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Editor's Note: In 2010 and 2011, China's relations with North Korea had reached a point of extensive and expanding connectivity. Much of the foundation of these ties lies in the agreements signed in Pyongyang during the visit of PRC Premier Wen Jiabao in early October 2009. As North Korea starts a crucial new year and analysts question the extent to which Chinese aid and ties will remain salient, if not dominant, in the DPRK landscape, a return to the original documents of the Wen Jiabao visit to Pyongyang is indeed in order. - Ed.

Introduction

This third KCNA file covers the week of October 4th through the 10th, 2009. During this week, KCNA exploded with various news stories detailing the Premier of China, Wen Jiabao, and his visit to the DPRK. It is interesting to note, that before the week of his visit, KCNA's total publishing output was running at a much lower rate. Furthermore, immediately after the visit, KCNA returned to its previous output levels with no stories related to China being published for a total of four days.

Analysis

Of the 32 stories mentioned that week, 21 at least mentioned the Premier or his visit, with a majority of those devoted entirely to his travels inside the DPRK. It is interesting that KCNA would pay so much attention to this one visit, when in the days leading up to and after his visit, China barely gets a mention in. Furthermore, the fact that more than half of the China related stories from that week were devoted to Wen Jiabao (with no stories about China being published on the 8th-10th) shows his superstar status in North Korea as well as the importance of his visit both to the people and to the DPRK leadership in general.

One of many interesting stories from that week was the story: **Agreement and Agreed Documents Signed between DPRK**, **Chinese Governments**. This story details exactly what the two leaders and countries discussed and agreed upon which included: increased economic cooperation, increased technological cooperation, economic assistance, cooperation in the field of education, standard inspection of both imported and exported goods between the to countries, and even an accord on strengthening the cooperation in protecting wild animals. This story alone illustrates the importance of the visit. With both

countries relying heavily on each other in certain areas (especially economically in North Korea), these talks served to strengthen the diplomatic ties between the two countries, which coincidently celebrated their 60th anniversary during the Premier's visit.

Another fact worthy of note was the warmth and goodwill shown to each other by both Chinese and North Korean leaders during the visit. Among the 32 stories this week, no fewer than 12 stories focused on items relating to goodwill between the two countries in the form of banquets hosted, events attended, places visited, and official statements given. Of these 12 stories, a few that are of particular note include: Hundreds of Thousands of Pyongyangites Welcome Wen Jiabao, Message of Thanks to Kim Jong II from Chinese Premier, Chinese Premier Visits Farm, and, Kim Jong II Hosts Dinner for Wen Jiabao. The first of these details the welcoming of Wen Jiabao to the DPRK by hundreds of thousands of Pyongyangites. This gesture by DPRK citizens and their mobilization by the government is by no means a normal occurrence for a diplomatic mission, and from this welcome, it is discernable that North Korea in particular placed an astronomical amount of importance on this otherwise routine highlevel meeting. Furthermore, both Wen Jiabao and Kim Jong Il's public words of warmth and greeting illustrates the respectful relationship and the united front the two countries were striving to achieve. Finally, the seemingly normal PR visit to a farm proves much more interesting politically because the farm mentioned was actually a cooperative farm set up between the two countries. This more basic level of cooperation is significant especially in light of the struggles against hunger the DPRK has faced in the past.

Overall, this short visit captivated both countries involved for the period it took place, and served to strengthen and preserve the relationship between two countries that will increasingly need to rely on each other in the future. It is especially important in light of the recent death of Kim Jong II and Kim Jong Un's succession that ties such as these remain strong if China and North Korea want to ensure a future of cooperation and strengthened friendship.

-- Evan Koepfler, Pacific Lutheran University

4 October 2009

Chinese Premier Here

Pyongyang, October 4 (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, arrived here today

by special plane to pay an official goodwill visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government.

General Secretary Kim Jong II went to Pyongyang Airport to warmly greet him.

Present there were Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Kim Yong Chun, vice-chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and minister of the People's Armed Forces, Kim Jong Gak, member of the DPRK NDC and first vice-director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, Ri Yong Ho, chief of the KPA General Staff, Choe Thae Bok and Kim Ki Nam, secretaries of the C.C., the Workers' Party of Korea, Kang Sok Ju, first vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China, and leading officials of party and power bodies, ministries and national institutions.

Also seen at the airport were Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy officials, Chinese guests staying in the DPRK and Chinese students studying here.

At 10:50 a.m. the plane carrying the friendship mission of the Chinese people touched down at the airport.

Kim Jong II firmly shook with Wen Jiabao and cordially hugged him.

Arriving with Wen Jiabao were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the Communist Party of China, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and other suite members.

A ceremony of welcoming Wen Jiabao took place at the airport.

National anthems of the PRC and the DPRK were played.

Wen Jiabao together with Kim Yong II reviewed the guards of

honor of the KPA three services.

A Korean artiste presented a bouquet to Wen.

Then he, together with Kim Jong II, Kim Yong Nam and Kim Yong II, watched the march-past of the guards of honor of the KPA three services.

Wen waved back to the warmly welcoming crowd shouting such slogans as "Welcome to Wen Jiabao!" and "DPRK-China Friendship!".

The car carrying him headed for the city.

Wen Jiabao's Arrival Statement

Pyongyang, October 4 (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, made a written speech upon his arrival in Pyongyang at the airport on Sunday.

In the speech he declared that it is the steadfast policy of the Chinese party and government to steadily consolidate and develop the China-DPRK relations of good-neighborly friendship and cooperation.

Saying that this year is a year of "China-DPRK friendship" marking the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the DPRK, he in the speech, availing himself of the opportunity, expressed the willingness of the Chinese side to give spur to the steady and fresh development of China-DPRK friendship together with the DPRK side and thus bring bigger happiness to the peoples of the two countries and make big contributions to ensuring regional peace and stability.

He expressed his idea that there would be frank and in-depth exchange of views on China-DPRK relations and matters of common concern during his visit.

He expressed the conviction that his visit would help boost the traditional friendship between the two parties, two countries and two peoples, promote exchange and cooperation in all fields between the two sides and give an impetus to developing China-DPRK relations of good-neighborly friendship and cooperation.

Kim Jong II Watches Opera with Chinese Premier

Pyongyang, October 4 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong Il watched the opera "The Dream of the Red Chamber" with 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 on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK, at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre on Sunday.

When Kim Jong II entered the auditorium together with Wen Jiabao, all the audience enthusiastically welcomed them with loud applause.

Present there on invitation to see the performance were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and other suite members, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and staff members of the Chinese embassy here and Chinese guests staying in the DPRK.

The audience included Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Kim Yong Chun, vice-chairman of the NDC of the DPRK and minister of the People's Armed Forces, Kim Jong Gak, member of the NDC of the DPRK and first vice-director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, Ri Yong Ho, chief of the KPA General Staff, Choe Thae Bok and Kim Ki Nam, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Kang Sok Ju, first vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China, leading officials of party, armed forces and power organs, ministries and national institutions and working people in the city of Pyongyang.

The opera, which was produced at the proposal of President Kim II Sung and under his meticulous guidance nearly half a century ago, is a work adapted from a Chinese famous classic novel. This may have been buried into oblivion but was re-produced as required by the new century thanks to Kim Jong II who assigned the opera troupe to the task of reproducing the work this year, a year of the "DPRK-China friendship", and gave valuable instructions scores of times.

The Phibada Opera Troupe honored with the Kim Il Sung Order

successfully re-produced the opera, fully reflecting the requirements of the original work.

The performance was highly acclaimed by the audience for the high artistic talents of the performers.

Kim Jong II and Wen Jiabao raised their hands high to warmly acknowledge the enthusiastically cheering performers and audience.

Wen presented a floral basket to the performers in congratulation of their success.

Chinese Premier Pays Tribute to Kim II Sung

Pyongyang, October 4 (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, Sunday visited the Kumsusan Memorial Palace, the sacred temple of Juche, to pay tribute to President Kim Il Sung.

Visiting the palace with him were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and other suite members.

They were accompanied by Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China.

Laid before the statue of Kim Il Sung was a floral basket in the name of Wen Jiabao.

Wen made a bow to Kim Il Sung with reverence for him who provided immortal contribution to the development of the traditional DPRK-China friendship and the cause of global independence.

He made an entry in the visitor's book.

Talks Held between DPRK and Chinese Premiers

Pyongyang, October 4 (KCNA) -- Talks between Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and Wen Jiabao, premier of the State Council of China, took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on Sunday.

Present there from the DPRK side were Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ro Tu Chol, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, Pak Ui Chun, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Kim Yong Ho, chief secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat, Pak Kyong Son, vice department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Ku Pon Thae, vice-minister of Foreign Trade, and Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China.

Present from the opposite side were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the Communist Party of China, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

At the talks both sides had a deep-going exchange of views on the matter of invariably developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries.

Both sides reaffirmed that the traditional DPRK-China friendship personally provided by leaders of the elder generation of the two countries can never change despite the change of situation and replacement of old generation with new one.

The DPRK side reaffirmed its stand to further expand and develop the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation with the Chinese side on the occasions of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the DPRK and China and the "year of the DPRK-China friendship".

Both sides exchanged in an open-hearted manner their opinions on the important international and regional matters of common concern.

The DPRK side pointed out that the United States is to blame for the occurrence of the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula and the denuclearization of the peninsula is directly linked with the denuclearization of the whole peninsula and its vicinities and the rest of the world. And it expressed the will to realize the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, the behest of President Kim Il Sung, through bilateral and multilateral dialogues.

The Chinese side said that over the past six decades after the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the DPRK the bilateral friendly and cooperative relations have steadily grown stronger in various fields, expressing thanks to the DPRK side for having extended support to China over issues related to the core interests of China including the issue of Taiwan and the issue of Tibet.

The Chinese side stressed that it sets store by the traditional China-DPRK friendship, adding that it is a steadfast policy of the party and government of China to continue to boost China-DPRK relations of good-neighborly friendship and cooperation.

Both sides agreed to expand and strengthen the cooperation and exchange in the fields of the economy and trade on the principles of equality and mutual benefit.

At the talks a consensus of views was reached on the construction of a new bridge over the Amnok River. Both sides officially declared that they would hold ground-breaking ceremony for the building of the bridge at an early date and start relevant work for its earlier construction.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Agreement and Agreed Documents Signed between DPRK, Chinese Governments

Pyongyang, October 4 (KCNA) -- An agreement and agreed documents between the governments of the DPRK and China were signed at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on Sunday.

Present at the signing ceremony from the DPRK side were Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ro Tu Chol, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, Pak Ui Chun, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Kim Yong Ho, chief secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat, Pak Kyong Son, vice department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Ku Pon Thae, vice-minister of Foreign

Trade, Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China, and officials concerned.

Present from the Chinese side were Wen Jiabao, premier of the State Council, Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and other suite members.

Signed at the ceremony were the "protocol on the adjustment of treaties between the governments of the DPRK and China," the "agreement on economic and technological cooperation between the governments of the DPRK and China," exchange documents on economic assistance and other agreed documents in the field of economy, an accord on exchange and cooperation between educational organs of the two countries, a MOU on exchange and cooperation in the field of software industry and a protocol on common inspection of export and import goods between the state quality control organs of the two countries, a MOU on tour of the DPRK sponsored by the tourist organizations of China and an accord on strengthening the cooperation in protecting wild animals.

Hundreds of Thousands of Pyongyangites Welcome Wen Jiabao

Pyongyang, October 4 (KCNA) -- Pyongyangites warmly welcomed 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.

Hundreds of thousands of citizens from all walks of life warmly welcomed the goodwill mission of the Chinese people along the tens of kilometers-long route from the Sopho Bridge to Ryonghung crossroads, Kaesonmun Street, Mansudae Street, Yongung Street and Kumsong Street, waving flags of the two countries, bouquets and boards bearing letters "Welcome and Friendship" and "DPRK-China Friendship".

When the car carrying Wen Jiabao began to head for the main streets of the city, the route was alive with the flower-waving crowd.

The atmosphere of welcome picked up when a motorcade carrying the guests reached the Friendship Tower.

The plaza of the Arch of Triumph was crowded with many school children.

When the motorcade arrived at the plaza, a clarion call was sounded for a ceremony of the Children's Union.

Children's Union members presented bouquets to Wen Jiabao who got down the car, tied a red neckerchief around his neck and accorded welcome to him on behalf of all the members of the Korean Children's Union.

The guests waved back to the cheering crowd, passing through streets wrapped in festive mood.

A general officer and a woman soldier of the Korean People's Army presented bouquets to Wen Jiabao at Jonsung Square.

The crowd that lined up along Pipha Street warmly congratulated the Chinese people on their successes made in building a harmonious socialist society based on scientific view on development under the leadership of the CPC, shouting slogans welcoming the guests.

The motorcade carrying the goodwill mission of the Chinese people headed for Kumsong Street amid the enthusiastic welcome of the crowd along the route.

Working people and youth and students along the route enthusiastically welcomed the guests, shouting "Welcome to Wen Jiabao" and "DPRK-China Friendship" while waving high pennants of the two countries, with the feelings of friendship towards the party, government and people of China who have extended positive support and encouragement to the Korean people in the efforts for building a great prosperous and powerful nation, after setting it as their strategic policy to strengthen the China-DPRK friendship.

The enthusiastic welcome accorded by Pyongyangites to the Chinese guests powerfully demonstrated the unshakable will of the Korean people to set store by the friendship and cooperation between the DPRK and China and steadily develop them and always advance hand in hand with the Chinese people in the joint

struggle for the victory of the socialist cause and global independence as well as the unbreakable DPRK-China friendship.

Wen Jiabao's Visit to DPRK Welcomed

Pyongyang, October 4 (KCNA) -- Leading newspapers Sunday warmly welcome the visit to the DPRK by 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.

His visit to the DPRK is of weighty significance in view of historical period and political importance, Rodong Sinmun in an editorial notes, and says:

His visit goes to clearly prove that the Chinese party and government attach great importance to the Sino-DPRK friendship.

This visit by a goodwill mission of the Chinese people strikingly demonstrates the steadily-developing DPRK-China friendship and gives great encouragement to the Korean people working hard to build a great prosperous and powerful socialist nation.

Today the DPRK-China friendship is developing with each passing day under the deep care of the leaders of the two countries.

The Chinese party and government set store by the Sino-DPRK friendship and pay deep attention to consolidating and developing it.

The Korean people are rejoiced as over their own over the fact that everything is going well in China, and extend firm solidarity to the Chinese people in the efforts to build a harmonious society with Chinese characteristics and reunify the country.

It is the consistent stand of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government to set store by the traditional DPRK-China friendship and develop it generation after generation. We are convinced that the bilateral friendship will grow stronger by the joint efforts of both sides.

Wen Jiabao's visit to the DPRK will register a new chapter in the history of the DPRK-China friendship and contribute to promoting the revolution and construction in the two countries.

Minju Joson editorially stresses that his visit will undoubtedly mark a valuable foundation for the development of the DPRK-China friendly relations.

5 October 2009

Kim Jong II Visits Wen Jiabao at State Guest House

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong Il visited the state guest house for 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, on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK and received him on Monday.

Present there were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and other suite members.

Kang Sok Ju, first vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Yang Gon, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, were present there.

On the occasion Wen Jiabao conveyed the greetings of Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC and president of the PRC, to Kim Jong II.

Kim Jong II once again extended congratulations on the 60th birthday of the PRC before asking Wen to convey his regards to Hu Jintao. He had a sincere talk with Wen Jiabao on the issue of boosting the DPRK-China friendship and a series of matters of mutual concern.

Kim Jong Il pointed out as regards the issue of denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula:

The denuclearization of the peninsula was the behest of President Kim Il Sung.

The hostile relations between the DPRK and the United States should be converted into peaceful ties through the bilateral talks without fail.

We expressed our readiness to hold multilateral talks, depending on the outcome of the DPRK-U.S. talks. The six-party talks are also included in the multilateral talks.

Our efforts to attain the goal of denuclearizing the peninsula remain unchanged.

The talk proceeded in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Kim Jong II Hosts Dinner for Wen Jiabao

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II hosted a dinner in honor of 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, on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK at the Paekhwawon State Guest House in the evening of Monday.

Present there on invitation were Wen Jiabao, Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the Communist Party of China, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and other suite members.

Present there were Jang Song Thack and Kim Yang Gon, department directors of the WPK Central Committee, Kang Sok Ju, first vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and officials concerned.

Kim Jong II made a toast at the dinner.

Then Wen Jiabao made a toast.

The dinner proceeded in an amicable atmosphere overflowing with friendship from its beginning to its end.

At the end of the dinner Kim Jong II said goodbye to Wen Jiabao.

Wen expressed profound thanks to Kim Jong II for having accorded him cordial hospitality during his visit.

Gift to Kim Jong II from Wen Jiabao

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong Il Monday received gifts from 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.

Present there were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the Communist Party of China, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and other suite members.

Wen Jiabao explained the gifts to Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Il expressed thanks for them and looked round the gifts on display.

"Year of DPRK-China Friendship" Closed and Extravaganza "Arirang" Performed

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- A closing ceremony of the "year of DPRK-China friendship" which was opened to significantly mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and China and the grand gymnastic and artistic performance "Arirang" were given with splendor at the May Day Stadium in the evening.

General Secretary Kim Jong II together with 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, attended the closing ceremony and watched extravaganza "Arirang".

Present there were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the Communist Party of China, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign

Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and other suite members, staff members of the Chinese embassy here, Chinese guests staying in the DPRK and Chinese students.

Also present there were Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Kim Yong Chun, vice-chairman of the NDC of the DPRK and minister of the People's Armed Forces, Kim Jong Gak, member of the NDC of the DPRK and first vice-director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, Kim Il Chol, member of the NDC of the DPRK and first vice-minister of the People's Armed Forces, Choe Thae Bok and Kim Ki Nam, secretaries of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, Ro Tu Chol, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, Pak Ui Chun, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Kang Sok Ju, first vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Choe Chang Sik, minister of Public Health who is chairman of the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China, and leading officials of party, armed forces and power bodies, working people's organizations, ministries and national institutions, officials in the fields of science, education, culture and arts, public health and media, servicepersons and working people in the city.

Speeches were made at the closing ceremony.

Kim Yong Il said: Since the establishment of diplomatic relations the peoples of the two countries have closely supported and cooperated in all fields of politics, military, economy and culture, weathering together all sorts of trials and tempests of history. This has made a positive contribution to encouraging socialist construction in the two countries and ensuring peace and security in Asia and the rest of the world.

Noting that the DPRK-China friendship is growing stronger at a new higher level under the deep care of Kim Jong II and Hu Jintao, he stated that the historic "year of DPRK-China friendship" which was formally declared by the top leaders of the two countries offered an opportunity to re-confirm the importance of the friendly and cooperative relations between the two parties, two countries and two peoples which were forged and have grown stronger in the struggle for accomplishing their common cause and lay a solid foundation for carving out more beautiful future of DPRK-China friendship generation after generation.

It is the unshakable will of the WPK and the DPRK government to invariably consolidate and develop the DPRK-China friendship generation after generation, he said, stressing that the Korean people would as ever make every possible effort hand in hand with the Chinese people to expand and develop the DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations.

Wen Jiabao said that he was very pleased to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the DPRK and hold a closing ceremony of the "year of Sino-DPRK friendship" together with Korean comrades.

He extended sincere salute and beautiful best wishes to the government and people of the DPRK and wholehearted thanks to all the participants on behalf of the government and people of China.

Multifarious exchanges and celebration events held between the two countries helped the peoples of the two countries promote the friendship between them and boost the friendly cooperation in all fields, he said, adding that this injected fresh energy into the development of the Sino-DPRK relations.

The Chinese side together with the DPRK side will consolidate and develop the traditional Sino-DPRK friendship and boost the cooperation and exchange and thus make a bigger contribution to bringing greater happiness to the peoples of the two countries and protecting the regional peace and stability.

The closing ceremony was followed by grand gymnastic and artistic performance "Arirang", winner of "Kim Il Sung Prize."

At the end of "Arirang" the performers presented a chapter of friendship reflecting the strong will and desire of the peoples of the two countries to boost the traditional DPRK-China friendship generation after generation.

As the performance was over, the performers and audience broke into cheers of "hurrah!" shaking the stadium and fireworks were displayed to beautifully decorate the nocturnal sky of the capital city.

Kim Jong Il and Wen Jiabao warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering performers and audience.

Kim Yong Nam Meets Wen Jiabao

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, met and

had a friendly conversation with 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, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall Monday when the latter paid a courtesy call on him.

Kim referred to the fact that Wen Jiabao visited the DPRK at an important time when the DPRK and China are working out brilliant future, summing up the 60 year-long history of friendship and cooperation between them.

He stressed that it is the consistent stand of the WPK and the DPRK government to value the DPRK-China friendship and invariably strengthen and develop it.

Wen Jiabao expressed thanks to General Secretary Kim Jong II for having greeted him and other Chinese guests at the airport.

He also referred to the fact that the two countries have dynamically stepped up socialist construction, supporting and cooperating with each other after the establishment of diplomatic ties between them.

He noted that it is the moral obligation toward the leaders of the elder generation and responsibility before the new generation to steadily consolidate and develop the traditional Sino-DPRK friendly relations, the common wealth of the two peoples.

Present there were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the CPC, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

On hand were Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Ui Chun, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Pak Kyong Son, vice department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Ku Pon Thae, vice-minister of Foreign Trade, and Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China.

Banquet Given to Welcome Chinese Premier and Mark Anniversary of DPRK-China Diplomatic Ties

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Cabinet of the DPRK gave a banquet at the People's Palace of Culture Sunday to welcome 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, on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK, and mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the DPRK and China.

Present at the banquet on invitation were Wen Jiabao, Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and other suite members and staff members of the Chinese embassy here.

Present there were Kim Yong II, premier of the Cabinet, Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ro Tu Chol, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, Pak Ui Chun, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Choe Chang Sik, minister of Public Health who is chairman of the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, Kim Yong Ho, chief secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat, Pak Kyong Son, vice department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Ku Pon Thae, vice-minister of Foreign Trade, Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China, and officials concerned.

Toasts were exchanged at the banquet.

Kim Yong Il said Premier Wen Jiabao and his party are paying a visit to the DPRK on the important occasion of reviewing the 60 year-long history of the DPRK-China friendship and carving out a future.

He stressed that the DPRK-China friendship deeply rooted in the hearts of the peoples of the two countries would be invariable despite the flow of time.

Wen Jiabao said:

The Sino-DPRK relations of friendship and cooperation have grown stronger in recent years, recalling that the Sino-DPRK friendship is a common precious treasure provided by revolutionaries of the elder generation of the two countries.

The two countries have demonstrated before the world the Sino-DPRK relations favorably developing as the days go by through the colorful celebrations of the "year of the Sino-DPRK friendship", the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the bilateral diplomatic ties.

It is the consistent policy of the Chinese party and government to set store by the traditional Sino-DPRK friendship and steadily boost the bilateral relations of good neighborliness, friendship and cooperation, he noted, declaring that China would strive together with Korean comrades to steadily deepen and develop the exchange and cooperation in all fields in the spirit of "inheriting the tradition, facing up to the future, building good-neighborly friendship and strengthening cooperation".

Wreath Laid before Cemetery of Fallen Fighters of CPV

Pyongyang, October 5 (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, on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK laid a wreath before the cemetery of fallen fighters of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County, South Phyongan Province, on Monday.

Present at the wreath-laying ceremony with him were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, other suite members, staff members of the Chinese embassy here and Chinese guests staying in the DPRK.

They were accompanied by Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China.

A wreath in the name of Wen Jiabao was placed before the cemetery.

The participants paid silent tribute to the fallen fighters of the CPV.

Wen Jiabao laid a bouquet before the grave of Mao Anying and looked round the cemetery and graves of fallen fighters.

After visiting the former CPV Command he in the visitor's book wrote that the feats performed by the CPV will shine long in history.

He presented a souvenir to the county.

Joint Art Performance Given by Korean and Chinese Artistes

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- A joint art performance was given by the Mansudae Art Troupe and the Chinese art troupe at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on Monday in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the DPRK and China and the "year of the DPRK-China friendship".

It was appreciated by Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet,

Ro Tu Chol, vice-premier of the Cabinet who doubles as chairman of the State Planning Commission, Pak Ui Chun, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Choe Chang Sik, minister of Public Health who is chairman of the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, Kim Yong Ho, chief secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat, Pak Kyong Son, vice department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Ku Pon Thae, vice-minister of Foreign Trade, Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China, officials concerned, servicepersons and working people in the city.

Also among the audience were 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, on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK, Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the Communist Party of China, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming, minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council,

Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and other suite members, staff members of the Chinese embassy here and Chine

se guests staying in the DPRK.

Put on the stage were chorus "General on a Galloping White Horse", female solo and chorus "Oh, My Motherland of Songun" and dance "Fly High, Doves" performed by Korean artistes and mixed duet "I Love China", national dance "Yellow River" and artistic acrobatics prepared by Chinese artistes and other colorful numbers.

Korean artistes successfully presented mixed duet of Chinese song "I Love My Chinese Nation" and Chinese artistes sang well Korean song "The Blue Sky over My Country", impressing the audience.

The Song "DPRK-China Friendship Will Be Everlasting" resounded forth on the stage while a beautiful dance was presented there.

Kim Jong Il Greets Chinese Party and State Leaders

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II together with Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Kim Yong II, premier of the Cabinet, Monday sent a message of greetings to Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, president of the People's Republic of China and chairman of the Central Military Commission of the PRC, Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, and Wen Jiabao, premier of the State Council of the PRC, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and the PRC.

The message said:

We extend warm congratulations and friendly greetings to you and, through you, to the Communist Party of China, the government and people of the PRC on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government and people of the DPRK on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the DPRK and the PRC.

The establishment of diplomatic ties between the DPRK and the PRC was an epochal event as it helped comprehensively develop the long-standing friendly relations between the two countries on a new higher stage.

Over the past six decades since the establishment of diplomatic ties the two countries have steadily consolidated and developed the bonds of friendship while closely supporting and cooperating with each other in political, military, economic, cultural and all other fields. This has greatly contributed to encouraging socialist construction in the two countries and ensuring peace and security in Asia and the rest of the world.

Our two countries are significantly celebrating this year after setting it as the "year of DPRK-China friendship".

We are convinced that the "year of DPRK-China friendship" is marking a significant occasion in reviewing the shining six decades of friendship and cooperation, designing more beautiful future and powerfully demonstrating the invariable vitality of the traditional DPRK-China friendship.

Consistent is the stand of our party and government of the Republic to strengthen generation after generation the DPRK-China friendship, the precious common wealth handed down to us by the revolutionaries of the elder generation of our two countries.

In the belief that the DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations would steadily grow stronger thanks to the concerted efforts of the parties, governments and peoples of the two countries, we sincerely hope that the Chinese people will register greater successes in the future in the work to build a harmonious socialist society based on the scientific view on development under the leadership of the CPC with Hu Jintao as general secretary.

Kim Jong Il Receives Greetings from Chinese Party and State Leaders

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II and Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Kim Yong II, premier of the Cabinet, received a message of greetings from Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, president of the People's Republic of China and chairman of the PRC Central Military Commission, Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, and Wen Jiabao, premier of the State Council, on Monday on the

occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

The message said:

We, on behalf of the CPC and the Chinese government and people, extend warm congratulations to you, and through you, to the WPK, the DPRK government and the fraternal Korean people on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the PRC and the DPRK.

The establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties was an important event of epoch-making significance in the history of the relations between the two countries and marked the beginning of bilateral friendly relations.

The traditional Sino-DPRK friendship stood the test of the changing complicated international situation and the Sino-DPRK good-neighborly, friendly and cooperative relations have steadily grown strong thanks to the concerted efforts of the two sides over the last six decades.

Both sides have had a frequent exchange of visits at various levels and briskly cooperated with each other in various fields and maintained adjustment and cooperation in the international and regional issues.

The history proves that the development of the Sino-DPRK relations is in line with the fundamental interests and common desire of the two peoples and is favorable for defending the regional peace and stability, too.

The party, the government and the people of China attach utmost importance to the further development of the Sino-DPRK goodneighborly, friendly and cooperative relations under the new situation.

We will strive together with the Korean side to steadily develop the Sino-DPRK relations of good-neighborliness, friendship and cooperation provided and fostered by the leaders of the elder generation of the two countries in the spirit of "inheriting the tradition, facing up to the future, building good-neighborly friendship and strengthening cooperation".

We sincerely wish the DPRK prosperity.

We wholeheartedly wish to see the traditional Sino-DPRK friendship steadily grow strong.

Greetings to Foreign Minister of China

Pyongyang, October 5 (KCNA) -- Foreign Minister Pak Ui Chun Monday sent a message of greetings to Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs of China, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and China.

The message said that this year the two countries are powerfully demonstrating the vitality of the bilateral friendship that has stood all sorts of trials of history over the past six decades, while having significant joint celebrations of the "year of DPRK-China friendship."

Hoping that the cooperation between the foreign ministries of the two countries for the development of the traditional DPRK-China friendly relations would continue to be boosted in the days ahead, the message wished the Chinese people greater success in the work to build a socialist state with Chinese characteristics.

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Message of Thanks to Kim Jong II from Chinese Premier

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II, Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Kim Yong II, premier of the Cabinet, Tuesday received a message of thanks from Wen Jiabao, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

The message said:

I and my party have already successfully wrapped up our official goodwill visit to the DPRK, a friendly neighbor of China.

Before leaving your country, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you for your warm hospitality and minute organization.

During the visit, we witnessed the beautiful scenery of the DPRK and saw for ourselves the admirable successes achieved by the Korean people in the cause of socialist construction under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by you General Secretary Kim Jong Il and could feel warm and deep feelings of the Korean people toward the Chinese people.

We reached wide-ranging common understanding through a frank and in-depth exchange of views on the matter of the Sino-DPRK relations and international and regional issues of common concern.

The visit helped further deepen the mutual understanding and trust between the two sides and promote the exchange and cooperation in various fields of the two countries.

We are satisfied over the success made by our visit.

We wish the DPRK prosperity and its people happiness.

We wish General Secretary Kim Jong Il, President Kim Yong Nam and Premier Kim Yong Il good health and successes in your work.

Chinese Premier Visits Farm

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- Wen Jiabao, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of China, and his party visited the DPRK-China Friendship Thaekam Cooperative Farm in Sunan District, Pyongyang, on Tuesday.

Accompanying them were Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, and Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China.

After being briefed on the fact that Thaekam has gone through radical changes under the care of the peerlessly great persons, Wen Jiabao went round the house visited by President Kim Il Sung together with Premier Zhou Enlai, a room dedicated to the history of DPRK-China friendship and a kindergarten.

He donated vehicles to the farm.

Chinese Premier Leaves

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- Wen Jiabao, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, left here by special plane on Tuesday after paying an official goodwill visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government.

Leaving with Wen Jiabao were Yang Jiechi, minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhang Ping, minister in charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, Chen Deming,

minister of Commerce, Cai Wu, minister of Culture, Xie Fuzhan, director of the Research Office of the State Council, Qiu Xiaoxiong, vice secretary-general of the State Council and director of the Premier's Office, Wu Dawei, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Zhenqi, deputy director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and other suite members.

Present at the airport to see them off were Kim Yong II, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Ro Tu Chol, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, Pak Ui Chun, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Choe Chang Sik, minister of Public Health who is chairman of the C.C., the DPRK-China Friendship Association, Kim Yong Ho, chief secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat, Pak Kyong Son, vice department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Ku Pon Thae, vice-minister of Foreign Trade and Choe Jin Su, DPRK ambassador to China, and Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy officials, Chinese guests staying in the DPRK and Chinese students studying here.

A farewell ceremony took place at the airport.

A woman of the Chinese embassy and members of the Korean Children's Union presented bouquets to Wen Jiabao.

Wen was cordially seen off by Pyongyang citizens along the streets of the city.

Gift to Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II was presented with a gift by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China.

Wang Yong, minister of the administration who visited the DPRK, conveyed the gift to an official concerned.

Congratulations to Kim Jong II from Foreign Diplomats

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II received a floral basket and a congratulatory letter from the diplomatic corps here on the occasion of the 64th birthday of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The basket and letter were handed over to Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, by Mats Foyer, Swedish ambassador to the DPRK who is doyen of the corps, on Tuesday.

Joint Friendly Meeting of Korean and Chinese Youth Held

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- A joint friendly meeting of Korean and Chinese youth took place at the Central Youth Hall on Tuesday.

Present there were members of the Chinese youth friendship delegation led by Lu Hao, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China.

Speeches were made there.

Ri Yong Chol, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League, said in his speech at the meeting that the DPRK-China friendship President Kim Il Sung provided together with revolutionaries of the elder generation of China continues to favorably develop under the deep care of General Secretary Kim Jong Il and Hu Jintao.

He called on the youth organizations and youth of the two countries to boost the friendly exchange and cooperation.

Lu Hao hoped that the people and youth of the DPRK would register great success in socialist construction under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea led by Kim Jong II.

The Chinese youth would dynamically advance toward the future, further developing China-DPRK friendship with the Korean youth. Then a performance was given by the art squad of the Central Committee of the Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League and young artistes of China.

The DPRK performers presented colorful numbers including chorus "Our General Is the Best" and mixed quartet "The Blue Sky over My Country".

Also staged were Chinese songs including chorus "Let's Sing of the Motherland" and male solo and pangchang "Song of One".

Young Chinese artistes put on the stage several pieces including solo and chorus "I and My Motherland" and male solo "Song of Grass-covered Plain".

They impressively sang Korean songs including mixed duet "Arirang" and female quartet "When Spring Comes Every Year".

At the end of the performance the youth of the two countries held merry dancing party to the tune of cheerful music.

Album Put out in Commemoration of Establishment of Diplomatic Ties between DPRK and China

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- The Foreign Languages Publishing House of the DPRK has of late brought out an album titled "DPRK-China Friendship Lasts Century after Century" in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

The album gives historical photographs on the traditional DPRK-China friendship which was pioneered by President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Mao Zedong and veteran revolutionaries of China and is being developed in depth by General Secretary Kim Jong Il and President Hu Jintao

The album consists of three chapters--invincible friendship established on anti-imperialist united front, great friendship formed under trust of leaders of DPRK and China and solid friendship sealed on road for common cause of socialism.

Book "Aid to Liberation War in Northeast China" Published

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- The Science and Encyclopedia Publishing House of the DPRK has brought out a book "Aid to Liberation War in Northeast China".

The book deals with historical facts that President Kim Il Sung rendered material aid and moral support to the Chinese people in their liberation war in the latter half of the 1940s.

It also details the struggle of the Korean units which shed blood in the battles for the victory in the liberation war including operations in Changchun and Jinzhou along with Chinese comrades-in-arms, true to the instruction of the President on supporting the Chinese revolution.

Anniversary of Opening of DPRK-China Diplomatic Relations Observed

Pyongyang, October 6 (KCNA) -- The Workers' Party of Korea and the people of the DPRK will as ever strive to steadily strengthen and develop the DPRK-China friendship.

Rodong Sinmun Tuesday says this in an editorial article on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the DPRK and China.

The establishment of the bilateral diplomatic relations on October 6, 1949 was an epochal event in developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries, the article notes, and goes on:

The Korean people actively helped the Chinese people in the anti-Japanese war and the civil war and the latter rendered material and moral support to the former in the last Fatherland Liberation War.

The peoples of the two countries have closely supported and cooperated with each other and strengthened solidarity in carrying out the common cause of socialist construction and peace against war.

The flower garden of the DPRK-China friendship was provided and cultivated by President Kim Il Sung and the leaders of the elder generation of China and it has been brought into fuller bloom generation after generation.

The peoples of the DPRK and China are pleased with the fact that the bilateral friendly and cooperative relations are steadily growing stronger under the deep care of the top leaders of the two countries.

The development of the DPRK-China friendship is contributing to accelerating socialist construction in the two countries and ensuring peace and security in Asia and the rest of the world.

The Korean people are sincerely rejoiced over all the achievements made in China and wholeheartedly wish the Chinese people new progress and victory.

It is the common desire and will of the two parties and the two peoples to consolidate and develop the traditional bilateral friendship generation after generation.

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Kim Yong Nam Meets Chinese Youth Delegation

Pyongyang, October 7 (KCNA) -- Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, met and had a talk with leading members of the Chinese youth friendship delegation led by Lu Hao, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall Wednesday.

The head of the delegation said that the visit to the DPRK helped all of them know better that the Sino-DPRK friendship provided by

revolutionaries of the elder generation of the two countries is the traditional one sealed in blood.

He said that he was sincerely rejoiced over the fact that the Korean people are registering successes in their efforts to open the gate to a great prosperous and powerful nation in 2012 under the wise leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong II.

He, on behalf of the delegation and the C.C., the CYLC, wholeheartedly wished Kim Jong II good health.

Chinese Ambassador Hosts Reception

Pyongyang, October 7 (KCNA) -- Liu Xiaoming, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, gave a reception at his embassy here on Wednesday on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the DPRK and China.

Present there on invitation were O Su Yong, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Kang Nung Su, minister of Culture, Choe Chang Sik, minister of Public Health who is chairman of the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, and others.

The ambassador said in his speech at the reception that colorful functions held by the two countries after setting this year as a "year of China-DPRK friendship" contributed to promoting friendship between the two peoples and strengthening cooperation in various fields.

The significant celebration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the DPRK contributed to inheriting the tradition, strengthening good neighborly friendship and developing China-DPRK friendship, he added.

Noting that China-DPRK relations are now at a new historical point, he called for holding hands with each other and making efforts to open up a new chapter of China-DPRK friendship.

O Su Yong in his speech referred to the fact that since the establishment of the diplomatic ties the two countries have steadily boosted the friendly bonds, supporting and cooperating with each other in political, military, economic, cultural and all other fields.

He stressed that both sides set this year as a "year of the DPRK-China friendship" and briskly exchanged high-level delegations and held diverse and colorful events, powerfully demonstrating before the world the will of the two parties, governments and peoples to steadily develop the bilateral relations on good terms.

Referring to the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries that have invariably grown stronger, he stressed that the people of the DPRK would strive together with the Chinese people to develop this friendship.

Meanwhile, a reception was given at the Chinese Consulate General in Chongjin on the same occasion on Tuesday.

Gift to Kim Jong II from Chinese Communist Youth League

Pyongyang, October 7 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II was presented with a gift by the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China.

The gift was handed to Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, on Wednesday by Lu Hao, first secretary of the C.C., the CYLC on a visit to the DPRK.

Floral Basket to Kim Jong II from Chinese

Pyongyang, October 7 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong II received a floral basket from the family of Zhang Weihua, a Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr, on Wednesday on the occasion of the 64th birthday of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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KCNA did not report on any stories relating to China.

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KCNA did not report on any stories relating to China.

10 October 2009

KCNA did not report on any stories relating to China.