

## **Celebrations of 74th Founding Anniversary of DPRK Held with Splendor**



Pyongyang, September 9 (KCNA) -- The whole country, greeting the 74th founding anniversary of the glorious DPRK, is overflowing with the pride and self-esteem of the people who are demonstrating before the world the might of their socialist motherland dignified with independence and strong in self-reliance along with the century.

Tens of millions of the people who cherished the firm faith and will to carry forward with great eternal victories the brilliant history of the DPRK which has set a world-startling contemporary example of building a wealthy country with a powerful army by opening up a

new era of building a socialist state centered on the popular masses and weathering the grim tempest of the revolution, are most meaningfully and grandly commemorating the day when the Juche-oriented great cause of nation-building was achieved.

The celebrations of the 74th founding anniversary of the DPRK were held with splendor at the foot of time-honored Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, where the statues of President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il**, the pioneer and leaders of the cause of building a socialist country, stand solemnly, on Thursday evening.

**Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), attended the celebrations.

The spacious venue arranged uniquely between the Mansudae Assembly Hall and the People's Theatre was crowded with citizens from all social strata, youth and students of the capital city who gathered to commemorate the founding anniversary of their great state.

A paratrooper and flying corps demonstrated their skills, decorating a prelude of the celebrations colorfully.

The participants enthusiastically clapped to the paratrooper descending with the national flag, a symbol of the dignity and invincibility of the righteous and powerful DPRK and the boundless pride, happiness and bright future of the people in the nocturnal sky of September.

Paying tribute to the great Party Central Committee that is bringing about a brighter future for the country and people with its outstanding ideology and energetic leadership and leading them only to victory, the combat pilots of the Korean People's Army demonstrated their aviation skills with great roaring.

The audience shouted and clapped to the brave squadrons flying powerfully across the nocturnal sky and splendidly performing various high technique skills, such as circular flight, low-altitude flight and circular and spiral zooming flight, while firing out

enchanting fireworks and creating brilliant vapor trails shaped like the ribs of a fan.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** together with his wife Ri Sol Ju, appeared at the celebration venue.

The moment, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" out of the highest respect for **Kim Jong Un**, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, the symbol of the mightiness of the country and the banner of all victories and glory who opens up a new era of a powerful country and puts the honor and national power of the DPRK on the highest level with far-sighted wisdom, iron faith and prominent leadership.

**Kim Jong Un** and Ri Sol Ju were presented with bunches of fragrant flowers by members of the Children's Union.

Warmly waving back to the enthusiastic cheers, **Kim Jong**

**Un** extended warm greeting of congratulations to all the participants greeting the founding anniversary of the Republic.

Invited to the celebrations were Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Pak Pong Ju, Ri Myong Su, Choe Thae Bok, Kim Kyong Ok, Pak Jae Gyong, Hwang Pyong So, Kim Jong Gak and other veteran cadres who had worked for a long time in the Party, the government and the military. On hand were senior officials of the Party, the government and the military, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, the participants in the celebrations, officials of ministries and national institutions, students of the revolutionary schools and citizens in Pyongyang.

There took place a solemn ceremony of hoisting a national flag to the flagstaff of the state assembly hall of the DPRK.

Amid the playing of solemn melody of the song "Our National Flag", members of the honor guard of the Korean People's Army (KPA) entered, spreading the flag of the DPRK, the sacred flag of glory, in a respectful way.

The powerful country's flag which President **Kim Il Sung** let fly high

in the sky of building a country, Chairman **Kim Jong Il** defended with arms of Songun and the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** flies to the whole world and the sky of a new century dignifiedly, appeared before the flagstaff at the Mansudae Assembly Hall amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK and brilliant lighting.

The members of the KPA honor guard slowly hoisted the blue and red flag showing 70-odd-year history of the country and prosperous eternal future in the sky shining with the letters "9.9." and "Celebration".

All the participants paid noble respects to the national flag with overflowing pride, patriotic passion and conviction for tomorrow. Fireworks were displayed in the sky of September where the national flag of the powerful country was fluttering.

A grand performance started for the background of the Mansudae Assembly Hall standing as grand monument in the era of the Workers' Party in the center of the capital with the greatness of the Republic government which was established by the general will of all the Korean people and demonstrates its invincible might under their absolute support and trust.

The artistes newly created and depicted the people's songs dedicated to the motherland, odes to socialism and hymns to the Workers' Party which have sounded high in the course of nation-building and its development.

Solemnly sounded are "Song of the Proclamation of the People's Republic" and immortal hymn "Cantata to Marshal **Kim Il Sung**" which shook the whole of Korea with great pride and joy of the people who became the masters of the genuine independent and sovereign state for the first time in the history of the nation.

Through the immortal songs the performers highly lauded the immortal exploits performed by the President who carved out the cause of nation-building centred on the popular masses and built the country into a socialist state independent in politics, self-

supporting in the economy and self-reliant in defence.

Narrative poem "The Glorious Motherland" warmly resounded with solemn passion and valuable memories as it eulogized the source of unlimited strength of the Republic, which demonstrated only victory and glory, arising as the creation of the Juche revolution on the firm foundation of believing in the people as in Heaven.

The audience was deeply moved by the narrative poem vividly representing the all-people thoughts and feelings that Korean-style socialism, the legacy associated with the noble lives of the peerless and popular leaders, is, indeed, the great motherland to be wholeheartedly loved and upheld with the soul and body, sharing the destiny with it eternally.

The songs of struggle and creation produced in the journey of defending the people's country and adding shine to it by uniting firmly around the Party with one idea, intention and feelings reverberated as an echo of the 70-odd-year history of the DPRK.

The numbers reminded the audience of the heroic journey of the indomitable people who have firmly consolidated the foundation for the country's prosperity on this land while overcoming severe trials unprecedented in history under the leadership of President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il** down through generations and rising up a hundred times and springing up a thousand times, and thus gave deep impression to the audience.

Odes to the WPK and famous songs on the themes of patriotism revving up the atmosphere of the performance filled with the boundless pride in the traditions of great unity, progress and victory, were played, praising the greatness of the Party which has wisely guided the DPRK to great victory and epoch-making change to go down in national history.

The audience clapped enthusiastically to the performance pulsating with loyalty and patriotic single-mindedness to greet all glory on the road of following the great Party Central Committee.

The performance which showed the glorious history and bright

future of the DPRK demonstrating its might under the leadership of the WPK, and the invincible and irresistible might of Korean-style socialism through a majestic and beautiful musical epic ended with the marching songs of the great era of **Kim Jong Un** "We'll Travel One Road Forever" and "Our National Flag".

Fireworks were let off in a row in the nocturnal sky of the celebrations, laying out breathtaking scenery.

The venue of the celebrations, where the faith and will of the Korean people and service personnel to bring earlier the rosy future of a thriving country erupted, was brimming with their ardent love and feelings for the great country.

**Kim Jong Un** acknowledged the cheering participants with greetings of encouragement.

Greatly satisfied with the successful performance, he personally went up the stage to congratulate the performers and had a loving photo session with them.

The foot of Mansu Hill filled with enthusiastic cheers was full of the indomitable revolutionary faith, high spirit and boundless joy of the Korean people determined to make their socialist country more powerful and more brilliant through the ardent patriotism along with the new times of a great powerful country.

The grand celebrations that significantly adorned the 74th founding anniversary of the Republic will be glorified in history as a significant political festival which demonstrated the iron will of all the people across the country and service personnel to confidently open up a new era of building a thriving power to be envied by the world under the leadership of the great Party Central Committee, bearing in mind the ever-victorious truth taught by the sacred history of the country. -0-



















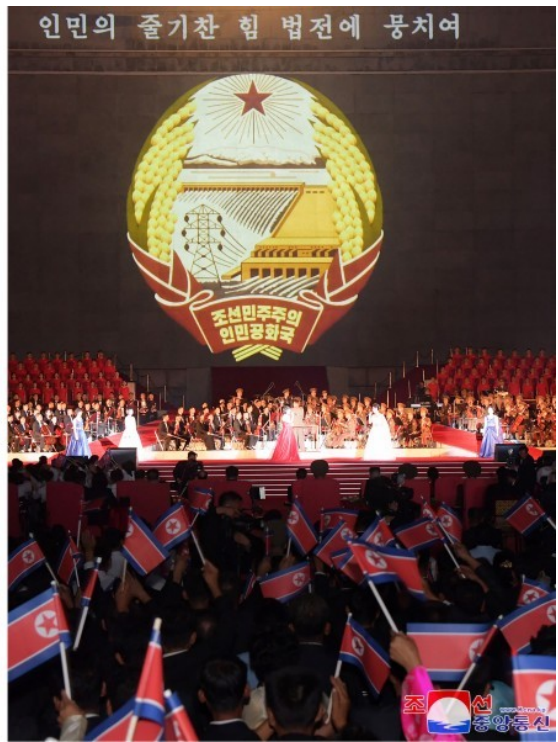




















































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