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Chairman Kim Jong Un meets Chinese President Xi Jinping, receives him at airport

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, arrived in Pyongyang by his official plane on Thursday to pay a state visit to the DPRK at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Supreme Leader of the Party, state and armed forces of the DPRK Kim Jong Un greeted him at Pyongyang International Airport.

President Xi Jinping's DPRK tour in the significant year of the 70th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic ties marks an important occasion for further consolidating the traditional friendly relationship that the two Parties and the two countries have forged by sharing the intention and feelings in the joint efforts for anti-imperialism and independence and socialism, and it also gives support and encouragement to the just cause

of the Korean people.

The airport was crowded with people, children and students who came out to warmly welcome President Xi with flags of the two countries and flower bundles in hand.

The flags of the two countries were fluttering up the flagpoles.

Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju came out to the airport.

Present there were Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the



At 12:00, Kim Jong Un had an emotional meeting with Xi Jinping amid the playing of a welcome music.

The Supreme Leader was so pleased to see him again in Pyongyang only 160-odd days after the significant meeting at the beginning of the year that he warmly took hands of Xi Jinping and exchanged friendly greetings with him.

Saying his long-cherished wish for Pyongyang visit has been fulfilled, Xi Jinping expressed heartfelt thanks to the Korean people

for the grand welcome.

He was accompanied by Ding Xuexiang, member of the Political Bureau, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, Yang Jiechi, member of the Political Bureau and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee, Wang Yi, state councillor and foreign minister of the PRC, He Lifeng, vice-chairman of the National Committee

DPRK State Affairs Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Man Gon, Ri Su Yong, Choe Hwi, Kim Yong Chol, Ri Yong Ho and Kim Yo Jong, senior Party and government officials, and Ji Jae Ryong, DPRK ambassador to China.

Also seen there were Kim Su Gil, Ri Yong Gil, No Kwang Chol and other commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

Chinese ambassador Li Jinjun and his embassy staff members were seen at the airport.

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