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Singapore will host U.S.-North Korea summit, nuclear issue to dominate

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Leaders of the United States and North Korea will meet for the first time when President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un hold a summit on June 12 in Singapore where the U.S. side will try to persuade Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons.

The two men - whose countries are still technically at war - exchanged fiery rhetoric last year over North Korea's attempts to build a nuclear weapon that could reach the United States. But tensions have since eased greatly, starting around the time of the North's participation in the Winter Olympics in South Korea in February.

"The highly anticipated meeting between Kim Jong Un and myself will take place in Singapore on June 12th. We will both try to make it a very special moment for World Peace!" Trump wrote on Twitter.

His announcement came just hours after three Americans who had been held prisoner in North Korea arrived at a U.S. military base outside Washington, having been released by Kim as a gesture ahead of the summit.

Trump said on their arrival that he believed Kim, who has led North Korea for seven years and is believed to be in his mid-30s, wanted to bring North Korea "into the real world."

"I think we have a very good chance of doing something very meaningful," Trump said. "My proudest achievement will be - this is part of it - when we denuclearize that entire peninsula." New U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has visited Pyongyang twice in recent weeks - once as head of the CIA - but there has been no sign that he cleared up the central question of whether North Korea will be willing to bargain away nuclear weapons that its rulers have long seen as crucial to their survival.

Trump is embarking on this high-stakes meeting with Kim after sending shockwaves through the world on Tuesday when he announced that the United States was pulling out of a 2015 accord imposing international oversight of Iran's nuclear program.

The move raised questions over whether North Korea might now be less inclined to negotiate its own nuclear deal with Washington.

Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe spoke by telephone on Wednesday and the White House said the two leaders "affirmed the shared goal of North Korea abandoning its illicit weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programs" and remained committed to cooperating with South Korea.

Japan worries that it could be the target of any first-use of nuclear weapons by Pyongyang.

In a speech on the floor of the U.S. Senate, Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer warned Trump against going too far too



A combination photo shows a Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) handout of Kim Jong Un released on May 10, 2016, and Donald Trump posing for a photo in New York City, U.S., May 17, 2016. REUTERS/KCNA handout via Reuters/File Photo & REUTERS

fast in Singapore. The Republican president, Schumer said, should insist upon strong, verifiable commitments from North Korea on disarmament.

"I worry that this president, in his eagerness to strike a deal and get the acclaim and a photo op, will strike a quick one and a bad one, not a strong one, not a lasting one," Schumer said.

During Trump's presidency, Kim has overseen weapons tests that rattled the United States, South Korea and Japan as the North Korean leader attempted to showcase his military's progress on medium- and long-range missiles and atomic weapons.

Last year, North Korea conducted more than a dozen missile tests aimed at demonstrating its ability to conduct a nuclear attack. Several of those tests saw missiles flying over the Sea of Japan, while another led experts to believe North Korea could possibly hit the mainland United States with a missile.

Trump has credited a U.S. "maximum pressure" campaign for drawing North Korea to the negotiating table and vowed to keep economic sanctions in place until Pyongyang takes concrete steps to denuclearize. But former spy chief Kim Yong Chul, director of North Korea's United Front Department, said in a toast to Pompeo over lunch in Pyongyang this week: "We have perfected our nuclear capability. It is our policy to concentrate all efforts into economic progress... This is not the result of sanctions that have been imposed from outside."

Kim recently promised to suspend missile tests and shut a nuclear bomb test site.

North Korea is still technically at war with the United States and its ally South Korea because the 1950-53 Korean War ended in a truce, not a treaty.

COMCAST COMMEMORATES ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH WITH CURATED COLLECTION ON XFINITY ON DEMAND

Xfinity X1 Customers Can Easily Access the Destination by Saying “Asian American” into the X1 Voice Remote

PHILADELPHIA, PA; May 1, 2018 – Comcast today announced that Xfinity TV customers will have access to more than more than 370 hours of free content within the curated collection of over 1,100 hours of content featuring popular Asian American and Pacific Islander actors and artists in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Customers can also visit Xfinity.com/AsianAmerican to browse and enjoy available programming as well as interviews, news, highlights, and more.

On Xfinity X1, customers can say “Asian American” into the X1 Voice Remote to access the “Asian American Film & TV” destination and explore an assortment of unique entertainment throughout the month of May, including:

- Dozens of top independent films and shorts from past Center for Asian American Media Festivals (CAAMFest), such as *How to Fight in Six Inch Heels*, *Flip the Record* and *The Haumana*
- Select titles from *Well Go* like *Badges of*

Fury, *Ocean Heaven*, *Once Upon a Time in Shanghai* and *The Man From Nowhere*

- Talent spotlights, interviews and curated movie collections from Asian American television and film stars including Daniel Wu, Leonardo Nam, Kelly Hu, and Justin Chon, among others
- Exclusive content from *Music Choice* featuring Jay Park and more

“At Comcast, we enjoy working with our partners each year to honor the rich cultural heritage of the Asian American community by bringing our customers a robust collection of popular Asian American content and entertainment,” said Rebecca Simpson, Executive Director International Strategy. “With the ‘Asian American Film & TV’ destination, customers can easily access and experience a comprehensive library of films, music and exclusive Asian American content that can be enjoyed by the entire family.”

For the month of May, select Xfinity On Demand content and programming from TV Japan (May 1-31) and GMA Pinoy TV (May 1-15) will be available to customers for free. Select TV series and movie titles from networks

such as *Eros Now On Demand*, *Filipino On Demand*, and *Myx TV* will also be available throughout the month (some content varies per market).

Beyond the extensive content offering, Comcast is celebrating its long-standing partnership with CAAMFest supporting as a Presenting Sponsor. CAAMFest is the nation’s largest showcase of new Asian American and Asian films and is taking place in San Francisco from May 10- 24.

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The First Lady, talking with kids about being online

Today, First Lady Melania Trump introduced her initiative to help children everywhere be their best. At her launch event at the White House, the First Lady distributed copies of *Talking with Kids About Being Online*, a guide to help parents and other adults have thoughtful conversations with kids about being safe and responsible online. We’re excited that the First Lady is sharing this important information with families across the country. The FTC worked with children’s advocates, tech companies, and law en-

forcers to come up with the advice in the guide. They told us that while kids value the opinion of their peers, most tend to rely on their parents for help on the issues that matter most. That advice has proven true over the years. That’s why many school systems have shared it with every middle school student.

If you’d like to order our guide to chatting with kids about being online to share in your community, it’s available for free from FTC.gov/BulkOrder. We’ve recently updated

and improved the guide to cover mobile apps and other trending tech.

In an introduction to the guide distributed at her launch event, the First Lady said:

“The lessons in this booklet can help kids act thoughtfully and kindly. I hope you will use it to have conversations with children about appropriate conduct online and using social media responsibly.”

We couldn’t agree more. Thank you for your leadership in protecting kids, Mrs. Trump.



Editor's Choice



Pope Francis visits the Roman parish of the Santissimo Sacramento on the outskirts of Rome



Russian servicemen march during the Victory Day parade at Red Square in Moscow



Flight Sergeant Bromell reviews the guard during practice for the Royal wedding guard of honour at RAF Honington



A disabled man paddles his tricycle as he moves past a row of parked hand-pulled rickshaws in Kolkata



People stage a protest against the nearby Belgian Tihange nuclear power station outside the town hall during a Charlemagne Prize ceremony in Aachen



71st Cannes Film Festival – Photocall for the film “Summer” (Leto) in competition – Cannes, France May 10, 2018. Actor Teo Yoo poses.



Mahathir Mohamad reacts during a news conference after general election, in Petaling Jaya



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo



Russian army MiG-29 jet fighters of the Strizhi and Su-30 jet fighters of the Russkiye Vityazi aerobatic teams fly in formation during the Victory Day parade in Moscow

The Houston International Trade Development Council, Inc. (HITDC) will hold its 5th Annual Global Seven Awards Gala on Friday, May 25, 2018, 6pm-10pm at The Ballroom at Bayou Place, 500 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas. The purpose of the annual awards presentation is to recognize those organizations and individuals whose activities best portray HITDC's stated purpose, "Global Trade Reduces Global Poverty."

Because Houston proudly boasts is one of our nation's most culturally diverse cities, it offers exciting business success stories from our rich International community.

For this reason, we seek to promote sustainable education and workforce development that each drive global wealth and job creation which, in turn, directly impacts our global economy. The 5th Annual Global 7 Awards Presentation Will Recognize Winners In The Following Categories:

1. **Global Impact**
2. **Outstanding Corporate Citizen**
3. **Excellence in Exporting**
4. **Excellence in Importing**
5. **Outstanding Non-Profit**
6. **Outstanding Advocate**
7. **Outstanding Innovator**
8. **Excellence in International Business Service**

We also will honor seven International Houston Community College Graduating Students who are already making our city a unique player on the world stage.



Houston International Trade Development Council

5th Annual Global 7 Awards Presentation 2018 Set For May 25th

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Honoree Selection Criteria

Eligibility

Houston area international business honorees must meet all 4 eligibility requirements below:

- 1) Business must be a U.S. corporation headquartered in the Houston area
- 2) Must be established for at least 3 years
- 3) Must generate at least \$1 Million in annual revenues
- 4) Must demonstrate positive community involvement

Community college graduating International students must also meet the following eligibility criteria to qualify for their scholarship award:

- 1) Must plan to use the funds for higher education
- 2) Must demonstrate academic excellence through school grades
- 3) Must be a foreign citizen from 1 of 7 pre-selected regions

The program for the The 5th Annual Global 7 Awards Presentation Will Include:

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- Red Carpet with Multiple Media

Coverage

- Three Open Balconies
- Silent Auction/Live Auction
- Global 7 Awards Presentation
- Dinner Reception with Music and Entertainment

Proceeds from the event will support HITDC's future global trade mission outreach initiatives as well as educational scholarship programs which align with our event theme: Global Trade Reduces Global Poverty. A variety of sponsorship possibilities have been created for your support.

About Houston International Trade Development Council



The Houston International Trade Development Council, (HITDC) Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, nonpartisan organization actively engaged in developing business and trade relationships

to the occasion and seek opportunities that are beyond our borders by promoting and participating in international trade.

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Fri, May 25, 2018
 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM CDT

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We commend SEWA International for their work on family services; child, tribal and refugee welfare; women empowerment; health; and education. We especially recognize SEWA for their great effort on disaster relief and rehabilitation as reflected in their sustained involvement with Rosharon Little Cambodian community after the Harvey Hurricane.

Release Of Americans From North Korea Sets The Stage For Trump-Kim Meeting

Trump Welcomes Freed Prisoners Home From North Korea

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



President Trump And first lady Melania welcome prisoners home at Joint Base Andrews, outside Washington, DC in the early hours of Thursday.

JOINT BASE ANDREWS -- President Trump and first lady Melania arrived early Thursday morning to greet three Americans as they flew into Joint Base Andrews, outside the U.S. capital, less than 24 hours after they were released by North Korea. The three men, Kim Dong Chul, Kim Hak Song and Tony Kim, were released during a visit on Tuesday by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and were in the air less than one hour after being released in North Korea's capital city, Pyongyang. Pompeo and the former detainees arrived on two separate planes. Secretary Pompeo touched down first, and the plane carrying the three former detainees arrived about half an hour later at the U.S. military base in suburban Maryland. The plane pulled to a rest in front of a giant U.S. flag, stretched between two cranes on the tarmac. Mr. Trump boarded the plane with the first lady and then emerged at the top of the stairs with the three men to wave, and then walk down onto the tarmac together. Pompeo greeted them at the bottom of the stairs and was hugged by one of the former prisoners. The three men appeared healthy as they walked toward waiting reporters. President Trump made brief remarks, saying "his proudest achievement will be -- this is a part of it -- but my proudest achievement will be when we denuclearize" North Korea.



The three Americans formerly held hostage in North Korea gesture next to President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, upon their arrival at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, U.S., May 10, 2018. (Photo/Reuters)

Mr. Trump said he "very much appreciated" that Kim Jong Un had released the prisoners ahead of

the two leaders' looming meeting.

"This is a special night for these three really great people," Mr. Trump said, adding, "congratulations on being in this country."

Kim Dong Chul, a day after his release, said through a translator as he stood next to Mr. Trump that being home was "like a dream, and we're very, very happy." Asked how he was treated in North Korean custody, Kim only said, "in many different ways."

President Trump also "paid his respects" to the family of Otto Warmbier as he stood with the freed men. Warmbier was an American student who died shortly after his return to the U.S. last year following his release by North Korea. Warmbier was flown home with severe brain damage, and his parents have sued North Korea over his death. While the three men are walking on their own strength and appear healthy, they were transported immediately to the military's Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington for thorough health checks. "The current priority is to allow the returnees decompression time as they transition. Decompression consists of establishing their routine, providing them with rest, and attending to their nutritional and medical needs," the Walter Reed hospital said in statement released Thursday. "We want them to be able to process and integrate their experiences in a healthy manner and this will be facilitated by trained professionals."



History in the making as Trump welcomes prisoners home.

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In a statement ahead of their return, the three freed

men thanked the U.S. government, Mr. Trump and the American people "for bringing us home."

"We thank God, and all our families and friends who prayed for us and for our return. God Bless America, the greatest nation in the world," the three men said in a statement released by the State Department.

Pompeo accompanied the men as he capped his 12-and-a-half hour trip to Pyongyang, which included a 90-minute visit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

The announcement came a day after North Korea released three imprisoned Americans during US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's most recent visit to Pyongyang.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un meets with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to finalize plans for a historic summit between President Donald Trump and Kim, and the return of three Americans who had been detained in North Korea for more than a year. (Photo/UPI)

Beyond securing the release of the three Americans, Pompeo also finalized details for the upcoming summit between Trump and Kim.

Trump has struck a cautiously optimistic tone in discussing the prospects of reaching a deal during his upcoming summit with Kim, saying he is hopeful a historic agreement can be brokered while also warning the talks could prove unfruitful. But the President saw the release of the three Americans as yet another reason for optimism as he prepares for the summit.

"We are starting off on a new footing -- I really think we have a very good chance of doing something very meaningful. A lot of very good things have happened," Trump said as he greeted the former prisoners at Joint Base Andrews early Thurs-

day morning.

"I really think he wants to do something and bring the country into the real world," he added of Kim. "It's never been taken this far, there has never been a relationship like this. I really think a lot of progress has been made." (Courtesy cnn.com)

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Trump Announces North Korea Summit To Be Held In Singapore



Washington (CNN) President Donald Trump will meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12 in Singapore, the US president announced Thursday on Twitter.

"The highly anticipated meeting between Kim Jong Un and myself will take place in Singapore on June 12th," Trump tweeted. "We will both try to make it a very special moment for World Peace!" The summit, which has been in the works since Trump accepted Kim's invitation to meet in March, will be the first ever meeting between a sitting US president and North Korean leader. US officials had also considered holding the summit at the Korean demilitarized zone or in Mongolia, but ultimately settled on the city-state of Singapore as the location.



The announcement capped off weeks of negotiations over the date and location for the talks that began in early March, when the president said he would accept Kim's invitation to meet.

Trump has previously suggested the Demilitarized Zone separating the two Koreas would be the best place for the historic summit, but U.S. officials had urged him to stage the talks in a neutral third country.

Singapore maintains diplomatic relations with both the U.S. and North Korea.

The meeting will mark the first time a sitting U.S. president meets with the leader of North Korea.

Trump has sought to keep the North Koreans off-balance ahead of the talks, suggesting that he could call them off if Pyongyang takes any steps toward ramping up nuclear activity.

"Everything can be scuttled. Lot of things can happen. A lot of good things can happen, a lot of bad things can happen. I believe that we have -- both sides want to negotiate a deal," he told reporters on Wednesday.

Trump revealed the details of the meeting after North Korea released three American detainees who were imprisoned there on charges that were widely viewed as politically motivated.

Trump met the three men early Thursday morning on the tarmac at Joint Base Andrews outside of Washington, D.C., and suggested their release could pave the way toward an agreement on denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula.



The president told reporters "it's a great honor" to have the men back on U.S. soil, but said, "The true honor is going to be if we have a victory in getting rid of nuclear weapons."

Some foreign policy experts have said Trump is making a mistake in entering into talks with Kim, saying the meeting rewards his aggressive behavior and political repression.

They are also worried that Trump could make too many concessions to Kim in pursuit of a nuclear deal, such as all withdrawing all or some U.S. troops from South Korea.

Trump and his team are confident, however, that he will find a way to end the nuclear threat posed by North Korea.

"President Trump found a way to communicate in terms, I believe, that Kim Jong Un could finally hear," Vice President Pence said Thursday in an interview with ABC News. "He could hear that this president was serious about achieving the objective that has eluded the world community for a quarter century -- denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." (Courtesy thehill.com)