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June 15 Joint Declaration in 2000

In accordance with the noble will of the entire people who yearn for the peaceful reunification of the nation, President Kim Dae-jung of the Republic of Korea and National Defense Commission Chairman Kim Jong-il of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea held a historic meeting and summit talks in Pyongyang from June 13 to June 15, 2000.

The leaders of the South and the North, recognizing that the first meeting and the summit talks since the division of the country were of great significance in promoting mutual understanding, developing South-North relations and realizing peaceful reunification, declared as follows:

1. The South and the North have agreed to resolve the question of reunification on their own Initiative and through the joint efforts of the Korean people, who are the masters of the country.
2. Acknowledging that there are common elements in the South's proposal for a confederation and the North's proposal for a federation of lower stage as the formula for achieving reunification, the South and the North agreed to promote reunification in that direction.
3. The South and the North have agreed to promptly resolve humanitarian issues such as exchange visits by separated family members and relatives on the occasion of the August 15 National Liberation Day and the question of former long-term prisoners who had refused to renounce Communism.
4. The South and the North have agreed to consolidate mutual trust by promoting balanced development of the national economy through economic cooperation and by stimulating cooperation and exchanges in civic, cultural, sports, public health, environmental and all other fields.
5. The South and the North have agreed to hold a dialogue between relevant authorities in the near future to implement the above agreement expeditiously.

President Kim Dae-jung cordially invited National Defense Commission Chairman Kim Jong-il to visit Seoul, and Chairman Kim Jong-il decided to visit Seoul at an appropriate time.

June 15, 2000

Kim Dae-jung
President
Republic of Korea

Kim Jong-il
Chairman, National Defense Commission
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Joint Press Statement of the 1st Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 1st Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Seoul from July 29 to 31, 2000.

Emphasizing the great significance of the historic summit talks between the heads of South and North Korea and the June 15 Joint Declaration, the two delegations to the Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks have agreed as follows in order to implement the Declaration faithfully:

1. The South and the North shall proceed with the South-North Ministerial Talks in accordance with the spirit of the South-North Joint Declaration.

First, the Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks shall discuss and resolve the ways to implement the Joint Declaration signed by the two leaders in such a way as to respect the agreement and pursue common interests.

Second, the Ministerial Talks shall depart from the past habits of distrust and disputes to resolve easy issues first in the spirit of mutual confidence and cooperation.

Third, the Ministerial Talks shall give importance to actions so that they can produce real outcomes before the nation, and shall aim at achieving peace and unification.

2. On the occasion of the 15th of August, 2000, the South and the North shall resume the operations of the South-North Liaison Office at Panmunjeom which have been suspended from November 1996.
3. In commemorating the 15th of August (National Liberation Day), the South and the North shall hold events in the South, the North and overseas respectively in support of the South-North Joint Declaration to drum up national determination at large to put it into practice.
4. The South and the North shall cooperate and take appropriate measures to ensure that members of Chongryun (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) can form tour groups to visit their hometowns.
5. The South and the North shall rehabilitate the Seoul-Shinuiju Railway and discuss the issues thereof at an early date.
6. The South and the North shall hold the 2nd Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks from August 29 to 31 in Pyongyang.

July 31, 2000 [Seoul]

Joint Press Statement of the 2nd Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 2nd Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Pyongyang from August 29 to September 1, 2000.

Emphasizing anew the great significance of the June 15 Joint Declaration, the two delegations assessed that the declaration is bearing fruitful results. The two delegations reaffirmed their efforts to faithfully implement the Joint Declaration and have agreed as follows:

1. South and North Korea will hold two more rounds of reunion of separated families and relatives within this year. The two sides will hold a new round of Inter-Korean Red Cross talks soon to discuss the details. At the planned Red Cross talks, the two Koreas will discuss matters related to separated families including exchange of letters.
2. South and North Korea will work toward easing military tension and ensuring peace. To that end, the two Koreas will discuss to hold talks between South and North Korean military authorities at an early date.
3. South and North Korea will establish a legal framework for economic cooperation such as guarantee of investment and avoidance of double taxation. The two sides will hold working-level contact concerning this matter sometime in September. In addition, the South will review and proceed with food aid in loans to the North considering that the North continues to be afflicted by natural calamities.
4. South and North Korea will hold working-level contact to discuss groundbreaking schedule for connecting the railway between Seoul and Shinuiju and opening the road linking Munsan and Gaeseong.
5. South and North Korea will meet to promote joint flood prevention project on the Imjin River at an early date.
6. South and North Korea will exchange about 100 tourists from each side to visit Mt. Halla in the South and Mt. Paektu in the North between mid-September and early October.
7. South and North Korea will hold a third round of ministerial-level talks at Mt. Halla on September 27 to 30.

September 1, 2000 [Pyongyang]

Joint Press Statement of the 3rd Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 3rd Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks was held on Jeju Island on September 27 to 30, 2000.

During this round of talks, the South and the North affirmed that the points agreed to after the announcement of the historic June 15 South-North Joint Declaration had been sincerely implemented. Reaffirming an active and consistent implementation of the Joint Declaration, the two sides agreed as follows:

1. The South and the North shall implement all the agreements already made in various forms of talks and continue to discuss a wide range of issues in depth and sincerely promote those projects that can be put into practice in the future.
2. The South and the North shall cooperate with each other to encourage the Red Cross Societies of both sides to immediately take measures for a prompt settlement of issues related to separated families, including address checks, exchange of letters and establishment of a permanent meeting center along with other points agreed to in the second round of the talks, starting at the end of this year.
3. The South and the North shall praise the successful completion of the first round of the working-level contact to provide institutional mechanisms for economic cooperation and cooperate with each other to settle the issues involved in dispute settlement and clearance accounts along with an investment guarantee and avoidance of double taxation.
4. The South and the North shall establish a Committee for the Promotion of Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation to discuss and implement various issues to expand exchange and cooperation in the economic area.
5. Based on a common understanding that it is important to expand exchange and cooperation in various areas, including academic, cultural and athletic, the South proposed a regular soccer match be held alternately in Seoul and Pyongyang and exchange of visits by college professors, students and cultural leaders, while the North promised to give a positive review on the projects for exchange and cooperation, including the ones proposed above. The two sides shall discuss and decide on these matters during the fourth round of the Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks.
6. The South and the North shall hold the fourth round of the Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks from November 28 to December 1, 2000 for four days and three nights. The venue for the talks shall be decided later.

September 30, 2000 [Jeju Island]

Joint Press Statement of the 4th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 4th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks was held in Pyongyang from December 12 to 16, 2000.

During the talks, both sides assessed the projects undertaken during the last six months to implement the historic Inter-Korean Joint Declaration as a success. Having agreed to active implementation of the Joint Declaration in the year 2000, they have agreed on the following points:

1. To promote a balanced development and co-prosperity of the Korean national economy, the South and the North shall establish and operate Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee. The joint Committee shall consist of a vice-ministerial level head of delegation and 5-7 members from each side. The first meeting of the Committee shall be held in Pyongyang around December 26, 2000. The two sides shall discuss and resolve such practical issues in pending economic cooperation as the supply of electricity, connection of railways and highway, construction of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex and promotion of the Imjin River flood prevention projects.
2. The South and the North agreed to cooperate in the fishing industry. The North offered a part of its fishing ground on the East Sea to the South. The two sides agreed that the people representing their fishery authorities should meet in the Mt. Geumgang area as soon as possible to discuss the matter.
3. The South and the North agreed to advise their respective Taekwondo organizations to meet with each other to discuss the exchange of exhibition teams between the two Koreas.
4. The South and the North shall promote address checks and exchange of letters between the members of separated families. The address checks shall be limited to one hundred people from each side both in January and in February. The exchange of letters shall be limited to about three hundred people from each side in March.
5. The South and the North shall exchange the third group of one hundred separated families at the end of February 2001.
6. The North shall send its Mt. Halla tourist delegation in March and economic mission during the first half of 2001.

7. The South and the North shall have each of the four agreements signed by the heads of delegation, related to investment protection, avoidance of double taxation, account settlement and business dispute arbitration, go through the necessary procedure for its effectuation and notify each other of the results.
8. The South and the North shall hold the fifth round of Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks in March 2001, but the venue for the meeting shall be decided later through mutual consultation.

December 16, 2000 [Pyongyang]

Summary of the Joint Press Statement of the 5th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 5th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Seoul from September 15 to 18, 2001.

1. The South and the North should develop projects contributing to dialogue and cooperation between the two sides that would promote reconciliation and unity of the nation, as well as actively support contacts and exchanges at the civilian level, and cooperation projects based on mutual understanding and respect.
2. The South and the North will hold a fourth exchange of visits of separated families on October 16 to 18 on the occasion of Chuseok, Korean Thanksgiving.
3. The South and the North will adopt the following measures for a balanced development of national economy as well as for expanding economic cooperation.
 - ① Begin construction of the Seoul-Shinuiju railroad and road and operate the connected railroad and road as soon as possible.
 - ② Hold working-level contacts for construction of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex at an early date.
 - ③ Hold inter-Korean talks to discuss revitalizing Mt. Geumgang tourism, including opening an overland route to the mountain on October 4.
 - ④ The South and the North should actively cooperate to realize projects of connecting railroads among the South, the North, and Russia as well as of connecting gas pipelines.
 - ⑤ Hold working-level contacts for marine transportation to discuss the passage of civilian vessels through territorial waters.
 - ⑥ Begin a field survey in November for prevention of flooding in the Imjin River basin.
 - ⑦ Effectuate four economic cooperation agreements at an early date.
 - ⑧ Hold working-level contacts to discuss the common fishing ground in the East Sea.
 - ⑨ Hold the second meeting of the Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee, including working-level meetings from October 23 to 26, 2001.
4. Exchange Taekwondo demonstration teams. The North Korean team will visit the South in October and the South Korean team the North in November.
5. Hold the 6th inter-Korean ministerial talks from October 28 to 31, 2001.

September 18, 2001 [Seoul]

* There was no Joint Press Release on the 6th Ministerial Talks, held November 9 to 14, 2004 at Mt. Geumgang, because South and North Korea failed to reach an agreement.

Joint Press Release of the 7th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 7th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Seoul from August 12 to 14, 2002

During the talks, the two sides confirmed their willingness to carry out faithfully the historic June 15 South-North Joint Declaration, consulted each other on measures to implement the April 5 Joint Press Statement and other matters of mutual concern, and agreed as follows:

1. The South and the North will hold the 2nd round of the South-North Economic Cooperation Committee meeting in Seoul from August 26 to 29.

During the meeting, the two sides will consult each other on issues relating to reconnection of the inter-Korean railroad and highway, construction of the Gaecheon Industrial Complex, anti-flood measures along the Imjin River and other economic cooperation issues. Regarding the railroad and highway reconnection works on the Seoul-Sinuiju Line and along the East Coast, the two sides will start construction work simultaneously; however, the final starting date will be determined later, taking technical problems into account.

2. The South and the North will take promptly the military assurance measures for the reconnection of the inter-Korean railways and roads and will hold a meeting between the military authorities at an early date.
3. For a joint investigation of the Imnam Dam at the Anbyeon Youth Power Plant, the South and the North will hold a working-level contact in the middle of September at Mt. Geumgang.
4. On the occasion of Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving Day), the South and the North will hold the 5th reunion of the separated families at Mt. Geumgang.

The size of the family groups and the procedures will follow the precedents of the 4th reunion of the separated families, and other details will be consulted at Panmunjeom. In addition, in order to resolve issues relating to the family reunion, the two sides will hold the 4th South-North Red Cross Talks between delegations headed by a top-level officer of each national Red Cross at Mt. Geumgang from September 4 to 6; at this time, the two sides will consult each other about such issues as the establishment and operation of family reunion facilities.

5. The South and the North will hold the second round of official talks from September 10 to 12 at Mt. Geumgang to revitalize the Mt. Geumgang tourism.
6. In connection with various working-level issues, including North Korea's participation in the 14th Asian Games in Busan and torch relays from Mt. Baekdu, consultations will be held from August 17 at Mt. Geumgang between the Busan Asian Games Organizing Committee and the North Korean Olympic Committee, and the South and the North will actively cooperate so that they will proceed smoothly.
7. The South and the North will actively cooperate so that the South-North Soccer match will be successfully held in Seoul from September 6 to 8.
8. The South and the North will proceed with exchanges of Taekwondo demonstration teams, and further agree that the Southern team will visit Pyongyang in mid-September and the Northern team will visit Seoul in late October, and that they will arrange meetings for detailed consultations between the concerned organizations.
9. A North Korean economic observation team will visit the South in late October.
10. The South and the North will hold the eighth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks in Pyongyang from October 19 to 22.

August 14, 2002 [Seoul]

Joint Press Release of the 8th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 8th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Pyongyang from October 19 to 22, 2002.

In the meeting, the two sides discussed recent inter-Korean relations and concluded that they have been developing favorably and in conformity with the basic spirit of the June 15 Joint Declaration. Both sides agreed to continue efforts to implement the South-North Joint Declaration. In order to resolve pending problems, both further agreed as follows:

1. The South and the North agreed to make common efforts to guarantee peace and security on the Korean Peninsula, consistent with the spirit of the June 15 Joint Declaration, and to actively cooperate to resolve all problems through dialogue, including the nuclear issue.
2. The South and the North agreed to expedite the construction of the Seoul-Sinuiju and East Sea railways and roads so that the projects could make rapid and simultaneous progress; and the Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks will actively support the work.
In the first stage, the two sides will connect the Seoul-Sinuiju railway and road to the Gaeseong Industrial Complex as well as the East Sea railway and road to the Mt. Geumgang region.

The two sides will accelerate the East Sea railway connection work and the South will expedite work on its segment toward Gangneung without interruption.
3. The South and the North agreed to discuss matters concerning groundbreaking in December for the construction of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex and related working-level details at a working-level meeting for the construction of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex. When the industrial complex is completed, a relevant office for the South will be established.
4. The South and the North will hold a working-level contact at Mt. Geumgang in November to adopt a maritime agreement governing passage by civilian ships through each other's territorial waters.
5. The South and the North will consult on the adoption of an agreement on transit of personnel and materials to the other side when the inter-Korean railways and roads are connected.

6. The South and the North will hold working-level contact at an early date at Mt. Geumgang to discuss the partial use of the North's East Sea fishing ground by South Korean fishermen.
7. The South and the North will quickly construct the Mt. Geumgang reunion center for separated families and actively support Red Cross projects to confirm the whereabouts of those unaccounted for during the war.
8. The South and the North will hold the Ninth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks in Seoul in mid-January 2003.

October 22, 2002 [Pyongyang]

Joint Press Release of the 9th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 9th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Seoul from January 21 to 24, 2003.

During the talks, the two sides affirmatively rated the development of inter-Korean relations since the announcement of the historic June 15 Joint Declaration and agreed to continue to observe and implement the June 15 Joint Declaration.

The South and the North exchanged each other's views on the nuclear issue fully and agreed to positively cooperate to resolve this issue peacefully.

The South and the North agreed to continue the ongoing exchange and cooperation projects to promote common interests and a balanced development of the national economy. They also agreed to hold the 4th meeting of Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee from February 11 to 14, 2003, in Seoul.

The South and the North agreed to hold the 10th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks from April 7 to 10, 2003 in Pyongyang.

January 24, 2003 [Seoul]

Joint Press Release of the 10th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 10th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Pyongyang from April 27 to 29, 2003.

In the talks, the two parties discussed matters of common concern seriously in connection with the implementation of the historic June 15 Joint Declaration and agreed as follows:

1. The South and the North reconfirm the basic spirit of the June 15 Joint Declaration and will observe the joint declaration as usual and will continue to implement it thoroughly.
2. The South and the North will discuss fully the other party's position regarding the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula and will continue to cooperate in resolving the issue peacefully through dialogue.
3. The South and the North will ensure that the "June 15 People's Festival for Unification," being organized to mark the third anniversary of the June 15 Joint Declaration, is smoothly staged in an atmosphere of reconciliation and cooperation. They will promote the event as a routine affair in the future.
4. The South and the North will actively promote cooperative projects that are being implemented as agreed to between the two parties, or scheduled for implementation.

The two parties will take necessary steps to successfully promote cooperative projects, including the connection of railroads and roads of the Seoul-Sinuiju Railroads and the Donghae (East Sea) Railroads, the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex, the Mt. Geumgang tourism program and compatriotic and humanitarian work.

The two parties will hold the 5th meeting of the Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee in Pyongyang from May 19 to 22 to discuss and resolve problems arising from economic cooperative projects.

5. The South and the North will actively seek to resolve the problems of separated families.

The two parties will hold the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a reunion center for separated families at an early date and hold the 7th reunion of separated families in Mt. Geumgang on the occasion of the third anniversary of the June 15 Inter-Korean Joint Declaration.

6. The South and the North will hold the 11th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks in Seoul from June 9 to 12.

April 29, 2003 [Pyongyang]

Joint Press Release of the 11th the Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 11th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Seoul from July 9 to 12, 2003.

The South and the North discussed earnestly the issues of mutual concern related to the promotion of peace on the Korean Peninsula and of the inter-Korean reconciliation and cooperation based on the spirit of June 15 Inter-Korean Joint Declaration. They agreed as follows:

1. Expressing concerns over the recent situation on the Korean Peninsula and recognizing the need to work together to maintain peace and security on the Peninsula, South and North Korea agreed to cooperate to resolve the nuclear issue peacefully through an appropriate dialogue format.
2. South and North Korea agreed to hold the 8th reunion of separated families at Mt. Geumgang on the occasion of Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving Day). Both sides agreed to cooperate in holding a ground-breaking ceremony for the Families Reunion Center at Mt. Geumgang.
3. South and North Korea agreed to cooperate for an early completion of the ongoing inter-Korean economic cooperation projects, and to hold the 6th meeting of the Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee in Seoul from August 26 to 29, 2003.
4. South and North Korea agreed to consider establishing under the Ministerial Talks a committee for the Inter-Korean Social and Cultural Cooperation. At this committee, both sides will discuss various issues of inter-Korean exchanges and cooperation in the social, cultural, and athletic areas, and examine problems raised by both sides, including the termination of slandering broadcasts against each other.
5. South and North Korea agreed to cooperate positively so that civic organizations can hold commemorative events and activities to mark the August 15 National Liberation Day amid the atmosphere of reconciliation and cooperation.
6. South and North Korea agreed to hold the 12th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks in Pyongyang from October 14 to 17, 2003.

July 12, 2003 [Seoul]

Joint Press Release of the 12th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 12th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Pyongyang from October 14 to 17, 2003.

In the Talks, the South and the North fully expressed their respective positions in a discussion on current issues. Pursuant to the fundamental spirit of the June 15 Joint Declaration, the two sides agreed to continue cooperation in promoting peace on the Korean peninsula and reconciliation and cooperation between the South and the North.

The South and the North agreed to actively push their economic cooperation projects and hold the 7th meeting of the Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee in Pyongyang early in November.

The South and the North also agreed to hold the 13th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks from February 3 to 6, 2004 in Seoul.

October 17, 2003 [Pyongyang]

Joint Press Release of the 13th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 13th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks were held in Seoul from February 3 to 6, 2004.

Pursuant to the basic spirit of the June 15 Joint Declaration, the two sides seriously discussed prosperity of the Korean people and all problems to make substantive progress in inter-Korean relations and agreed on the following points:

1. The South and the North will cooperate for a fruitful second round of the six-party talks and for a peaceful resolution of the nuclear issue.
2. The South and the North will hold a military authorities' meeting at an early date to ease military tensions on the Korean Peninsula.
3. The South and the North will promote in earnest the first-stage development of one million 'pyeong' (3.3 million square meters) in the Gaeseong Industrial Complex at an early date and positively cooperate in developing a 10,000 'pyeong' (33,000 square meters) as a demonstration complex during the first half of this year.
4. The South and the North will continue discussions on the Prevention of Flood in the Imjin River Basin, the effectuation of the Inter-Korean Maritime Agreement, the cessation of target broadcasts against each other and other problems each may raise.
5. The South and the North will implement the ninth Reunion of Separated Families at the end of March in 2004 at Mt. Geumgang.
6. The South and the North will hold the 14th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks from May 4 to 7, 2004 in Pyongyang.

February 6, 2004 [Seoul]

Joint Press Release of the 14th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks

The 14th Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks was held in Pyongyang on May 4 to 7, 2004.

During the talks, both sides shared the view that inter-Korean relations should be developed based on the basic spirit of the June 15 Joint Declaration. They also agreed to hold military talks and continue consultations on issues proposed by both sides.

The South and the North agreed to hold the 15th Ministerial Talks in Seoul from August 3 to 6, 2004.

May 7, 2004 [Pyongyang]

2. Chronology of Inter-Korean Relations since the June 15 Joint Declaration in 2000

2000

6/13~15	Inter-Korean Summit (Pyongyang) Adoption of the June 15 Joint Declaration
6/27~30	First Inter-Korean Red Cross Talks (Mt. Geumgang)
7/29~31	First Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Seoul)
8/5~12	Heads of South Korean media and press visit the North
8/8	Hyundai Honorary Chairman Chung Ju-yung takes 500 cows on his visit to the North
8/14	Inter-Korean Liaison Offices resume operations
8/15~18	First Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Seoul & Pyongyang)
8/18~24	The North Korean National Symphony Orchestra visits Seoul for a joint performance with the South Korean National Symphony Orchestra
8/22	Hyundai and North Korea sign an agreement on the development of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex
8/29~9/1	Second Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Pyongyang)
9/2	South Korean government repatriates 63 unconverted long-term prisoners to the North
9/11~14	North Korean Special Envoy Kim Yong-sun visits the South
9/15	The South and North Korean delegations to the Sydney Olympic Games march together in the Opening Ceremony
9/18	Ground-breaking Ceremony for Seoul-Shinuiju Railway (Imjingak)
9/20~23	Second Inter-Korean Red Cross Talks (Mt. Geumgang)
9/25~26	First Inter-Korean Defense Ministerial Talks (Jeju Island) First Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on Economic Cooperation (Seoul)
9/27~30	Third Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Jeju Island)
11/8~11	Second Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on Economic Cooperation (Pyongyang)
11/17	North Korea and UN Forces Command conclude an agreement to allow access to certain areas west of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)
11/30~12/2	Second Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Seoul & Pyongyang)
12/12~16	Fourth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Pyongyang)
12/27~30	First Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Pyongyang)

2001

1/29~31	Third Inter-Korean Red Cross Talks (Mt. Geumgang)
2/21~24	First Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on Flood Prevention in the Imjin River Basin (Pyongyang)
2/26~28	Third Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Seoul & Pyongyang)
3/10~14	Minister of Culture and Tourism Kim Han-gil visits the North
3/15	First inter-Korean exchange of letters among separated families (300 members from each side)
3/24	The North sends delegation to the memorial service of Chung Ju-young
4/11	South Korean Singer Kim Yeon-ja performs in Hamheung, North Korea
4/26	South Korean government announces its plan to deliver 200,000 tons of fertilizer to the North
5/3	Chairman Kim Jong-il announces his plan to delay testing of missiles
6/2~4	Three North Korean ships enter the Jeju Straits without permission
8/15~21	8.15 National Unification Celebration (Pyongyang)
9/15~18	Fifth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Seoul)
10/3~5	First Inter-Korean Talks on Mt. Geumgang Tourism (Mt. Geumgang)
11/9~14	Sixth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Mt. Geumgang)
12/6~31	North Korean Light Water Reactor Project delegation (19 people) visits the South

2002

1/29	U.S. President George W. Bush designates North Korea as a member of the "axis of evil"
4/3~5	South Korean Special Envoy Lim Dong-won visits the North (Issues Joint Press Release)
4/6	Pyeonghwa Motors Corporation completes factory construction in Nampo, North Korea
4/11	Dorasan Station on Gyeongui Line is open
4/28~5/3	Fourth Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Mt. Geumgang)
5/10~15	255 Jeju islanders visit the North
5/11~14	National Assembly Representative Park Geun-hye visits the North
5/19~24	North Korean Light Water Reactor Project and Aviation delegation (10 people) visits the South
6/14~15	Celebration of the two-year anniversary of the June 15 Join Declaration (Mt. Geumgang)
6/29	Naval skirmishes in the West Sea
7/12~14	Research team of 320 university students visit Mt. Geumgang

7/20	Test flight of direct route (between Yangyang, South Korea and Sunders, North Korea) concerning KEDO
8/12~14	Seventh Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Seoul)
8/14~17	8.15 National Unification Celebration (Seoul)
8/19	21 North Korean refugees enter the South via ship
8/27~30	Second Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Seoul)
9/5	Busan Asian Games flame is lit at Mt. Baekdu and Mt. Halla simultaneously
9/5~8	Inter-Korean unification soccer match (Seoul)
9/6~8	Fourth Inter-Korean Red Cross Talks (Mt. Geumgang)
9/10~12	Second Inter-Korean Talks on Mt. Geumgang Tourism (Mt. Geumgang)
9/12	North Korea and U.N. Forces Command conclude an agreement to allow access to certain areas east of the DMZ
9/13~17	First Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Mt. Geumgang)
9/13~18	Fifth Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Mt. Geumgang)
9/14~17	South Korean Taekwondo demonstration team visits Pyongyang
9/17	The South and the North conclude an agreement on military guarantee
9/18	Ground-breaking Ceremony for the reconnection of railroads and roads on Gyeongui and Donghae Lines
9/19	Mine clearing work begins along Gyeongui and Donghae Lines within the DMZ
9/24	Direct military telephone line is open for the reconnection of inter-Korean railroads and roads
9/29~10/14	668 North Korean players and cheerleaders participate in the Asian Games (Busan)
10/12~13	First Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Mt. Geumgang)
10/13~14	South and North Korean Youth Unification Meeting (Mt. Geumgang)
10/16~17	South and North Korean Women's Unification Meeting (Mt. Geumgang)
10/17	U.S. announces North Korea's highly enriched uranium program
10/19~22	Eighth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Pyongyang)
10/23~26	41 members of the North Korean Taekwondo demonstration team visit Seoul
10/26~11/3	North Korean Economic Observation Team visits South Korea
10/30~11/2	First Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on the Gaeseong Industrial Complex Project (Pyongyang)
10/30~11/3	Second Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on Flood Prevention in the Imjin River Basin (Pyongyang)

10/31-11/2	First Inter-Korean Red Cross Working-level Contact (Mt. Geumgang)
11/6-9	Third Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Pyongyang)
11/18-20	Second Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Mt. Geumgang) First Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on Marine Transportation Cooperation (Mt. Geumgang)
11/26	Joint survey of railroads and roads on the Donghae Line
11/29	Joint survey of railroads and roads on the Gyeongui Line
12/6-8	Second Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Gaeseong Industrial Complex Project (Mt. Geumgang)
12/11-13	First Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on Economic Cooperation System (Seoul)
12/12	North Korea declares the end of nuclear freeze
12/12	Completion of temporary road along the Donghae Line for tourism to Mt. Geumgang via land route
12/14	Completion of land mine clearing within the DMZ for connecting Gyeongui and Donghae Lines
12/15-17	Second Inter-Korean Red Cross Working-level Contact (Mt. Geumgang)
12/25-28	Third Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Mt. Geumgang), Second Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on Marine Transportation Cooperation (Pyongyang)

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1/1	North Korea emphasizes inter-Korean solidarity in its New Year's editorial
1/10	North Korea announces its decision to withdraw from the NPT
1/15	South Korea completes its delivery of 400,000 tons of food aid in the form of loan to North Korea
1/17	North Korea sends its message of gratitude to the South for food aid
1/20-22	Third Inter-Korean Red Cross Working-level Contact (Mt. Geumgang)
1/21-24	Ninth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Seoul)
1/21-25	Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on Private Joint Event (Pyongyang)
1/22-25	Second Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Pyongyang)
1/27	Inter-Korean Military Working-level Talks on DMZ Transit (Panmunjeom)
1/27-29	Lim Dong-won, Special Envoy of the President, visits the North (Pyongyang)

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2/11-14	Fourth Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Seoul)
2/12	IAEA refers the North Korean nuclear issue to the UN Security Council
2/13-15	First Family Reunion Center Construction Committee Meeting (Mt. Geumgang)
2/14	Temporary road on the Donghae Line is open and Mt. Geumgang pilot tour via land route begins
2/20-25	Sixth Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Mt. Geumgang)
2/24	North Korea fires a missile over the East Sea
2/25	President Roh Moo-hyun states that the North must abandon its nuclear program before the South can provide assistance to the North (Inauguration Address)
3/3-5	Second Family Reunion Center Construction Committee Meeting (Mt. Geumgang)
3/9	U.S. Secretary of State Powell confirms the position that North Korea and U.S. dialogue will take place within the multilateral dialogue framework
3/10	North Korea fires a ground-to-ground guided missile over the East Sea
3/10-12	Fourth Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Gaeseong)
3/11-15	South Korea's delegations from the National Labor Union and Korea Labor Union visit the North
3/18-22	U.N. Secretary General's special envoy Maurice Strong visits Pyongyang
3/26-27	Unification Conference of North and South Korean, and Foreign Scholars (Pyongyang)
3/30	North Korean Foreign Ministry's spokesperson criticizes U.S. war against Iraq as a "serious violation of sovereignty"
4/2	South Korean National Assembly approves dispatching troops to Iraq
4/16	59th UN Human Rights Commission adopts EU resolution denouncing the human rights situation in North Korea
4/17	North Korea's Red Cross Society requests grain and fertilizer in humanitarian assistance from the South Korean National Red Cross
4/26	Hyundai Asan announces suspension of Mt. Geumgang tours following North Korea's decision to ban Mt. Geumgang tours
4/27-29	Tenth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Pyongyang)
5/10	Task of removing landmines south of the DMZ is complete
5/14	EU announces its assistance plan to North Korea in the form of medical supplies and medicine worth 7.5 million euros (US\$8.6 million) through international aid groups

5/16~23	Swiss Federal Councillor Micheline Calmy-Rey visits both South and North Korea in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Swiss participation as a member of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC)
5/19~23	Fifth Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Pyongyang)
5/27	President Roh Moo-hyun announces that South Korea will continue former President Kim Dae-jung's Sunshine Policy of engaging the North
5/31~6/1	Members of the U.S. Congress visit North Korea
6/3	G-8 heads of state issue a joint statement, urging North Korea to dismantle its nuclear weapons program
6/7~9	Fifth Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Gaeseong)
6/27~30	Seventh Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Mt. Geumgang)
6/30	Ground-breaking ceremony for the first stage development (3.3 million m ²) of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex
7/2~4	Third Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Munsan)
7/9~12	Eleventh Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Seoul)
7/24	South Korea-US reach an agreement under which 10 special responsibilities are transferred
7/29~31	Second Inter-Korean Working-level Talks on Economic Cooperation System (Mt. Geumgang)
8/21~22	Sixth Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Gaeseong)
8/21~23	Third Family Reunion Center Construction Committee Meeting (Mt. Geumgang)
8/26~28	Sixth Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Seoul)
8/27~29	First Round of six-party talks (Beijing)
9/1	Overland tour to Mt. Geumgang operates on a regular basis
9/3	Kim Jong-il is elected as Chairman of National Defence Commission at the first meeting of the 11th Supreme People's Assembly
9/20~25	Eighth Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Mt. Geumgang)
10/7	Heads of South Korea, China, and Japan agree to resolve the North Korean nuclear issue peacefully through the six-party talks (Joint Statement)

10/11~12	Third Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on Economic Cooperation System (Munsan), Third Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on Marine Transportation Cooperation (Munsan)
10/14~17	Twelfth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Pyongyang)
10/27~28	Seventh Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Gaeseong)
11/4~6	Fifth Inter-Korean Red Cross Talks (Mt. Geumgang)
11/5~8	Seventh Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Pyongyang)
11/21	KEDO announces temporary suspension of the Light Water Reactor project
12/2~5	Eighth Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Sokcho)
12/17~20	Fourth Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on Economic Cooperation System (Pyongyang)

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1/17	At the Future ROK-US Alliance Policy Initiative Talks, Korea and the United States agree to move all facilities and military force from the Yongsan military base to south of the Han River by 2007
1/27~29	First Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on Economic Cooperation System (Gaeseong)
2/3~6	Thirteenth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Seoul)
2/25~26	Fourth Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on Marine Transportation Cooperation (Gaeseong), Ninth Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Gaeseong)
2/25~28	Second Round of Six-party Talks (Beijing)
3/2	Construction work on reconnecting railroads and roads along the Donghae Line resumes
3/2~5	Eighth Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Seoul)
3/29~4/3	Ninth Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Mt. Geumgang)
4/8~10	Fourth Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Gaeseong), Third Inter-Korean Working-level Meeting on Flood Prevention in the Imjin River Basin (Gaeseong)
4/15	Resolution on North Korea's Human Rights is adopted at the 60th UN Human Rights Commission

4/19	North Korea-China Summit Meeting (National Defence Commission Chairman Kim Jong-il visits China, April 19~21)
4/22	Major train explosion occurs at Yongcheon train station in North Korea
5/4~7	Fourteenth Inter-Korean Ministerial Talks (Pyongyang)
5/24~25	Fourth Inter-Korean Red Cross Working-level Contact (Mt. Geumgang)
5/26	First Inter-Korean General-level Military Talks (Pyongyang)
6/2~5	Ninth Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation Promotion Committee Meeting (Pyongyang)
6/3~4	Second Inter-Korean General-level Military Talks (Mt. Seorak)
6/14	Inter-Korean wireless radio communication between the two navies in the West Sea begins
6/15	Broadcasts along the area of the Military Demarcation Line are suspended
6/23~26	Korean Red Cross completes delivery of 200,000 tons of fertilizer
6/30	Ground-breaking Ceremony for the Pilot Site at the Gaeseong Industrial Complex
6/30~7/2	Tenth Inter-Korean Working-level Contact on the Reconnection of Railroads and Roads (Mt. Geumgang)
7/3	One-day tour to Mt. Geumgang begins
7/11~16	Tenth Inter-Korean Reunion of Separated Families (Mt. Geumgang)
7/27~28	468 North Korean refugees in Southeast Asia enter South Korea
8/14	South and North Korea make a joint entry at the opening ceremony of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games
9/9	Large explosion occurs in Yanggang-do, North Korea
10/6	ROK-US agree on a plan to reduce the number of American troops stationed in South Korea
10/18	U.S. President George W. Bush signs the North Korea Human Rights Act
10/31	UN Forces Command transfers Panmunjeom guard duties to ROK forces
11/4	President George W. Bush is reelected as the 44th president of the United States
11/15	The South Korean government blocks access to 31 pro-North Korean Internet sites
11/20	ROK-US Summit Meeting (Santiago, Chile)
11/26	KEDO decides to extend its one-year suspension of the Light Water Reactor project
12/13	Japan decides to temporarily suspend its food assistance to North Korea in response to the fake remains of the dead Japanese abductees sent by North Korea
12/15	Gaeseong Industrial Complex manufactures its first batch of products
12/26	President Roh Moo-hyun announces that if the inter-Korean Summit was a possibility, the time and place would not be an issue