

Pyongyang, August 1 (KCNA) -- The International **Kim Jong II** Prize Council on July 25 decided to award the prize to Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, president of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, in recognition of his special contribution to the justice and development of the world, human dignity and equality and peace, friendship and unity among countries. -0-

Pyongyang, August 7 (KCNA) -- An event was held at the Presidential Palace on Monday with splendor to award the International **Kim Jong II** Prize to the president of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Present there were President Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, the second vice prime minister in charge of Society and Human Rights, Alejandro Evuna Owono, minister of state for Envoys of the Presidential Office, and other high-ranking officials, media persons and Johnny Hon, director of the International **Kim Jong II** Prize Council, and his party.

Also present there were the DPRK party and government delegation headed by Kim Ki Nam, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK ambassador to Equatorial Guinea and staff members of his embassy.

Johnny Hon read out the decision of the council on awarding the International **Kim Jong II** Prize to Obiang Nguema Mbasogo and contents of diploma and presented the diploma, cup and gold medal to him.

Johnny Hon and Kim Ki Nam made congratulatory speeches. Then followed a reply speech of the Equatorial Guinean president.

The president said that he was grateful for the DPRK's dispatching its party and government delegation to congratulate him on receiving the prize. He expressed deep thanks once again to the Korean people for extending support and solidarity to the Equatorial Guinean people in the past.

He was convinced that the friendly relations between the two countries would grow stronger. -0-

Pyongyang, August 7 (KCNA) -- The International **Kim Jong II** Prize Council hosted a reception on Monday as regards the successful ceremony of awarding the International **Kim Jong II** Prize.

Present at the reception were Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, president of Equatorial Guinea, the second vice prime minister of Society and Human Rights and other high-ranking officials and Johnny Hon, director of the International **Kim Jong II** Prize Council, and his party who took part in the ceremony.

Also present there were the DPRK party and government delegation led by Kim Ki Nam, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the C.C., the Workers' Party of Korea, and the DPRK ambassador to Equatorial Guinea and his embassy officials.

The Equatorial Guinean president said at the reception that Equatorial Guinea and the DPRK have long-standing friendly relations.

He fully supported the stand of the party and government of the DPRK reliably defending the sovereignty of the country by bolstering up the defence capabilities.

He said that the future of the DPRK is rosy as it is led by HE **Kim Jong Un**.

He sincerely wished **Kim Jong Un** good health and great success in his work to lead the party and people of the DPRK. -0-

Pyongyang, December 24 (KCNA) -- The International **Kim Jong II** Prize was instituted reflecting the unanimous desire and aspiration of progressive humankind to glorify the immortal feats and noble revolutionary life of leader **Kim Jong II**.

The International **Kim Jong II** Prize Council made public a decision to institute the International **Kim Jong II** Prize on December 24, the 21st anniversary of his assumption of supreme commander of the Korean People's Army.

The decision said that **Kim Jong II** was the great leader who devoted his whole life to the prosperity of the country and the people's happiness and the peerlessly great man who made immortal contributions to accomplishing the human cause of independence with his outstanding idea and leadership.

He was an outstanding thinker and theoretician and peerlessly political veteran who developed in depth the immortal Juche idea founded by President **Kim Il Sung** into the guiding idea in the era of independence, brought into full bloom ideal society which guarantees the dignity of human beings and their genuine life in the DPRK and encouraged the world people in their drive to realize independence, it added.

The council institutes the International **Kim Jong II** Prize to glorify the great feats he performed for global peace and security, progress and prosperity of humankind, it stressed.

The prize will be awarded to prominent figures of political, social and academic circles and businessmen of all countries who made tangible contributions to the struggle for independence of the country and the nation, the realization of global independence and peace and the development of human culture, it noted.

The council will organize the work of awarding the prize, it said. -0-

Pyongyang, December 27 (KCNA) -- An event of instituting the International **Kim Jong II** Prize and announcing it took place in New Delhi of India on Dec. 24.

Present at the event were Vishwanath, secretary general of the International **Kim Il Sung** Prize Council, secretary general of the International **Kim Jong II** Prize Council and director general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, and officials of the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea, Communist Party of India, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Indian Youth Group for the Study of Works of Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, Indian Society for the Study of Works of **Kim Jong II**, All India Indo-Korean Friendship Association, All India Agricultural Workers' Union, Delhi Society for Study of the Juche Idea, the newspaper Indian and World Event and other regional organizations, and political parties, organizations and institutions of India.

Announced there was a decision of the International **Kim Jong II** Prize Council. Detailed explanation was given about the institution of the prize, rules of its award and its diploma, gold medal and cup.

Speeches were made by Atle Ranjan, secretary of the National Council of the Communist Party of India; Suneet Chopra, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and

secretary general of the All India Indo-Korean Friendship Association; and S. P. Pathak, chairman of the Indian Society for the Study of Works of **Kim Jong Il**.

Leader **Kim Jong Il** is alive in the hearts of the Korean people and the world progressives, the speakers said, adding he was the peerless statesman, iron-willed brilliant commander, benevolent father of the people and guardian of socialism.

It is the results of his outstanding leadership that the DPRK is displaying its might as a nuclear weapons state and a state which manufactures and launches satellites, they said, and went on:

It is of great historical significance that the International **Kim Jong Il** Prize was instituted reflecting the unanimous desire and aspiration of progressive humankind.

The institution of the prize will help further glorify the immortal feats of **Kim Jong Il** over the world down through generations. -0-