

Russian President Leaves Pyongyang after Paying State Visit to DPRK

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Warmly Sends off Comrade Putin



Pyongyang, June 20 (KCNA) -- Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, who paid a state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of **Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, left Pyongyang by the presidential plane on the night of June 19 after successfully finishing his schedule.

At the Pyongyang meeting, which recorded a new page in the history of the DPRK-Russia relations of friendship and cooperation proud of a long history and good traditions, the top leaders of the two countries further deepened their comradely relationship firmly based on the ennobling ideals and achieved important and meaningful results for ensuring the long-term development of the strategic and future-oriented DPRK-Russia relations and comprehensively expanding them in the new era.

That day Pyongyang citizens warmly saw off the closest and precious friends along streets of the capital city, filled with the Korean people's special respect and sincere feelings of friendship towards President Putin and the Russian people.

Fully displayed at the roadsides was their will to further develop the full support and solidarity with the Russian people struggling for independence, peace, justice and truth and deepen the ties of friendship and unity between their country and Russia.

The guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the apron of Pyongyang International Airport, where the national flags of the DPRK and the Russian Federation were fluttering, and a large number of people and pretty children stood with flowers.

The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** came to the airport to send off President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

Present at the airport were Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Jo Yong Won, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Song Nam, director of the International Department of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee.

Seen there were Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy members.

The motorcade carrying the friends from Russia, a close neighbouring country, arrived at the airport amid warm send-off by the citizens.

A ceremony took place to see off Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

The national anthems of the DPRK and the Russian Federation were played.

Kim Jong Un, together with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, reviewed the guard of honour of the KPA.

Putin bid farewell to senior state officials of the DPRK who came to send him off.

Kim Jong Un said that he was very satisfied with the fact that he further deepened the genuine comradely friendship with Comrade Putin and reached excellent agreements consolidating the cornerstone of the DPRK-Russia relations in the new era, even though the latter's stay in the DPRK was not long, adding that it is the consistent stand of the WPK and the DPRK government to attach utmost importance to the friendship and cooperation between the two countries and steadily develop them.

He warmly said that the WPK and the DPRK government will, in the future, too, extend full support and encouragement to the sacred cause of Russia for building a powerful country and achieving independence and justice, and that he and the Korean people will always be with Comrade Putin and the Russian people, wishing the president safety on his way home.

Putin expressed his heartfelt thanks to the DPRK government and people for having offered warm hospitality and organized grand events

for him with utmost sincerity during his visit and to Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, President of the State Affairs of the DPRK, for having shown special care to ensure that his Pyongyang visit could produce a wonderful and satisfactory result.

The two top leaders warmly embraced each other and shook hands, promising to steadily develop the friendly and cooperative relations and militant unity between their countries, which have reached a new strategic level, in conformity with the aspirations and desire of the peoples of the two countries.

The presidential plane of Putin left Pyongyang International Airport.

That day Putin visited the Jongbaek Church before leaving Pyongyang.

The visit to the DPRK by Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, which recorded the most brilliant page in the history of the great DPRK-Russia friendship and unity, serves as an important occasion of providing fresh vitality and great motive power to the progress and development of the two countries advancing towards the goal of building powerful states. -0-















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