Window on North Korea: Photographs From the DPRK

A Joint Exhibition by The Associated Press and Korean Central News Agency
Marking 100 Years Since the Birth of Kim Il Sung

March 15th - April 13th, 2012
The 8th Floor, 17 West 17th St. New York, New York
Tuesday and Thursday 12-6 pm, Wednesday 11-5 pm and by appointment

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE New York, NY February 23rd, 2012—The 8th Floor presents an historic exhibition featuring photos of The Associated Press and the Korean Central News Agency that will offer a rare glimpse into a nation long shrouded from view.

Window on North Korea will be on display at The 8th Floor, 17 West 17th St. in New York, from March 15th to April 13th.

The exhibition will open on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Kim Il Sung, the founder of the communist state, and follows AP’s recent opening of a bureau in Pyongyang, North Korea, the first to be established by a western news organization.

The show will include a compelling mix of 79 archival and contemporary images designed to show what life is like in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea).

Unique access to the KCNA photo archive will offer images illuminating the history of the DPRK, including visits by dignitaries over the years, landscapes, culture and everyday life.

In addition, AP images, both historic and contemporary, will show the country through the eyes of non-Korean photojournalists, including AP Chief Asia Photographer David Guttenfelder, who has made numerous reporting trips to North Korea since 2010.

Photos taken by KCNA photographers who participated in a joint workshop led by AP instructors last October will also be in the mix.

Visiting hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 11-6 pm, Wednesday 11-5 pm and by appointment. To schedule an appointment or to arrange a group visit please contact the gallery directly.

The 8th Floor is a private gallery and event space established to promote cultural and philanthropic initiatives. For the past two years, The 8th Floor has presented a range of art and related activities geared to promote various artists and foster cultural dialogue.
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