

Date and Location Set for Historic Meeting Between Trump and Kim Jong Un

President Donald Trump sent a Twitter message Thursday morning revealing the date and the location of his well-publicized summit with North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un.

"The highly anticipated meeting between Kim Jong Un and myself will take place in Singapore on June 12," the president tweeted. "We will both try to make it a very special moment for World Peace!"

The two leaders are expected to discuss North Korea's nuclear weapons development and testing program, which has deepened long-seated tensions between Washington and Pyongyang.

Trump said on their arrival that he believed Kim wanted to bring North Korea "into the real world" and had high hopes for their planned meeting, which would be the first between a serving U.S. president and a North Korean leader.

"I think we have a very good chance of doing something very meaningful," Trump said. "My proudest achievement will be—this is part of it—when we denuclearize that entire peninsula."

The details of the meeting were announced after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo returned overnight from Pyongyang with three freed American Christian prisoners who had been held captive in North Korea.

Pompeo helped secure their release, while ironing out details of the summit.

The meeting between the two world leaders seemed far-fetched only a few months ago when they traded jabs and threats through the media due to North Korea's development of nuclear

weapons and its intermittent ballistic missile tests. Tensions have eased, however, after Kim agreed to suspend the nuclear missile tests and to discuss “denuclearization.” {eoa}