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## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets and Congratulates Creators and Artistes of Major Art Troupes

Pyongyang, July 12 (KCNA) -- **Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Sunday met and congratulated the creators and artistes of the major art troupes on receiving state commendations.

The creators and artistes were overwhelmed by the feelings of profound reverence and gratitude to the great mentor and kind-hearted father who met them in person following the conferment of high honor and state commendations to them though they just did their part as persons of art and literature of the Party on the road of advance for implementing the decisions made at the historic Party Congress.

The respected General Secretary gave a pep-talk to them, warmly holding their hands one by one, in recognition of their distinguished services for the development of Juche music in the revolutionary traits of creation, keeping in mind the trust of the Party Central Committee and the expectation of the people.

He said with appreciation that they created and portrayed masterpieces of the times loved by the people including song "Our National Flag" true to our Party's revolutionary line and idea, and thus glorified our state-first era and instilled confidence and optimism about sure victory into the people.

He repeatedly expressed satisfaction, saying that it is something that has been craved for and which is worth welcoming before any other achievements that the Band of the State Affairs Commission has evoked positive responses and repercussions from the people with its art creation and performing activities marked by masterpieces and famous performances reflective of the intention of the Party Central Committee at a time when the field of art and literature is still in the dormancy and doldrums.

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The new era of advance and dynamism demands the creation of lots of more influential and appealing masterpieces pulsating with the spirit of the times than ever before in the field of art and literature entrusted with important mission and innovative role to play in the revolution and construction, he emphasized.

Our art and literature are obliged to be responsive to the requirements of the Party's policies and the spirit of the times to make the Party's idea and will pervade the whole process of the creation and performing activities that conform to the people's mentality, he said, calling on the major art troupes to keep their honor and consolidate the achievements of creation and based on it give exceptionally high momentum to the creation in the overall art and literature field.

The respected General Secretary expressed the trust and expectation that they would continue to glorify their honor as the trumpeters of the revolution on the sacred road of singing of our great era, our great Party, our great state and our great social system, and had a meaningful photo taken with all the artistes of the Band as well as the decorated creators and artistes.

All the creators and artistes renewed their firm pledge to always share their intention and breath with the Party Central Committee, cherishing their honor and happiness all their lives, and to take the lead in opening the new era of efflorescence of socialist art and literature by waging more dynamic creation activities to imbue the whole society with our state-first spirit. -0-

