

## Korean Central News Agency – Bill Clinton visit to the DPRK

### Kim Jong Il Meets Former U.S. President Bill Clinton

Pyongyang, August 4 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong Il today met with former U.S. President Bill Clinton and his party on a visit to the DPRK.

Bill Clinton courteously conveyed a verbal message of U.S. President Barack Obama to Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Il expressed thanks for this. He welcomed Clinton's visit to the DPRK and had an exhaustive conversation with him.

There was a wide-ranging exchange of views on the matters of common concern.

Present there were First Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Sok Ju and Department Director of the WPK Central Committee Kim Yang Gon.

### Dinner Arranged for Bill Clinton

Pyongyang, August 4 (KCNA) -- The National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave a dinner in honor of former U.S. President Bill Clinton on a visit to the DPRK at the Paekhwawon State Guest House this evening.

Present at the dinner was Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission.



Present there on invitation were former U.S. President Bill Clinton and his suite members.

Present there were Chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK Choe Thae Bok, Secretary of the WPK Central Committee Kim Ki Nam, First Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Sok Ju, Department Director of the WPK Central Committee Kim Yang Gon, Member of the NDC U Tong Chuk, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Kye Gwan and officials concerned.

The dinner proceeded in a cordial atmosphere.

## Bill Clinton Arrives Here



Pyongyang, August 4 (KCNA) -- Bill Clinton, former president of the United States, and his party arrived here Tuesday by air.

They were greeted by Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Kim Kye Gwan, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs.

A little girl presented a bouquet to Bill Clinton.



## Report on Bill Clinton's Visit to DPRK Made Public

Pyongyang, August 5 (KCNA) --A report on Former U.S. President Bill Clinton's visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is as follows:

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton and his party visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from August 4 to 5.

Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, met with Bill Clinton and his party.

During their stay Clinton and his party paid a courtesy call on Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly.



Clinton expressed words of sincere apology to Kim Jong Il for the hostile acts committed by the two American journalists against the DPRK after illegally intruding into it. Clinton courteously conveyed to Kim Jong Il an earnest request of the U.S. government to leniently pardon them and send them back home from a humanitarian point of view.

The meetings had candid and in-depth discussions on the pending issues between the DPRK and the U.S. in a sincere atmosphere and reached a consensus of views on seeking a negotiated settlement of them.

Kim Jong Il issued an order of the Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission on granting a special pardon to the two American journalists who had been sentenced to hard labor in accordance with Article 103 of the Socialist Constitution and releasing them.

Clinton courteously conveyed a verbal message of U.S. President Barack Obama expressing profound thanks for this and reflecting views on ways of improving the relations between the two countries.

The measure taken to release the American journalists is a manifestation of the DPRK's humanitarian and peace loving policy.

The DPRK visit of Clinton and his party will contribute to deepening the understanding between the DPRK and the U.S. and building the bilateral confidence.



## Bill Clinton Leaves Here



Pyongyang, August 5 (KCNA) -- Bill Clinton, former president of the United States, and his party left here today by air.

They were seen off at the airport by Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Kim Kye Gwan, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs.