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# The Prospects for Change in North Korea

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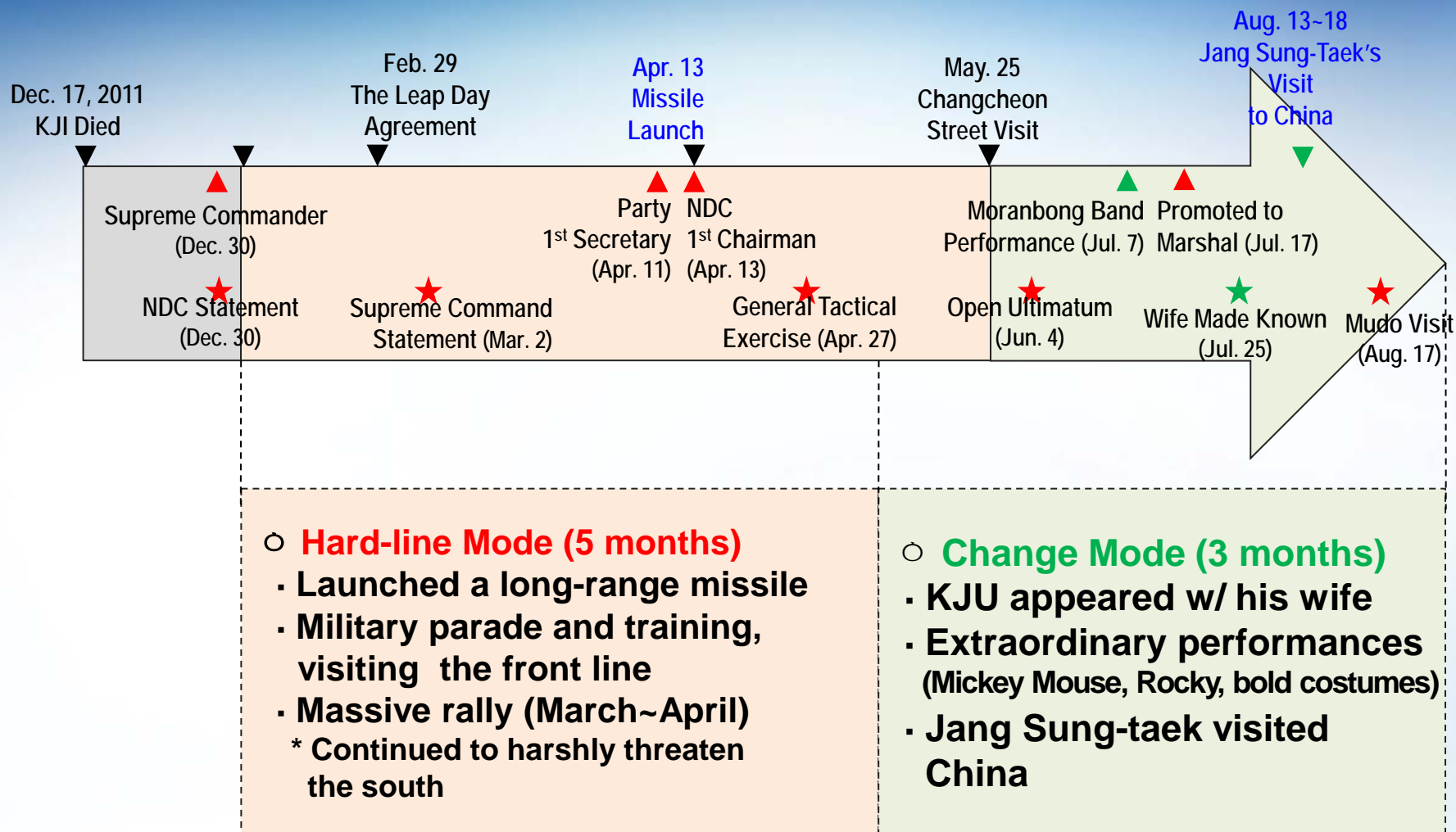
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# KJU-Significance of Recent Shift (1/2)

## Comparison with KJI Succession

■ : Strength ■ : Weakness

Category	KJI Succession (Jul. 8, 1994 ~)	KJU Succession (Dec. 17, 2011 ~)
Domestic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long preparations for power succession – <b>Strong foundations</b></li> <li>• <b>Control / management system</b> throughout the nation</li> <li>• <b>Firm ideological / social control</b> under closed system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short preparations for power succession – <b>Weak foundations</b></li> <li>• <b>Control / management system</b> limited to Pyongyang</li> <li>• <b>Loose ideological / social control</b> due to foreign ideology</li> </ul>
Int'l	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intensifying isolation</b> due to collapse of the Communist bloc</li> <li>• Worsened relations with China and Russia due to their establishment of diplomatic ties with the ROK</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friendly relations restored</b> with China and Russia</li> <li>• <b>Greater support</b> and increasing influence of China</li> </ul>

# KJU-Significance of Recent Shift (2/2)

## KJU-style 'Politics of Image'

- 'New KIS' - differentiation from KJI
- KJU set the rationale and direction of politics of image with the support of the JST couple
- KJU seems to be personally selecting the specific means and ways
- ※ When the image is translated into specific policies, the Party and the Cabinet experts centered around JST expected to play leading role



# Prospects **NK** Change (1/2)

## End State as Desired by NK Leadership

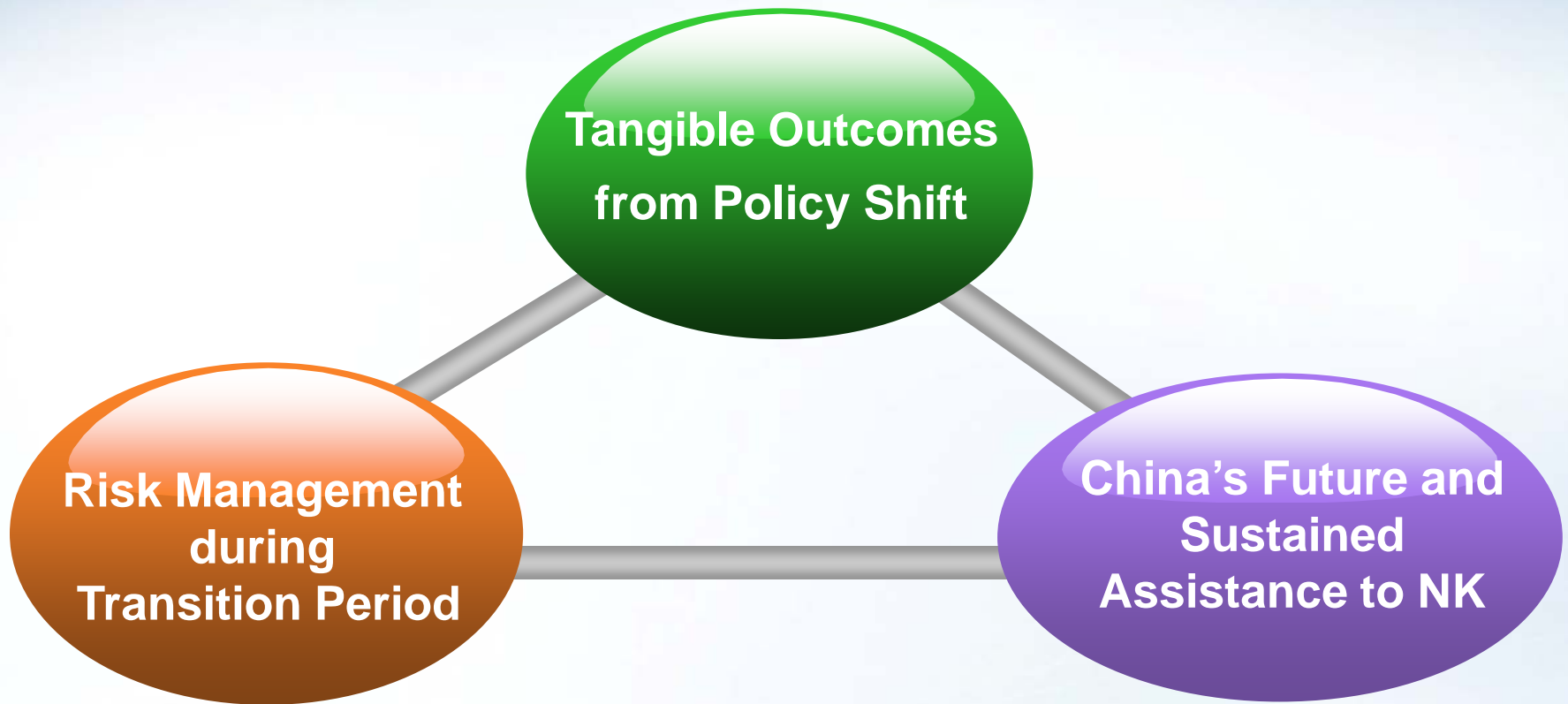
1. The life of NK people must improve in a way that reflects domestic and int'l strategic environment
2. However, one-man dictatorship must be maintained.

## Future Policy

- Politically one-man dictatorship, economically Chinese-style reform and opening
- Efforts for mid-to-long term economic improvement, while placing priority on maintaining the succession system
- Improving U.S. relations and nuclear/missile issues will become the key

# Prospects **NK** Change (2/2)

## Key Factors for Successful Policy Shift



# Policy Implications

**NK** change led by KJU and Jang Sung-taek's couple –  
Future considerations

1. How to resolve nuclear and missile issues?
  2. How to manage external and internal crisis?
  3. Will China expand its influence and continue to provide unwavering support to NK??
- ※ Necessary to develop strategies in preparation for potential **NK** provocation, change, and regime collapse