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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visits China, meets with Chinese counterpart

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, visited China between January 7 and 10 at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

The Supreme Leader was accompanied by his wife Ri Sol Ju.

Among his entourage were Ri Su Yong, Kim Yong Chol and Pak Thae Song, members of the

Political Bureau and vice-chairmen of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Yong Ho, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and minister of Foreign Affairs, No Kwang Chol, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and minister of the People's Armed Forces, Kim Yo Jong, alternate member of the Political Bureau and first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Il Hwan and Choe Tong Myong, department directors of the WPK Central Committee, and other leading officials of the WPK Central

Committee and the DPRK State Affairs Commission.

The train with the Supreme Leader on board arrived in Dandong, border city of China, at 9.30 pm local time on January 7.

Seen at Dandong Railway Station were Song Tao, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Chen Qiufa, secretary of the Liaoning Provincial Party Committee, Lu Dongfu, general manager of the China Railway Corporation, Li Jinjun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and Ge Haiying, secretary of the Dandong City Party Committee,

who came to greet the DPRK leader.

Song Tao gave him a hearty warm welcome upon authorization of General Secretary Xi Jinping and the CPC Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un had an amicable talk with Song Tao on the train.

He expressed thanks to the latter for coming all the way to the border city every time he visited China to warmly welcome him and according him warm hospitality and showing him heartfelt sincerity as he guided him to Beijing.

Song Tao said that Xi Jinping and the Chinese Party and government gave them special instructions to

render good reception to the DPRK leader, setting great store by his current China visit made at a special time of vital importance, and that he would do his best for the successful meeting between the top leaders of the two Parties and the two countries.

Kim Jong Un arrived in Beijing at 11 am local time on January 8.

He was greeted at Beijing Railway Station by Wang Huning, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau and the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, and

Cai Qi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and secretary of the Beijing Municipal Party Committee.

Ji Jae Ryong, DPRK ambassador to China, was also there to greet him.

Kim Jong Un met Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People at 5 pm on January 8.

The DPRK leader and his wife were warmly greeted by the Chinese counterparts at the hall.

As they met again at the beginning of the new year, both the leaders gladly shook hands with each other and had a photo taken.

Warmly welcoming Kim Jong Un who started his external activity in the new year by visiting China, Xi Jinping said the current visit would mark a specially important occasion in successfully guiding the development of Sino-DPRK relations.

The DPRK Supreme Leader expressed thanks to the Chinese President for making time to plan the detailed itinerary for him and showing meticulous concern despite his tight schedule at the beginning of the new year.

The Korean leader and his wife had a photo taken with the Chinese counterparts against the background of the flags of the two countries.

