

Customs of Korean People on First Full Moon

Day

Pyongyang, February 4 (KCNA) -- The Korean people have observed the first full moon day (January 15th of the lunar calendar) as a folk holiday every year together with the lunar New Year's Day and Chusok (Harvest Moon Day).

The day is celebrated from the 14th day of the first lunar month. From olden times, the Korean people have celebrated the first full moon day in a big way, next to the lunar New Year's Day.

There were ceremonial events such as erecting a bundle of rice, kaoliang, millet and other crops before the full moon day and greeting the moon on the evening of the full-moon day while hoping for rich harvest and happiness in the new year.

Various folk games are played on the day. Typical of them are kite-flying, pinwheel and tug-of-war.

Boiled rice admixed with four other staple cereals, sweet rice dish, laver-wrapped rice and dishes made of nine kinds of dried edible herbs are popular as the festive food.

Various customs for the full moon day have been developed in close relation to the Korean people's life.

This year, the January 15th of the lunar calendar falls on February 5.

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First Full Moon Day Observed in DPRK

Pyongyang, February 6 (KCNA) -- All the people in the DPRK observed the first full moon day (January 15th of the lunar calendar), a folk holiday, on Sunday.

Through visit to the Rangnang Museum, citizens in the capital city of Pyongyang keenly realized that the time-honored history and brilliant culture of the nation are more brilliantly glorified under the care of the peerlessly great man, and spent a pleasant time with colorful folk games.

Performances consistent with the Juche character and national identity were given by artistes of the Phibada Opera Troupe at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre and those of the National Acrobatic Troupe at the Pyongyang Circus Theater.

The Munsu Water Park, the People's Open-air Ice Rink and other leisure complexes were crowded with working people full of joy and optimism.

Every home was filled with happy laughter of people who enjoyed themselves playing chess and yut-game after having various national dishes including boiled rice admixed with four other staple cereals and nine kinds of dried herbs prepared by housewives.

At night, scenes of enjoying the full moon were seen in different parts of the capital city and local areas.

The people across the country enjoyed the holiday, wishing good health to the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** and hoping for prosperity of the country and happiness of each family. -0-









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