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Major Events Around the Korean Peninsula (August 24, 2001-November 25, 2001)

August

- 25 A mission of KEDO leaves Pyongyang, after a meeting with high-level experts starting August 21.

The opening ceremony for the Rason International Telecommunication Centre is held in Rason City, North Hamgyong Province.

- 26 KCBS says NK is constructing a goat farm and five branch farms in Panmun County, Kaesong City.

- 27 The annual US-SK joint exercises, Ulchi Focus Lens, begin.

- 28 A performance by winners of a national youth and student art contest is held at the Youth Central Hall in Pyongyang, to mark the 10th anniversary of Youth Day.

Kim Yong-nam, chairman of the SPA Presidium, meets FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang.

- 29 A spokesman for the General Federation of Trade Unions issues a statement criticizing Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi for his visit on August 13 to Yasukuni Shrine to pay homage to the war

dead at the shrine's main hall of worship.

Pak Gwang-gi, chief of the Pyongyang office of the South Korean National Democratic Front, a now-defunct NK agent established in the 1960s, calls for the immediate release of seven of the South Korean participants in the "2001 Grand Reunification Festival" held in Pyongyang Aug. 15-16. They were jailed for praising the NK leadership.

Radio Pyongyang says NK recently constructed its largest fish farm in the East Sea in Yonggwang County, South Hamgyong.

The Japanese National Space Development Agency successfully launches its first H2-A rocket.

- 30 A delegation of the "Peace Boat," a Japanese non-governmental organization, visits Pyongyang.

A SK civic group, "Headquarters for the Promotion of the 2001 Joint Events of the Nation for Implementing the Joint Declaration," suggests holding inter-Korean working level talks September 12-14.

Kim Jung-rin, secretary of the

Workers' Party, meets in Pyongyang with a delegation of the British Socialist Labor Party.

- 31 A four-day NK products exhibition opens at the International Conference Hall of the Harbor Plaza in Beijing, China.

At the direction of NK leader Kim Jong-il, a reception is held at the Mansudae Art Theatre in Pyongyang to celebrate the first anniversary of the homecoming of 63 former NK spies who had served long prison terms in South Korea.

September

- 1 NK female marathoner Ham Pong-sil wins a gold medal in the women's half-marathon race of the 21st World University Games held in Beijing.

- 2 North Korea sends a message in the name of Lim Dong-ok, vice chairman of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland, to Lim Dong-won, the South Korean minister of unification, proposing a resumption of inter-Korean dialogue.

The (North) Korean Film Studio previews at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang a film produced to extol the leadership of former NK ruler Kim Il-sung, entitled, *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, Part IV in a series entitled, "the Nation and Destiny."

- 3 Chinese President Jiang Zemin arrives in Pyongyang for a three-day official visit to North Korea. Kim Jong-il greets Jiang Zemin at the Sunan Airport in Pyongyang.

- 4 A team of French politicians from the parliamentary France-NK Group,

led by Representative Christian Martin (Maine and Loir), visits Pyongyang. France and Ireland are the only European Union countries that do not recognize the NK government.

A working-level delegation from the Russian Railroad Ministry arrives in Pyongyang.

SK President Kim Dae-jung urges that the Sunshine Policy will continue, despite the controversies surrounding the resignation of Unification Minister Lim Dong-won.

- 5 A six-member SK delegation, led by Kim Jong-sool, vice president of Korea Gas Corporation (KOGAS), holds a two-day working-level meeting with NK in Pyongyang to discuss the feasibility of running a pipeline from a gas field in eastern Siberia to SK through NK.

Senior officials from SK, the US and Japan open a two-day meeting in Tokyo. The TCOG meeting focuses NK's recent move to restore ties with Russia and China as well as its proposal on September 2 to reopen government-level dialogue with SK.

KCBS announces that an athletic meeting by youth and students for the Jongil Peak Prize was held in Wonsan City, Kangwon Province, August 26-September 3.

- 6 A spokesman for the NK Foreign Ministry issues a statement calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea.

Chief of the NK delegation to inter-Korean ministerial-level talks sends a telephone message to his South Korean counterpart to accept Seoul's

proposal for the holding of the fifth Seoul-Pyongyang ministerial-level meeting September 15-18.

KCBS announces that on the preceding day NK leader Kim Jong-il visited the September-27 Chicken Factory in Pyongyang, for an "on-spot guidance." It was constructed recently by the NK military.

KCNA calls on the US to withdraw its forces from SK.

The NK media, including the Central News Agency, issues a detailed report on North's leader Kim Jong-il's visit to China September 3-5, revealing Beijing's promise to provide 200,000 tons of food and 30,000 tons of diesel oil to Pyongyang.

The Presidium of the SPA issues a decree to confer the title of hero on Kye Sun-hi, who won a gold medal at the 2001 World Judo Championships.

- 7 KCBS reports that a farmers' rally was held on a farm in Jaeryong County, South Hwanghae Province, to call on all NK farmers to complete the autumn harvest in time and to abide by the guidelines for "socialist competition."

The North's Council for National Reconciliation issues a statement calling for the implementation of the agreements reached between the SK and NK participants in the "2001 Grand Festival for National Reunification" held in Pyongyang August 15-16.

- 8 A ceremony is held in Pyongyang to break ground for the construction of a greenhouse for flowers to be operated by the Pyongyang-Euro-Asia Joint Venture Company.

KCNA says Patrick Brunot, chairman of a delegation of the Institute for the Fidelity in the Work of France, delivers to a NK official a gold medal and an honorary diploma for former NK leader Kim Il-sung. Brunot is visiting the North as a French delegate studying the principles of *juche* (self-reliance), it adds.

Rodong Shinmun carries an editorial to accent the deepening relations between North Korea and China.

NK's Senior Party and government officials, in groups, visit the Monument to the Victory in the War for the Liberation of the Fatherland (Korean War) and two national cemeteries in Pyongyang on the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of the establishment of the regime.

- 9 China sends a congratulatory message to North Korea on the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of the establishment of the NK regime. The message was written jointly by Jiang Zemin, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, president of the People's Republic of China and chairman of the Central Military Commission; Li Peng, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; and Zhu Rongji, premier of the State Council. It is addressed to Kim Jong-il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the National Defense Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army; Kim Yong-nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly; and Premier Hong Song-nam.

Russian President Vladimir Putin sends a congratulatory message to

NK leader Kim Jong-il on the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of the establishment of the NK regime.

- 10 The NK Ministry of Foreign Affairs issues a statement to express its position considering a review of its earlier stand not to test-fire any long-range missile until 2003, arguing that Japan launched a H2-A rocket recently in a move to threaten North Korea.

The SK Defense Ministry releases a report to the National Assembly that NK has imported US\$340 million worth of military equipment in the past decade.

NK Workers at facilities producing and storing feed in the September-27 Chicken Factory hold a rally to pledge to follow the instructions given by NK leader Kim Jong-il during his visit to the chicken farm on September 5.

- 11 Charles L. Pritchard, US special envoy for Korean peace talks, meets with Vice Foreign Minister Choi Sung-hong in Seoul.

NK leader Kim Jong-il inspects Unit 821 and Unit 368 of the People's Army and a goat and rabbit farm built by Army Unit 757, accompanied by three full generals, Li Myong-su, Hyon Chol-hae and Pak Jae-gyong.

- 12 A spokesman for the NK Foreign Ministry issues a statement to oppose "all forms of terrorism," in response to the worst terrorist attack against the United States a day earlier.

Japanese Foreign Ministry announces that NK has refused entry to a Japanese delegation scheduled to

inspect the distribution and use of Japan's rice aid to NK on September 11.

KCBS says North Korea recently launched its annual campaign for effective national territory management in the autumn season, which calls for, among other things, the improvement of about 1,700 km of roads, the planting of trees, programs to preventing flooding and preparation for the rezoning of a combined 35,400 hectares of cultivated land in South Pyongan Province and other areas.

The SK defense ministry orders "heightened vigilance" shortly after the terrorist attacks on US targets and police steps up security outside US missions.

- 13 A spokesperson of the committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland issues a statement that North Korea will exert strenuous efforts to implement the June 15 SK-NK joint declaration, on the occasion of the fifth inter-Korean ministerial-level talks scheduled for September 15-18 in Seoul.

President Kim Dae-jung proposes that SK and NK adopt a joint statement opposing terrorism at upcoming high-level talks.

The 7th plenary meeting of the Council for the Reunification of the Tangun Nation is held in Pyongyang to discuss a plan for South-North joint functions on the legendary date of October 3 in BC 2333, when Tangun descended from heaven and began to rule Korea. It will be held at the Tangun mausoleum in Pyongyang.

- 14 US Ambassador to SK Thomas C. Hubbard announces that terrorist attacks in the US are unlikely to affect US willingness to negotiate with NK, the *Associated Press* reports.
- 15 A NK delegation, led by responsible councilor of the Cabinet Kim Young-song, leaves Pyongyang for Seoul to participate in the fifth inter-Korean ministerial-level talks to be held Sept. 15-18.
- Rodong Shinmun repeats its demand that the US make a political decision to pull its troops out of SK as soon as possible.
- A delegation from the Chinese People's Armed Police Force visits NK.
- 16 A NK information and technology delegation arrives in Japan to take part in the World PC EXPO 2001, to be held in Chiba Prefecture September 19-22.
- KCBS says Kim Ryong-song, chief of NK delegation of the fifth inter-Korean ministerial-level talks, offered to discuss 11 agenda items, including the South's power supply to the North and the additional repatriation of former NK spies by Seoul.
- 17 A NK delegation, led by Shin Yong-song, vice minister of the power and coal industries ministry, leaves Pyongyang to participate in the 54th meeting of a committee to be held in China, concerning a NK-China hydraulic power company.
- The French Ambassador to SK, Francois Descoueyte, announces that France will provide SK with key technology to build long-range cruise missiles if its jet fighter manufacturer, Dassault Aviation, wins the bid for SK's major fighter acquisition project, code-named "F-X."
- The IAEA at the 45th Vienna General Conference calls on NK to cooperate with plans for an international inspection of its nuclear activities.
- 18 The fifth session of inter-Korean ministerial-level talks in Seoul closes, after issuing a five-point joint statement.
- 21 Choe Tae-bok, chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly, meets in Pyongyang with the delegation of the Chilean Senate, led by Vice President Mario Rios Santander.
- The 12th National Computer Program contest and exhibition opens in Pyongyang.
- 22 A NK delegation of the National Music Committee, led by Chairman Li Hak-bom, leaves Pyongyang for Japan to participate in the 29th plenary session of an international music committee.
- Members of the Democratic Women's Union gather in Pyongyang to swear their absolute loyalty to Kim Jong-il on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of his mother Kim Jong-suk's death.
- 23 Kim Jongil inspects a catfish farm built by Army Unit No. 534.
- 24 Kim Ha-joong, chief security adviser to SK President Kim Dae-jung states that SK is not considering sending combat troops as of now. But it would contribute medical teams, aircraft, ships and liaison officers and pool intelligence, he adds.

NK sent a private communication immediately after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington via the Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang, expressing its regrets on the attack, and clarifying its anti-terrorism stance, the *Korea Times* reports.

North Koreans engaged in the film industry gather in Pyongyang to kick plans for a film that will contribute to developing the country into a Kangsong Taeguk (a strong and prosperous state).

The 54th plenary session of the board of directors of a NK-China hydraulic power company is held in Beijing. During the session, an agreement on the joint utilization of water resources was reached.

- 25 A delegation of the KEDO visits Pyongyang to attend high-level negotiations for the implementation of an agreement to provide light-water reactors.

Danis MacShane, Britain's parliamentary undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, urges NK to open up to the outside world by joining the global battle against terrorism.

US President George W. Bush postpones his planned Asian tours to SK, Japan and China slated for October.

- 26 A ceremony is held in Pyongyang to bestow awards on the NK delegates to the 12th Senior World Taekwondo Championships held in Rimini, Italy, July 3-8, under the sponsorship of the International Taekwondo Federation, with the participation of 26 countries.

By decree of the Presidium of the

SPA, a ceremony was held in Pyongyang the preceding day to reward exemplary workers in the service sector. Two were given the title of "People's Barber" and 25 others were awarded various national orders.

A Japanese patrol boat collides with, and sinks an SK trawler that was fleeing after being caught fishing in Japanese waters.

SK and NK exchange information about a total of 400 candidates who want to be reunited with relatives.

SK defense officials announce that SK will launch a new project to develop the Air Force's early aerial warning system, estimated to cost about US\$1.46 billion, next year, the Korea Herald reports.

- 27 A symposium is held in Pyongyang in memory of a late pro-Pyongyang Korean musical composer, Yun I-sang. A performance of his work opened the preceding day for a three-day run.

Kim Yong-nam meets in Pyongyang with a delegation of the Socialist Labor Party of Romania led by its president Ion Sasu.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi pledges to back the US "war on terrorism" fully and promised swift enactment of a new law that would allow Japan to provide logistical support for any US military action.

- 28 A ceremony is held in Pyongyang to deliver gifts sent by NK leader Kim Jong-il to the participants in a recent quiz contest aimed at spurring the ideological indoctrination of North

Koreans.

- 30 Kim Yong-nam sends a message of sympathy to President Moritz Leuenberger of the Swiss Confederation, in connection with the tragic loss of life caused by a recent gun rampage at the government building of Canton Zug.

October

- 1 A group of senior Party and government officials and military leaders visit the tomb of NK leader Kim Jong-il's grandparents and great-grandparents in their hometown of Mangyongdae in pyongyang to pay their respects on Chusok, the Korean version of Thanksgiving Day. Two other groups of senior officials and military leaders visit two national cemeteries in Pyongyang, respectively, to pay their respects to patriots buried there.
- 2 An exhibition of German books related to science and technology is held in Pyongyang on the occasion of Germany's national holiday.
- 3 A ceremony is held in Pyongyang at the tomb of Tangun, the legendary founder of ancient Korea, to mark the founding of Korea.
- 4 Inter-Korean governmental-level talks open at Mt. Kumgang to discuss ways to invigorate the Mt. Kumgang tourism project under an agreement reached at the fifth inter-Korean ministerial-level talks held in Seoul during September 15-18.
- 5 Japanese cabinet endorses a bill that will allow Japan's military to give logistical support to any US military retaliation for September 11 attacks on the US.

The US State Department reveals that NK will remain listed as one of the terror supporting nations.

- 6 A delegation from the Finnish Communist Party for Peace and Socialism arrives in Pyongyang.
- 7 SK government announces strong support for the US-led military action against Afghanistan.
- 8 Palestinian Ambassador to North Korea Shaheer Mohammed Abdlah hosts a reception at his embassy in Pyongyang to celebrate the fourth anniversary of Kim Jong-il's inauguration as General Secretary of the Party and the 56th anniversary of the foundation of the Party, with the participation of Kim Gi-nam, secretary of the Workers' Party, among others.
- 9 A ceremony is held in Pyongyang to deliver production equipment to a children's food processing plant, a soft drink factory and a mineral water processing plant under the instructions of NK leader Kim Jong-il.

A SK Defense Ministry official states that SK plans to dispatch 450 non-combat troops in support of the US attacks in Afghanistan.

A spokesman of the Foreign Ministry says in an interview with KCNA that the U.S.-led air strikes on Afghanistan must not lead to "a vicious circle of terrorism and retaliation that could plunge the world into the holocaust of war," in his country's first response to the event.

SK unification minister Hong Soon-young announces that SK is likely to provide NK with 100,000 ton of rice and 200,000 ton of corn in near

- future.
- 10 An SK official announces that Japan and Russia have reached an accord to ban third countries, including SK, from fishing for saury in the waters off the Russian-held Southern Kuril Islands, which are claimed as Japanese territory by Japan.
- Rodong Shinmun* carries a lengthy editorial to mark the 56th founding anniversary of the Party, calling on all NK citizens to respect the army-first politics of their leader Kim Jong-il, among other items.
- SK begins strengthening anti-terrorism measures including reorganizing personnel in charge of response measures and adding staff for more practical management.
- 11 UN agencies and humanitarian organizations to North Korea, along with the NK Flood Damage Rehabilitation Committee, conduct a survey on flood damage in Kangwon Province.
- 12 NK abruptly postpones a scheduled reunion of 200 separated family members until SK lifts its special alert status and creates a freer atmosphere for exchanges.
- 13 KCBS says torrential rains and tidal waves hit the eastern coast of North Korea during October 9-10 submerging thousands of acres of farm land, as well as 30,000 houses and public buildings. Hundreds of people were killed, injured, or left missing.
- 15 President Kim Dae-jung and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi hold summit talks at Chong Wa Dae.
- Radio Pyongyang says NK leader Kim Jong-il made inspection visits to an estimated 560 army units from July 1994 to the end of last year.
- 16 KCBS says wheat worth 5 million Australia dollars, donated by the Australian government, recently arrived in North Korea.
- 18 KCBS announces North Korea is opposed to terrorism, urging the U.S. to remove the country from the list of terrorism-sponsoring nations.
- NK leader Kim Jong-il attends the opera "Pibada" (Sea of Blood) at the Mansudae Art Theatre on the occasion of the 30th founding anniversary of the Pibada Opera Troupe.
- North Korea and Vietnam sign an agreement in Pyongyang during the fourth meeting of the inter-government committee for economic, scientific and technological cooperation.
- North Korea proposes to hold the second round of government-level talks to discuss issues related with the Mt. Kumgang tourism projects at Mt. Kumgang on October 25, instead of at Mt. Sorak in the South on October 19, as earlier proposed by the South.
- 19 During the annual summit of APEC, President Kim Dae-jung hold separate talks with the leaders of the US, China and Russia.
- 20 A opening ceremony for the fifth National Immunization Day is held at the People's Cultural Palace to begin the vaccination of children under the age of six against polio.
- 21 APEC Leaders pledge to enhance their cooperation to combat terrorism

and to rehabilitate the current regional economy.

Meetings are held in Kangwon Province to deliver NK leader Kim Jong-il's gifts to the flood victims in the eastern coastal area of the North hit by heavy rains and tidal waves during October 9-10.

- 22 An international exhibition of science and technology books is held at the Grand People's Study Center in Pyongyang.

SK proposes to NK that the two sides reopen ministerial talks in Pyongyang on October 28 as scheduled, rejecting NK's demand that the meeting take place in the Mt. Kumgang area.

- 23 A NK Foreign Ministry spokesman issues a statement that the North-U.S. talks can be resumed if the Bush administration's policy toward the North reaches the same level as the Clinton administration's policy toward the North.

- 25 Journalists from *Rodong Shinmun*, KCNA, and the Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee gather in Pyongyang to pledge to step up their activities to develop the country into a Kangsong Taeguk (a strong and prosperous country).

The North's chief delegate to inter-Korean Ministerial-level talks, Kim Ryong-song, sends a telephone message to his South Korean counterpart that the sixth round of ministerial-level talks be held at Mt. Kumgang in the North.

- 26 Kim Il-chol, people's armed forces minister, participates in a ceremony to start the operation of a medium-

and small-sized power plant built in Hoichang County, South Pyongan Province.

- 27 A delegation from the European Union led by Patrick Van Haute, director of the Department for Asian Affairs of the Belgian Foreign Ministry, flies into Pyongyang to discuss the issue of the development of relations between North Korea and EU. Belgium chairs the EU.

KCNA announces an International Olympic Solidarity Workshop for Athletic Coaches was held at the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium during October 23-26, with the participation of David Sunderland, a lecturer from the Association of the International Athletic Federation.

- 29 President Kim Dae-jung expresses regret over China's execution of an SK citizen convicted of drug trafficking last month without giving prior notification to SK.

The Bank of Korea calls for greater financial cooperation between SK and NK in support of further inter-Korean economic activity.

- 30 A mission led by Kim Chang-shik, agricultural minister, leaves Pyongyang to attend the 31st general meeting of the FAO to be held in Rome.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry denounced the U.S. for including North Korea on a list of oppressors of religious freedom in its annual report announced on October 26.

- 31 A delegation from KEDO visits Pyongyang to attend the five-day negotiations between high-level

experts from North Korea and KEDO focused on implementing the agreement on the provision of light water reactors.

A new railway line linking Ipsok village and the Samchong Mine in Pyongyang is opened in a ceremony attended by Railway Minister Kim Yong-sam, among others.

November

- 1 KCBS announces North Korea recently started a project to clear land for farming on about 2,000 hectares of forest in Danchon City, South Hamgyong Province.

KCBS announces an area covering 7000 hectares in five villages of a county in Pyongyang is being developed into a mammoth goat farm.

- 2 The Religious Believers Council in the North demands in a statement that the U.S. remove the North from the U.S. list of nations suppressing religious freedom.

- 3 A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry says in an interview with KCNA that the North has decided to sign the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages.

David Morton, representative of the WFP in NK warns that NK will run short of food by January.

Kim Ryong-song, NK chief delegate to the inter-Korean ministerial-level talks, sends a telephone message accepting the South's proposal to hold the sixth session on Mt. Kumgang during Nov. 9-12.

- 4 Leaders at the ASEAN meeting

unequivocally condemn the September 11 terrorist attack.

- 5 Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji holds talks with President Kim Dae-jung in Bandar seri Begawan, at the ASEAN plus Three (China, Japan and SK) meetings.

- 6 The ROK-US CFC states that Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (RSOI) and Foal Eagle will be linked to enhance SK-US readiness and ensure all combined CFC objectives are met.

- 7 The Japanese government decided to delay its humanitarian rice aid shipment to NK this year, the *Mainichi Shinbun* reports.

- 8 A South Korean delegation for the sixth session of inter-Korean ministerial-level talks, slated for November 9-12, arrives in Mt. Kumgang.

- 10 WTO approves China's entry.

- 12 *Rodong Shinmun* says the U.S. build-up of its forces in Korea under the pretext of the U.S.-led raids on Afghanistan will become a stumbling block for the resumption of the "unconditional dialogue" between Pyongyang and Washington.

- 13 A ceremony is held in Nampo, a port city located southwest of Pyongyang, to receive 6,000 tons of frozen beef donated to the North by Germany.

New Danish Ambassador to North Korea Ole Lonsmann Poulsen and New Zealand Ambassador to North Korea Roy Ferguson arrive in Pyongyang.

- 14 The (North) Korea-Japan Amity and

Friendship Association in North Korea issues a statement to criticize actions taken by the Japanese government in September and earlier this month against credit associations affiliated with the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, dubbed Chongryon or Chosensoren.

- 15 SK and the US hold the annual Security Consultative Meeting in Washington.

The NK media, including Rodong Shinmun and KCNA, release a detailed report on the sixth session of inter-Korean ministerial talks which ascribes responsibility for the break-off of the talks to the South Korean delegation.

The US has pledged to provide SK with military support aimed at deterring terrorist attacks during the World Cup finals in May 2002 and the Pusan Asian Games in May in September 2002, the *Korea Times* reports.

- 17 A Cuban economic mission led by government minister, Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, flies into Pyongyang to participate in the 21st meeting of the economic, scientific and technological consultative committee between North Korea and Cuba.

Members of the Pyongyang Acrobatic Troupe, who were awarded the "Golden Lion Prize" at the eighth Wuqiao International Acrobatics Festival held in China, return.

- 19 North Korea and Cuba sign in Pyongyang a protocol of the 21st meeting of the economic, scientific and technological consultative com-

mittee and an inter-governmental protocol for the exchange of goods in 2002.

SK Defense Minister Kim Dong-shin states NK stockpiles between 2,500 and 5,000 tons of biochemical weapons in six different facilities and has the capability to wage germ warfare.

The WHO opens a permanent office in Pyongyang. Gro Harlem Brundtland, director general of the World Health Organization, attends the opening ceremony.

- 20 A two-day symposium on technology for the protection of forests closes in Pyongyang. It was organized by the Land and Environment Protection Ministry.

The second program for the fifth National Immunization Day is carried out in the North to give children aged two to five vitamins and vaccinations against polio.

- 22 KCNA announces more than 10 parks are under construction this autumn, in Pyongyang on the occasion of the general mobilization for land management.

The SK Defense Ministry confirms that its Agency for Defense Development test-fired a 100 kilometer-range missile over the West Sea.

The SK Unification Ministry announces that inter-Korean trade during the first 10 months of this year is down 9.9 percent from last year's figure.

NK launches another work-harder campaign, under the slogan, "Let us accelerate the revolutionary advance

- in the new century, holding high the Torch of Ranam.”
- NK and China sign in Pyongyang an agreement on “border crossing points and their management system.”
- 24 Rallies are held at the Kimchaek Iron and Steel Complex, the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine and the Rihyon Cooperative Farm in Sadong District, Pyongyang, to encourage the new work-harder campaign, “the Torch of Ranam.”
- The secretariat of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland issues its Information Bulletin No. 813, denouncing South Korean Unification Minister Hong Soon-young for his remarks made in the deadlocked sixth inter-Korean ministerial-level talks held in Mt. Kumgang during November 9-14.
- 25 Male and female judoists, won three golden medals and four bronze medals at the Asian Judo Junior Championships 2001 held in Hochimhin, Vietnam, return NK.

ABBREVIATIONS

APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation	KCNA	North Korean Central News Agency
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	KEDO	Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization
CFC	Combined Forces Command	NK	North Korea
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	SK	South Korea
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency	SPA	Supreme People’s Assembly
KCBS	North Korean Central Broadcasting Station	TCOG	Trilateral Coordination and Oversight Group
		WFP	World Food Programme
		WHO	World Health Organization
		WTO	World Trade Organization