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Analysis:

Of the 21 stories published about China by KCNA for this two-week period, 14 relating in a specific way the relationship between China and the DPRK. As with KCNA File No. 17, this latest batch of stories seems focused on ensuring both North Korean and foreign readers are reminded of the strength of the traditional alliance with China, the reliable safety net. In addition to the usual delegations, coverage was granted to Mt. Chilbo as a tourist destination for Chinese citizens, and stories about commemoration of DPRK leaders by Chinese citizens.

Undoubtedly the important topic covered was the celebrations surrounding the 51st anniversary of the signing of the DPRK-China treaty. Four stories were published devoted solely to the coverage of this important event, which among other things detailed remarks by Liu Hongcai, the Chinese ambassador to North Korea, at a banquet. In remarks by Choe Chang Sik, the North Korean official stated that “It was the last instructions of General Secretary Kim Jong Il [...] to boost the DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations.”

It seems that this anniversary could not have come at a better time for the DPRK as it continues to find itself in disputes where the presence of China as an ally has greatly been to North Korea’s benefit. Finally, a three stories were published about the rave reviews the DPRK’s opera “The Flower Girl” is receiving from theatregoers in China. This unusual amount of coverage for an ostensibly non-political story might have been utilized by KCNA and the DPRK leadership to demonstrate the increasing cultural exchange between the two allies.

In other news, the remaining 7 stories published between 1 July and 14 July dealt with the actual tensions between North Korea, Japan, and KCNA’s ever-present hawkish coverage of problems between the US and China. Among the quarrels that emerged was the story: **Koreans in China Pledge to Settle Accounts with Japan**, in which KCNA said that North Koreans in China published a statement saying, “We will force the Japanese reactionaries, sworn enemy of the Korean people, to pay thousand-fold price for their monstrous atrocities.” The timing of this statement is of particular interest because of its relevancy with the touch and go issues surrounding the proposed General Security of Military Information Agreement or (GSOMIA) between South Korea and Japan. As South Korea continues talks with Japan over

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the proposed agreement, this KCNA story serves as a reminder to both North and South Koreans of the history between themselves and Japan. Finally, further coverage of the joint military exercises between the US, Japan, and South Korea claims that the exercises are “against peace and security.” The statement this time comes from a Chinese Defense Ministry spokesman, who said, “frequent military exercises of those countries would not benefit the peace and stability of the region as they go against the current of the times toward peace, development and cooperation.” This is an issue that China and North Korea can truly unite on, has continued to be a flashpoint of controversy between Washington D.C. and Beijing. In addition to stories about the controversy over the joint military exercises, KCNA also published a story of China criticizing the US and South Korean plans of increased troop and nuclear presence in the area, saying that such an event would “spark off a new arms race.” As the US and South Korea feel more and more threatened with an unpredictable North Korea, China is finding itself stepping in more and more on North Korea’s behalf to try and minimize any damage caused by North Korea’s copious threats—something that China has little patience for.

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DPRK Delegation Back Home from China

Pyongyang, July 1 (KCNA) -- A delegation of the International Affairs Institute headed by Vice-Director Kim Ul Ho returned home Sunday after visiting China.

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U.S.-led Joint Military Exercises Are against Peace and Security: Chinese DM Spokesman

Beijing, July 1 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Chinese Defense Ministry on June 28 denounced the military exercises launched by the U.S., Japan and south Korea.

The U.S., Japan and south Korea recently staged joint military exercises in the waters off the Korean Peninsula and its vicinity, and the U.S. and south Korea in the West Sea of Korea.

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Referring to those exercises, the spokesman said frequent military exercises of those countries would not benefit the peace and stability of the region as they go against the current of the times toward peace, development and cooperation.

Ensuring peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula meets the common interests of the relevant countries, he added.

As regards the U.S.-led RIMPAC joint military exercises under way from the end of June, he said China hopes each relevant country would do good things for defending regional peace and stability.

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Chinese FM Spokesman Refers to Attempt to Conclude Military Agreement between S. Korea, Japan

Beijing, July 2 (KCNA) -- Hong Lei, spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, at a regular press briefing on June 29 referred to the attempt to conclude the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) between south Korea and Japan.

This attempt is not helpful to settling the relevant issue of the Korean Peninsula, he noted, adding that dialogue and negotiations are the only effective ways for settling it.

He hoped each side concerned would prudently behave and do more things helpful to the regional peace and stability as the situation in the peninsula is complicated and sensitive.

U.S.-S. Korea Cooperation in Missile Shield Will Spark Off New Arms Race: Chinese Newspaper

Pyongyang, July 3 (KCNA) -- The Chinese newspaper Liberation Army Daily on June 29 carried an article as regards the decision of the U.S. and south Korea to cooperate in the missile shield under the pretext of coping with the "growing missile threat from north Korea".

It said:

The U.S. secretaries of State and Defense and their south Korean counterparts agreed to strengthen comprehensive and combined defense posture against the "threat of ballistic missiles from north Korea" at the second "two-plus-two" security talks held in Washington in mid June. Their real purpose is to coordinate the

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missile defense system established by south Korea and U.S. forces in south Korea independently.

This move means that the U.S.-south Korea military alliance shows a new trend of development and seriously affects the future security structure in Northeast Asia and the whole of the Asia-Pacific region.

In June 2009, the U.S. promised south Korea to provide "extended deterrence" for the first time. This specifically involves nuclear umbrella, conventional weapons and missile shield.

In March this year the U.S. assistant secretary of Defense clarified the will to deploy regional anti-ballistic missile shields in Asia and Mideast.

The coordination of the U.S. and south Korean missile shields would signify a step forward not only in carrying out "the U.S. strategy for extended deterrence" but in building a missile shield in the Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said the U.S. would increase its troops to be deployed in Asia in a couple of years to come and bolster the deployment of high-tech weapons in the region as its new strategy is focused on it.

Fresh cooperation between the U.S. and south Korea in the field of missile defense will inevitably arouse concern of outside world for its baneful impact.

This cooperation will not only increase the complexity of the issue of security and nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula but cause the proliferation of missile defense technology, thus adversely affecting the international control of armament and prospect of disarmament.

It will, at the same time, deepen the strategic concern among the regional states and even trigger off another regional arms race.

This will evidently have an unpredictably baneful impact on the establishment of a multilateral security mechanism in Northeast Asia.

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"The Flower Girl" Is World Masterpiece: Chinese Media

Pyongyang, July 4 (KCNA) -- Chinese media gave wide publicity to "The Flower Girl", one of the DPRK's revolutionary operas,

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lauding it as a world-famous masterpiece, fantastic and mesmerizing.

The DPRK's artistes had a successful performance tour of different parts of China from June 15 to 27.

A Chinese Internet homepage said:

The story "The Flower Girl" was created by President Kim Il Sung in the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Leader Kim Jong Il personally led the adaptation of the story for opera in the 1970s, guiding the creation of every scene and music of the opera.

Through the groaning people's bitter tears, the opera gives a profound idea that making the revolution is the only way-out.

The opera is recognized as a world-famous masterpiece for its rich ideological contents and high artistry.

The homepage said that under the tested leadership of peerlessly great men, the Phibada-style revolutionary operas were created in the DPRK and the Phibada Opera Troupe made shining successes, evoking a lively response among people across the world.

Another Internet homepage of China said that the DPRK operas exert special influence and such graceful, elegant and dynamic group dances as those in the operas can never seen in any other country.

Lanzhou Daily in an article titled "The DPRK opera 'The Flower Girl' mesmerizes the whole audience" said that verse-songs and melodies of the opera were popular and fine stage background left great impact on the people.

Chongqing Wanbao said that unlike West operas with only songs, the DPRK opera introduced dance, presenting unique ground of opera art. Graceful and beautiful dance of good ensemble can not be seen in other part of the world.

Huaxi Dushibao carried an article titled "Song of the DPRK opera 'The Flower Girl' resounded in Chengdu" praised the influence of the opera.

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No China related stories published today.

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Mt. Chilbo in DPRK Attracts Chinese Tourists

Pyongyang, July 7 (KCNA) -- The tour of Mt. Chilbo in DPRK by train has drawn an increasing number of Chinese people after its start on April 28. Such tour by Chinese people has been made ten times so far.

The latest tour is done by more than 100 tourists from three provinces in Northeast China, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangdong Province and other areas of China, who left Namyang Railway Station in Onsong County, North Hamgyong Province of the DPRK, on July 5.

The tour takes four nights and five days.

The train is planning to carry two more passenger cars in order to satisfy Chinese people's growing demand for the tour.

The train service is given once a week, leaving Namyang on Thursdays. After spending one night in the train, tourists enjoy sightseeing in Mt. Chilbo for two nights and three days. Then, they will have a hot-spring bath in Kyongsong County and tour various places in Chongjin City.

Situated in Myongchon County, North Hamgyong Province, Mt. Chilbo is composed of about 1,000-meter-high peaks, including Samgak Peak in the north and Kkachi and Hyangro peaks in the south with 1,103-meter-high Sangmae Peak as the main. It covers an area of 250 square kilometers, boasting of a number of scenic spots, fantastic rocks and cliffs, local specialities and cultural relics.

It is known as one of the six famous mountains in Korea, along with Mts. Paektu, Kumgang, Myohyang, Kuwol and Jiri.

Koreans in China Denounce Lee Myung Bak Group's Barbarity

Pyongyang, July 7 (KCNA) -- Organizations of Koreans in China made public statements in denunciation of the south Korean Lee Myung Bak group of traitors for its brigandish suppression of Ro Su Hui, vice-chairman of the South Headquarters of the Pan-national Alliance for Korea's Reunification (Pomminryon).

The General Association of Koreans in China in its statement on Thursday said that Ro's Pyongyang visit was a token of due courtesy prompted by the desire to share sorrow over the great loss to the nation as a member of the same nation, and a righteous and heroic action to achieve national unity and reunification. It can not be a reason of suppression, it said.

The statement branded the unwarranted fascist crackdown on Ro by the south Korean puppet forces as an unpardonable crime that violates freedom and rights of reunification movement, defying the nation's tradition and conscience of a pro-reunification figure to contribute to national reconciliation and peace.

The situation proves that it would be hard to expect democracy of the south Korean society nor the reunification of the country as long as the south Korean conservative regime is left intact, it added.

The Headquarters of Koreans in China of Pomminryon and the China Regional Committee of the Overseas Side Committee for Implementing the June 15 Joint Declaration also issued a joint statement on Friday.

It said the Lee Myung Bak regime committed fascist crackdown on the pro-reunification champion and is set to punish him on charges of violation of "Security Law".

The joint statement went on:

With this situation as an occasion the Lee group seeks to kick up wholesale suppression of reunification movement organizations which support the June 15 joint declaration and the October 4 declaration and insist on their implementation, calling them "pro-north and leftist faction" and "forces following the north". Lurking behind this is a foolish ambition to win in the upcoming "presidential election".

The south Korean "government" authorities should immediately release the illegally detained patriotic personages including Ro Su Hui and ensure their free activities.

President Kim Il Sung Remembered in China

Pyongyang, July 7 (KCNA) -- A remembrance meeting took place in Beijing on July 5 with the approach of the 18th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung.

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Present there were officials of the China Association for International Friendly Contact and the Beijing Association for International Friendly Contact and those of families related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Present there on invitation were the DPRK ambassador to China and his embassy officials.

Speeches were made there.

The vice-president of the China Association for International Friendly Contact said that Kim Il Sung, the founder of the party, state and army of the DPRK and the great leader of the Korean people, performed great exploits to go down in the history of the arduous struggle for achieving national independence and building power and socialist society. The President's was a revolutionary life, the speaker added.

He recalled that the President forged close relations with revolutionaries of the elder generation in China and positively developed them, noting that the Chinese people would always remember him..

Kim Il Sung will always live in the hearts of the peoples of the two countries, he stressed.

Feng Yila, daughter of Feng Zhongyun, a Chinese man related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, recollected with deep emotion that General Secretary Kim Jong Il and the dear respected Kim Jong Un bestowed profound benevolence upon her family even after the demise of the President.

She expressed hope that the Korean people would register signal successes in socialist construction by carrying out the behests of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il under the leadership of Kim Jong Un. She also expressed wish that the close friendship between the peoples of China and the DPRK would shine generation after generation.

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Staff Members of Chinese, Russian Consulates-general Pay Homage to Kim Il Sung

Pyongyang, July 8 (KCNA) -- Staff members of the Chinese Consulate-general in Chongjin visited the statue of President Kim Il Sung in Phohang District of Chongjin City, North Hamgyong Province on Sunday to pay tribute to him on the 18th anniversary of his demise.

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They laid a floral basket before the statue and made a bow to him.

Earlier, staff members of the Russian Consulate-general in Chongjin visited the statue of the President in Ranam District of the city to pay homage to him.

On the same day various Chinese delegations staying in the city placed bouquets before his statue.

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DPRK Delegation Leaves for China

Pyongyang, July 9 (KCNA) -- A delegation of the Academy of Social Sciences headed by its Vice-President Ji Sung Chol left here by airplane on Monday to visit China.

Koreans in China Pledge to Settle Accounts with Japan

Pyongyang, July 9 (KCNA) -- The General Association of Koreans in China on June 29 made public a statement titled "We will force the Japanese reactionaries, sworn enemy of the Korean people, to pay thousand-fold price for their monstrous atrocities".

The statement said the Japanese imperialists put Korea under their control for more than four decades and enforced brutal colonial rule unprecedented in human history.

The Japanese imperialists murdered Korean Queen Min and tried to exterminate language and alphabets of the Korean nation and even surnames of its people. They mercilessly killed at least one million innocent Koreans, the statement said, and went on:

They forcefully hurled about 8.4 million Koreans whom they took to Japan into battlefields and labor sites and took 200,000 Korean women away as comfort women for the Imperial Japanese Army to commit crimes against humanity which would make even animals blush.

They unhesitatingly plundered and destroyed a lot of cultural artifact and natural resources of Korea.

After the defeat, the Japanese reactionaries joined the War of aggression on Korea, gaining an ill-fame as a war servant of the U.S. imperialists.

Even now Japan is actively joining the U.S. anachronistic moves to stifle the DPRK as a war servant of the U.S. and going reckless to realize its ambition for reinvasion without making any apology and reparation for its inhumane crimes against the Korean people.

Officials of the General Association of Koreans in China and all other Koreans in China will never pardon the monstrous atrocities of the Japanese imperialists but force them to pay dearly for them.

Koreans in China Denounce U.S., S. Korea for Provocations to DPRK

Pyongyang, July 9 (KCNA) -- Organizations of Koreans in China recently made public statements in denunciation of the U.S. imperialists and south Korean warmongers' reckless provocations to the DPRK.

The Federation of Young Koreans in China in a statement accused the U.S. imperialist aggression forces in south Korea of staging together with the Lee Myung Bak bellicose group of south Korea the largest-ever joint live-shell firing drill targeting the DPRK flag in the area south of the demilitarized zone.

Their reckless military actions before June 25 when the Korean War broke out fully disclosed the sinister intention of the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean warmongers to repeat the tragic event that took place 62 years ago, it said.

The Liaoning regional association of the General Association of Koreans in China in its statement on the same day said that the joint drill proved that the U.S. claim it has no hostile intent on the DPRK and its commitment in the February 29 DPRK-U.S. agreement that it would not antagonize the DPRK were whopping lies.

The Shenyang City branch of the general association branded the drill as an unpardonable politically-motivated military provocation.

Meanwhile, the secretary general of the general association in his statement said that the association and all Koreans in China would fully equip themselves with great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and remain single-mindedly true to the Songun leadership of the dear respected Kim Jong Un no matter what huge enemy may attack and no matter what storm and stress may threaten them.

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Anniversary of DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship Observed

Pyongyang, July 10 (KCNA) -- A reception was given at Okryu Restaurant in Pyongyang on Tuesday to mark the 51st anniversary of the treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance between the DPRK and China.

It was hosted by the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association.

Present there on invitation were Ambassador Liu Hongcai and staff members of the Chinese embassy in Pyongyang.

Also attending the reception were Minister of Public Health Choe Chang Sik who is chairman of the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association and officials concerned.

Choe Chang Sik, addressing the reception, said the signing of the historic treaty by President Kim Il Sung and Premier Zhou Enlai laid a legal foundation for boosting the DPRK-China relations in various fields.

Choe said that the two countries have stepped up socialist construction and constantly developed the friendly and cooperative relations supporting each other in the spirit of the treaty.

He wished the Chinese people greater success under the guidance of the Communist Party of China led by General Secretary Hu Jintao.

Liu Hongcai said in his speech that the treaty was signed in the interests of the two peoples to strengthen unity, deepen friendship, promote cooperation and defend peace.

Despite the complicated international situation, the two parties, governments and peoples have steadily developed the Sino-DPRK friendship through tightened cooperation, he added.

He expressed belief that the people of the DPRK would register bigger success in building a thriving socialist nation under the leadership of the dear respected Kim Jong Un.

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Chinese Ambassador Hosts Reception to Mark Anniversary of DPRK-China Treaty

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Pyongyang, July 11 (KCNA) -- The Chinese ambassador to the DPRK gave a reception at Pyongyang Koryo Hotel Wednesday on the occasion of the 51st anniversary of the treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance between the DPRK and China.

Present there on invitation were Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Choe Chang Sik, minister of Public Health who doubles as chairman of the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, Kim Song Nam, vice department director of the C.C., the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Hyong Jun, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, So Kil Bok, vice-minister of Foreign Trade, Kim Jin Bom, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, and officials concerned.

Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Liu Hongcai and his embassy officials attended.

Liu Hongcai said in his speech that it served as a foundation for developing the bilateral relations that Premier Zhou Enlai and President Kim Il Sung inked the treaty.

He referred to the fact that the two countries have cooperated with each other in various fields including politics, economy and culture supporting each other on the principle of the treaty and in its spirit.

He expressed the will of the party and government of China to propel the development of the Sino-DPRK friendly relations in the spirit of inheriting the tradition, facing up to the future, building good-neighborly friendship and strengthening cooperation.

Choe Chang Sik said in his speech that 51 years ago, President Kim Il Sung together with Premier Zhou Enlai provided a legal foundation for comprehensively developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries.

It was the last instructions of General Secretary Kim Jong Il and a consistent stand of the WPK and the DPRK government to boost the DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations, he said.

The DPRK-China friendship will steadily develop generation after generation as there is the dear respected Kim Jong Un.

The Chinese consul general in Chongjin hosted a reception on Tuesday.

Anniversary of DPRK-China Treaty Marked

Pyongyang, July 11 (KCNA) -- The DPRK embassy in Beijing hosted a reception on July 9 on the occasion of the 51st anniversary of the treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance between the DPRK and China.

Present there on invitation were Bai Lichen, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Zhang Zhijun, executive vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Peng Kaizhou, vice-minister of Railways, Wu Donghe, chairman of the China-Korea Friendship Association, Yang Yanyi, assistant to the head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the Community Party of China, and other officials concerned.

Ambassador Ji Jae Ryong and staff member of the DPRK embassy in Beijing were present there.

Speeches were made there.

Ji Jae Ryong recalled that President Kim Il Sung and Premier Zhou Enlai signed the treaty 51 years ago, laying a solid legal foundation for steadily boosting the DPRK-China friendship.

He expressed belief that the traditional DPRK-China friendship would continue to develop in different fields thanks to the bilateral efforts as intended by the top leaders of the two countries.

Bai Lichen referred to the distinguished contribution made by General Secretary Kim Jong Il to the development of the DPRK-China friendship in his lifetime, noting he is rejoiced over the fact that the dear respected Kim Jong Un carries forward the tradition of the friendship.

He affirmed that China will as ever develop through generations the Sino-DPRK friendly and cooperative relations together with the Korean comrades in the spirit of inheriting the tradition, facing up to the future, building good-neighborly friendship and strengthening cooperation and provide the two countries and peoples with greater happiness.

Korean Students in China Stage DPRK's Opera "The Flower Girl"

Pyongyang, July 11 (KCNA) -- A secondary school of China staged the DPRK's revolutionary opera "The Flower Girl".

The Korean school in Tonghua City, Jilin Province recently decided to portray the opera in an aim to instill the idea of the

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revolutionary opera in the minds of the students and further improve their Korean language education.

The school succeeded in getting the opera prepared in two months thanks to the instructions of teachers and the active rehearsal of students.

A few days ago, the revolutionary opera was staged at the school.

The opera was enjoyed by the teachers and students of the school and members of the association of old people in the city and many others.

Through the tragic life of heroine Kkotpuni's family, the performers vividly showed with their truthful acting the sufferings of the ruined nation and the miserable fate of the people who groaned under the oppression by the exploiting class.

The Chinese Jilin Paper on July 5 said the performance of opera served as another means of making the people not to forget the past and helping the students feel the worth of today's happiness.

Koreans in China, Russia Pay Tribute to Kim Il Sung

Pyongyang, July 11 (KCNA) -- Koreans in China on July 8 presented floral baskets before the statue of President Kim Il Sung at Yuwen Middle School in Jilin and paid tribute to him on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of his demise.

Attending it were Koreans in China including Choe Un Bok, chairwoman of the General Association of Koreans in China, members of the DPRK consulate general in Shenyang and branch offices in China and officials of Jilin Yuwen Middle School.

Officials of the Liaoning Regional Association and Shenyang branch of the General Association of Koreans in China and other Korean compatriots paid floral tribute to the President's portrait in the DPRK consulate general in Shenyang on the same day.

Officials of the Zhongnan Regional Association of the General Association visited the DPRK embassy in Beijing to pay floral tribute to his portrait.

The vice chairman of the Central Association of Korean Nationals in Russia, the chairman of the Koreans' Autonomous Society for National Culture in Nakhodka and the chairman of the Autonomous Society for Korean National Culture in Partizansk City and other Korean compatriots in Russia visited the DPRK

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consulate general in Nakhodka on July 7 to lay floral baskets before a full length portrait of the President and General Secretary Kim Jong Il standing together on Mt. Paektu.

Officials of the Khabarovsk Territory United Confederation of Koreans presented bouquets to the full length portrait of the President and Kim Jong Il at the DPRK mission in Khabarovsk and made a bow.

Young Koreans in China Denounce S. Korean Regime for Human Rights Abuses

Pyongyang, July 11 (KCNA) -- The Federation of Young Koreans in China made public a statement on July 6 in denunciation of the south Korean regime for tempting and abducting residents of the DPRK and committing human rights abuses against them.

The statement said Pak Jong Suk came back to the DPRK recently, disillusioned at south Korean society, adding she was taken away to south Korea by south Korean agents.

With her return to the DPRK, the base temptation, abduction and human rights abuses perpetrated against citizens of the DPRK were fully disclosed, the statement said.

It is only the Lee Myung Bak regime of south Korea that tempts or abducts citizens of the DPRK in broad daylight even in foreign countries and unhesitatingly uses them for meeting its sinister political purposes while treating them as slaves, it added.

It demanded the Lee group immediately stop human rights abuses and make an apology.

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Reception Given on Anniversary of DPRK-China Treaty

Pyongyang, July 12 (KCNA) -- The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the China-Korea Friendship Association Wednesday hosted a reception in Beijing on the occasion of the 51st anniversary of the DPRK-China treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance.

Present there on invitation were Ji Jae Ryong, DPRK ambassador to China, and staff members of the DPRK embassy in Beijing.

Among those present there were Wu Donghe, chairman of the China-Korea Friendship Association, Peng Zuoku, vice-president

of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, and officials concerned.

Speeches were made there.

Wu Donghe said that the two countries have understood, supported and helped each other in the spirit of the treaty and the Sino-DPRK friendship grew stronger to be unbreakable one despite of all ordeals.

The Sino-DPRK relations have steadily developed with fresh dynamism on good terms under the care of the top leaders of the two countries and thanks to the efforts of the two peoples and the bilateral ties are making a positive contribution to protecting common interests and ensuring regional peace and development, he said.

The Korean people will achieve bigger successes in building a thriving socialist nation under leadership of the dear respected Kim Jong Un, he added.

The DPRK ambassador praised the undying exploits President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il performed in developing the DPRK-China friendship.

He praised the Chinese people for waging a dynamic drive to successfully greet the 18th congress of the Communist Party of China while pushing ahead with the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

He expressed the will to make positive efforts to boost unity and cooperation between the two countries and jointly protect the regional peace and security in the future, too.

Kim Il Sung Remembered by Koreans in China

Pyongyang, July 12 (KCNA) -- The General Association of Koreans in China had a round-table talk in Shenyang, China on July 7 to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung.

Present there were Chairwoman Choe Un Bok and other officials of the association, Hwang Yong Du, chairman of the Liaoning regional association, and Koreans in China.

Speakers at the talks recalled that the President founded the immortal Juche idea, indicating the road for Koreans to follow and

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defeating the Japanese imperialists. The Korean people beat back the U.S. imperialists' invasion, they added.

The President turned the DPRK into a socialist power, independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence, they noted.

The President set forth the three charters for national reunification and devoted his all to their implementation till the last moments of his life, they said. The dear respected Kim Jong Un has steadfastly carried forward the revolutionary cause of Juche.

They declared that all Koreans in China would work hard for the prosperity of the country and national reunification and foil the moves of the anti-reunification forces, united single-mindedly.

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"The Flower Girl" Admired by Chinese People

Pyongyang, July 14 (KCNA) -- "The Flower Girl", the DPRK's revolutionary opera, was staged in Guangzhou, Zhouhai, Zhongshan and Shenzhen cities of Guangdong Province, China.

The audience heaped praises on the opera.

A professor of vocal music of the Guangzhou Symphony Orchestra said that the revolutionary opera "The Flower Girl" left deep impressions on the people. Students spoke highly of the opera, calling it a world-level performance, the acme of art.

The manager of a trade company of Guangzhou City said that the opera struck a chord in the hearts of the audience. The performance will remain a good memory in the minds of people.

A student of the Zhouhai Branch under the Beijing Normal University of China noted that actors and actresses made a truthful and vivid representation, leading the audience to the world of the opera.

The manager of a company of Zhongshan City stressed that the DPRK's art has a peculiar attraction.

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The deputy secretary of a committee of an institution under Zhongshan City noted that Kkotpun's depiction helped grasp the profound truth that the revolution is the only way out.

The manager of a company of Shenzhen noted that the revolutionary opera "The Flower Girl" associated with the feats of peerlessly great men is a masterpiece with lasting influence.

The general manager of a textile mill said that it is the first time to see such a wonderful performance. The DPRK will make big advance in the development of culture and arts in the future, too, under the leadership of the dear respected Kim Jong Un, he added.