portrait were wreaths in the name of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the CPC, ministries of National Defence, Commerce and Culture, and the Beijing Municipal People's Government, the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, the C.C, the Communist Youth League of China, the All-China Women's Federation, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the China-DPRK Friendship Association.

Senior party and state leaders of China made three bows before the portrait of Kim Jong Il, expressing deep condolences over his demise.

Wen Jiabao extended sincere condolences to the Korean people in bitter grief over his demise.

Kim Jong Il made an important contribution to the development of the Sino-DPRK friendly and cooperative relations for years as the great leader of the party and state of the DPRK and a close friend of the Chinese people, he said.

He expressed the will of the party and government of China to make sustained efforts to consolidate and develop the traditional relations of friendship between the two countries together with the party and government of the DPRK.

Li Keqiang expressed belief the Korean people would more dynamically push forward socialist construction under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

Zhou Yongkang said the Chinese people would always remember Kim Jong Il.

Dai Bingguo, hardly keeping back tears, expressed profound condolences. He said he never imagined the leader passed away all of a sudden.

All the members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the CPC visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing to mourn his demise in bitterest grief. This clearly represents the highest tribute of the collective leadership of China to Kim Jong Il and the invariable support of the party and people of China to the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people.

Wreaths to Bier of Kim Jong Il from China

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Wreaths came from the C.C., the Communist Party of China, the Standing Committee of the

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Chinese National People's Congress, the State Council and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China and the Central Military Commission of the CPC on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Liu Hongcai and his embassy officials laid wreaths before the bier of Kim Jong Il on Wednesday.

Chinese Embassy Officials Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Liu Hongcai, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy here on Wednesday laid wreaths before the bier of leader Kim Jong Il.

Wreaths in the name of the ambassador and the embassy were placed there.

Written on the ribbons of the wreaths were letters reading "In Memory of Comrade Kim Jong Il".

They paid silent tribute in humblest reverence to the bier of Kim Jong Il and went round it.

They made entries in the mourners' book.

Chinese Ambassador to Russia Mourns Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 22 (KCNA) -- Li Hui, Chinese ambassador to Russia, Tuesday visited the DPRK embassy in Moscow before any others to express condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The ambassador was accompanied by ministers, the military, naval and air attache and others.

They laid bunches of flowers before his portrait and observed a moment's silence.

The ambassador made an entry in the mourners' book.

He said: "Comrade Kim Jong Il was the great leader of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK and the Korean people.

We are convinced that the party, government and people of the DPRK will certainly overcome today's sorrow and accomplish the cause of Comrade Kim Jong Il, united close around respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The Chinese people will share sorrow with the Korean people and steadily boost the Sino-DPRK friendship."

Chinese, Russian Diplomats to Chongjin Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 22 (KCNA) -- Staff members of Chinese and Russian consulates general in Chongjin of the DPRK visited the mourning place arranged at the building of the North Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee on Thursday to express their condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Laid before his portrait there were wreaths in the name of the consul general and the consulate general of China and the Russian consulate general.

The visitors made entries in the condolence book after paying a silent tribute to the memory of Kim Jong Il.

Foreign Diplomats Visit DPRK Permanent Mission

Pyongyang, December 22 (KCNA) -- Diplomatic envoys of China, Vietnam, Laos, India, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Venezuela and Serbia at the UN Office in Geneva and International Organizations paid condolatory visits to the DPRK permanent mission on Tuesday to mourn the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

They laid wreaths before the portrait of Kim Jong Il before paying silent tribute to him.

The Chinese permanent representative wrote in the mourners' book:

"Comrade Kim Jong Il was a close friend of the Chinese people.

The Chinese people cannot repress bitter sorrow over the demise of Comrade Kim Jong Il and express deep condolences on it. The party, government and people of China believe that the Korean people will overcome sorrow and display strength and courage and achieve success without fail in the building of a thriving socialist nation under the leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un and the Workers' Party of Korea true to the behests of Comrade Kim Jong Il".

The Zimbabwean representative said that the peoples of the two countries are comrades-in-arms fighting in the same trench for freedom and justice, so the Zimbabweans are sharing bitter grief with the Korean people. He went on: H.E. Kim Jong Il was, indeed, a great leader.

Chinese Residents in DPRK Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 23 (KCNA) -- Chinese residents in North Phyongan and North Hamgyong Provinces of the DPRK visited

the mourning places arranged in Sinuiju and Chongjin cities on Dec. 21 and 22 to express condolences on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Laid before the portraits of Kim Jong Il were wreaths in the name of the Chinese residents.

They observed a moment's silence in mourning for Kim Jong Il, who worked energetically for the prosperity of the country and the people's happiness and strengthening of the China-DPRK friendship.

They made entries in the condolence book.

Chinese Students Here Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 23 (KCNA) -- The Chinese students studying at Kim Il Sung University visited the mourning site arranged at the university and expressed profound condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Liu Qian said in bitter grief that she is proud and honored to be an exchange student at Kim Il Sung University. "We have received deep loving care from Kim Jong Il while studying here for several years, she added. His great revolutionary feats will shine forever, she stressed.

Song Bin said in tears:

The demise of Kim Jong Il brought the greatest sorrow to the Korean people and this was the Chinese people's loss of another close friend.

I am convinced that Korean people will overcome this sorrow and display fresh strength and courage to accomplish the cause of building a thriving nation under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Li Zhuang said:

Kim Jong Il dedicated his whole life to the people's happiness.

"Though prominent statesman Kim Jong Il passed away, his august name will shine forever.

His revolutionary cause is sure to be accomplished as the Korean people are under Kim Jong Un.

Families of Chinese Related to Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle Here

Pyongyang, December 23 (KCNA) -- Families of Chinese related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle arrived here Friday on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il. They included the family of Zhou Wei, daughter of Zhou Baozhong, the family of Feng Zhongyun and Chai Long, a great-grandson of Chai Shiying.

Chinese Related to Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle Here

Pyongyang, December 25 (KCNA) -- Families of Zhang Weihua, a Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr, and Kim Sun Ok, a China-resident Korean related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, arrived here Sunday to mourn the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Article Praising Kim Jong Il Posted on Chinese Internet Website

Pyongyang, December 24 (KCNA) -- Xinhua Website of China posted an article praising leader Kim Jong Il over his demise.

It said:

Upon hearing the unexpected 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 to their regret, the Chinese people express their deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the Korean people.

We have seen the Korean people deeply mourning his demise in bitter tears.

It is unexpected that he passed away on a train while devoting all efforts to the happiness of the Korean people and the building of a thriving nation.

He resolutely stood against the West's high-handed practices and pressure and thus put the DPRK, not big in terms of territory and population, on the international arena.

It is quite natural that he enjoys the love and reverence of the people.

Today standing in the van of the Korean people is the young leader.

They will invariably carry forward to the end the idea and cause of Kim Jong Il.

Senior Officials of China Visits DPRK Embassy

Pyongyang, December 25 (KCNA) -- Li Yuanchao, member of the Political Bureau, member of the Secretariat and head of the Organization Department of the C.C., Communist Party of China, paid a condolatory visit to the DPRK embassy in Beijing on Friday to express deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Accompanying him were Shen Yueyue, permanent deputy head of the Organization Department of the C.C., CPC, Liu Jieyi, deputy head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., CPC, Song Tao, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of China, Deng Shengming, secretary-general of the Organization Department of the C.C., CPC, and other officials of the Organization Department and the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee and the Foreign Ministry of China.

Laid before the portrait of Kim Jong Il were wreaths in the name of the Organization Department of the C.C., CPC and its head.

They bowed three times before the portrait to express their deep condolences.

Li Yuanchao said that Kim Jong Il, the great leader of the Korean people and a great friend of the Chinese people, would always be alive in the hearts of the two peoples.

He expressed belief that the Korean people would achieve greater successes in their efforts to build a thriving country, closely rallied around the Workers' Party of Korea under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission, true to the behests of Kim Jong Il.

Earlier on Dec. 20 and 21, officials and personages of China and families of Chinese related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle paid condolatory visits to the DPRK embassy in Beijing and its consulate general in Shenyang.

They included Cheng Guoping, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of China, Liu Zhenmin, assistant to the foreign minister, Wu Dawei, special envoy of China for the Korean Peninsula Affairs, Wang Min, secretary of the Liaoning Provincial Committee of the CPC, Dai Yulin, secretary of the Dandong City Committee of the CPC, Wang Yonggui, director of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Liaoning Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Lieut. Gen. Zhang Xibo, commander of the Chinese People's Liberation Army in Hong Kong, Zeng Yinquan, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, He Zhiping, chief secretary of China Hong Kong

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Zhonghwa Energy Fund Commission, personages of the Foreign Ministry of China, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the All-China Women's Federation, the People's Bank of China, the Association for Promotion of Development of Chinese Culture and Liaoning Province, and families of anti-Chinese revolutionary fighter Li Zade, anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr Zhang Weihua, and Feng Zhongyun and Zhou Baozhong, persons related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Meanwhile, Chinese ambassadors to India, Laos, Nepal, Peru, Libya, Democratic Congo, Egypt, South Africa and France and their embassy officials paid condolatory visits to the DPRK missions in those countries.

Diplomatic envoys of 50 odd countries including Russia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Iran, Bangladesh, Venezuela, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait, Libya, Guinea and Rwanda to Beijing visited the DPRK missions to express condolences.

Chinese People Visit Bier of Kim Jong Il

Pyeongyang, December 25 (KCNA) -- Families of Chinese related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle Sunday expressed condolences before the bier of leader Kim Jong Il. They included the family of Zhou Wei, daughter of Zhou Baozhong, the family of Feng Zhongyun and Chai Long, a great-grandson of Chai Shiying.

Standing beside the bier was a wreath sent by Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Placed there amid the playing of a dirge was a wreath in the name of the family of Zhou Wei, daughter of Zhou Baozhong.

The mourners paid silent tribute to his bier in humble reverence.

Zhou Wei wrote in the mourners' book that she believed the party, army and people of the DPRK firmly united around Comrade General Kim Jong Un would carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of President Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, adding Kim Jong Il would live forever in their hearts.

Foreign guests staying in the DPRK also visited the bier of Kim Jong Il and mourned his demise on the same day. They included

Chinese People Visit Kumsusan Memorial Palace

Pyongyang, December 25 (KCNA) -- Zhou Wei, daughter of Zhou Baozhong who was related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle in China, visited the Kumsusan Memorial Palace where the bier of leader Kim Jong Il is placed to mourn his demise.

She said in bitter grief:

We were seized with indescribable sorrow upon hearing the sad news of demise of Kim Jong Il.

All of us, looking up to the sky of Pyongyang, bitterly cried "General, our father, you should not leave us behind. Rise up, please."

We have wished him good health as he has been shouldering upon himself the heavy responsibility of the revolution.

Now we cannot meet the great general any more. How lamentable it is.

He took utmost care of children of the comrades who fell in action while fighting alongside President Kim Il Sung.

We keenly felt he was our real father.

His sense of moral obligation went beyond the border of the country.

The history of his noble revolutionary obligation will shine forever.

Kim Jong Il, our kind-hearted father, is always with us.

Foreign Media Reports Mourning Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 25 (KCNA) -- Media of different countries continue giving wide publicity to events held in the DPRK to mourn the demise of leader Kim Jong Il in humblest reverence.

The Xinhua News Agency of China said on Wednesday that though snow fell in Pyongyang the Korean people expressed condolences over the demise of supreme leader Kim Jong Il.

It went on:

The mourning place at Kim Il Sung Square where major events would take place is crowded with an endless stream of Pyongyangites visiting it to express condolences.

Some mourners were calmly weeping when they were paying silent tribute after laying flowers and some others were reluctant to

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leave there even after observing silence, their backs bent and choked with tears.

People's Website, an Internet homepage of China, posted an article, saying that snow began to fall in Pyongyang at dawn on Wednesday but this could not prevent Pyongyangites from their mourning the demise of supreme leader Kim Jong Il.

The Voice of Russia aired a program on the same day under the title "Total of more than five million citizens mourn the leader's demise in the capital city of the DPRK."

It said: An endless stream of people is climbing Mansu Hill where the statue of President Kim Il Sung stands.

Their number reached 450,000 at dawn of Tuesday and it went beyond 800,000 at noon.

The Dec. 20 issue of the Cuban newspaper Granma said under the title "Korean people weeping bitterly over the loss of their leader."

The Korean people are stricken with bitter grief and sorrow over their leader's demise, the great loss.

But they are now full of undisputed faith that Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, will lead Korean revolution to victory.

Chinese Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 26 (KCNA) -- Words fail to describe the grief over the sudden demise of Kim Jong Il, the great leader of the Korean people and close friend of the Chinese people, said Zhang Jinquan, son of Zhang Weihua, a Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr, when interviewed by KCNA Monday.

He went on:

When I heard the sad news that Comrade Kim Jong Il passed away, over TV and radio in China, I was all at sea how to tide over the days to come.

I could hardly believe his demise as I watched the TV showing him conducting energetic activities by visiting China twice this year.

All my family members wept bitterly.

We rushed here, finding no way to keep back the grief over his demise.

It is an obligation for our family to mourn his demise.

General Kim Jong Il was the tender-hearted father of our family.

Whenever I received the loving care shown by him, I wished to call him father as I felt as if I were seeing President Kim Il Sung.

The whole life of respected Kim Jong Il was the noblest one as he glorified the tradition of the Sino-DPRK friendship and took deep care of our family with brotherly affection.

His demise is not only a great loss to the Korean nation but bitterest grief of our family.

I am confident that the revolutionary history of General Kim Jong Il will last forever thanks to respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

President of Xinhua Visits DPRK Embassy

Pyongyang, December 26 (KCNA) -- President Li Congjun and officials of the Xinhua News Agency on Monday paid a condolatory visit to the DPRK embassy in Beijing on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

They expressed their deep condolences on his demise.

Wreaths from Chinese Organizations

Pyongyang, December 26 (KCNA) -- The Dandong Liya Trading Co., Ltd. and the Dandong Chengda Commerce Trading Co., Ltd. of China sent wreaths in deep mourning over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The wreaths were laid before the portrait of smiling Kim Jong Il at Kim Il Sung Square on Dec. 26.

Chinese Officials Visit DPRK Embassy

Pyongyang, December 27 (KCNA) -- Dai Bingguo, state councilor of the People's Republic of China, and Liu Qi, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and secretary of the Beijing Municipal Committee of the CPC, Tuesday paid a condolatory visit to the DPRK embassy in Beijing on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

They were accompanied by Zai Jun, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Chen Fengxiang, deputy head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., CPC, the permanent deputy mayor of the Beijing Municipal People's Government, Zhang Kunsheng, assistant to the foreign minister, and other officials concerned.

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Wreaths were laid before the portrait of Kim Jong Il in the name of Dai Bingguo and Liu Qi and in the joint name of the Beijing Municipal Committee of the CPC and the Beijing Municipal People's Government.

The mourners bowed three times before the portrait of Kim Jong Il, expressing deep condolences.

Dai Bingguo with tears in his eyes recollected with deep emotion the days when he was received by Kim Jong Il on his visit to China in May, saying he could never forget the time when he met the leader and had cordial talks several times.

He said though Kim Jong Il passed away, he could never forget the tender-hearted leader.

He expressed belief the Korean people would convert sorrow into strength and register successes in all affairs under the leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un, true to the behests of Kim Jong Il.

Liu Qi said that Kim Jong Il performed historic feats for the party, state and people of the DPRK and made great contributions to boosting the traditional China-DPRK friendly relations, adding that the Chinese people will always remember him.

Leading Officers of CPLA Visit DPRK Embassy

Pyongyang, December 27 (KCNA) -- Xu Caihou, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission, visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing on Dec. 27 to express condolences on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

He was accompanied by Liang Guanglie, member of the Central Military Commission of China, state councilor and minister of National Defense, Li Jinai, member of the Central Military Commission of the CPC and director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Ma Xiaotian, deputy chief of General Staff of the CPLA, and Qian Lihua, director of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Ministry of National Defense, and others.

Wreaths were laid before the portrait of Kim Jong Il in the name of the Central Military Commission of China, the Ministry of National Defense, the General Staff, the General Political Department, the General Logistics Department, the General Armament Department, the navy and air force of the CPLA.

They bowed three times before the portrait of Kim Jong Il, expressing profound condolences.

Xu Caihou did not keep back his sorrow over the demise of Kim Jong Il.

He expressed the most profound and sincere condolences to the Korean people and the officers and men of the Korean People's Army on behalf of all officers and men of the CPLA.

He added:

Comrade Kim Jong Il was the great leader of the party, state and army of the DPRK and a close friend of the Chinese people and army.

The Chinese people and army will always remember him.

The CPLA will, together with the KPA, make positive efforts to consolidate and develop the traditional friendly and cooperative ties between the two countries and armies and defend the peace and security of the region and the world, true to the noble intentions of the top leaders of the two countries in the future, too.

Koreans in China Visit DPRK Embassy

Pyongyang, December 27 (KCNA) -- Koreans in China visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing to express condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

They included Jo Yong Hwan, chairman of the Zhongnan Regional Association of the General Association of Koreans in China, and its vice-chairmen; Choe Su Jin, general manager of the Heilongjiang Provincial National Economic Development General Company; Choe Song Ae, director of the Beijing Paeksin Technological Development Investment Co. Ltd.; Pak Chol Su, president of the Korea Taepung International Investment Group; and other officials and members of the compatriots' organizations and corporations and their members, families, Kim Chol, chairman of the Association for the Study of Koryo Culture and Economy in Beijing, To Hui Jong, chairman of the Association of Korean Veteran Teachers in Beijing, and its members, family of Prof. Jong Ki Ryol of Qinghua University, and other compatriots.

They laid wreaths and bouquets before the portrait of Kim Jong Il and paid silent tribute to him.

They made entries in the mourners' book.

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Expressing deep condolences over his demise, they wrote that they have never thought of the country without him.

Kim Jong Il will always live in the hearts of all Koreans, they stressed.

Many Foreigners Visit DPRK Embassy

Pyongyang, December 27 (KCNA) -- Personages of various circles of Uganda, Nigeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Democratic Congo, Senegal, Equatorial Guinea, Namibia and Libya expressed condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

They paid condolatory visits to the mourning stations arranged at the DPRK embassies in their capital cities and aid organizations from Dec. 21 to 24.

Among them were acting foreign minister and ministers of Security and Interior of Uganda, the national financial secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Nigeria, the secretary of the Chamberlain of the Presidency of Egypt and representative of the Minister of Justice of Ethiopia.

They laid wreaths, floral baskets and bunches of flowers before portraits of Kim Jong Il and paid silent tribute to him.

Meanwhile, diplomatic envoys of different countries visited the DPRK embassies in their capital cities to express profound condolences over his demise. Among them were diplomatic envoys of China, Cuba, Egypt, Brazil and Congo in Equatorial Guinea, those of Cuba, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Sudan, Libya, Senegal, Angola and Kenya in Ethiopia, and those of China, Cuba, Iran, Sweden, Congo, Gabon, Ghana and Nigeria in Democratic Congo.

Chinese in N. Hamgyong Province Mourn Kim Jong Il's Demise

Chongjin, December 27 (KCNA) -- Chinese in North Hamgyong Province, DPRK laid wreaths before the portrait of smiling Kim Jong Il in Chongjin City on Tuesday, expressing deep condolences over his demise.

They laid the wreaths and paid silent tribute to leader Kim Jong Il.

Chinese Diplomats in Chongjin Leave Wreath

Pyongyang, December 27 (KCNA) -- Staff members of the Chinese consulate general in Chongjin City, North Hamgyong Province of the DPRK on Tuesday laid a wreath before the portrait

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of smiling Kim Jong Il in the city to express deep condolences on his demise.

They placed a wreath in the name of the consulate general and observed a moment's silence in memory of Kim Jong Il.

Meanwhile, Chinese and Russian guests laid wreaths and bouquets before smiling Kim Jong Il's portrait in Rason City and paid a silent tribute to him.

Chinese Pay Silent Tribute to Smiling Kim Jong Il's Portrait

Pyongyang, December 27 (KCNA) -- The family of Zhang Weihua, Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr, and the family of Zhou Wei, daughter of Zhou Baozhong related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, and their parties on Dec. 27 expressed condolences before the portrait of smiling Kim Jong Il at Kim Il Sung Square.

They laid wreaths and bunches of flowers before the portrait and paid silent tribute to Kim Jong Il.