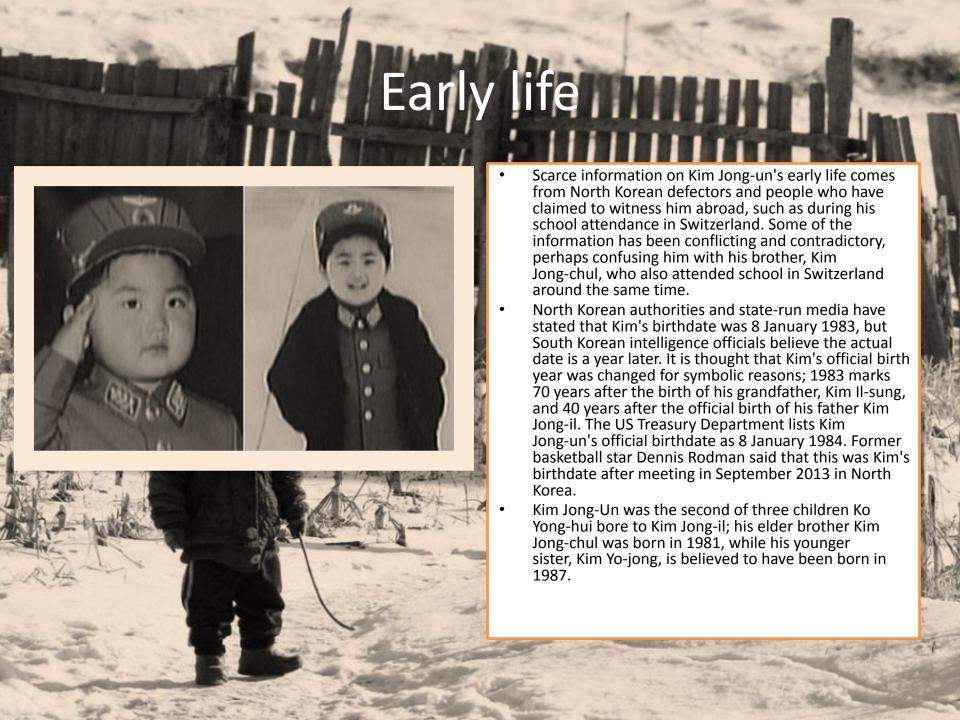


Biography



the country's founding.

From late 2010, Kim Jong-un was viewed as he apparent to the leadership of the DPRK, and following the elder Kim's death, North Korean state television announced him as the "Great Successor". Kim holds the titles of Chairman o the Workers' Party of Korea (as First Secretary between 2012 and 2016), Chairman the Central Military Commission, Chairman of State Affairs Commission, Supreme Command of the Armed Forces of the Democratic People Republic of Korea, and member of the Presidium of the Politburo of the Worker Party of Korea, the highest decision-making to in North Korea. Kim was promoted to the ran of Marshal of North Korea in the Korean Peop Army on 18 July 2012, consolidating his position as the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and is often referred to as Marshal Kim ong-un, "the Marshal" or "Dear Respected" b state media



Succession



• Kim Jong-un's eldest half-brother, Kim Jong-nam, had been the favorite to succeed, but reportedly fell out of favor after 2001, when he was caught attempting to enter Japan on a fake passport to visit Tokyo Disneyland. Kim Jong-nam was killed in Malaysia in 2017 by suspected North Korean agents. Kim Jong-il's former personal chef, Kenji Fujimoto, revealed details regarding Kim Jong-un, with whom he had a good relationship, stating that he was favored to be his father's successor. Fujimoto also said that Jong-un was favored by his father over his elder brother, Kim Jong-chul, reasoning that Jong-chul is too feminine in character, while Jong-un is "exactly like his father".



Economic policies

A set of comprehensive economic measures, the "Socialist Corporate Responsible Management System", were introduced in 2013. The measures increase the autonomy of enterprises by granting them "certain rights to engage in business activities autonomously and elevate the will to labor through appropriately implementing the socialist distribution system". Another priority of economic policies that year was agriculture, where the pojon(vegetable garden) responsibility system was implemented. The system reportedly achieved a major increase in output in some collective farms.



Nuclear weapons development



- Under Kim Jong-un, North Korea has continued to develop nuclear weapons. At a plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party held on 31 March 2013, Kim Jong-un announced that North Korea will adopt "a new strategic line on carrying out economic construction and building nuclear armed forces simultaneously".
- According to several analysts, North Korea sees the nuclear arsenal as vital to deter an attack, and it is unlikely that
 North Korea would launch a nuclear war. According to a RAND Corporation senior researcher, Kim Jong-un believes
 that nuclear weapons are his guarantee of regime survival. During the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in
 2016, Kim Jong-un stated that North Korea would "not use nuclear weapons first unless aggressive hostile forces use
 nuclear weapons to invade on our sovereignty".





