

# Russian Ballet "Sleeping Beauty" Given





Pyongyang, March 21 (KCNA) -- A ballet "Sleeping Beauty" was given by an art troupe of the Maritime Territory Branch of the Mariinsky Theatre of Russia at the Mansudae Art Theatre here on March 20. Among the audience were DPRK Minister of Culture Sung Jong Gyu,

officials of ministries and national agencies, officials concerned, artistes, teachers and students in the field of art education and the members of the delegation of the Russian Maritime Territory led by Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory Administration, and the delegation of the Russian Ministry of Culture headed by Vice-Minister Andrei Maluishev, and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy. Members of the diplomatic corps in the DPRK were invited to watch the performance.

Prior to the performance Oleg Kozhemyako and Andrei Maluishev made congratulatory speeches.

They said that the performance was given under the deep care of Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea **Kim Jong Un** who saw the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" during his visit to Vladivostok City last year.

They expressed belief that the performance would mark an important occasion in promoting the cultural exchange and the bilateral relations between the two countries, noting that the Russia-DPRK friendship has been consolidated for the past 75 years since the conclusion of the agreement on economic and cultural cooperation between Russia and the DPRK.

The performers began their performance, recollecting with deep emotion the time when they gave performance before the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**. They showed their beautiful, elegant, delicate and experienced dances in the ballet "Sleeping Beauty", a typical ballet piece of Russia.

The performers were loudly applauded and presented with bouquets by the audience for their impressive performance.

Floral baskets were conveyed to the performers to congratulate them on their successful performance. -0-

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