

Agreement between KCNA and AP on
Establishment of AP Bureau in Pyongyang

The Korean Central News Agency of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (hereinafter called KCNA) and the Associated Press of the United States of America (hereinafter called AP) agreed as follows for the opening and operation of AP Bureau in Pyongyang (hereinafter called Bureau) for the purpose of AP's regular news coverage in the DPRK:

1. AP will open its Bureau in Pyongyang for the news coverage in the DPRK. It will be named "AP Bureau in Pyongyang" and its domicile is Pothonggang 1-dong, Pothonggang District, Pyongyang.
2. Bureau shall serve the purpose of the coverage and worldwide distribution of policies of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government and the reality in the DPRK with a view to deepening the relations between KCNA and AP, promoting mutual understanding between the two peoples and contributing to the improvement of the relations between the two countries.
3. KCNA shall nominate one text and one photo journalists and one driver, three in total, to work for AP with its agreement.
4. AP shall send a person concerned with Bureau about once in three months so that he or she can learn about its operation and strengthen ties with KCNA.
AP shall let that person to be in charge for more than one year for reasons of convenience concerning entering formalities.
AP can ask the coverage of special events to be held inside the DPRK and KCNA shall render every possible help.
5. KCNA shall be responsible for all the procedures inside the DPRK for the opening and operation of Bureau.
6. Bureau's activities shall include followings:
 - 1) It will ensure monthly transmission of about 10 Korean articles on politics, economy and culture of the DPRK as well as interviews and about 30 related photos together with

descriptions.

- 2) AP is entrusted with the judgment of their possible distribution and its timeline. Any correction to the contents and expression in the articles shall be made with full consultation between the two sides. The articles and photo information can be translated into English and distributed with the dateline of "Pyongyang (AP)".
- 3) KCNA shall render help within possible extent as for orders for news items and photos placed by AP and its request for the collection of information.
- 4) Bureau shall strictly abide by DPRK laws and regulations in its operation and news coverage.

7. AP shall receive other news items of KCNA through the Korean News Service in Tokyo as it does now.

8. AP shall bear all the expenses for the opening of Bureau including registration fee, security margin and the cost needed for furnishing Bureau office.

The cost for the operation of Bureau including salaries and rent shall be set at the average of USD 12,000 per month which is subject to change through mutual discussion depending on foreign exchange rate, coverage conditions, etc. The provision of vehicle and all the conditions needed for its running shall be borne by AP and bonus shall be grantable depending on the volume and value of information. AP shall make monthly payment by a method requested by KCNA.

9. When differences crop up in the course of implementing this agreement, both sides shall seek a negotiated settlement in the spirit of mutual understanding.

10. The agreement shall take effect from the date of its signing and remain valid for one year. The agreement shall be automatically extended by one year unless any of the two parties notifies the other party of its intention to abrogate the agreement in a written message three months before the expiry of its validity.

11. Done in duplicate in Korean and English on December , 2011 in Pyongyang, both texts of the agreement shall be equally valid.

English version shall prevail when there is difference in understanding.