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National Meeting to Celebrate 80th Birth Anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il Held

Pyongyang, February 16 (KCNA) -- The people of the DPRK, who are dynamically advancing toward a fresh victory along the bright path of our style socialism under the guidance of the great Workers' Party of Korea, are splendidly celebrating the Day of the Shining Star, the greatest auspicious national holiday, with high political enthusiasm and proud labor achievements. On the occasion of the significant February holiday, all the civilians and servicepersons of the whole country are paying their highest tribute and eternal glory to Chairman **Kim Jong II**. They are recollecting in humble reverence the noble life of the Chairman shining in the sacred path of the Juche revolution and the immortal revolutionary exploits he performed before the country and the people, the times and the history.

A national meeting to commemorate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman **Kim Jong II** took place in front of his statue in Samjiyon City, the holy land of revolution, on Feb. 15.

Samjiyon City where majestic figure of Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of revolution, is in sight was filled with boundless reverence for the Chairman who was born as the Shining Star of Mt Paektu and continued his forced march of warm love and devotion for the country and the people in his lifetime to provide a solid foundation of our state powerful and prosperous and with delight and pleasure of the participants to splendidly celebrate the great auspicious holiday of the nation on the glorious land turned into an ideal land of people.

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, attended the meeting.

When the respected General Secretary appeared, all the participants burst into stormy cheers "hurrah!" upon him who has put the might of socialist Korea, the highest patriotic heritage of the Chairman, and its position on the highest level with his ceaseless revolutionary leadership and carried into brilliant reality the Chairman's cause of building a powerful country.

A floral basket in the name of **Kim Jong Un** was laid in front of the statue of the Chairman.

Also laid before the statue were floral baskets in the names of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK. The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** together with leading officials of the Party and the government paid high tribute to the statue of the Chairman, the eternal sun of Juche, venerable image of socialist Korea and great sage of the revolution.

Present at the meeting were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vicepresident of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet.

Also present were Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Kim Yong Chol, Jong Kyong Thaek, Kim Yo Jong, O Il Jong, Ho Chol Man, Pak Thae Dok, Kim Hyong Sik, Pak Myong Sun, Ri Chol Man, Kim Song Nam, Jon Hyon Chol, Yang Sung Ho, Ri Son Gwon, Ri Thae Sop, U Sang Chol and other Party and government leading officials, senior officials of ministries and national institutions, officials and working people in Ryanggang Province and Samjiyon City, and commanding officers and shock brigade members of 216 Division.

Ri Yong Gil and other senior officials of the armed forces organs and officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces were present at the meeting.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a report "Let us accomplish to the end the cause of the great Comrade **Kim Jong Il** with the revolutionary spirit of Paektu".

He said that all the people across the country greeting the greatest auspicious holiday of the nation in the middle of the historic advance toward the overall development of our style socialist construction recall with deep emotion the profundity and significance of the February of Korea while looking back on the most proud era in the nation's history spanning 5 000 years marked by leaping progress based on the revolutionary heritage left by the Chairman under the uplifted red flag of the revolution shining with his immortal august name.

Recalling the noble revolutionary career of the peerlessly great man characterized by his unusual birth and growth, the reporter praised the undying feats of the Chairman who instilled the spirit of self-respect into the people and provided the best asset for building a powerful country.

Stressing that the cause with great idea and heritage will be invincible, he called on all the Party members, other people and servicepersons of the People's Army to uphold the leadership of the Party Central Committee led by **Kim Jong Un** with ardent loyalty and truthful revolutionary practice and turn socialist Korea, fruition of the life-long dedication of the Chairman into a developed and highly civilized prosperous country looked up to by the world.

The participants, looking back with great pride on the emotion-charged days when they worked and struggled upholding the Chairman's idea and cause, hardened the conviction that his patriotic desire for building a powerful country will surely come true as there is the outstanding leadership of the Party Central Committee.

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The meeting showed well the firm will and enthusiasm of the participants to carry to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche that started on Mt Paektu, rallied close around **Kim Jong Un**, build a people's paradise prospering with self-reliance on this land and adorn the new 100 years of the Korean revolution as annals of victory and glory. -0-