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Introduction

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Tongsin | 통신 is a monthly summary of DPRK state news relevant to China, contextualized and analyzed by Sino-NK. Here we examine both the KCNA and Rodong Sinmun for their content relating to China, Chinese politics, cultural exchanges with China, and economic engagement between the mouth and the teeth.

February was an eventful month for the DPRK: the US-ROK war games Key Resolve/Foal Eagle commenced, the United Nations Human Rights Council <u>released a report</u> on crimes against humanity in North Korea, north-south family reunions took place, and Kim Jong-il's birthday was celebrated as the Day of Shining Star.

The state media paid much attention to North Korean groups in China, such as the General Association of Koreans in China and the Youth Federation of Korean Nationals in China, both of whom condemned the US-ROK military exercises as "sycophantic confrontation rackets".

Meetings between the Chinese Foreign Ministry and the DPRK foreign ministry were reported as stressing the desire for stability on the peninsula, dependent on a response from South Korea regarding the DPRK "proposal" that the war games cease. On this condition, the DPRK is apparently interested in renewing the Six Party Talks. The narrative of the state media puts the responsibility of regional stability and improved North-South relations squarely on the ROK. As the war games continue as planned, the DPRK and allegedly Koreans abroad condemn them, citing the exercises as destructive during an otherwise peaceful moment between the two Koreas. This sets the stage for a "defensive" provocation by the North.

The KCNA and Rodong also paid mind to the movements of Chinese diplomats traveling to and fro; gifts given to Kim Jong-un; and Sino-DPRK cultural exchanges of music, books, photos, film, and, of course, flowers.

Below, each news piece includes a link to the original article and a brief synopsis keeping with the original tone. A note on spelling: titles are reflective of the original source; summaries and the romanizations contained therein are in accordance with <u>Sino-NK's in-house style guide</u>.

COVER IMAGE: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION VISITS DPRK TO DISCUSS REGIONAL SECURITY AND SIX-PARTY TALKS, FEBRUARY 21, 2014 | KCNA

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February 3

KCNA: Korean Youth in China Urge S. Korea to Respond to Proposal of DPRK

The Youth Federation of Korean Nationals in China released a statement titled, "South Korean authorities should stop at once pro-U.S. sycophantic confrontation rackets against fellow countrymen and respond to crucial proposal of the DPRK". The Korean group focused on the National Defense Commission (NDC) proposing to stop provocative South Korean military exercises. The article argues that these military acts cannot be justified and that they should be cancelled immediately. Their purpose is to improve South Korean ties with America and in doing so they damage efforts to achieve reconciliation and reunification.

February 4

KCNA: Koreans in China Call for Creating Climate for Mending North-South Relations

The Hailin City branch of the General Association of Koreans in China released a statement on January 29, entitled "It is necessary to establish climate for improved north-south relations by concerted efforts of our nation". The statement recalled the NDC's proposal to lower tensions between the North and South by taking precautionary measures to prevent provocation. It is argued that the South Korean authorities insult the North's magnanimity by staging military drills and that if nuclear war occurs, the consequences will be severe. If the Southern authorities respond to the proposals of the North with military actions, they will be denounced and rejected by all Koreans.

Rodong: Kim Jong Un Sends New Year Cards to Foreign Party and State Leaders

Kim Jong-un sent New Year cards to a variety of different state leaders including to the President of the People's Republic of China.

February 5

KCNA: Gift from Chinese

Supreme leader Kim Jong-un received a gift from Dongfang Yi. The head of the Chinese delegation of the Donfangyi Tuozhan Association presented the gift during a visit to the DPRK.

February 6

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February 7

<u>KCNA: Kim Jong Un Receives Congratulatory Letter from General Association of</u> <u>Koreans in China</u>

Kim Jong-un was presented with a congratulatory letter from the General Association of Koreans in China following his nomination as a candidate for deputy to the 13th Supreme People's Assembly (SPA). The letter stated that this is a historic event for the Korean people, praising Kim for building the army, the economy, and for strengthening North Korean culture. The letter states that the happiness and future of North Korea is guaranteed as Kim Jong-un leads the nation. Koreans in China will unite under Kim Jong-un and strive for prosperity and reunification.

February 10

KCNA: Koreans in China Urge S. Korean Authorities to Seek Improved Inter-Korean Relations

The General Association of Koreans in China made a public statement, "The south Korean authorities should behave from the national standpoint". The statement accused the South of groundlessly slandering the DPRK, criticizing their war exercises at a time when the two nations are close to an agreement on family reunions. The Association of Koreans asks the southern authorities to "give up the conception of distrust and confrontation" and to improve inter-Korean relations.

February 11

KCNA: Congratulatory Message to Kim Jong Un Adopted by Koreans in China

On February 10, the Zhongnan Regional Association of the General Association of Koreans in China adopted a congratulatory message to Kim Jong-un to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong-il. At the meeting was Choe Un-bok, chairwoman of the General Association of Koreans in China, and various other Korean participants.

KCNA: Friendly Meeting with Chinese Embassy Officials Held

The DPRK Ministry of Foreign Affairs had a friendly meeting with the staff from the Chinese embassy to celebrate the New Year (Juche 103). Present was Ambassador Liu

Hongcai and other embassy officials, as well as Vice-Minister Kim Hong-jun and various other DPRK officials. Speeches were made and DPRK-China relations were boosted.

KCNA: Art Performance Given by Koreans in China

The Zhongnan Regional Association of the General Association of Koreans in China performed in Beijing on February 10, to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong-il. Present was Choe Un-bok and Ji Jae-ryong, the DPRK ambassador to China. The performance represented longing for Kim Jong-il and deep reverence to Kim Jong-un.

February 12

KCNA: Chinese Guests, Overseas Koreans Here

Chinese guests and overseas Koreans arrived here on Wednesday to take part in the 18th Kimjongilia Festival. Present were various individuals who have been responsible for the successful growth of these flowers.

February 13

KCNA: Delegation of General Association of Koreans in China Here

A delegation of the General Association of Koreans in China arrived to celebrate the birth of Kim Jong-il. The group was led by Chairwoman Choe Un-bok.

KCNA: Concert Given by Chinese Residents Here

A concert was given by Chinese residents at the Taedonggang Diplomatic Club to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong-il. Present were officials of the Central Committee of the Federation of Chinese Residents in Korea and various other Chinese people. The performance praised Kim Jong-il and his tireless "Songun leadership". They performed songs that reflected the desire of the DPRK people to commit to prosperity under Kim Jong-un's leadership of the DPRK.

KCNA: Birth Anniversary of Kim Jong Il Celebrated by Koreans in China

The Zhongnan Regional Association of Koreans in China held an event at the DPRK embassy in Beijing on February 12. Participants laid a floral basket before portraits of Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il then watching the film "Arms of Korea" before a lecture.

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February 14

KCNA: Overseas Koreans Here

Delegations of overseas Koreans arrived here to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jongil. Amongst those that came were representatives from Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Also present was Kim Thaek-ryong, Chairman of the Koreans' Association of Economic and Cultural Exchange in Dandong, China.

KCNA: Reception Given at DPRK Embassy in Beijing

A reception was given at the DPRK embassy in Beijing to mark the birthday of Kim Jong-il. Present was the head of the International Liaison Department of the Chinese Central Committee, Wang Jiarui; the vice-minister of foreign affairs, Liu Zhenmin; and the chairman of the China-Korea Frienship Association, Wu Dongue. Ji Jae-ryong delivered a speech praising Kim Jong-il for improving DPRK-Chinese relations and he promised to also work on strengthening them. He stated that they would work together "to defend the peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and the rest of the world".

KCNA: Day of Shining Star Celebrated in China

A film showing took place on February 12 to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong-il (Day of Shining Star). It was co-sponsored by the Jindallae Children's Foundation, the Public Center for Diplomatic and Cultural Exchange of China and the Arab Information Centre. Present were the ambassador and the staff of the DPRK embassy. The participants watched Korean films and praised Kim Jong-il and Kim Jong-un.

February 15

KCNA: Gift to Kim Jong Un from Chinese

Kim Jong-un was presented with a gift from Liu Chensheng, director of the Shenyang Korean Trade and Investment Consulting Co. Ltd, who are taking part in the 18th Kimjongilia Festival.

KCNA: Kim Jong Un Receives Floral Baskets from Foreigners

Kim Jong-un received floral baskets from a variety of people, including the family of Zhang Weihua, the Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr.



FLORAL BASKET FOR KIM JONG-UN | KCNA



CHINESE OVERSEAS KOREANS VISIT MANGYONGDAE, FEBRUARY 15, 2014 | KCNA

KCNA: Chinese Overseas Koreans Visit Mangyongdae

Chinese and overseas Koreans who are participating in the 18th annual Kimjongilia festival, visited Mangyongdae, the birthplace of Kim Il-sung. They visited revolutionary sites and historical relics with Liu Chensheng professing that he felt something fresh and holy about the location. Ri Yong-ho, managing director of the Dandong Shengmin Trading Company stated that Mangyongdae made him feel a stronger yearning for Kim Il-sung and praising his revolutionary achievements. The visitors also visited the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, Unha Scientists' Street, and other places.

KCNA: Officials of Chinese Embassy Visit Venue of Kimjongilia Festival

Chinese Ambassador Liu Hongcai and some of the embassy staff visited the venue of the 18th Kimjongilia Festival. They observed the "immortal flowers" sharing the deep reverence of the Korean people and other progressives who view Kim Jong-il as a peerless, great man. The ambassador made an entry into the visitors book.

KCNA: Chinese Embassy Officials Lay Floral Basket before Statues of Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il

Liu Hongcai and his embassy staff visited statues of Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il on Mansu Hill to celebrate the Day of the Shining Star. They laid a floral basket before the statues, paying tribute to these great men.

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February 16

KCNA: Kim Jong Un Receives Letter from General Association of Koreans in China

Kim Jong-un received a letter from the General Association of Koreans in China on February 12, celebrating the birthday of Kim Jong-il. The letter praised him as a great thinker, a statesman and as a commander. The letter praised Juche and the creation of the Songun policy as he made the DPRK into a formidable enemy that others dare not to provoke. Everything desired by Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il is being translated into reality by Kim Jong-un. China will respond patriotically to Kim Jong-un and his needs.

KCNA: Foreigners, Overseas Koreans Pay Tribute to Kim Jong Il

A delegation of overseas Koreans, including Choe Un-bok, visited Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to celebrate Kim Jong-il's birthday. They paid tribute to statues of Kim Ilsung and Jim Jong-il, making entries into the visitor's book.

KCNA: Day of Shining Star Celebrated by Koreans in China

An event was held in Yanji City, Jilin province, China to celebrate Kim Jong-Il's birthday. Present was Choe Un-bok and other officials of the General Association of Koreans in China, the DPRK consul general in Shenyang, and Chinese personages. Choe praised Kim Jong-il as the great Songun commander and father, describing how the image of Kim Jong-il as a revolutionary leader is cherished by Koreans in China. These policies are pursued by Kim Jong-un and Koreans will continue to support him. At the meeting they adopted a letter to Kim as well as watching a Korean film documenting "the Songun revolutionary feats of Kim Jong-un".

February 17

KCNA: Chinese Delegation Arrives

A delegation of the Chinese Foreign Ministry led by its Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenmin, arrived.

KCNA: Kimjongilia Exhibition Held in Dalian, China

Dailan City hosted a Kimjongilia exhibition on February 9 to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong-il. More than 700 of the potted plans were on display alongside the prizes that the plant had been awarded at international festivals. City officials and citizens took part in the exhibition and officials from the DPRK consul in Shenyang were invited to the event. Speeches were made and the director general of a company declared it an honor to cultivate the flowers and that it strengthened the friendship between the Chinese and the DPRK. He professed a desire to propagate the flower to other nations.

February 18

KCNA: Kimjongilia, Korean Book and Photo Exhibition Held in China

A Kimjongilia, Korean book and photo exhibition took place in Shenyang, China on February 12 to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong-il. On display were photos of Kim Jong-il and Kim Jong-un as well as the texts and pictures that displayed the true Songun Korea. More than 300 potted Kimjongilias decorated the venue and various people from Liaoning Province were there. Visitors praised the Kimjongilia as an "immortal" flower and the exhibition demonstrated the deepening bonds of Sino-DPRK friendship.

KCNA: Kimjongilia Lauded by Overseas Koreans

Overseas Koreans visited the venue of the 18th Kimjongilia Festival. Ri Yong-ho said that he took pride in attending the festival and that the Kimjongilia is the most fascinating, beautiful and famous flower that he knew. The flower represents the personality of Kim Jong-il who lives forever in his mind. Choe Ryong-ho, vicepresident of Yanbian University of Science and Technology in China also professed deep admiration for the flower and for Kim Jong-il.

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Rodong: Floral Tribute Paid to Statues of Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il

The participants in the 23rd Paektusan Prize International Figure Skating Festival (to celebrate the Day of the Shining Star) visited statues of Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il. They laid a floral basket before the statues in reverence to these great men and their accomplishments.

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February 19

KCNA: DPRK FM Meets Chinese Delegation

DPRK Foreign Minister Pak Ui-chun had talks with the Chinese Foreign Ministry led by the Vice-Minister Liu Zhenmin, who paid Pak a courtesy call.

KCNA: Sojourn of Chinese Delegation in Pyongyang

A delegation led by Liu Zhenmin visited the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum. They paid tribute to Kim Il-sung, and laid a bouquet of flowers beneath the war sculpture. They visited several halls including the Chinese People's Volunteers Hall where they were briefed about the leadership of Kim Il-sung during the war. They also visited the apartment houses at Kim Il-sung University and Kwangbok Area Supermarket.

KCNA: Chinese and Overseas Koreans Leave

Chinese and overseas Koreans left on Wednesday after taking part in the 18th Kimjongilia festival. They were Liu Chensheng, Ri Yong-ho and their parties as well as Yang Hongshun.



CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION ARRIVES, FEBRUARY 17, 2014 | RODONG SINMUN

Rodong: Chinese Delegation Arrives

A delegation of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, led by its Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenmin, arrived on February 17.

February 20

KCNA: Chinese Delegation Leaves

The delegation of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, led by Liu Zhenmin, left.

KCNA: Delegations of Koreans in China Leave

A delegation of the General Association of Koreans in China left. Leaving earlier was a delegation of the Korean's Association of Economic and Cultural Exchange in Dandong, China led by Chairman Kim Thaek-ryong.

KCNA: Reception Marks Anniversary of Agreements between DPRK and China

A reception was given at Okryu Restaurant by the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the General Bureau of Civil Aviation. This was to mark the 55th anniversary of agreements to coordinate air transportation between the DPRK and China. Present was Liu Hongcai, other embassy officials, and Chinese guests. On hand were Kim Jong-suk, chairwoman of the committee, and other DPRK officials.

Rodong: Celebrations Held in DPRK Embassy in Beijing

A photo exhibition and film show took place at the DPRK embassy in Beijing on February 13 to celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong-il. Present were Wang Jiarui, Liu Zhenmin, and Wu Donghe of China alongside Ji Jae-ryong of the DPRK. The participants looked at photos that documented Kim Jong-il's Songun leadership before watching the Korean film, "The Tower of the Juche Idea".



CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION VISITS DPRK TO DISCUSS REGIONAL SECURITY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014 | KCNA

February 21

<u>KCNA: DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman on DPRK Visit by Chinese Foreign</u> <u>Ministry Delegation</u>

A spokeswoman answered a question regarding the visit of Liu Zhenmin. Liu's delegation had paid a courtesy call on the DPRK's foreign minister and officials from the foreign ministry to hold talks. "Both sides had an in-depth exchange of views on the DPRK-China relations, the regional situation, the resumption of the six-party talks and other issues of mutual concern and reached a common understanding." They discussed promoting the exchange of high-level delegations between the two countries to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the establishment of DPRK-China diplomatic relations. The Chinese appreciated that the DPRK wanted to demonstrate its sincerity to stabilize the situation on the Korean peninsula. The DPRK stressed that the improvement of inter-Korean relations depends on the attitude of the US and of South Korea. Both sides wanted to make efforts to defend peace and stability and to renew the six party talks.



CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS PYONGYANG LANDMARKS, FEBRUARY 21, 2014 | KCNA

KCNA: DPRK Book, Photo and Arty Exhibition Opens in China

A DPRK book, photo and art exhibition opened in Shanghai, China on February 16. Photos showcased Kim Jong-il's sacred revolutionary career as well as documenting the revolutionary activities of Kim Jong-un. The works of these "peerlessly great men" were also present, outlining the prosperity of the DPRK and art pieces associated with the creative talents of the Korean people. Speeches were made by Chinese figures with speakers noting that this would provide Chinese people with an opportunity to understand the Korean people. They expressed the expectation that the exhibit would boost the cultural exchanges between the two nations. The exhibition will be open until February 28.

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Rodong: Chinese Delegation Pays Homage to Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il

Liu Zhenmin and his delegation visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on February 19⁻ The delegation paid tribute to statues of Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il who played a crucial role in developing DPRK-Chinese relations. The delegation bowed at the halls where they lie in state. The delegation received a tour of the halls which include cars, electric cars, boats and train coaches that are used for field guidance and foreign trips. Liu made an entry into the visitor's book, praising Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il.

February 22

KCNA: Chinese Ministry of Culture Hosts Reception

The_Chinese Ministry of Culture hosted a reception in Beijing on February 20 to celebrate the 55th anniversary of agreements to coordinate air transportation between the DPRK and China. Present was Ji Jae-ryong as well as officials from the Ministries of Culture, Foreign Affairs, and the Central Committee of China.

KCNA: Reception Given at DPRK Embassy in Beijing

The DPRK embassy in Beijing gave a reception to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the conclusion of agreements for cultural cooperation and air transportation between the DPRK and China. Present was Ding Wei, vice-minister of culture in China as well as Ji Jae-ryong, the DPRK ambassador.

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February 25

KCNA: Koreans in China Supports Appeal of C.C., DFRK

The General Association of Koreans in China issued a statement supporting the appeal of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of Korea. The supported the appeal to usher in a prosperous year. Koreans in China will try to usher in a new phase of peace and prosperity under the banner of independence, peaceful reunification, and national unity. The statement called for all Koreans to direct their efforts towards peace and reunification.

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February 26

KCNA: Halt to Join Military Drills Urged by Koreans in China

Koreans in China issued a statement urging the US to cancel the military drills Key Resolve and Foal Eagle. They state that these drills are being run despite the unanimous opposition of all Koreans. All Koreans in China view these actions as "dangerous nuclear war provocations" aimed to stifle the DPRK by force of arms. The US and South Koreans should think twice about the catastrophic consequences of their anti-DPRK war moves.

KCNA: Koreans in China Reject US War Exercises

The Federation of Korean Economic Workers in China also released a statement urging the war drills to be halted. It was stated that a climate for improved northsouth relations was being created and the family reunification program demonstrates this. The war drills are aimed to throw a wet blanket over these proceedings and demonstrate "Washington's arrogant and vicious moves for a war against the DPRK". The Federation of Koreans will rise up to smash the US and pave the way to reunification.

KCNA: War Exercises Blasted by Organization of Young Koreans in China

The Youth Federation of Korean Nationals in China issued a statement condemning South Korean military actions that escalate tensions on the Korean peninsula. That the US kicked off their military drills whilst family reunifications were occurring demonstrates their opposition to peaceful reunification. Koreans in China resent the US as they cause untold sufferings to all Koreans who do not want war.

KCNA: Appeal of DPRK Supported by Koreans in China

A spokesperson for the Zhongnan Regional Association of the General Association of Koreans in China issued a statement committing them to uphold the heart and soul of the DPRK. The nomination of Kim Jong-un as a candidate to the deputy of the 13th Supreme People's Assembly demonstrates the loyalty of the people in the motherland and marks a great event guaranteeing DPRK happiness. All compatriots in China will work heart and soul to uphold the DPRK forever.

February 28

Day of Shining Star Marked at DPRK Missions Abroad

Receptions, films, and photo and book exhibitions took place between February 7–15 to mark the Day of the Shining Star. Celebrations took place in Beijing, Shenyang, and Hong Kong of China as well as in other countries. Displayed were photos documenting the exploits of Kim Il-sung, Kim Jong-il, and Kim Jong-un as well as their works, most notably documenting the development of Songun in Korea. DPRK documentaries such as "The International Friendship Exhibition House" and "Four Seasons in Pyongyang" were shown.

ABOUT SINO-NK

Founded in December 2011 by a group of young academics committed to the study and analysis of Northeast Asia, Sino-NK focuses on the borderland world that lies somewhere between Pyongyang and Beijing. Using multiple languages and an array of disciplinary methodologies, Sino-NK provides a steady stream of China-DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea/North Korea) documentation and analysis covering the culture, economies and foreign relations of these complex states.

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