

Kim Jong Il Pays Unofficial Visit to Northeastern and Huadong Regions of China

Pyongyang, May 27 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid an unofficial visit to the People's Republic of China from May 20 to 26 at the invitation of Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the PRC.

He was accompanied by Kim Ki Nam and Choe Thae Bok, members of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the C.C., the WPK; Kang Sok Ju, member of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the WPK and vice-premier of the Cabinet; Jang Song Thaek, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the C.C., the WPK and vice-chairman of the NDC; Kim Yong Il, Pak To Chun and Thae Jong Su, alternate members of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the C.C., the WPK; Mun Kyong Dok, alternate member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the C.C., the WPK and chief secretary of the Pyongyang City Committee of the WPK; Ju Kyu Chang, alternate member of the Political Bureau and department director of the C.C., the WPK; and Ji Jae Ryong, DPRK ambassador e. p. to China.

Party and state leaders of China and people warmly welcomed Kim Jong Il who visited China again nine months later carrying with him deep friendship towards the fraternal Chinese people and accorded him cordial hospitality with utmost sincerity.

Kim Jong Il visited the Northeastern and Huadong regions of China.

He was kindly greeted by Dai Bingguo, state councilor, at railway station on the border who went there upon the authorization of Hu Jintao and the C.C., the CPC.

He was also greeted by Wang Jiarui, head of the International Liaison Department of the C.C., the CPC; Sheng Guangzu, minister of Railways; Sun Zhengcai, secretary of the Jilin Provincial Committee of the CPC; Liu Hongcai, Chinese ambassador e. p. to the DPRK, and leading officials of the party and government in Beijing and the province. He received a bunch of fragrant flowers from children.

He warmly met Dai Bingguo and had a conversation.

Dai warmly welcomed Kim Jong Il's visit to China on behalf of Hu Jintao, the C.C., the CPC and the State Council of China.

Recalling that Hu sent him to the railway station to specially greet Kim Jong Il who attaches special importance to the Sino-DPRK friendship, Dai noted that Kim Jong Il's seventh visit to China in the beautiful season when spring scent is strongly felt and everything comes to life would mark a historical event in developing the friendly and cooperative relations between China and the DPRK on a fresh higher stage.

Noting that he was pleased to witness again through the visit the progress made in Northeastern and Huadong regions undergoing fresh changes in the days of creating a new history of modernization, Kim Jong Il expressed thanks to the leading officials in Beijing, provinces and cities and people for their warm reception.

Kim Jong Il visited Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province first.

He was greeted at Heilongjiang Railway Station by Ji Bingxuan, secretary of the Heilongjiang Provincial Committee of the CPC, Wang Xiankui, governor of the province, the secretary of the Mudanjiang City Committee of the CPC and other officials of the province and the city.

He went round Lake Jingbo, a beauty spot in Northeast China, conducted by Dai Bingguo and other leading officials in Beijing and the locality.

Lake Jingbo is a significant anti-Japanese battle site well known for the battle fought on its shore in November 1934 by the unit of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army for the first expedition to Northern Manchuria which dealt a deadly blow at the Japanese imperialist aggressors under the command of President Kim Il Sung.

Kim Jong Il was deeply moved to see the blue waters of the lake which seems to convey year after year the undying feats of the President who overcame the severe ordeals and trials to liberate the usurped country.

Dai Bingguo said that the President sang Chinese famous "The Song of Su Wu" when he came to the lake during the period of the anti-Japanese armed

struggle, adding that the Chinese people are still greatly moved and inspired by his lofty aims and heroic stamina.

Kim Jong Il came to the lake himself, called back upon the great feats of the President, shared with us the warm traditional Sino-DPRK friendship and looked far into the beautiful future of the bilateral relations, Dai Bingguo said. This greatly impressed us and made us to redouble our efforts, he added.

Kim Jong Il then went to the Hailin Farm and its dairy farm.

After being briefed on the farm at its management building he visited the dwelling house of a couple where he wished them a happy life. He then visited the dairy farm to learn in detail about breeding of cows.

He expressed the expectation that the farm built by the people from across the country in hearty response to the call of the CPC to reclaim "Beidahuang" in the 1950s would register greater success by steadily improving the management of the farm in the future, too.

Dai Bingguo hosted a grand banquet in welcome of Kim Jong Il.

Dai said that Mudanjiang which has relations of long history with the DPRK is the significant place where President Kim Il Sung conducted revolutionary activities in the 1930s and a witness of history telling that the two peoples fought against the aggressors shoulder to shoulder.

Dai said that Kim Jong Il's visit to Northeastern area of China in the wake of his last year's visit to the area shows that the party, government and people of the DPRK attach high importance to the traditional Sino-DPRK friendship, expressing the determination to keep the friendship between the two countries in full bloom forever generation after generation. Dai sincerely wished Kim Jong Il good health.

Kim Jong Il expressed deep thanks to Dai for showing him the utmost sincerity and providing him with conveniences accompanying him during the whole period of his last year's China visit and kindly greeting him at the border railway station far away from the capital city and giving a grand banquet this time.

Kim Jong Il received gifts presented by the Heilongjiang Provincial Committee of the CPC and the Heilongjiang Provincial People's Government with sincerity.

The next leg of his visit was Changchun City, seat of Jilin Province.

He was greeted at Changchun Railway Station by leading officials of the party and government of the province and city including Sun Zhengcai, secretary of the Jilin Provincial Committee of the CPC, the permanent vice-governor of the province who doubles as secretary-general of the provincial committee, and Chen Weigen, vice-governor of the province.

He visited the Northeast Changchun Core Area Construction Planning Exhibition.

Looking round the exhibition with deep attention, he highly praised the people of the province and city for working hard to achieve fresh successes in the socialist modernization drive as required by the new century by giving full play to the potentials of the area, an industrial base with a long history, under the leadership of the CPC.

He visited the FAW Jiefang Automotive Company Ltd.

After being briefed on the company in the room devoted to the history of "Red Flag" car, he saw the car Kim Il Sung used during his visit to China in 1975.

He expressed thanks to the employees of the factory for having preserved with care the above-said car for several decades with boundless reverence for Kim Il Sung.

Going round the car assembling shop and the truck assembling shop, he learned in detail about modernization and production there.

The party and the people's government of the province and the company presented a new type "Red Flag" car produced by the company by introducing cutting-edge technology to Kim Jong Il as a gift with the best wishes for his good health as he has made endless journeys for field guidance.

The Jilin Provincial Committee of the CPC arranged a grand banquet in welcome of his visit to the province.

Sun Zhengcai said that Kim Jong Il's another visit to the Northeast area of China associated with many stories about Kim Il Sung who shared weal and woe with revolutionaries of the elder generation of China while living, studying and fighting in his youth and provided the roots of Sino-DPRK friendship, would be brilliantly recorded in the history of friendly relations between the two countries.

Noting that the two countries are now greeting the opportunity of important development in political, economic, cultural cooperation and other fields, Sun stressed that Jilin Province, a bridgehead of exchange and cooperation between China and the DPRK, would positively contribute to boosting friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries through active use of geographical proximity, full play to potentials and constant renovation of cooperation mode.

Kim Jong Il highly appreciated the signal successes being achieved by the province and city making rapid progress under the leadership of the CPC.

The Jilin Provincial Committee of the CPC and the Jilin Provincial People's Government presented him with gifts prepared with sincerity.

Kim Jong Il visited Yangzhou City of Jiangsu Province, Huadong Area of China.

Kim Jong Il was greeted by leading officials of party and government of the province and the city including the secretary of the Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the CPC, the governor of the province, the secretary of the City Party Committee and the mayor of the city at Yangzhou Railway Station.

He visited an exhibition center of the Yangzhou Smart Valley, a solar energy science and technology company and a NC equipment company.

Kim Jong Il dropped in at an exhibition center of the Yangzhou Smart Valley to see typical goods produced by the Smart Valley.

Then he went round a solar energy science and technology company and a NC equipment company.

Going round a market in the city that day, he learned in detail about variety and quality of goods there, including fruit, vegetable and edible oil, and mode of its management.

He highly appreciated the efforts made by the working people in the city who are making laudable successes in production and construction full of confidence and vigor. He expressed belief that the Chinese people would perform labor feats under the CPC correct leadership this year, the first year for implementing the 12th Five-Year Plan, and thus display the might of the CPC which has covered the glorious course of 90 years.

Dai Bingguo hosted a banquet in welcome of Kim Jong Il's visit to China.

Dai said that Yangzhou City has become more famous as a typical city symbolizing the Sino-DPRK friendship because Kim Jong Il came to this beautiful city visited by President Kim Il Sung. And he paid high tribute to Kim Jong Il developing the friendly relations between the two countries generation after generation.

Kim Jong Il expressed deep thanks to Dai for the grand and significant banquet he gave again. And he wished good luck for rosier future of the city associated with unforgettable memoirs of the traditional DPRK-China friendship.

Kim Jong Il enjoyed an art performance specially prepared by artistes of Jiangsu Province in welcome of his visit to China.

He congratulated the artistes on their successful performance and conveyed a floral basket to them.

He received gifts presented by the Yangzhou City Committee of the CPC and the Yangzhou City People's Government with best wishes.

He visited Nanjing City, the capital of Jiangsu Province.

He visited the Nanjing Panda Electronics.

The officials and working people of the corporation, who had the honor of welcoming him to their corporation again after the lapse of 28 years, accorded him warm welcome.

Noting that the Nanjing Panda Electronics that could produce simple communication equipment only in the past has developed into a large-scale comprehensive electronics complex, he highly estimated their successes.

Then, he commanded a bird's-eye view of Nanjing City.

The Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the CPC gave a grand banquet in honor of Kim Jong Il visiting Jiangsu Province.

The secretary of the Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the CPC said that Jiangsu Province is highly proud of having President Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il several times, warmly welcoming his revisit to the province on behalf of all its people.

He received gifts from the Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the CPC and the Jiangsu Provincial People's Government with best wishes.

He acquainted himself in detail with resourceful and hard-working Chinese people's thoughts and feelings, customs, history and culture, politics and economy and all other fields while touring vast land of China.

The unofficial visit paid by him to Northeastern and Huadong regions of China for the steady development of the DPRK-China friendship proved successful thanks to the particular care and warm hospitality of Hu Jintao and the party and the government of China.

Kim Jong Il expressed satisfaction over the results of his visit. He expressed sincere thanks for the cordial hospitality accorded to him by leading officials and people of the C.C., the CPC, the State Council of the PRC and Heilongjiang, Jilin and Jiangsu provinces.