



## North Korea After Kim Il Sung: Continuity or Change?

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Hoover Institution Press, U.S. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, North Korea After Kim Il Sung: Continuity or Change?, Thomas H. Henriksen, Jongryn Mo, A distinguished group of international scholars convened at the Hoover Institution in February 1996 to debate the state of change or continuity in North Korea's post-Kim Il Sung regime. With North Korea seemingly locked into orthodox socialism, conflict with South Korea, and nuclear posturing, the current leadership appears bent on preserving the cold war status quo. This conference was able to shed light on one of the world's most closed societies and on its potential to adapt to post-cold war realities. Despite the leadership transition from the charismatic Kim Il Sung to his son, Kim Jong Il, North Korea's persistent totalitarianism and isolationist policies have rendered it largely immune from the economic reforms being carried out in Russia, Eastern Europe, and China. The country is now on the verge of famine. Experts have agreed that economic reform is necessary to avoid potential collapse. However, the necessary economic and political concessions for such reform are likely to threaten not only the regime's existence but also the stability of the entire region. "North Korea after Kim Il Sung: Continuity or Change?" ...



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