

Securing North Korea's ruling dynasty

North Korea's ruling communist party is to hold a rare meeting of key delegates, a move widely seen by analysts as setting the stage for a transfer of power from ailing leader Kim Jong-il to his youngest son

Founder of North Korea in 1948, still regarded as "Eternal Leader" years after his death

Current Supreme Leader is believed to suffer from numerous ailments, including kidney failure and partial paralysis after stroke in 2008



Kim Il-sung
(1912-1994)



Kim Jong-suk
(1917-1949)



Jang Sung-taek
(b. 1946)

▲ Brother-in-law to Kim Jong-il, reportedly given role of ensuring transfer of power to Kim Jong-un



Kim Jong-il
(b. 1941)



Song Hye-rim
(1937-2002)



Kim Kyong-hui
(b. 1946)



Kim Jong-nam
(b. 1971)



Kim Jong-chul
(b. 1981)



Ko Young-hee
(1953-2004)



Kim Jong-un
(b. 1983)

M = Married

C = Consort

Some family members omitted for clarity

Youngest of Kim Jong-il's three sons is thought to have been chosen in 2009 to succeed his father, and put in charge of country's secret police agency