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of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and head of the National Development and Reform Committee, Song Tao, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhong Shan, minister of Commerce of the PRC, Miao Hua, director of the Political Affairs Department of the Central Military Commission of the PRC, and others.

Kim Jong Un introduced to Xi Jinping the leading Party and government officials and KPA commanding officers who came to greet him.

He also exchanged greetings with the accompanying Chinese officials.

A ceremony took place to welcome the Chinese President.

A 21-gun salute was given amid the playing of the national anthems of the two countries.

Xi Jinping, guided by Kim Jong Un, inspected the guard of honour of the

KPA.

They mounted the reviewing stand to watch the march-past.

The official car carrying Xi Jinping headed for the Kumsusan State Guesthouse, escorted by motorcycles.

Pyongyang citizens lined the streets and warmly welcomed Xi Jinping, who visited Pyongyang with the warm friendly feelings of the Chinese people.

They burst into cheers of "DPRK-China friendship" and "Welcome" as a show of their friendly feelings to the Chinese people who have shared good and bad with them, hand in hand, on the road of socialism.

The two leaders got in an open limousine at the Ryonghung Crossroads.

The crowd enthusiastically cheered as the top leaders of the two countries, who have built special friendly relations on the journey for defending socialism and peace and opened a new chapter of genuine friendship and unity in the history

of bilateral ties, passed Ryomyong Street in limousine.

The car carrying the leaders of the DPRK and China arrived at the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who established the invaluable tradition of bilateral friendship and cultivated it with noble revolutionary obligation, are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

The plaza was filled with infinite trust in and reverence for the leaders of the two Parties and the two countries who embroider an epic of brilliant succession and development in the history of DPRK-China relations.

Xi Jinping was greeted by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Premier Kim Jae Ryong, member

of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and member of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, and other senior Party and government officials and leading officials of Party and power organs in Pyongyang.

Kim Jong Un introduced senior Party and government officials to Xi Jinping.

There were a rhythmic rendition by the women's brass band and graceful dances by the people at the plaza to the tune of the music *DPRK-China Friendship Is Everlasting*.

The car carrying the two leaders left the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun amid the enthusiastic welcome by the citizens holding the flags of the two countries and flower bundles in their hands and arrived at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse.

The Korean leader and his wife guided the Chinese counterparts to the lodging quarters and had a pleasant chat with them.

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