

# *South Korea seeks high-level talks with Democratic People's Republic of Korea in late March*

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Seoul, March 16 (RHC) -- South Korea will seek to hold high-level talks with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) later this month to prepare for the agreed inter-Korean summit, scheduled for late April, South Korea sources said Friday.

Im Jong-seok, chief of staff for South Korean President Moon Jae-in, told a press briefing that the upcoming inter-Korean summit should become a turning point to resolve the Korean Peninsula issues.

He said preparations for the summit are focusing on issues to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula, dramatically defuse military tensions, build a permanent peace and advance new inter-Korean relations.

Presidents Moon Jae-in and Kim Jong-un have agreed to hold their first meeting in late April at Peace House, a South Korean building in the truce village of Panmunjom that straddles the two Koreas.

If held as scheduled, Kim will become the first Democratic People's Republic of Korea leader to set foot in the South Korean territory since the 1950-1953 Korean War ended in armistice, not peace treaty. The Korean Peninsula remains technically in a state of war.

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