

Letter of Thanks

One winter day, a Panamanian-flagged cargo ship left Nampho Port of the DPRK for its destination. Soon afterwards, it began to drift away as it was pushed by ice floes. On the fifth day, the ice floes were everywhere around the ship and it was completely stuck. The sailors sent messages to their country by radio but got no answer.

After sending messages again and again, they felt as if all hope were gone. At last, they decided to inform the relevant organ in the Korean port.

The following morning, they received a message from the organ; a helicopter of the Korean People's Army was dispatched to rescue the ship and they should get ready for taking drinking water, fuel, food and other necessities from it.

Seeing the helicopter flying overhead, the sailors raised loud cheers and ran towards where it landed.

An official of the port got off and asked about their health. Then, he told them how Chairman **Kim Jong Il** took necessary steps to rescue them.

Listening to his story, they were moved to tears.

They gathered together and wrote a letter of thanks to Chairman **Kim Jong Il**, as suggested by the captain.