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Kim Jong Un Inspects Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory

Pyongyang, January 25 (KCNA) -- **Kim Jong Un**, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, together with Ri Sol Ju, gave field guidance to the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory.

He went round the rooms dedicated to education in the revolutionary history and to the history of the factory.

He said that the factory, which was built in June 1946 as the nation's first pharmaceutical industrial base on the personal initiative of President **Kim II Sung**, is associated with the warm love of **Kim II Sung** and leader **Kim Jong II** for the people.

He stressed that its officials and employees should add luster to the undying feats of **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il** forever by dedicating their passion for creation and devoted efforts to the production of medicines with pride of holding the honorable post for the protection of the lives of the people and the promotion of their health.

He learned in detail about the production of medicines, going round packing materials workshop, western and Koryo (traditional) medicine workshops and other parts of the factory.

Stressing the need for the factory to put on a normal basis the production of various medicines for the promotion of the people's health and the medical treatment and prevention of diseases, he urged the relevant sectors to supply in time the raw and other materials and technical means needed for the medicine production.

Sustained big efforts should be directed to grasping the global trend of pharmaceutical industrial development and introducing the advanced technology in order to study and

develop new highly efficacious medicines of good quality and widely use them in the treatment and prevention of diseases, he said.

The respected Supreme Leader set forth the tasks to remodel the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory on a more modern basis.

He said it is his plan to turn the factory into a standard one in the country's pharmaceutical industry and renovate on a modern basis all other pharmaceutical factories throughout the country with it as a model. The upgrading of the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory and the Hungnam Pharmaceutical Factory should be pushed forward in a bold way to make this an important occasion in laying a springboard for rapid progress in the pharmaceutical industrial sector, he added, taking measures of warm affection to do so.

He had a picture taken with the factory's officials and employees.

Accompanying him were Vice-Chairman Pak Thae Song, Department Director Choe Tong Myong and Vice Department Director Jo Yong Won of the WPK Central Committee. -0-