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## **Asia Pacific Travel Ltd. Announces New Tours to North Korea**

**LIMITED TIME ONLY!**

***Thirteen 12-Day Escorted Tours Departing  
August 19 through September 30, 2006 Only!***

Chicago, IL...April 5, 2006 ... **Asia Pacific Travel Ltd.** has been granted rights to bring American tourists to North Korea (The Democratic People's Republic of Korea "DPRK")! This commission extends for the exclusive period of August 10 through Mid-October, 2006 only. The dates coincide with the incredible 100,000-performer *Arirang*, the Grand Mass Gymnastic & Artistic Performance, being held in Pyongyang, the DPRK Capital.

Asia Pacific Travel Ltd., directly and through its **North Korea 1 on 1** website ([www.northkorea1on1.com](http://www.northkorea1on1.com)), will offer thirteen 12-day tours departing August 19 through September 30, 2006. All tours are open to the public. However, the September 6<sup>th</sup> departure sponsored by the *Geographic Society of Chicago*, is also being promoted to its members. For this tour, travelers must join the organization to join the tour (easy to do), but they gain the added benefit of lectures presented by an authority from the Society who will be accompanying the group. (Note: all tours except the Geographic Society of Chicago tour are commissionable to travel agents.)

Tour prices start at \$4,199 excluding airfare, which is currently available at \$1,360 round-trip per person. Services include first class accommodations, guided sightseeing, motor coach transportation, museum and attraction entrance fees, daily breakfast, 7 lunches, 8 dinners, intra-Asia airfare between Beijing and Pyongyang via Air Koryo, China and North Korea visa arrangements and fees, and airport departure taxes.

The routing for all tours is the same: Beijing, Pyongyang, Nampo, Myohyang, Kaesong, Panmunjom, Pyongyang, Beijing. The highlight, of course is the viewing of the **Arirang Mass Gymnastic and Artistic Performance**. However, additional sightseeing includes: the **Korean Cultural History Museum**; the **Korean Art Gallery**; **Kim Il Sung Square**; the **People's Study House**; the **Grand Monument** (a 65 ft. bronze statue of Kim Il Sung); the **Arch of Triumph** (erected in 1982 on Kim Il Sung's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, commemorating his struggles from 1925 to 1945 for National Liberation); the port city of **Nampo** with the **West Sea Barrage** (a mammoth irrigation project); the **Kumsusan Memorial Palace**; the **International Friendship Exhibition** in the **Myohyang Mountains** (a chronological and geographical display of tens of thousands of gifts to Kim Il Sung and Kim Jung Il); the restored **Pohyon Buddhist Temple** c. 1042 AD, the historic cultural capital of **Kaesong**, along the **Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)**; **Panmujum**, the site of the armistice signing in 1953; the impressive **Mangyongdae Children's Palace**; the **Fatherland Liberation War Museum**; the **Pyongyang Maternity Hospital** and the **Rakwon Department Store**. The tour will conclude in Beijing with a Peking Duck farewell reception followed by a performance of **Peking Opera** scenes, with a rare opportunity to watch and photograph the performers putting on their makeup and costumes.

Depending upon the political climate, Asia Pacific Travel's North Korea tours this summer/fall may be your last opportunity to get a first-hand glimpse of the real Hermit Kingdom. Since 1995, American tourists have been allowed into North Korea only on two occasions – windows in 2002 and 2005, also to view these festive Mass Performances.

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### **About Asia Pacific Travel**

**Asia Pacific Travel, Ltd.** is a small, upscale, wholesale tour operator specializing in deluxe and first-class travel to the Asia-Pacific area. The company was co-founded by **Walter L. Keats** as the Mid-America China Exchange, Inc. in 1978. All tours and travel arrangements have been sold under the Asia Pacific Travel, Ltd. name since 1988 with Mr. Keats as its president.

**Mr. Keats** is a 1967 graduate of Harvard College. He earned his Certified Travel Counselor (CTC) designation in 1988 and his Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation in 1990. He is or has been a member of the Skål Club of Chicago, the Association of Official Tourist Offices, the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the China Roundtable of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. He has served in various capacities, including Chairman, for the East Asia Travel Association Central Regional Chapter, and has been or is a director or officer of the Midwest Chapter of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, the Harvard Club of Chicago, the International Visitors Center of Chicago and the Mozart Society of Chicago.

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