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NORTH KOREA ANNOUNCES PROPERTY TAX REVISIONS

Tax revisions for various categories of property in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have been announced as follows:

A. Real Property Transfer Tax Law

1. Purchasers of land, buildings, and other real property must pay real property transfer tax.
2. Property in the following categories shall be exempted from the present tax:
 - a. State-owned.
 - b. Homesteads owned by farmers.
 - c. Houses built by laborers and clerical workers with special government loans.
 - d. Buildings constructed for temporary use.
 - e. Real property acquired through inheritance.
3. The real property transfer tax schedules are as follow:

Value of Properties Transferred (in won)

Tax Rates

Up to 50,000	1% of purchase price
50,000 to 200,000	500 won plus 2% of amount exceeding 50,000
200,000 to 1,000,000	3,500 won plus 3% of amount exceeding 200,000

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Value of Properties
Transferred (in won)Tax Rates

1,000,000 to 2,000,000

27,500 won plus 4% of amount
exceeding 1,000,000

2,000,000 to 5,000,000

67,500 won plus 5% of amount
exceeding 2,000,000

Above 5,000,000

217,500 won plus 6% of amount
exceeding 5,000,000

4. The real property transfer tax shall be levied on the basis of purchase value or on the amount expended on houses and buildings which are newly built, expanded, or remodeled.

5. The owners of new property must pay the transfer tax within one month from the date of acquisition. When a house or building has been newly built, expanded, or remodeled, the date of completion of work shall be the date of acquisition.

6. The owners of new property must submit to the local tax authorities within 10 days after the acquisition of such property all the information relative to the property, including the location, size, general description, purpose of use, purchasing price, name and address of the previous owner, date of acquisition, etc.

7. In case the owner fails to submit a report in compliance with paragraph 6 above, or the purchase price reported was found purposely debased, the tax shall be levied on the basis of the proper assessment of said properties by the local tax authorities.

8. Violators of the provisions of Paragraph 6 shall be fined up to 10,000 won.

9. The defaulters of transfer tax or fine shall be penalized at the daily rate of one percent of the original amount of tax, or where a fine is imposed, the combined sum thereof, from the date of default.

10. The present law shall go into effect on 1 January 1950, on which date the Real Property Acquisition Tax Law, promulgated by the North Korean People's Committee on 27 February 1947, will be rescinded.

B. Property Tax on Houses and Buildings

1. The owners of houses and buildings must pay property tax on houses and buildings.

2. The following shall be exempted:

- a. State-owned buildings.
- b. Houses owned by farmers.
- c. Structures designated as national treasures, historic spots, or the like
- d. Houses built for temporary use.

3. The property tax on houses and buildings shall be payable biannually in March and September for the first and second halves of the year, respectively. If the total amount of the tax for the latter half of the year is less than 300 won, the amount may be collected in March. Property tax of less than 10 won will not be collected.

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4. Rates of property tax on houses and buildings shall be determined by:
- a. Value of the land on which the property is built, as expressed in size, rent, and and/or purchase price thereof.
 - b. Structure of the property, classified as: (1) stone, brick, and ferroconcrete, (2) wooden, or combination wood and brick, (3) thatched clay.
 - c. The uses of the property, classified as (a) office, business, hospital, factory, warehouse, (b) home, (c) others.

5. The present law shall go into effect on 1 January 1950, on which date the Law for Property Tax on Houses and Buildings, adopted by the North Korean People's Committee on 27 February 1947, will be rescinded.

The following table shows the property tax in won on houses and buildings per p'yong one p'yong equals 6 square feet. The designations (1), (2), and (3), and (a), (b), and (c) in the table correspond to Paragraph 4, sentences "b" and "c" above.

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Property Tax on Houses and Buildings (in won)

Classification of Land Value	(a)	(1) (b)	(c)	(a)	(2) (b)	(c)	(a)	(3) (b)	(c)
99 - 110	100.00	70.00	60.00	70.00	49.00	43.00	50.00	35.00	30.00
97 - 98	90.90	63.70	54.00	63.70	44.60	38.20	45.50	31.90	27.30
96 - 97	81.80	57.30	49.10	57.30	40.10	34.40	40.90	28.70	24.60
94 - 95	72.70	50.90	43.70	50.90	35.70	30.60	36.40	25.50	21.90
92 - 93	63.60	44.00	38.20	44.60	31.20	26.80	31.80	22.30	19.10
90 - 91	54.50	38.20	32.70	38.20	26.80	22.90	27.30	19.10	16.40
87 - 88	45.40	31.80	27.30	31.90	22.80	19.10	22.70	15.90	13.70
83 - 86	38.00	26.60	22.80	26.60	18.70	16.00	19.00	13.30	11.40
78 - 82	32.30	22.70	19.40	22.70	15.90	13.00	16.20	11.70	9.70
72 - 77	26.60	18.70	16.00	18.70	13.10	11.20	13.30	9.40	8.00
66 - 71	20.90	14.70	12.60	14.70	10.30	8.80	10.50	7.40	6.30
62 - 65	17.30	12.20	10.40	12.20	8.50	7.30	8.70	6.10	5.20
60 - 61	15.50	10.90	9.30	10.90	7.00	6.60	7.80	5.50	4.70
57 - 59	13.70	9.60	8.30	9.00	6.80	5.80	6.90	4.80	4.20
55 - 56	12.70	8.90	7.70	8.90	6.30	5.40	6.40	4.50	3.90
52 - 54	11.70	8.20	7.10	8.20	5.80	5.00	5.90	4.10	3.60
47 - 51	10.90	7.50	6.50	7.50	5.30	4.50	5.40	3.80	3.30
42 - 46	9.70	6.80	5.90	6.80	4.80	4.10	4.90	3.40	3.00
36 - 41	9.30	6.60	5.60	6.60	4.60	4.00	4.70	3.20	2.80
32 - 35	8.90	6.30	5.40	6.30	4.40	3.80	4.50	3.10	2.70
29 - 31	8.70	6.10	5.30	6.10	4.30	3.70	4.40	3.00	2.60
25 - 28	8.50	6.00	5.10	6.00	4.20	3.60	4.30	2.90	2.50
1 - 24	8.30	5.90	5.00	5.90	4.10	3.50	4.20	2.90	2.50

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C. Tax on Leased Land

According to the Presidium of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea:

1. The owners of the leased land, except for the land leased to the state or farmers, must pay tax on land leased.

2. The amount of tax shall be 20 percent of the rent classified in the official rent classification schedules shown below.

3. The tax on leased land is payable annually in June. The amount of tax less than 10 won may be exempted.

4. The present law shall go into effect on 1 January 1950, on which date the Leased Land Tax Law, issued by the North Korean People's Committee on 27 February 1947, will be rescinded.

The following table gives the official classification schedules for rent of leased land and the amount of tax in won per p'yong.

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Official Classification Schedules

(A) Land registry classification
numbers

(B) Rent

<u>(A)</u>	<u>(B)</u>	<u>(A)</u>	<u>(B)</u>	<u>(A)</u>	<u>(B)</u>	<u>(A)</u>	<u>(B)</u>
1	.04	29	3.50	57	30.00	85	180.00
2	.06	30	4.00	58	33.00	86	190.00
3	.08	31	4.50	59	36.00	87	200.00
4	.12	32	5.00	60	40.00	88	220.00
5	.16	33	5.50	61	45.00	89	240.00
6	.20	34	6.00	62	50.00	90	260.00
7	.24	35	6.50	63	55.00	91	280.00
8	.28	36	7.00	64	60.00	92	300.00
9	.32	37	7.50	65	65.00	93	330.00
10	.36	38	8.00	66	70.00	94	360.00
11	.40	39	8.50	67	75.00	95	390.00
12	.45	40	9.00	68	80.00	96	420.00
13	.50	41	9.50	69	85.00	97	450.00
14	.55	42	10.00	70	90.00	98	480.00
15	.60	43	11.00	71	95.00	99	510.00
16	.65	44	12.00	72	100.00	100	540.00
17	.70	45	13.00	73	105.00	101	570.00
18	.80	46	14.00	74	110.00	102	600.00
19	.90	47	15.00	75	115.00	103	650.00
20	1.00	48	16.00	76	120.00	104	700.00
21	1.20	49	17.00	77	125.00	105	750.00
22	1.40	50	18.00	78	130.00	106	800.00
23	1.60	51	19.00	79	135.00	107	850.00
24	1.80	52	20.00	80	140.00	108	900.00
25	2.00	53	22.00	81	145.00	109	950.00
26	2.30	54	24.00	82	150.00	110	1,000.00
27	2.60	55	26.00	83	160.00		
28	3.00	56	28.00	84	170.00		

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