

# Kim Jong Un hosts banquet in honour of Xi Jinping



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju hosted a banquet on Thursday evening in honour of the visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan.

The Korean leader and his wife gladly greeted the Chinese counterparts at the venue.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, Pak Pong Ju, Kim Jae Ryong and other senior Party and government officials, and commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

Invited to the banquet were the Chinese entourage including Ding Xuexiang, Yang Jiechi, Wang Yi, He Lifeng and Song Tao, as well as staff members of the Chinese embassy in Pyongyang.

As he made a speech at the event, Kim Jong Un warmly welcomed General Secretary Xi Jinping and his wife, who came with warm feelings of friendship of the Chinese people, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK government, all Party members and other Korean people.

Pyongyang citizens' enthusiastic cheers in every street of the city today reflect the deep feeling of friendship of the Korean Party and people towards the General Secretary and the Chinese Party and people and this is a strong demonstration of the great DPRK-China friendship, he said.

He recalled that the revolutionaries and peoples of the two countries had integrated their destiny into one in the flames of the sacred struggle for realizing the common socialist idea in the early days of their struggle and provided valuable traditions of genuine comradeship, unity, support and cooperation.

Through the past four rounds of meetings and talks with the General Secretary, he reaffirmed the truth that socialism is the invariable core of bilateral ties and the distinctive features and invincibility of the bilateral ties lie in joining efforts to defend and glorify socialism, he said, adding the General Secretary's visit serves as full political support and encouragement to the Korean Party members and other people who are out to accomplish the cause of socialism.

Expressing the belief that the two countries would as ever unite and surely win brilliant victories in their efforts for advancing the cause of socialism, he emphasized that he firmly believes the Chinese Party and people would achieve greater successes in their efforts to perform a new miracle of the Chinese nation under the guidance of the General Secretary.

In his reply speech, Xi Jinping extended his sincerest greetings and heartfelt thanks to Chairman Kim Jong Un and his wife, the Party, government and people of the DPRK on behalf of the Chinese counterparts for the grand and warm welcome accorded by senior Party, government and military officials of the DPRK and other hundreds of thousands of Korean people.

Noting that the Korean Party and people have made notable achievements in the face of manifold hardships and difficulties by uniting single-mindedly and working stubbornly under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung, General Secretary Kim Jong Il and Chairman Kim Jong Un, Xi Jinping referred to the new upswing the Korean Party and people are effecting in socialist construction in one mind under the indomitable leadership of Kim Jong Un.

He was convinced that the socialist cause of the DPRK would steadily register fresh and bigger successes and advance towards a more beautiful future under the guidance of the WPK headed by Kim Jong Un.

The Chinese Party, government and people firmly support Chairman Kim Jong Un leading the Korean Party, government and people to keep the road of socialism, enforce a new strategic line and give impetus to the political settlement of the peninsula issue and thus create a good environment for self-development, he said.

He expressed his willingness to jointly carve out a beautiful future of bilateral relations and that of durable peace and co-prosperity in the region by inheriting history, shaping future and achieving unity and cooperation together with the DPRK side.

The banquet proceeded in a warm and amicable atmosphere.