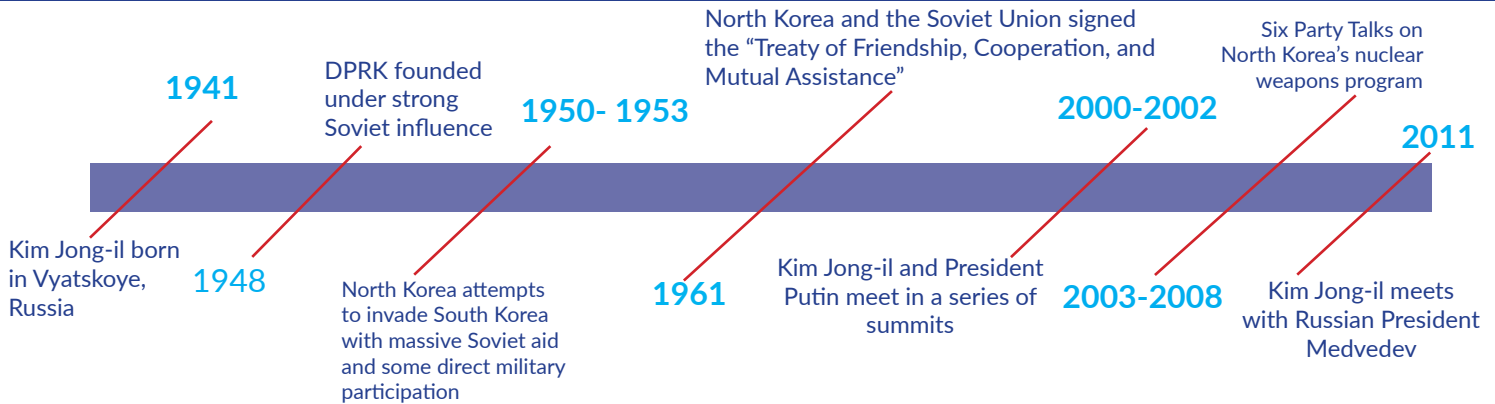






RUSSIAN-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

Russia matters more to North Korea than you might think.
Can it play a role in resolving the nuclear crisis?

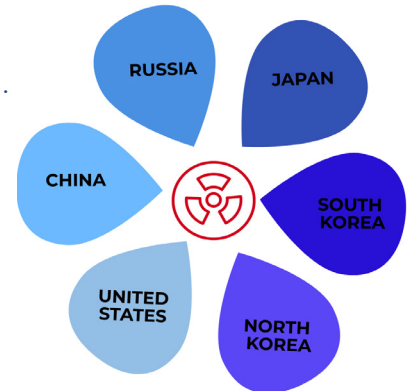


Russia was a founding member of the **Six Party Talks**, held 2003-2008. These were the most serious form of negotiations on North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

 **11.8 mile**
(19km) shared border

 **60 miles**
(100km) between North Korea and Vladivostok, a strategically important port city in Russia

 **October 2017**
TransTeleCom, a Russian company, opens an internet connection to North Korea



60 %
of North Korean schoolchildren studied Russian until the early 1990s*

*based on estimates of the Russkiy Mir Foundation

-  **\$76.8** million trade value with Russia
-  **\$900** million in Russian re-exports to North Korea via China
-  **300K** tons of Russian oil and petroleum products North Korea buys every year
-  **32K** North Korean workers in Russia

* trade data as of September 2017 (prior to the adoption of UNSCR 2375)

1 million
North Koreans with some command of the Russian language*

Read the two reports: [Russia and Crisis Management on the Korean Peninsula](#) and [Nuclear Weapons And Russian-North Korean Relations](#).