

Tongsin | 통신

Korean Central News Agency and Rodong Sinmun on China

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Introduction

by Morgan Potts

In our efforts to provide deeper analysis of source documents, Sino-NK offers Tongsin | 통신 (Korean for “news agency”): source data on the DPRK’s view on China through the lenses of Rodong Sinmun and the KCNA.

While the Chinese media reporting about North Korea generates much interest, I believe that the North Korean perspective on China is under-examined. These were a particularly important few months in North Korea, and a retrospective view of the state news sets the stage for the dramatic execution of Jang Song-taek.

Here we have compiled notable KCNA article which discuss China from the months of October–December 2013, and every Rodong Sinmun article on the same subject from December 2013 (previous months of Rodong were not available at the time of writing, underscoring the importance of creating such an archive as this).

KCNA and Rodong Sinmun reported on issues ranging from the establishment of new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to the scores of Sino-DPRK sports matches. Key historical moments are commemorated, delegations from both states are traveling to and fro, and leaders are sending and receiving celebratory New Year’s cards as Juche 103 approaches. The state media presents evidence of cultural, political, and economic exchange between the two states in an effort to depict a close Sino-DPRK relationship.

Yet the North Korean state is also portraying itself as having an independent economy—business ties with China are lauded, but certainly not emphasized or overstated—North Korean SEZs and increased investments in the DPRK are at the forefront. With the wisdom of hindsight we can see this presentation of economic growth and independence as a prelude to Jang’s execution, a symbolic severing of Pyongyang’s dependence on Beijing. The continual descriptions of Sino-DPRK friendship softened the blow, but we now have evidence that the relationship is strained not only on China’s side but from North Korea’s perspective as well—given the DPRK’s frequent disappointment in allies during the Cold War (recent history as far as Pyongyang is concerned), and China’s increasingly vocal disapproval of North Korean nuclearization, this Juche quest for economic self-reliance should not come as a surprise.

In the following document we have filed each article in chronological order, including a link to the original source, relevant images, and a brief summary. A note on spelling: titles are reflective of the original source; summaries and the romanizations contained therein are in accordance with Sino-NK’s in-house style guide.

October 2013

October 1

KCNA: Chinese Delegation Leaves

A delegation of the China-Korean Friendship Association led by Chairman Wu Donghe flew back to China.

KCNA: Koreans in China Mark Anniversary of October 4 Declaration

The General Association of Koreans in China held an event in Shenyang to celebrate the October 4 declaration. They adopted a letter to Marshall Kim Jong-un and there was a photo exhibition displaying pictures of King Jong-il and of the DPRK. The participants watched a film regarding the May Day meeting of Northern and Southern workers to achieve reunification.

October 3

KCNA: DPRK Female Soccer Team Beats Its Chinese Rivals

The DPRK beat the Chinese 3:1 in the semi-finals of the 2013 under 16 Women's Soccer Championships in Nanjing.

October 4

KCNA: DPRK Olympic Committee Delegation Leaves for China

The Minister of Physical Culture and Sports, Chairman Ri Jong-mu, left on Friday October 4 to attend the 6th East Asian Games in Tianjin.

October 6

KCNA: Papers Observe Anniversary of Diplomatic Ties between DPRK and China

Newspapers commemorated the 64th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and China. The establishment occurred on October 6, 1949 and marked an epochal event, strengthening relationships that had been forged in the conflict against Japan. Under the guidance of Xi Jinping, China's influence and power is growing. The Korean people will strive to boost China-DPRK relations and promote the development of both nations.

October 8

KCNA: DPRK, China Sign Plan of Cultural Exchange for Next Year

An execution plan for cultural exchange in the New Year was signed at Mansudae Assembly Hall. Vice-Chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, Hwang Ho Nam, and the Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, Liu Hongcai, signed the plan.

KCNA: DPRK Women's Football Team Beats Chinese Team 1:0

In the 6th East Asian Games, the Chinese defeated their Chinese rivals 1:0. They are in a group with China, Japan, and Taipei of China.



2nd DPRK-China Economic, Trade, Cultural, and Tourism EXPO, Dangong, China, October 10, 2013 | KCNA

October 9

KCNA: Floral Basket to Kim Jong Un from Chinese Family

Kim Jong-un received a floral basket from the family of Zhang Weihua, the Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary to mark the 68th anniversary of the Workers Party of Korea.

KCNA: Top Prizes Go to Kimilsungia, Kimjongilia at China Flower Expo

Both plants received the top prizes at the 8th China Flower Expo that featured plants from the Netherlands, Thailand, Australia and different parts of China.

October 10

KCNA: 2nd DPRK-China Economic, Trade, Cultural and Tourism EXPO Held

Of those attending was the Chinese ambassador to the DPRK and those from the Liaoning Province, the Vice-Chairman of the Pyongyang peoples committee and the DPRK representative in China. Speakers spoke of sharing successes of each company and boosting cooperation. The EXPO will contribute to higher mutual understanding and trust.

KCNA: Kim Jong-un Receives Reply Message from Chinese Party and State Leaders

A message from Xi Jinping thanks the North Koreans for congratulating the Chinese on the 64th anniversary of the PRC. It points to a new period and hopes for cooperation to grow.

KCNA: Kimilsungia, Kimjongilia Praised at China Flower Expo

Article lavishes praise from the Chinese onto the native Korean flowers Kimilsungia and Kimjongilia.

KCNA: DPRK Women's Football Team Beats China's Taipei Team

China women's football team beaten 7:0 by the DPRK side.

October 11

KCNA: Panel Events of 2nd DPRK-China EXPO Held

Held in Dandong, Chinese and Korean artwork and products (machine tools and food) are displayed in Dandong Art Gallery, Guomenwan International Business Centre and the Guomenwan Exhibition Centre. "Chinese from all walks of life" look around, "expressing the will to make a contribution to boost cooperation and exchange between the two countries."

KCNA: Chinese Senior Official Meets Delegation of DPRK-China Friendship Association

Han Qide, vice chairman of the national committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Confederation met Kim Jin-bom, vice chairman of the Korean Foreign Office met. Han talks about how their friendship is sealed in blood and cooperation has increased in politics, economics, and culture. He points to the importance that the Sino-Korea relationship holds.

KCNA: DPRK-China Tourism Photo Show Opens

The show is designed to lure more Chinese tourists in and to promote the friendly relations between both countries. Part of the motivation of the art is so that visitors will get a better understanding of the countries customs and beautiful scenery. Emphasis is once again placed on the friendly relations between China and the DPRK.

KCNA: Exhibition of Works by DPRK Artists Opens in China

Kim Jun-bom is once again present as the Chinese give the Koreans high amounts of praise for their artwork. They celebrate the 55 year friendship of both countries and Kim expresses the will to do his best to ensure the continuation of DPRK-China relations.

KCNA: Korean Fine Art Works Popular among Dandong Citizens

Citizens express pleasure at the art, and that it would help improve national friendship.

October 12

KCNA: DPRK-China Trade Fair Opens in China

The DPRK-China trade fair opened at Guomenwan International Business Centre. The fair was seen as being conducive to relations between the nations and for bringing about development and prosperity.

KCNA: Chinese Delegation Here

A senior delegation led by Shu Yinbiao of the State Grid Corporation came to take part in the 65th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Korea-China Hydro-Electric Power Company.



DPRK fine art exhibit on display at the Dangong Gallery in Dangong, China, October 11, 2013 (top); Chinese delegation for the Korea-China Hydro-Electric Power Company board meeting, October 12, 2013 (bottom) | KCNA



DPRK National Folk Art Troupe performing in Dangong, China, October 12, 2013 | KCNA

KCNA: National Folk Art Troupe Perform in Dandong, China

Members of the DPRK and Chinese delegation for the EXPO attended. Among the songs played were “Song of General Kim Il Sung” and “Cantana to Comrade Kim Jong Il”. They also played music reflective of the Chinese mood.

October 13

KCNA: DPRK Team Beats China’s Hong Kong Team 5:2

The men’s team beat China’s Hong Kong team in the Chinese tournament, and are due to play China on October 14.

October 14

KCNA: DPRK, China Signs Decision

A decision regarding the Korea-China Hydro-Electric Power Company was reached and signed by Kim Yong-chol and Shu Yinbiao. It does not state what the decision was.

KCNA: Chinese Delegation Departs

The Chinese State Grid Corporation delegation left after their 65th meeting with the Board of Directors of the Korea-China Hydro-Electric Power Company.



DPRK and Chinese delegations sign unspecified “decision” regarding the Korea-China Hydro-Electric Power Company, October 14, 2013 | KCNA

KCNA: DPRK Youth Friendship Group Leaves For China

Jon Yong-nam, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Kim Il-sung Socialist Youth League, lead a youth delegation to China on Monday October 14.

KCNA: DPRK Team Beats Chinese Team 1-0

DPRK women’s team beat the Chinese in the Asian U-19s Women’s Championships.

KCNA: Chinese People’s Daily Reports about Sports Wind in DRPK

A Chinese report praises the new Korean sports programs. It points to the new high rise apartments built for sports persons and the modern facilities springing up around the country. “Sports Wind” refers to the success of the DPRK sportspersons at recent international games.

October 15

KCNA: DPRK Designer’s Delegation Leaves For China

A delegation of designers led by Kim Song-jun, director of the State Designing Guidance Bureau left on Tuesday October 15 to visit China.



International conference on Special Economic Zones in North Korea, Pyongyang, October 16, 2013 | KCNA

October 16

KCNA: International Conference on SEZ Development in DPRK

KCNA met Ri Chol-sok, Vice-President of the Korea Economic Development Association. The conference is focusing on developing the Rason area (bordering on the Chinese Jilin province). The conference looked at the prospects of the Rason SEZ and focused on the laws that would exist in the SEZ as the DPRK has constituted a series of laws allowing free business in there.

KCNA: Delegation of DPRK-China Friendship Association Returns

Kim Jin-bom returned home from Beijing after participating in the ceremony celebrating the 55th anniversary of friendship between the two countries.

October 17

KCNA: Consortium to Invest in DPRK

A consortium of Jurong Consultants and OKP Holdings of Singapore, P & T Architects & Engineers Ltd. of Hong Kong, China and other countries in East Asia and the Middle East are investing in the DPRK to build an industrial park, a toll road, and an airport in Pyongyang.

KCNA: Int'l Conference on SEZ Development Held in DPRK

Ri Chol-sok talks about how other countries experience will help the SEZ to be a success. The conference focused on the features of the SEZ, its management, development and investment. It is hoped that good ties from the participants will lead to improving relationships.

KCNA: Beijing Daily Introduces Success of DPRK Sportspersons

The Chinese newspaper reported on the success of the women's soccer team, Rim Jong-sim setting a new Weightlifting Games Record and Kim Un-ju winning the 75kg category. The Chinese also point to the recent successes from the 2010 World Cup, London Olympics and Table Tennis Championships.

October 18

KCNA: DPRK-China Friendship Meeting of Youth Held in China

Friendly relations between the DPRK and the Chinese are traced back to Kim Il-sung, Kim Jong-il and Chinese revolutionaries. Emphasis is placed on the strengthening friendship of the nations due to shared concerns by both countries' leaders. The meeting was followed by performances by the youths of Korea and China, performing national songs.

KCNA: DPRK Delegation Back Home

The DPRK delegation returned home after taking part in the 2nd DPRK-China Economic, Trade, Cultural and Tourism Expo held in Dandong, China. A briefing on the trade, investment and joint venture between the DPRK and China, a briefing on the economy and trade and a ceremony of signing contracts on joint ventures took place during the expo.

October 19

KCNA: Chinese Vice-President Meets DPRK Youth Friendship Delegation

Jon Yong Nam met Li Yuanchao, a member of the Chinese Political Bureau. Li talked of the great improvements of Koreans to improve the economy and living standards under Kim Jong-un; he hopes that the relations and friendships of elder revolutionaries would boost national friendships.

KCNA: DPRK Youth Delegation Back Home

Jon Yong-nam and the Youth Delegation returned on Saturday October 19 home after visiting China.

October 21

KCNA: DPRK Broadcasting Delegation Leaves for China

Pak Song-il, Vice-Chairman of the Central Broadcasting Committee, left for China on Monday October 21.

KCNA: DPRK Designer Delegation Returns

Kim Sok-jun's delegation returned to the DPRK delegation on Monday October 21.

KCNA: Performance by National Folk Art Troupe Introduced in China

The Liaoning Korean Language Paper of China ran a photo article outlining the brilliant culture and art presented in Dandong after a performance by the Korean National Folk Art Troupe on October 10. The performance showed cultural exchanges between China and the DPRK, singing both Korean and Chinese songs. The article lavished praise on the performance.



Monument outside the Sino-DPRK Friendship Tower, Pyongyang, October 25, 2013 (top);
Wreaths being laid at the Friendship Tower, featuring Yang Hyong-sop (center) and Kim
Song-nam (right), October 25, 2013 | KCNA



Chinese delegation visits Mangyondae, October 26, 2013 | KCNA

October 22

KCNA: Chinese Delegation Here

A delegation of Chinese Journalists led by Liu Ying, director of the International Department of the Workers Daily arrived on October 21.

October 25

KCNA: Wreaths Laid Before Friendship Tower

Wreaths were laid before the Friendship Tower on the 63rd anniversary of the entry of the Chinese People's Volunteers into the Korean front. Among those present were staff from the Chinese Embassy in Pyongyang and members of the DPRK-China Friendship Association.

October 26

KCNA: Delegation of Supreme Public Prosecution Office Leaves for China

First Director Ri Chol led a delegation of the DPRK Supreme Public Prosecutors Office to China.

KCNA: Chinese Delegation visits Mangyondae

Liu Ying and his delegation visited the birthplace of Kim Il-sung, viewing historic relics. The delegation was deeply moved by the tour, praising Kim Il-sung's leadership of Korea and his friendship of the Chinese.

October 27

KCNA: DPRK Broadcasting Committee Delegation Returns

The delegation, led by Pak Song-il, returned home on Sunday October 27 after visiting China.

KCNA: Program “2013 Travelogue on DPRK” Aired by TV of Hong Kong, China.

The show accounted the opening of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and the modern facelift of Pyongyang, and detailed that the mythical being Tangun was the ancestral father of the Korean people.

October 28

KCNA: Chinese Delegation Departs Here

Liu Ying and the delegation of journalists departed on Monday October 28.

KCNA: Delegation of Rodong Sinmum Leaves for China

Vice-Editor, Kim Won-sok, led a delegation to China.

KCNA: Cemetery of CPV Fallen Fighters, Symbol of DPRK-China Friendship

The cemetery was renovated in 2012 has busts of Mao Anying and Mao Zedong. An increasing amount of people are visiting the cemetery on the 63rd anniversary of Chinas entry into the War. Kim Jong-un visited last July, declaring that all CPV fighters who died will be forever remembered.

KCNA



Chinese Embassy Staff help Korean Farmers, October 30, 2013 | KCNA

October 30

KCNA: Staff Members of Chinese Embassy Help Korean Farmers

Ambassador Liu Hongcai and his staff helped Korean farmers at the DPRK-China Friendship Thaekam Co-op Farm.

October 31

KCNA: DPRK, Chinese Girls Have Friendly Soccer Match

The DPRK beat the Chinese women's U-14 team 2:1.

November 2013

November 2

KCNA: Delegation of Rodong Sinmum Welcomed in China

Liu Qibao, member of the Political Bureau met and talked with Kim Won-sok. He points to the old Sino-DPRK friendship through old revolutionaries and the hope to strengthen future relationships. He expressed hope that the two party papers can contribute to the growing Sino-DPRK relationships.

KCNA: Friendly Match between DPRK, Chinese Girl Footballers

A rematch of the U-14 women's game saw DPRK emerge victorious, winning 3:1.

KCNA: Chinese Paper on Munsu Water Park

The Chinese paper Global Times titled an article, "The world first class water park in the DPRK". It describes the park with indoor and outdoor pools and an indoor gymnasium. It is state of the art and "a new pride of Pyongyang."

November 3

KCNA: DPRK Foreign Ministry Delegation Back Home

Kim Hyung-jun and his delegation returned on November 2 after their visit to China from October 29.

November 4

KCNA: Chinese Government's Special Representative Here

Wu Dawei, special delegation of the Chinese Government for the Korean peninsula has arrived.

KCNA: DPRK Delegation Leaves for China

A delegation from the International Affairs Institute, led by Director Jang Yun-gon departed to China.

KCNA: Delegation of Rodong Sinmun Back Home

Kim Won-sok came back on Sunday November 3 after his visit to China.

November 5

KCNA: DPRK, China Sign MOU on Cooperation between Prosecutors Offices

China and DPRK sign a memorandum of understanding regarding cooperation of public prosecuting offices. It was signed by Ri Chol and Hu Zejun.

November 6

KCNA: Koreans in China Criticize S. Korean Regime for Moving to Disorganize Progressive Party, Patriotic Organizations

Cha Sand-bo, Vice-Chairman on General Association of Koreans in China criticized the south for stamping out progressive, patriotic organizations. The South Korean government is trying to disband the Unified Progressive Party (UPP) by trying to associate it to North Korea. The campaign is violent and politically motivated. The government also attacks the Teachers Union, also attaching the label of “forces following the North”. All Koreans should unite and cause the government misfortune and disaster.

November 8

KCNA: Chinese Government’s Special Representative Leaves

Wu Dawei and his party returned to China.

November 9

KCNA: KCNA Delegation Leaves for China

A delegation of the Korean Central News Agency, led by Vice Director General Ri Ho-gyu left on Saturday November 9 to visit China. They were seen off at the rail station by other Vice Directors and Councilors to the Chinese embassy in the DPRK.

November 11

KCNA: New Chinese-Korean Translation Programs Developed in DPRK

Kim Chaek University of Technology have developed a new Chinese-Korean translation program. The program is characterized by its accuracy and high speed translation as it uses up to date technology from other scientific research organs. The program will help Koreans using Chinese scientific and technological books.

November 16

KCNA: Delegation of Grand People’s Study House Leaves for China

President Sin O-sun of the Grand People’s Study House led a delegation to China.

November 21

KCNA: DPRK to Set Up Special Economic Zone in Sinuiju

The sovereignty of the DPRK will be exercised in this area. A relevant decree by the Presidium of the Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK was released on Thursday November 21.

KCNA: Provincial Economic Development Zones to Be Set Up in DPRK

A dozen Special Economic Zones will be established throughout the DPRK, specifically purposed as economic development zones; industrial development zones; export processing zones; tourist development zones; and agricultural development zones.

November 22

KCNA: Reception Given on Anniversary of DPRK-PRC Agreement on Economic Cooperation

The DPRKs Ministry of Foreign Trade and Culture co-hosted this event to mark the 60th anniversary of this economic and cultural agreement. Liu Hongcai and Chinese guests attend and present is Kim Yong-dae, vice president of the Supreme People's Assembly, and other officials.

November 23

KCNA: Delegation of Ministry of Physical Culture and Sport Leaves for China

Vice-Minister Son Kwang-ho leads the delegation to China.

KCNA: Chinese Ambassador Gives Reception

Reception marks the diamond jubilee marking the economic and cultural cooperation of the two nations. Ri Ryon-nam, minister of Foreign Trade and Han Chol vice-minister of Culture were present.

KCNA: Pyongyang Art Troupe's Performance Proves Successful in China

The performance was enjoyed by government officials and praise was "lavished" on to it. The performance "showcased the vitality and attraction of Korean arts." Chinese media vied with each other to publicize the event.

KCNA: Papers Call for Boosting Friendly, Cooperative Relations with China

The agreement on economic and cultural cooperation is mentioned with focus being given to economic development. The focus is on the strong relationship between China and the DPRK and the Korean peoples commitment to conduct "brisk economic and cultural exchange and cooperation" in the interests of both nations.

November 25

KCNA: Kim Il Sung Lauded by Chinese Media Person

Liu Ying expressed reverence for Kim Il-sung. He praises Kim's revolutionary past and the place that he holds in the hearts of Koreans. He bases Sino-DPRK relations on Kim Il-sung and his relations with the Chinese as well as the veterans of the Korean War. Liu wishes Koreans success in building their nation under the guidance of Kim Jong-un.

November 28

KCNA: Delegation of Minju Joson Returns Home

The delegation, headed by Vice-Editor Jon Jong-ho returned home after visiting China.

KCNA: Delegation of Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports Back Home

Delegation led by Vice-Minister Son Kwang-ho returned home after visiting China.

KCNA: DPRK Table Tennis Player Introduced by Chinese Paper

Kim Hyok-bong and Kim Jong both won gold medals at the 52nd World Table Tennis Championships in Paris and the 6th East Asian Games in Tianjin, China. Kim Jong was crying whilst saluting the DPRK flag. The DPRK had a banquet in their honor.

December 2013

December 1

KCNA: Anniversary of Demise of Kim Jong Il Observed in China, Myanmar

The Chinese magazine Myanmar devoted several pages to the second anniversary of Kim Jong-il's death. It documented the revolutionary activities of Kim Jong-il and Kim Jong-un and commended Kim Jong-il for displaying DPRK military muscle as invincible. He is commended for starting the industrial revolution and encouraging the prosperity of the DPRK.

December 2

KCNA: Anniversary of DPRK-China Agreement Marked in China

The Ministry of Commerce and Culture in China hosted a reception on November 29 to mark the 60th anniversary of intra-governmental agreement on cooperation of economics and culture. DPRK ambassador Ji Jae-ryong attended. Friendship stemmed from the cooperation of older generations, most significantly Kim Il-sung and Zhou Enlai. The Koreans have achieved success under Kim Jong-un and China is working to advocate the Sino-socialism. The DPRK ambassador outlined how he expects friendship between the two nations to grow.

KCNA: DPRK-China Fine Art Exhibition Opens in China

A fine art exhibition was opened on November 30 in Beijing. Displayed were a variety of paintings including scenery of Songun, Korea and DPRK-China friendship. Speeches declared that cultural exchanges led to a bond between the minds of both nations' people and this aided bilateral relations. DPRK artists are admired for creating fine artwork. The exhibition showed improving relations of the countries.

December 3

KCNA: Magazine Paektu-Halla Issued

The General Association of the Koreans in China issued a new magazine called "Paektu-Halla". Kim Jong-un was on the cover, guiding a meeting of army commanders and political instructors. The magazine condemned the actions of South Korea that smear the DPRK, criticizes the US, and promotes the reunification of Korea.

December 4

KCNA: Koreans in China Flay S. Korean Regime's Moves to Revive "Yusin" Dictatorship

The General Association of the Koreans in China issued a statement condemning the South Korean government for attempting to revive the Yusin Dictatorship. The ruling forces remember that period with nostalgia. Koreans in China call for the South Korean people to intensify their struggle against the regime.

December 5

KCNA: Chinese Paper Introduces Performance Given by Pyongyang Art Troupe

The Chinese People's Daily introduced praised the performance of "Azalea" by the Pyongyang Art Troupe. It was extremely successful and saw the Korean outfit perform with some characteristics that were alien to Korean national art, making it a grand, cultural show.

December 13

KCNA: Traitor Jang Song Thaek Executed

Jang, "an anti-party, counter-revolutionary factional element and despicable political careerist and trickster", was accused of attempting to "overthrow the state by all sorts of intrigues and despicable methods with a wild ambition to grab the supreme power of our party and state." He admitted guilt to all crimes at a special military tribunal. He stood "in the way of settling the issue of succession to the leadership" and attempted to "disable the Cabinet". He is also blamed with selling coal, selling land within the Rason SEZ, disturbing construction in Pyongyang, inflating the won and sparking an economic crisis in 2009, distributing pornography, gambling, money-laundering, corruption, and instructing that a mosaic of Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il be erected in a shaded corner. He was sentenced to death under "Article 60 of the DPRK Criminal Code".



A three-member panel at the special military tribunal considering the accusations made against Jang Song-taek, December 13, 2013 | Rodong Sinmun



Jang Song-taek appears in handcuffs before a special military tribunal, December 13, 2013
| Rodong Sinmun

December 14

KCNA: Kim Jong Il Praised Abroad

Kim Jong-il's death was remembered in many countries including China, who praised his deeds.

December 15

KCNA: Chinese Families and Family of Korean in China Here

The family of Zhang Wei-hua, an anti-Japanese martyr arrived on Sunday December 15 to participate in a memorial service remembering the second anniversary of Kim Jong-il's death.

KCNA: Chinese Paper Carries Article on Train Coach Displayed at Kumsusan Palace of Sun

The Chinese paper Huan Qiu Shibao published an article on December 12 praising the trains in Korea as public transport. Kim Jong-il loved the train and traveling visiting every area of Korea. The report is on the DPRK showcasing the train he used at the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun. The train reminds visitors of the DPRK leader busy with his work.



Family of Zhang Wei-hua,
a Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary
martyr



Daughter of Zhou Baozhong, Chinese
related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary
struggle



Family of overseas Korean
Son Won Thae

Image and captions for the article “Chinese Families and Family of Korean in China Arrive”,
December 17, 2013 | Rodong Sinmun

December 16

KCNA: Songs Praising Leader Resound in DPRK: Chinese Paper

Chinese paper Global Times carried this article on December 13, written by its DPRK correspondent. The songs praised him personally and his military leadership, and songs about his father and grandfather are also very popular.

December 17

Rodong Sinmun: Chinese Families and Family of Korean in China Arrive

The family of Zhang Wei-hua, a Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr, the family of Zhou Wei, daughter of Zhou Baozhong, Chinese related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, and the family of overseas Korean Son Won Thae arrived Pyongyang on December 15 to take part in the memorial service to be held on the occasion the second anniversary of demise of leader Kim Jong-il.

December 19

KCNA: Chinese and Koreans Related to Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle Visit Mangyongdae

Families and those associated with anti-Japanese struggles visited the place of Kim Il-sung's birth. The families of several prominent Chinese soldiers and martyrs attended such as families of Chai Shiyong and Zhang Weihua. The families praised Kim Il-sung for all that he did.



Visitors visit the birth-place of Kim Il-sung in Mangyongdae, December 19, 2013 | KCNA

December 20

KCNA: Overseas Koreans Leave

Delegations of overseas Koreans leave including the General Association of Koreans in China, the delegation of Korean artistes, the Association of Aged Koreans in China and the delegation of the Association of Korean Businessmen in Dandong.

December 21

Rodong Sinmun: Chinese and Koreans Related to Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle Visit Mangyongdae

Visiting from overseas, families of anti-Japanese revolutionaries visit the birth-place of Kim Il-sung.

KCNA: Chinese Families Back Home

The families of the Chinese soldiers who died in the anti-Japanese struggles left home on Saturday December 21.



“Chinese and Koreans Related to Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle Visit Mangyongdae”, December 21, 2013 | Rodong Sinmun

December 25

KCNA: Kimjongilia Show Held in Shenyang, China

A Kimjongilia show was held on December 13 to celebrate the second anniversary of Kim Jong-il's death. Present were members of the Liaoning Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Shenyang City People Government and business persons. The DPRK consul-general in Shenyang was also present.

KCNA: Chinese Praise Kimjongilia

Those who visited the flower show in Shenyang were excited to see the famous flower and enjoyed the show. A spokesperson for the Liaoning Provincial Committee stated that the flower reflects the reverence that people hold for Kim Jong-il, he helped to build Sino-Korean relations and developed the friendships formed during Kim Il-sung's reign. Liaoning businesspeople also praised the Sino-Korean friendships that were developed under Kim Jong-il and wish luck with nation building under Kim Jong-un.

December 26

KCNA: New Year Card from Xi Jinping

Xi Jinping, leader of China sent a New Year card to Kim Jong-un. Kim also received cards off other members of the Chinese government such, Li Yuanchao and Wang Jiarui.

KCNA: Kimjongilia Show Held in Dalian, China

December 19 saw another flower show in honor of the second anniversary of Kim Jong-il's death, the 22nd anniversary of his assuming supreme command of the Korean People's Army and the 96th anniversary of Kim Jong-suk (anti-Japanese war hero). Present were officials from Dalian City and upon request the DPRK consul-general in Shenyang.

December 28

Rodong Sinmun: New Year Card to Kim Jong Un from Xi Jinping

Kim Jong-un received a New Year card from Xi Jinping on December 26, marking the start of the new Juche 103 (2014).

Rodong Sinmun: Kimjongilia Show Held in Dalian, China

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Rodong Sinmun: Kimjongilia Show Held in Shenyang, China

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December 30

KCNA: Doctorate Awarded to Teachers of Yanbian University of China

The DPRK awarded doctorates to Kim Un-song, Jo Hong-hui and Hwang Kum-hae who are professors at Yanbian University of China.

KCNA: S. Korean People's Struggle Supported by Koreans in China

Zhongnan Regional Association of the General Association of Koreans in China released a statement supporting South Korean who are fighting for truth and justice against the descendants of the "yusin" dictatorship who suppressed people through the South Korean police.

Cover image: Wreath-laying at the Sino-DPRK Friendship Tower in Pyongyang, October 25, 2013 | KCNA