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2009 Democratic People's Republic of Korea Leadership Chart*

as of 15 April 2009

Workers Party of Korea

Party Congress

1st - Aug 46 4th - Sep 61
2nd - Mar 48 5th - Nov 70
3rd - Apr 56 6th - Oct 80

Meeting of Party Representatives

1st - Mar 58
2nd - Oct 66

Central Auditing Commission

Central Committee

**As of June 2008, Central Committee members totaled 136 according to Tokyo's Radiopress.*

Political Bureau

Standing Member:

Kim Jong Il
Oct 1980

Members:

Kim Yong Ju
Dec 1993

Kim Yong Nam
Aug 1978

Jon Pyong Ho
Nov 1988

Han So'ng-ryong
May 1990

Alternate Members:

Kim Ch'ŏl-man
Oct 1980

Choe Thae Bok
May 1990

Yang Hyong Sop
Dec 1993

Choe Yong Rim
May 1990

Hong Sok Hyong
Dec 1993

Secretariat

General Secretary:

Kim Jong Il
Oct 1997

Secretaries:

Han So'ng-ryong
Economy
Dec 1988

Jon Pyong Ho
Munitions
Dec 1986

Kim Kuk-t'ae
Cadres
Dec 1992

Kim Chung-rin
Working Orgs
Jan 1990

Kim Ki-nam
Party History
Oct 2007

Choe Thae Bok
International
Dec 2001

Central Control Committee

Chairman:

Not listed

Vice Chairman:

NO PHOTO
Cho Chŏn-uk
Feb 1990

Members:

NO PHOTO
Kim Ch'ang-hwan
Oct 1980

NO PHOTO
Cho'ng Kwan-ryul
Oct 1980

NO PHOTO
Ri Yong-mo
Oct 1980

NO PHOTO
Han So'k-hwan
Oct 1980

Central Military Commission

Chairman:

Kim Jong Il
Oct 1997

Members:

Kim Ch'ŏl-man
Oct 1980

NO PHOTO
Kim Kang-hwan
Oct 1980

Ri U'l-so'l
Oct 1980

Jo Myong Rok
Oct 1980

Kim Il Chol
Oct 1980

NO PHOTO
Ch'oe Sang-uk
Oct 1980

Ri Ha-il
Mar 1982

Kim Yong Chun

Kim Myŏng-kuk
Feb 1995

Pak Ki-so'
Mar 1995

Ri Yong Chol
Dec 1998

Departments & Offices

Organization & Guidance Dept — Jang Song Thaek, Administrative Dept, *Dec 2007*

Propaganda & Agitation Dept — Kim Kuk-t'ae, Cadres Dept, *Jan 1993*

International Dept — Ri Ha-il, Military Dept, *Mar 1982*

Chang So'ng-u, Civil Defense Dept

Kim Yang Gon, United Front Dept, *Mar 2007*

Kang Kwan-chu, External Liaison Dept, *Feb 1997*

NO PHOTO — Hŏ' Myŏ'ng-uk, Office No. 35, *Mar 2000*

O Ku'k-ryo'l, Operations Dept, *Jul 1989*

Jon Pyong Ho, Munitions Industry Dept, *May 1990*

Ri Kwang Ho, Education Dept, *April 2003*

Working Org Dept

NO PHOTO — Ri Pong-su, Finance & Accounting Dept, *Jun 2003*

Office No. 38

Kim Tong-un, Office No. 38, *Apr 1994*

Kim Ki-nam, Party History Institute, *Sep 2003*

Ch'oe Hu'i-cho'ng, Document120 Archive Office, *1995*

Appeals Office

General Affairs Dept

Kim Si-hak, Kim Il Sung Higher Party School, *Jun 2004*

Kim Kyo'ng-hu'i, Light Industry Dept, *Jul 1997*

Kang Sang-ch'un, Secretarial Office, *2002*

Pak Nam-ki, Financial Planning Dept, *Sep 2005*

Municipal, Provincial Party Committees

Pyongyang Municipality — Ri T'ae-nam, S. P'yo'ngan Province, *Sep 2003*; Kim P'yo'ng-hae, N. P'yo'ngan Province, *Sep 1997*; Pak To-ch'un, Chagang Province, *Jun 2005*; NO PHOTO; Kim Hi-t'aek, Yanggang Province, *Mar 2009*; Kim Rak-hu'i, S. Hwanghae Province, *Jun 2005*; Ch'oe Ryong-hae, N. Hwanghae Province, *Apr 2006*

S Hamgyo'ng Province — Hong Sok Hyong, N. Hamgyo'ng Province, *Jul 2001*; Ri Ch'ŏ'l-pong, Kangwŏn Province, *Oct 2006*; Pak Yong g'al, Kaesŏ'ng Municipality, *Jan 2009*; Hong Ch'un-sam, Namp'o Municipality, *Feb 2009*; Kim Hyŏ'n-chu, Nasŏ'n Municipality, *Jun 1998*; Ri To'k-in, Sinŭ'ju Municipality

State Organs

as of 15 April 2009

National Defense Commission

Chairman:

Kim Jong Il
Apr 1993

First Vice Chairman:

Jo Myong Rok
Sep 1998

Vice Chairmen:

Kim Yong Chun
Apr 2007

Ri Yong Mu
Sep 1998

O Kuk Ryol
Feb 2009

Members:

Jon Pyong Ho
May 1990

Kim Il Chol
Sep 2003

Paek Se Bong
Sep 2003

Jang Song Thaek
Apr 2009

Ju Sang Song
Apr 2009

U Tong Chuk
Apr 2009

Ju Kyu Chang
Apr 2009

Kim Jong Gak
Apr 2009

Under Kim Jong Il's direct control

State Security Department

Ministry of People's Armed Forces — Kim Yong Chun, *Feb 2009*

Supreme People's Assembly

Elected

Chairman:

Choe Thae Bok
Sep 1998

Vice Chairpersons

Kim Wan Su
Apr 2009

Hong Son Ok
Apr 2009

Deputies: 687 (8 March 2009 election)

Elected

Supreme People's Assembly Presidium

President:

Kim Yong Nam
Sep 1998

Vice Presidents:

Yang Hyong Sop
Sep 1998

Kim Yong Dae
Sep 1998

Honorary Vice President:

Kim Yong Ju
Sep 1998

Secretary General:

Choe Yong Rim
Apr 2005

Members:

Ryu Mi Yong
Sep 1998

Kang Yong Sop
Sep 1998

NO PHOTO
Sim Sang Jin
Apr 2009

Hong Sok Hyong
Sep 2003

Kim Yang Gon
Apr 2009

Ri Yong Chol
Apr 2009

Kim Pyong Phal
Apr 2009

Kang Chang Uk
April 2005

Ro Song Sil
Apr 2009

Pyon Yong Rip
Sep 2003

Thae Hyong Chol
Sep 1998

Organization, personnel rights

Appointed

Cabinet

36 Agencies
(1 secretariat of the Cabinet, 1 commission and 1 committee, 31 ministries, 1 academy, 1 bank, and 1 bureau)

Premier:

Kim Yong Il
Apr 2007

Vice Premiers:

Kwak Pom Gi
Sep 1998

Thae Jong Su
Oct 2007

Ro Tu Chol
Sep 2003

O Su Yong
April 2009

State Planning Commission — Ro Tu Chol, Chairman of State Planning Commission, *Apr 2009*

Legislation Committee

Elected

Chairman:

Ju Sang Song
Apr 2009

Members:

Ri Kil-song
Sep 2003

Kim P'yo'ng-ryul
Sep 1998

Kim P'yo'ng-hae,
Sep 2003

Song Cha-rip
Apr 2009

Pak Kwan-o
Sep 1998

Kim Yo'ng-il
Apr 2009

Budget Committee

Elected

Chairman:

Pak Nam-ki
Sep 2003

Members:

Ri Ch'ŏ'l-pong
Apr 2009

Hong So'-ho'n
Sep 1998

Kye Yo'ng-sam
Sep 2003

Mun Myŏ'ng-hak
Sep 2003

NO PHOTO
Kim Myŏ'ng-hwan
Apr 2009

Cho Hye-suk
Sep 1998

Ministries

Pak Ul Chun, Minister of Foreign Affairs, *May 2007*

Ju Sang Song, Minister of People's Security, *Jul 2004*

Ho Thaek, Minister of Electric Power Industry, *Dec 2008*

NO PHOTO
Kim Hyong Sik, Minister of Coal Industry, *Jul 2007*

Kang Min Chol, Minister of Extractive Industries, *Nov 2005*

NO PHOTO
Kim Hui Yong, Minister of Crude Oil Industry, *Apr 2009*

NO PHOTO
Kim Thae Bong, Minister of Metal Industry, *Dec 2008*

Jo Pyong Ju, Minister of Machine-Building Industry, *Jul 2005*

Han Kwang Bok, Minister of Electronic Industry, *Dec 1999*

NO PHOTO
Tong Jong Ho, Minister of Construction & Building-materials Industries, *Mar 2005*

Jon Kil Su, Minister of Railways, *Sep 2008*

Ra Tong Hui, Minister of Land & Marine Transport, *Oct 2007*

NO PHOTO
Kim Chang Sik, Minister of Agriculture, *Jan 2009*

Ri Mu Yong, Minister of Chemical Industry, *Sep 2003*

Ri Ju O, Minister of Light Industry, *May 2001*

Ri Ryong Nam, Minister of Foreign Trade, *Mar 2008*

Kim Kwang Yong, Minister of Forestry, *Oct 2008*

NO PHOTO
Pak Thae Won, Minister of Fisheries, *Apr 2009*

NO PHOTO
Hwang Hak Won, Minister of City Management, *Apr 1999*

Pak Song Nam, Minister of Land & Environmental Protection, *Mar 2006*

Pae Tal Jun, Minister of State Construction Control, *Sep 1998*

NO PHOTO
Kim Pong Chol, Minister of Commerce, *Apr 2009*

NO PHOTO
Mun Ung Jo, Minister of Procurement & Food Admin., *Apr 2009*

Kim Yong Jin, Minister of Education, *Jun 2003*

Ryu Yong Sop, Minister of Post and Tele-communications, *Jul 2005*

Kang Nung Su, Minister of Culture, *Jun 2006*

Kim Wan Su, Minister of Finance, *Apr 2009*

Jong Yong Su, Minister of Labor, *Feb 2005*

Choe Chang Sik, Minister of Public Health, *Oct 2006*

Kim Ul Sun, Minister of State Inspection, *Sep 1998*

Pyon Yong Rip, President of State Academy of Sciences, *May 2003*

Pak Hak Son, Physical Culture & Sports Guidance Committee, *Feb 2008*

NO PHOTO
Ri Kwang Gon, President of Central Bank, *Apr 2009*

Kim Chang Su, Director of Central Statistics Bureau, *Mar 1996*

Kim Yong Ho, Chief Cabinet Secretary, *Mar 2005*

NO PHOTO
Kim Ung Gwan, Minister of Capital City Construction, *Apr 2009*

Municipal, Provincial People's Committees

Pak Kwan-o, Pyongyang Municipality, *Apr 2007*

NO PHOTO
An Ku'k-t'ae, S. P'yo'ngan Province, *Aug 2008*

Pak Kyo'ng-sam, N. P'yo'ngan Province, *Feb 2002*

Ch'oe Ki-ryong, Chagang Province, *Sep 2001*

NO PHOTO
Kim Ch'o'l, Yanggang Province, *Jan 2007*

NO PHOTO
O U'ng-ch'ang, S. Hwanghae Province, *Jun 2006*

Ri Sang-kwan, N. Hwanghae Province, *Apr 2005*

Kim P'ung-ki, S. Hamgyo'ng Province, *Oct 1998*

Pak Su-kil, N. Hamgyo'ng Province, *Sep 1998*

Ko Chong-to'k, Kangwŏn Province, *Jan 1999*

Pak Yong g'al, Kaesŏ'ng Municipality, *Jan 2009*

NO PHOTO
Cho Tal-so'n, Namp'o Municipality, *Jun 2006*

Kim Su-yo'l, Nasŏ'n Municipality, *Jun 1999*

NO PHOTO
Che'n Yo'ng-so'ng, Sinŭ'ju Municipality, *Jan 2008*

Central Court

President:

Kim Pyŏ'ng-ryul
Sep 1998

Special courts

City, provincial courts

People's courts

Central Public Prosecutor's Office

Prosecutor General:

Ri Kil-song
Sep 2003

Special public prosecutor's offices

City, provincial public prosecutor's offices

County, city public prosecutor's offices

Political Parties and Organizations

Parties & ROK-related Organizations

- Ryu Mi Yong, Chairwoman, Ch'o'ndoist Ch'o'ngu Party
- Kim Yong Dae, Chairman, Korean Social Democratic Party
- Ryo' Wo'n-ku, et al, Chairwoman, Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland
- Not listed, Chairman, Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland
- Not listed, Chairman, Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front
- Kim Yu-ho, Chairman, Nat'l Alliance for the Country's Reunification (North Side HQ)
- Kim In-ho, Chairman, National Alliance of Youth and Students for the Country's Reunification (North Side HQ)
- Kim Yong Dae, Chairman, National Reconciliation Council
- Ryu Mi Yong, President, Consultative Council for the Reunification of the Tangun Nation
- Mun Chae-ch'o'l, Chairman, Committee for Rescuing Unconverted Long-term Prisoners in South Korea
- Mun Chae-ch'o'l, Chairman, Committee for Abolishing South Korea's National Security Law
- Mun Chae-ch'o'l, Chairman, Korea National Peace Committee
- Not listed, Supreme Member, Consultative Council of Former South Korean Politicians
- Pak Hyŏ'n-pong, Chairman, Committee for the Promotion of External Economic Cooperation
- Cho'ng Un-o'p, Chairman, National Economic Cooperation Committee
- Ri Sŏ'ng-rok, Chairman, Korea Association for Promotion of Asian Trade
- Ch'oe Hu'i-cho'ng, Chairman, Korea International Joint Venture Promotion Committee
- Kim Yo'ng-chae, Chairman, DPRK Committee for Promotion of International Trade

Religious Organizations

- Chang Chae-o'n, Chairman, Korean Religionists Council
- Kang Yong Sop, Chairman, Korea Christian Federation
- Sim Sang Jin, Chairman, Korea Buddhists Federation
- Ryu Mi Yong, Chairwoman, Korea Ch'o'ndoist Church Central Guidance Committee
- Chang Chae-o'n, Chairman, Korea Catholics Association

- Not listed, Chairman, Korea Asia-Pacific Peace Committee
- Mun Chae-ch'o'l, Acting Chairman, Korean Committee for Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries
- Mun Chae-ch'o'l, Acting Chairman, Korean Committee for Solidarity With World People
- Not listed, Chairman, Korea Foreign Affairs Association
- Ryo'm Sun-kil, Korean Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity
- Not Listed, Chairman, DPRK Committee for Investigation of Damage Caused by the Japanese Imperialists' Occupation of Korea
- Hong Son Ok, Chairwoman, Committee on Compensation for Japanese Army Comfort Women & Forcibly Drafted Victims
- Not listed, Chairman, Korea Anti-Nuclear Peace Committee
- Kim Yong-ko'l, Chairman, Association of Forcibly Drafted Korean Victims & Families
- Ri Ch'o'ng-hu'i, Chairman, Korean Women's Society for Solidarity With Asian Women
- Ch'oe Su-ho'n, Chairman, UNESCO National Committee of DPRK
- Ch'oe Su-ho'n, Chairman, UNICEF National Coordination Committee of DPRK
- Ch'oe Su-ho'n, Chairman, DPRK National Committees of WFP & FAO
- Ri T'ae-kyun, Secretary, UNDP Coordinating Committee of DPRK
- Hong Son Ok, Chairwoman, Korean Committee of International Council for Demanding Japan's Redress

Academic & Sports Organizations

- Ri Yong Chol, First Secretary, Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League
- Kim Pyong Phal, Chairman, General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea
- Kang Chang Uk, Chairman, Union of Agricultural Working People of Korea
- Ro Song Sil, Chairperson, Korean Democratic Women's Union
- Chang Chae-o'n, Chairman, Red Cross Society of DPRK
- Ch'oe Ch'il-nam, Chairman, Korean Journalists Union
- Pak Song Nam, Chairman, Korea Natural Conservation Union
- Hŏ' Myŏ'ng-kyu, Chairman, Korea Democratic Lawyers Association
- Ri Tong-so'k, Chairman, Korea Bar Association
- O'm Cho'ng-ch'o'l, Chairman, Korea Students Committee
- Ch'oe Sang-sun, Chairman, Korean Social Scientists Society
- Kim Pyo'ng-hun, Chairman, General Federation of Unions of Literature and Arts of Korea
- Pyon Yong Rip, Chairman, General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea
- Pae Tal Jun, Chairman, Korean Architects Union
- Chang Yun-kon, Director, International Affairs Institute
- Hŏ' Chong-ho, President, Korea History Society
- Kang Nung Su, Chairman, DPRK Kimilsungja-Kimjongilia Committee
- Pak Hak Son, Chairman, DPRK Olympic Committee
- Hwang Pong-yo'ng, Chairman, Korea Taekwondo Committee

Kim Family Tree

Kim So'ng-ae
b. 1924

Kim Il Sung, President
b. 15 Apr 1912
d. 8 Jul 1994

Kim Cho'ng-suk
b. 24 Dec 1917
d. 22 Sep 1949

NO PHOTO
Kim Kyo'ng-chin (Female)
b. 1952

Kim P'yo'ng-il, DPRK ambassador to Poland
b. 1954

NO PHOTO
Kim Yo'ng-il (Male)
b. 1955
d. 2000

Kim Jong Il
b. 16 Feb 1942

Hong Il-ch'o'n, Former wife
b. 1942

So'ng Hye-rim
b. 1937
d. Jul 2002

NO PHOTO
Kim Yo'ng-suk, Former wife
b. 1947

Ko Yo'ng-hu'i
b. 16 Jun 1952
d. Jun 2004

Kim Ok
b. N/A

Kim Kyo'ng-hu'i, Director of WPK CC Light Industry Dept
b. 30 May 1946

Jang Song Thaek, Director of WPK CC Administrative Dept
b. 6 Feb 1946

NO PHOTO
Kim Hye-kyo'ng (Female)
b. 1968

Kim Cho'ng-nam
b. 10 May 1971

NO PHOTO
Kim So'l-song (Female)
b. 1974

NO PHOTO
Kim Ch'un-song (Female)
b. N/A

Kim Cho'ng-ch'o'l
b. 25 Sep 1980

Kim Cho'ng-um
b. 8 Jan 1984

Kim Yo'-cho'ng
b. 26 Sep 1989

NO PHOTO
Chang Ku'm-song (Female)
b. 1977
d. Sep 2006

KEY

- Marriage/Liaison
- Blood Relation

★The structure of this chart is primarily taken from a reference pamphlet published by the South Korean Ministry of Unification in January 2009, which appears to be based on the DPRK constitution. As such, this chart is a representation of the formal relationships between the various entities and does not necessarily reflect the actual hierarchy and power relationships in the North Korean system. Other sources include: DPRK, ROK, PRC, and Japanese media; the ROK National Intelligence Service website; the Ministry of Unification's *Key Figures of North Korea 2009*; and Japan's Radiopress *North Korea Directory 2008*.

DATES: The date listed below each name denotes the earliest the person was known to have filled the post, as reported by open sources. Where possible, names and offices are in the order in which they appear in the original sources.

HIGHLIGHTS: Individuals highlighted with red borders are those who have neither appeared in nor been mentioned by name in North Korean media throughout 2008.