

Chairman Kim Jong Un gives President Xi Jinping warm send-off



Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, who paid a state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, left Pyongyang on Friday afternoon by his official plane after wrapping up his itinerary.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un together with his wife Ri Sol Ju saw off President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan at Pyongyang International Airport.

That day Pyongyang citizens who lined the route from the lodging place of the Chinese President to the airport gave a hearty send-off reflecting their warm friendly feelings to the close friends from the fraternal neighbouring country who have more beautifully adorned the flower garden of DPRK-China friendship with a deep historical root

and added another page to the history of development of bilateral relations.

Kim Jong Un and his wife came out to the airport to see off Xi Jinping and his wife.

Present at the airport were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, Party and government officials Ri Man Gon, Ri Su Yong, Choe Hwi, Kim Yong Chol, Ri Yong Ho, Kim Nung O and Kim Yo Jong, 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.

Li Jinjun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and members of his embassy staff were also present there.

The motorcade carrying the close Chinese friends arrived at the airport amid the warm send-off by the citizens.

The DPRK leader and his wife warmly shook hands with the Chinese counterparts who got off a car, exchanging greetings with each other.

There was a ceremony to see off the Chinese President.

The national anthems of the two countries were played.

Kim Jong Un, together with Xi Jinping, reviewed the guard of honour of the KPA.

Xi Jinping and Peng Liyuan were presented with bouquets by sweet children.

The top leaders of the two countries respectively exchanged farewells with the officials of each other's

side.

They had a firm handshake of farewell, promising to steadily strengthen the DPRK-China friendship in the great new era in line with the desires of the two Parties and peoples of the two countries.

Xi Jinping and his wife boarded the plane, warmly waving back to the Pyongyang citizens.

The plane left the airport at 15:30.

The DPRK leader and his wife waved their hands long toward the plane carrying the friendship mission of the Chinese people.

The Chinese President's state visit to the DPRK powerfully demonstrated at home and abroad the unshakeable will of the top leaders of the two countries to carry forward the excellent and great history and tradition of bilateral relations and advance hand in hand along the road of struggle for independence and justice.

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