

# North Korean Leader Congratulates Putin With (Lunar) New Year

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**Kim Jong Un (Kin Cheung / AP / TASS)**

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has reportedly sent Russian President Vladimir Putin a telegram congratulating him with the Lunar New Year.

The North Korean New Year falls on Tuesday, Feb. 5 in 2019 and will be [marked](#) as “Juche 108,” celebrating the founding of the country’s isolationist state ideology in 1912.

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Kim congratulated Putin alongside other state leaders via “New Year cards,” the country’s official news agency KCNA reported Sunday without disclosing the content of the message.

Kim also reportedly congratulated the leaders of Belarus, Syria, and Turkmenistan, among other countries.

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