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Report on Enlarged Meeting of Eleventh Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK



The plenary meeting reviews remarkable achievements made in 2024 and decides on the development orientation of the Party and state affairs and policies for them in 2025

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The noble idea and mature leadership ability of the great Workers' Party of

Korea, which is determined to bring earlier the final completion of the sacred revolutionary cause of Juche under the uplifted banner of the people-first

principle, are bringing a great change and vigorous leap forward in all fields of state building, making each year of this land a brilliant peak of success and victory in the history.

The Party Central Committee solemnly declared in front of the glorious Party flag the commitment to repay with absolute

devotion the heavy responsibility assigned by the times and the people at the start of 2024 when the victory in the implementation of the five-year plan would be confirmed. It turned this year into a year of change and leap forward full

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of expanded successes despite the severe ordeals, with clear-cut fighting policies, strategic decisions and power of perfect execution.

This year made the people actually sense the advent of a new heyday of socialist construction and the important change of the comprehensive development and rejuvenation both in the capital and the provinces. These glorious achievements serve as an inspiring cornerstone for the brilliant implementation of the fighting programme of the Eighth Congress of the Party and the victory to be achieved steadily.

While going through the innumerable challenges and the processes of fresh innovations, bold creation and steady progress with indomitable and persistent struggles and efforts, people have kept in their minds more deeply the unshakable faith and dignified self-confidence that our Party and system are the best in the world and an absolute trust and conviction that today's happiness and future glory are achieved and guaranteed only in the embrace of the Party.

Members of the whole Party and other people and service personnel of the whole country, who are clearly foreseeing the successful fruition of their cause and ideal, are eager for a dynamic advance and development toward a greater victory as they harden their confidence in and optimism about the invincibility and bright prospects of Korean-style socialism dynamically advancing along the road of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence under the guidance of

the great Party Central Committee.

The Enlarged Meeting of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters of the Party Central Committee, the General Staff of the revolution, from December 23 to 27 to review the remarkable achievements made in 2024 by dint of the irresistible might peculiar to the DPRK and its people, which is stronger than trials and challenges, and to decide on the development orientation of the Party and state affairs and policies for them in 2025, which will constitute another watershed in the history of the growth and development of our Party and the Republic.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended the plenary meeting.

When the General Secretary took the platform, all the participants broke into cheers for Kim Jong Un, the great representative of the Party, the state and the people and the prominent leader of the Juche revolution, who is ushering in a new era of the most just and dignified prosperity with his extraordinary political acumen and gigantic leadership practice.

Present there were members and alternate members of the Central Committee of the WPK and, as observers, officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, leading officials of ministries, national agencies and provincial-level guidance bodies, chief secretaries of the Party committees and chairpersons of the people's committees in cities and counties, leading officials of the Party and administrative bodies of major industrial establishments and

the relevant commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

Kim Jong Un presided over the plenary meeting.

The General Secretary said that this year, too, significant events of opening up a new turning phase were brought about in the political, economic, cultural, defence, diplomatic and all other fields as in last year, and this is an indispensable and remarkable success in the advance of the Korean revolution.

He stressed that at this place of reviewing the results of the struggle for a year, it is the right and revolutionary attitude for the Party Central Committee to find out more defects, though they may be trifling and partial things, rather than successes and to find solutions to them.

Referring to the need for the plenary meeting to take positive measures to overcome the negative elements hindering the normal development of the state and work out a substantial plan for the struggle to successfully implement the decisions of the Party Congress by 2025, the final year of the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, he declared the plenary meeting open.

A presidium composed of the members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK was elected.

The following agenda items were brought up at the meeting:

1. On the review of the implementation of the policies of the Party and the state in 2024 and the orientation of struggle in 2025
2. On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2024

3. On the new regional development policy of our Party and its future tasks

4. On the enforcement of a series of measures for strengthening the educational foundations of the country

5. On the implementation of the state budget for 2024 and the draft state budget for 2025

6. On the work for the inner-Party structure

7. Organizational matter

The plenary meeting unanimously approved the proposed agenda items.

The plenary meeting discussed the first agenda item "On the review of the implementation of the policies of the Party and state in 2024 and the orientation of struggle in 2025."

The participants heard a report.

The report referred in detail to the achievements made through a dynamic struggle for implementing the important tasks set forth at the ninth and tenth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party, the 19th and 22nd enlarged meetings of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party and other important Party meetings, and to the shortcomings revealed in the course of the work.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the first agenda item.

He gave an assessment by the Party Central Committee of the implementation of the policies of the Party and state in 2024, recorded as a year of fortitude and transformation for the Party and the people of the DPRK, and made a review of the major successes achieved this year.

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This year, too, we have channelled continuous efforts into the development of the political and military fields, further raising the absolute prestige of the country and firmly guaranteeing the defence of its sovereignty and development of socialism.

An all-Party campaign has been intensified to develop the patriotic enthusiasm of all the people based on the single-minded unity unique to us into creating the Chollima spirit in the new era, and this process resulted in further increasing the politico-ideological might, with which we are working miracles by braving any difficulties.

This year another unprecedented record was made in our Party's history of people-first politics.

When flood disaster occurred in some areas this year, the WPK launched a huge restoration project with its timely decision and, at the same time, put into operation an emergency system for bringing the flood victims to the capital city of Pyongyang to provide them with stable and convenient living conditions and giving education to the schoolchildren.

This important measure was an expression of the sincerity and devotion of the Party, which is faithful to its natural mission of serving the people and desirous of providing those in misfortune with more things than what they have lost, as well as an expression of its policy of giving precedence to the training of the younger generation above all state affairs. It has resulted in further deepening the ties of kinship between the Party and the people and consolidating the support and trust of the masses in the Party's policies.

Kim Jong Un referred to the epochal successes made in building up the powerful self-reliant defence capability, a fundamental guarantee for defending the people and the national sovereignty.

The concluding speech stressed that the field of defence science and munitions industry of the country has played a great role in accomplishing the cause of building a powerful army by firmly defending peace and stability with the overwhelming increase of combat strength while maintaining a resolute, tough posture

of counteraction against the extremely worsening security environment in the region, and demonstrating to the world the entity of our new strategic deterrence and the infinite development potential and modernity of the defence science and technology, whose international position cannot be slighted.

The concluding speech noted that the overall national economy showed a firm growth trend and brought about substantial results directly related to the people's well-being.

The 12 major goals of the national economic development including housing construction were successfully carried out; the production plans were carried out at 127 percent for rolled steel, 106 percent for nonferrous metals, 103 percent for nitrogenous fertilizer, 101 percent for electricity, 110 percent for coal, 101 percent for cement, 104 percent for timber, 101 percent for aquatic products, 108 percent for rail freight turnover, 101 percent for cloth and 107 percent for grain. The readjusting and reinforcing projects including the second-stage project for modernizing the Kumsong Tractor Factory and the installing of energy-saving oxygen blast furnace at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex were successfully pushed forward, further strengthening the motive force and potential for the development of the self-supporting economy.

The agricultural sector reaped a bumper harvest again by actively introducing scientific farming methods and implemented the second-stage project for construction and restoration of the irrigation system by April, further consolidating the material foundations of its production.

The construction sector built again 10 000 flats of more refined and developed architectural beauty in the Hwasong area in the capital city, implemented the housing construction plan for this year in the Komdok area and completed the construction of modern rural villages in many cities and counties, bringing great pleasure and joy to the people across the country.

The large-scale rehabilitation projects were carried out in the flood-stricken North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang

provinces, presenting new, transformed looks of cultured rural towns. As a result, a new path for regional construction was opened up, the inexhaustible might of self-sustenance was demonstrated, and Party members, youth and service personnel were tempered in the patriotic and practical struggle.

The concluding speech noted that the scientific and cultural fields achieved successes that contributed to promoting the all-people creative struggle and the national prosperity and development and raising the country's prestige.

The core, main tasks for developing science and technology were carried out, a stride was made in resolving the sci-tech problems urgently needed for increasing production in key industries and other economic sectors including light industry and agriculture and for improving the people's living standards, and positive efforts were made to bring about innovations in the fields of education, public health, literature and the arts.

Our women footballers won in the Asian Cup and World Cup finals and won the Asian and world championships in various sports events including weightlifting, table tennis, boxing and Taekwon-Do. This is a success noteworthy in the review of this year.

Kim Jong Un said with pride that our Party, having identified the Regional Development 20x10 Policy for a simultaneous and balanced development of the regions and the substantial improvement of the living standard of the people across the country, presented its first perfect fruit, instilling hope and courage into the people of the whole country and doubling their creative enthusiasm and self-confidence.

On behalf of the Party Central Committee, he extended warm thanks to the Party members, working people, service personnel and youth across the country for having resolutely overcome the facing challenges and difficulties and faithfully implemented the Party's decisions and thus filled this year, decisive of carrying out the five-year plan, with significant creative and innovative successes of strenuous efforts and patriotic devotion, remaining faithful to the ideas and leadership of the Party

Central Committee with one mind.

The concluding speech pointed out a series of deviations and shortcomings hindering our advance and development, including the poor national disaster prevention capability and the failure to carry out construction on a scientific basis.

Kim Jong Un set it as the general orientation of the work for 2025 to push forward with the preparations for the next stage of development in a substantial way while successfully completing the five-year plan, and clarified the policy-oriented tasks for its implementation.

He said that the main efforts should be directed to putting spurs to the growth and development of the overall national economy, indicating the goals to be attained by the key industrial sectors including metal, chemical, electric-power, machine-building and coal-mining industries and rail transport.

The concluding speech stressed the need to wage a massive construction struggle in the new year, too, and, through this, make another leap forward to realize our ideals.

In 2025, building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang should be wound up through the fourth-stage housing construction in the Hwasong area, the construction of houses in the Komdok area completed, and housing construction in the rural communities pushed ahead without letup. In particular, efforts should be channelled into the construction of industrial and public facilities to accelerate the great cause of regional rejuvenation, and, on the basis of the experience gained in the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, an offshore farm should be successfully built in another area on a trial basis.

The concluding speech underscored the need to improve afforestation, land administration and ecological environment protection, establish a strict and unified command system and order related to disaster prevention by the state, make full preparations for coping with the danger of disaster including securing rescue equipment and relief materials and ensure the scientific accuracy, correctness

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and promptness of flood warning so as to minimize disaster.

It also stressed the need to successfully attain the expected economic growth goals by channelling efforts into resolving urgent methodological problems, like improving the system and method, planning and pricing for unified management of the overall economy in conformity with the economic structure and specific conditions of the country.

Noting that it is the main task set forth by the Eighth Party Congress to bring about a substantial change in the people's living, Kim Jong Un stressed the need to push forward more vigorously with the major policy-oriented tasks which had been set up and carried on for the people's living and thus achieve more remarkable successes next year.

The task facing the agricultural sector in 2025 is to attain the goal of grain production set by the Party and lay the foundations for decisively increasing agricultural production during the new long-term plan period.

The concluding speech referred to the measures for putting the country's agricultural production on a stable and sustainable track of development, including strengthening the material and technical foundations of the agricultural sector, attaching importance to scientific farming, training in a systematic way and in a large number the ranks of talents who will shoulder the implementation of the rural revolution programme in the new era and transformation of the socialist countryside.

It stressed that the light industry sector should raise the improvement of quality as the primary task and direct efforts to improving the quality of condiments and consumer goods and the socialist policy for the children and students should be implemented in a responsible manner. It also indicated the practical ways for strengthening the material foundations of the fishing sector.

It put forward the enhancement of the role of the scientific and cultural fronts as an important task in the new year's advance to conclude the first-phase struggle for pioneering and transformation for the

comprehensive socialist development.

The scientific circles should turn out as one to achieve successful results to fully support the victory of the final offensive for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Party and lead it to a new stage of development.

The public health sector should steadily bring the preventive and curative treatment closer to reality, improve the quality of medical service for the working people, and lay solid foundations for anti-epidemic work to cope with any global public health crisis.

The concluding speech stressed the need for the fields of art and literature, media and sports to stir the times, shake the whole country and give a boost to its revolutionary spirit through the creation of excellent works of art and literature, powerful media offensive and successes in sports.

Noting that the working people's organizations are the forces that should move vigorously in next year's struggle, when a landmark for great victory and change will be set up in the history of the development of our Party and country, Kim Jong Un stressed that the youth league organizations in particular should regard the purport and intention of the Party's policy of prioritizing the youth as their lifeline and prepare the youth league officials and members as true successors to the revolution.

He gave an outline of the remarkable successes achieved this year in enhancing the international position of our state and consolidating its external position and of the features of the present international situation, in which the growth and rapid progress of the circles of the independent forces are conspicuous and the position of the circles of supremacy-seeking forces is rapidly weakening and declining.

Our Republic reliably defended its inviolable sovereign rights and achieved successes of strategic significance from the viewpoint of prospective growth of the interests and enhancing the prestige of the state while responding promptly and smartly to the harsh regional situation and the unsteady structure of the international relations, and firmly maintained its principled foreign policy stand and orientation of struggle. In this way, it

has firmly occupied the international position as a representative and powerful independent force that dynamically pushes forward the building of a righteous multi-polar world.

The concluding speech put forward the strategic and tactical tasks for bringing about a more favourable external phase for the Korean revolution through proactive and offensive external activities in line with the Party's external strategic plan and intentions.

The US is the most reactionary state that regards anti-communism as its invariable state policy, the alliance between the US, Japan and ROK has expanded into a nuclear military bloc for aggression, and the ROK has turned into an out-and-out anti-communist outpost of the US. This reality clearly shows which direction we should follow and what we should do and how.

The concluding speech clarified the strategy for the toughest anti-US counteraction to be launched aggressively by the DPRK for its long-term national interests and security.

It indicated the tasks for the field of external affairs to wage a dynamic struggle for defending the national sovereign rights on the principle of enhancing the prestige and defending the interests of the state and to positively promote the development of relations with the friendly countries that respect the dignity and interests of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un pointed to the special importance to thoroughly prepare the People's Army as a revolutionary army of the Party, boundlessly loyal to its leadership and strong in ideology and technology.

Holding fast to strengthening its politico-ideological might as its primary strategic task for building itself up, the KPA should develop itself into a revolutionary army that always emerges victorious by dint of ideology, train all its service personnel to be genuine patriots, most powerful in their spiritual strength, and in particular, dynamically conduct the ideological work aimed at fully equipping them with keen awareness of the enemy, an immutable outlook on the archenemy and firm will to fight a decisive battle with them.

In order to meet the demands and features of modern warfare and cope with the ever-changing enemy's war scenario and execution mode, it should enhance its capabilities for fighting a war by intensifying research into our own style of tactics, giving an uninterrupted spur to the work of putting its operations command on an IT and modern basis and steadily studying and applying scientific forms and methods of training.

We should also push ahead with fully preparing the civil defence sector for a war.

Kim Jong Un clarified the strategic and tactical policies for more reliably guaranteeing the bolstering of war deterrence for self-defence through accelerated progress of defence science and technology and radical development of the defence industry to cope with the ever-increasing military provocations of the US and its vassal forces against the DPRK, and set forth the tasks for their implementation.

Saying that next year's struggle for successfully carrying out the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK requires the Party organizations, the political staff of relevant sectors and units, to enhance their functions and activities more than ever before, he stressed that all Party organizations should dynamically conduct their organizational and political work to attain their struggle goals without fail by making sound preparations and redoubled efforts.

In particular, all Party officials should bear in mind once again the true meaning of the slogan "Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!" and devote their all to the work for the people, as intended by the Party Central Committee, he said, adding:

The unprecedentedly harsh situation will persist in the future, too, but the invaluable experience and lessons, gained and drawn in this year's intensive struggle for ushering in a new era of transformation unprecedented since the founding of the nation, and our confidence and internal force that have grown a hundredfold will surely encourage us to attain with credit the goals we have set. He then ardently

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called on all the participants to remain true to their heavy duty and responsibility they have assumed for the times and revolution and the country and people, and wage a bolder struggle with higher confidence in the vanguard of the general offensive for a great victory and glory in 2025.

Raising cheers of "Hurrah!" and applause, all the participants expressed their full support to the General Secretary's concluding speech that clearly specified the struggle tasks and ways for bringing the glory of 2024, achieved by self-reliance, based on the firm unity of all Party members and other people across the country under the banner of loyalty and patriotism, to continuous development and successes in 2025, and dramatically accelerating the historic advance toward national rejuvenation.

The historic concluding speech of Kim Jong Un is a great action programme that makes it possible to scientifically guarantee the perfect attainment of the sacred fighting goal of the Party, which started a grand journey for the overall

development of socialism based on the noble ideas of "The people are God," single-minded unity and self-reliance, and to expand it massively and steadily.

The plenary meeting discussed the second agenda item "On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2024."

A report on the relevant agenda item was made.

It referred to the successes made in the work for implementing the line of building the Party discipline in the new era and for providing Party work and activities with a financial and material guarantee and strictly pointed to the deviations revealed by the Party inspection commissions at all levels.

The plenary meeting made a relevant evaluation of the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2024.

It discussed the third agenda item "On the new regional development policy of our Party and its future tasks."

Kim Jong Un said that the Regional Development 20x10 Policy, which our Party regards as a crucial political issue and the supreme task for fulfilling its

cherished desire and is dynamically pushing forward as the top priority revolutionary task, is an eventful decision and unprecedentedly huge creative struggle, the first of its kind since the founding of the Party and the state, which is aimed at providing the people across the country with a new, affluent and civilized life in a matter of ten years and rapidly raising the level of development in all regions.

Despite the grave challenges and difficulties blocking our advance and the uphill tasks to be pushed forward and fulfilled in the remaining period of the implementation of the five-year plan, the medium- and long-term tasks for the regional transformation, which has only been an ideal for nearly 80 years, were made a policy and entered the full-scale stage of implementation without delay. This is a great revolution that creates a new history.

Saying that not minor consideration, courage and struggle were required to confirm such a great transformative line, the action programme for regional development, and translate it into an impeccable entity, the General Secretary stated that to develop all the regions of the country simultaneously and in a balanced way is an important strategic task for building Korean-style socialism oriented towards overall development and, at the same time, an urgent political task for more thoroughly applying and giving full play to the people-first principle, the basic political idea of the Party and the

government.

He referred to the fact that the 19th enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held in January this year established the Regional Development 20x10 Policy for boosting the elementary material and cultural living standard of the people across the country a level higher with ten years as a term by building modern regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties in succession every year, with the Party and the government taking full responsibility, and took concrete measures for its implementation.

The soldier-builders, who are standing at the vanguard of implementing the regional development policy, directed every effort to ensuring perfect quality of construction with an extraordinary sense of responsibility and conscience, for the sake of the dignity of the Party and on the honour of the army. As a result, they built new factories, the first creations in the efforts for regional rejuvenation, commensurate with the idea, national power and the level of civilization of our times. And workers, scientists and technicians in various fields in charge of the supply of materials and equipment and technology, including the machine-building and building-materials industries, also achieved precious successes in the fulfilment of their production tasks and research and development by displaying

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dogged perseverance and creativity.

Meanwhile, a modern offshore farm, a new model of offshore farming, was built in the city of Sinpho on the east coast, accelerating the work in every way for creating excellent experience for the coastal cities and counties to live on with their own efforts and for actively promoting and spurring the distinctive development and growth of the regional economy.

Noting that the first creations in the efforts for implementing the regional development policy are, indeed, the fruition of our honourable and worthwhile struggle and proof of our most valuable and proud prosperity, the General Secretary said with pride that although the Party and the government have shouldered double workloads and heavier burdens, our struggle for the promotion of the people's well-being has remarkably intensified and expanded and socialist construction has entered a new phase of epochal advance.

Referring to the intention of the Party Central Committee to additionally build public health facilities, cultural complexes and grain management facilities in the cities and counties across the country, considering that the construction of some regional-industry factories in each city and county is not enough to completely eliminate the centuries-old backwardness remaining in local areas and put them on a sustainable development track, he gave an overview of the significance of the construction of the three essential projects and the specific orientation of construction.

He said that only when the aforesaid construction projects are completed correctly and in a practicable way so that they can be operated smoothly at the present stage can we surely provide a firm basis for regional development and open up a dynamic phase in which cities and counties can simultaneously undergo a change and rejuvenation, and proposed to the plenary meeting that the Party's new regional development policy formally include the construction of advanced public health facilities, scientific, educational and leisure facilities and grain management facilities in parallel with that of regional-industry factories.

Speeches were made on the third agenda item.

Jo Yong Won, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Jong Kyong Thaek, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, and Ri Jong Nam, chief secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the WPK, made speeches and senior officials in various sectors presented written speeches.

They expressed absolute support to and approval for the great programme for regional development that clearly indicates the special and practical measures for putting an end to the centuries-old backwardness of the regions and accelerating the historic cause of their rejuvenation.

They stressed that the Party's new regional development policy on building advanced health facilities, cultural complexes and integrated grain management facilities essential to regional development in parallel with the construction of regional-industry factories is an important state affair and historic cause that can be settled only by the General Secretary, who regards the pains taken for the people as his duty and shoulders all that are for promoting their wellbeing.

They made a firm determination to fulfil their responsibility and mission as the leading personnel of the revolution, who are to vigorously lead the gigantic struggle for transforming the regions in a multi-stage, three-dimensional and offensive way, true to the noble intention of the Party Central Committee with single-minded efforts, and thus fully guarantee the perfect implementation of the regional development policy in the new era.

The plenary meeting discussed the fourth agenda item "On the enforcement of a series of measures for strengthening the educational foundations of the country".

A report on the relevant agenda item was made.

The reporter said:

In August last the General Secretary took a special measure of bringing all the schoolchildren in the flood-hit areas to Pyongyang for their studying, and visited the classrooms laid out temporarily at the April 25 Hostel to acquaint himself with the teaching preparations for a new term, saying that the educational work is the primary state affair which can never be given up even if the sky may fall in. His

noble intention on the rising generation reminds us once again of what attitude and stand we should take on the issue of the education of students and the provision of educational conditions for them.

Stressing that the urgent issue for glorifying our country as a talent power and a socialist educational power at present is to further strengthen the overall educational foundations as required by the times, the reporter presented to the plenary meeting the problems to be tackled by the state.

Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the fourth agenda item.

Noting that education is the first state affair that should be given priority and that demands tremendous effort at any time and at any stage and the most important sector that has to make steady progress, he referred to the precedence, necessity and significance of its development.

He said that, according to the tasks set forth at the sixth and eighth plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee, practical measures have been taken to readjust the educational structure of the country for giving advanced education and improve the contents and methods of education more reasonably, and the socialist policy for the students is being consistently carried on together with the work of training reserve teachers on a long-term basis. Despite the proud qualitative changes brought about in this sector in recent years, the overall educational foundations are yet to respond to the requirements of the times and the revolution, he pointed out, and made a strict analysis of the present situation in the educational sector and indicated the immediate, medium- and long-range tasks to be fulfilled through the investment of the national efforts on the responsibility of the Party and the government in order to consolidate the foundations of education, saying:

Now that we have set an aim of building a state which gives the greatest importance to education and is most advanced in education in the world, we should definitely take the direction of supplying the school things, supplies and equipment and providing the educators and students with the best working and studying conditions on the full responsibility of the state.

He then indicated the intention of bringing up the above-said agenda item as a special one at the plenary meeting and the practical ways for putting the

educational foundations of the country onto a new high in the shortest period possible.

Stressing the need to push forward the modernization of schools, which claims a lion's share in strengthening the educational foundations, as a state undertaking, and set an ambitious goal to renovate all schools across the country within the next decade and push it forward persistently so as to carry it through to the end without fail, he set forth measures to this end.

The concluding speech advanced the tasks for making the educational sector fully discharge its purpose and mission, like steadily raising the intellectual level of all students by improving the quality of basic education at the general education sector, furthering the qualifications of educators to shore up the overall educational sector, reducing the difference between the town and the countryside in the education level, and establishing a national educational aid system for persons with disabilities.

Kim Jong Un said that the educational work, which decides the destiny of the nation and has an important influence on the growth of the people, should be a matter of public concern, and that our present revolutionary practice demands that more efforts be made to help education. He stressed that officials, who are sincerely concerned about the prospects of the Party and the revolution and the future of the country and are ready to take responsibility for them, should always pay attention to the solution of the educational issue and take charge of solving it as a matter of their own concern irrespective of whether it is a big or small one.

Saying that the steady and promising comprehensive national rejuvenation, regional rejuvenation and rural development lie in the development of education, he affirmed that our Party would always place education above all else, prioritize it, further arouse public interest in it and keep increasing state support for and investment in it, as the scale of creation and transformation is expanded and revolutionary tasks become enormous.

In connection with the fifth agenda item, the plenary meeting decided to organize a state budget deliberation

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team for examining and reviewing the implementation of the state budget for 2024 and the draft state budget for 2025.

The plenary meeting discussed the sixth agenda item “On the work for the inner-Party structure” and approved a relevant decision with unanimous approval.

The plenary meeting discussed the organizational matter as its seventh agenda item.

Members and alternate members of the WPK Central Committee were recalled or by-elected.

Jong Myong Su and Yun Jong Ho, alternate members of the Party Central Committee, were by-elected as its members, and No Kwang Chol, Ri Hi Yong, Song Jun Sol and Kang Myong Chol were directly by-elected as members of the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jo Guk, Kim Yong Bok, Kwon Song Hwan, Ri Man Su, Kim Song Bin, Jon Ryong Nam, Hwang Yong Gil, Ri Jong Sik, Sin Chang Gil, Yun Chi Gol and Hong Kil Ho were by-elected as alternate members of the Party Central Committee.

Members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee were recalled or by-elected.

Ri Yong Gil and Choe Son Hui, alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, were by-elected as its members, and No Kwang Chol, Kim Jong Gwan, Ri Hi Yong and Choe Tong Myong were directly by-elected as its members.

Pang Tu Sop and Kim Chol Won were by-elected as alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee were recalled or by-elected.

Pak Thae Song was by-elected as member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Secretaries of the WPK Central Committee were dismissed or elected.

Choe Tong Myong, Kim Tok Hun and

Ri Hi Yong were elected as secretaries of the Party Central Committee.

A vice-chairman and members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK were recalled or by-elected.

No Kwang Chol, Pang Tu Sop and Kim Jong Sik were by-elected as members of the Party Central Military Commission.

A chairman, vice-chairmen and members of the WPK Central Inspection Commission were recalled or by-elected.

Ri Hi Yong was by-elected as chairman of the Party Central Inspection Commission, Kim Jae Ryong and Kim Hyong Sik as its vice-chairmen and Kang Myong Chol as its member.

Department directors of the WPK Central Committee were dismissed or appointed.

Ri Hi Yong, Kim Tok Hun and Kim Jae Ryong were appointed as department directors of the Party Central Committee.

The chief secretary of a provincial Party committee was dismissed or appointed.

Kim Chol Sam was appointed as chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK.

The Premier and some senior officials of the Cabinet were dismissed or appointed.

Pak Thae Song was appointed as Premier of the Cabinet.

Kim Jong Gwan was appointed as Vice-premier of the Cabinet, Kwon Song Hwan as Minister of Natural Resources Development and Kim Yong Sik as Minister of Commerce.

The plenary meeting had two-day panel study and consultative meetings to work out a thoroughgoing and correct plan for implementing the struggle tasks for 2025 on the basis of the ideas and spirit of the instructions given by the WPK General Secretary during the discussion of the agenda items and his concluding speeches.

Members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee presided over the panel study and consultative meetings.

The consultative meetings actively discussed the tasks for further consolidating and amplifying the

achievements made in this year’s struggle after an in-depth study of the draft decisions, and scientific and innovative suggestions were made in this course.

The 24th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth WPK Central Committee was convened on December 27.

The Political Bureau decided to examine the proposals put together at the panel study and consultative meetings and amend and supplement the draft decisions before submitting them to the plenary meeting.

It also decided to examine the state budget deliberation team’s review of the implementation of the state budget for 2024 and the draft state budget for 2025, and report the result to the plenary meeting.

Jo Yong Won reported the results of the Political Bureau meeting to the plenary meeting.

The plenary meeting adopted with unanimous approval the decisions “On carrying out the tasks for 2025 of the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Party Congress”, “On hastening the comprehensive rejuvenation of the state by vigorously pushing ahead with the implementation of the new regional development strategy” and “On taking a series of measures for strengthening the educational foundations of the country”.

It finally examined the implementation of the state budget for 2024 and the draft state budget for 2025 and approved the submission of the document on them to the Twelfth Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly.

Kim Jong Un concluded the plenary meeting.

Next year is a significant year marking the 80th founding anniversary of our Party and at the same time the year for the Eighth Party Central Committee to review its work before the times and the people, he said, pointing to the need to make 2025, the last year of its term, a historic watershed which occupies the most brilliant position in the history of leadership of our Party with extraordinary

wisdom, courage, responsible efforts and strenuous exertion transcending the four years of pioneering and leap forward.

He ardently called upon the entire Party, the whole country and all the people to turn out in the sacred patriotic struggle for the comprehensive rejuvenation and development of our great state and achieve miraculous successes, thus greeting with honour the Ninth Party Congress as a glorious meeting of victors.

The December 2024 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the WPK wrapped up its responsible work amid high political awareness and burning enthusiasm of all the participants to remain faithful to their duty as the leading personnel of the revolution to the last in the first rank and vanguard in implementing the Party’s policies, cherishing the great trust of tens of millions of people.

Bearing in mind the importance of the revolutionary tasks which they pledged to fulfil unconditionally before the plenary meeting, the members of the Party central leadership body, who embarked on the straight course of important struggle for the implementation of the grand revolutionary programme set forth at the Eighth Party Congress, renewed their solemn will to glorify 2025 as a year of eye-opening events and a year of great turn to bring about an upward trend towards a higher development stage with immense courage, redoubled efforts, inexhaustible enthusiasm and devotion.

The Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea will shine long in the history of our Party as a significant occasion as it boosted the optimism about the prospects and potential of our cause vigorously advancing with the most just ideal and lofty ambition and added a great spur to the historic advance for resolutely hastening an era of comprehensive prosperity of our state by dint of the irresistible force of self-respect and self-reliance.



절대비밀



**조선로동당 중앙위원회
제8기 제11차전원회의 결정서**

첫째 의정 : 당 제8차대회가 제시한 5개년계획의 2025년도 과업을 철저히 관철할데 대하여

셋째 의정 : 새로운 지방발전전략실행을 강력히 추진하여 국가의 전면적부흥을 앞당길데 대하여

넷째 의정 : 나라의 교육토대를 강화하기 위한 일련의 조치를 취할데 대하여

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Sinpho City Offshore Farm inaugurated

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony and made a speech in celebration of the inauguration

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A new model base of advanced offshore farming has been successfully built in the Phungo-dong area in the city of Sinpho, South Hamgyong Province, under the new regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

At a historic consultative meeting on regional economic development held in July, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un

set forth a revolutionary policy on decisively boosting the regional economy by actively exploiting and utilizing all the economic resources and potentials of each region in keeping with its actual conditions. And he made sure that a model of offshore farming was created

under the direct guidance of the Party Central Committee and energetically led the whole course of the project through his ceaseless immortal guidance.

The soldier-builders involved in the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm brought about a brilliant change in

the east coastal area within only some months, true to the order of the Party Central Committee. During the period, officials, technicians and employees of the farm have provided a firm sci-tech guarantee for increased production.

The inauguration of the Sinpho City

Offshore Farm, a gift of love presented by the WPK to the people of the city, is a brilliant fruition of the outstanding ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un, who made a determination for the epochal cause of regional rejuvenation for a simultaneous and balanced development of the whole country and is stubbornly carrying it out. It is also a proud epitome of the Korean-style creative struggle showing the future changes in all the coastal cities and counties.

An inauguration ceremony of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm took place with splendour on December 28.

Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony. When he arrived amid the playing

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of welcome music, stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” resounded far and wide.

All the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers, looking up with great emotion to Kim Jong Un, who made tireless efforts to make the December 2024 Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee an occasion for fresh advance and development, vigorously guiding the comprehensive rejuvenation of Korean-style socialist construction and is continuing his journey of devotion for the people’s wellbeing without a moment’s rest.

Present at the ceremony were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and other members of the Party central leadership body, members of the non-permanent committees for promoting the Regional Development 20x10 Policy at all levels, officials and working people in the province and the city, soldier-builders and employees of the farm.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in celebration of the inauguration.

Noting that we greeted the emotional moment of declaring the inauguration of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, built as a characteristic creation for regional transformation in the area which had been only a white beach with pine trees five months ago, he said that this is the start of the important undertaking for ensuring steady progress of socialist construction, aspiring after a simultaneous and multiple development on a nationwide scale. And he continued:

In order to secure a substantial guarantee for the regional-industry revolution which the Party is stepping up with all efforts, it is

necessary to lay foundations for sure and sustained exploitation and application. The cities and counties, where the areas of arable land are limited in comparison with a large number of population like the city of Sinpho should correctly find out the advantages in their natural resources and economic and geographical features to live and develop by their own efforts by relying on them.

The most precious income we have gained through the inauguration of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm is that the Sinpho people came to have a keen interest in the offshore farming which will renew the structure of our fishing industry and grasped the best method by dint of science. It is important for everyone to fully realize that the key to self-reliance and self-sustenance is in themselves, rather than talking about it in words, and put it into practice.

The farm’s technicians and employees and the officers and men of the Korean People’s Army involved in the construction project clearly proved the truthfulness and validity of the Party’s policy with their firm faith in it and with their extraordinary determination and indomitable efforts, and the relevant sector of the KPA played a big role in laying the material and technical foundations of the farm by building and donating a new-type aquaculture mother ship.

It is a great pleasure for me to find a job for the people’s wellbeing, but what is prouder and more worthwhile is when I see all the people unanimously and whole-heartedly respond to my decision and prove the validity of the Party’s policy with sincere and stubborn efforts.

He then extended on behalf of the Party Central Committee and the government

thanks to all the soldier-builders, Party members and other working people in South Hamgyong Province including those in Sinpho, and officials of the relevant sectors who made contributions to the implementation of the Party decision and the development of the country by creating such a valuable treasure for the country and people.

He went on:

We are faced with struggle tasks greater and more gigantic than the undertakings we have done. Officials, technicians and employees of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm should revitalize offshore aquaculture by drawing on the good experience gained in the first year’s sea farming, continue to play the vanguard role in transforming the structure of the fishing industry on this basis and carry on business management methodologically so as to powerfully guarantee the development of the regional economy.

Our country with a long coastline has a number of coastal cities and counties, and our seas are clean and their ecological conditions are very good, so it is necessary to conduct farming and culture on a large scale in coastal areas by utilizing these favourable conditions. The creation of new experience in large-scale aquaculture in Sinpho, which had been famous as a leading city in fishing, gives confidence that it is possible to restore and develop the fishing industry of the country with offshore farming as the main domain in the future.

Recalling that the recent plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee discussed in earnest and decided to build another offshore farm as a model in the other area on the basis of the experience

gained in the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, he stressed that the offshore farms to be built in the future should be more advanced than that in Sinpho and they should fully conform to the regional characteristics and be those that can effectively and prospectively guarantee the development of the regional economy.

He said that not only the coastal regions but also other cities and counties should make good preparations for securing the independence and driving force of their regional economic development by exploiting and utilizing their natural resources and favourable economic conditions.

Saying that our ideals, courage, strenuous efforts and creation will certainly bring us prouder assets, he sincerely hoped that the city of Sinpho would thrive and become literally a “rich city” in the era of regional transformation and prosperity and thus bring pleasure and happiness to the people in the region.

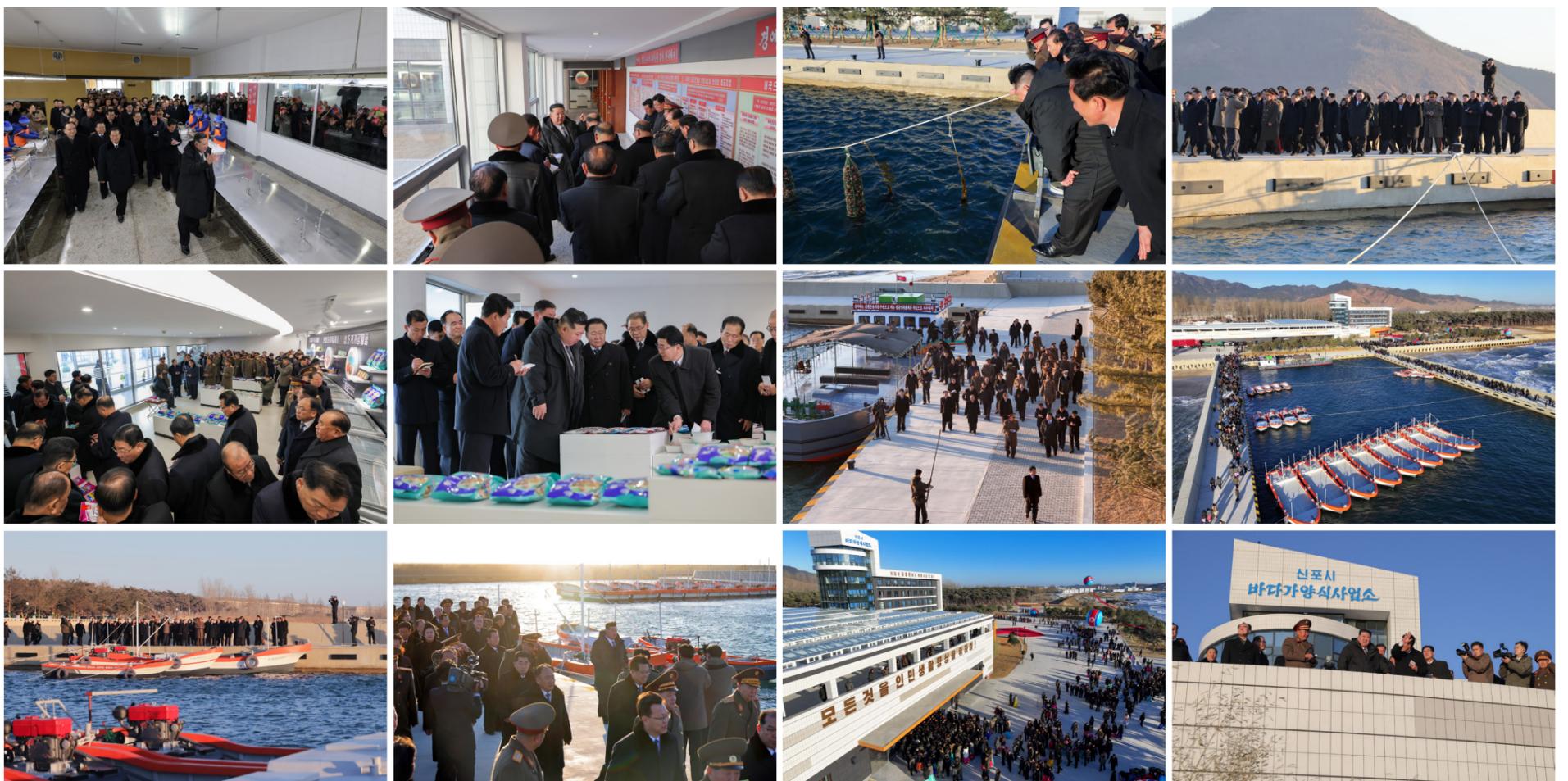
When he finished his speech, cheers of “Hurrah!” went up again to the sky in December.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

The venue of the inauguration ceremony unfolding a lofty picture to be recorded in the brilliant history of regional development was filled with the absolute trust in the great Party and the great joy at and deep emotion over a new life and happiness.

All the participants paid the highest tribute and extended profound gratitude to the great Comrade Kim Jong Un who is

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leading the gigantic regional development revolution in the vanguard with a strong desire to pick even a star from the sky for the people.

Kim Jong Un waved his hand to the cheering participants for a long time as he warmly wished the citizens in the city of Sinpho a bright future.

He went round the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, together with members of the Party central leadership body and other participants.

Going round different places of the farm, including the scallop processing workshop and ultra-quick freezing, general control and sample rooms, he learned in detail about the management and operation of the farm and the processing of seafood.

He said the interior and exterior of the production building have been built well in a highly qualitative and profitable way, the soldier-builders have taken great pains and every monumental edifice representing the era is associated with the patriotic devotion and creative wisdom and talents of the Korean People's Army

always remaining faithful to the orders and instructions of the Party, calling on the soldier-builders to continue to fulfil their mission and duty as pioneers of civilization and creators of the people's happiness in the vanguard of the struggle for accelerating the historic cause of regional rejuvenation.

Looking at various products made by processing kelp, scallops, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, etc, he said that since the Party has had the splendid offshore farm built with much effort, the city of Sinpho should revitalize the operation of the farm and maximize its profitability and effectiveness so that this results in a rapid upturn and development of the regional economy and the enjoyment of a civilized life by the regional people.

Saying that another new domain of regional economic development was opened up through the completion of the modern offshore farm with surely good prospects, he noted that the eye-opening change in the Sinpho area is a clear demonstration of the validity and vitality of the Korean-style view on development and Korean-style fighting method whereby a broad avenue to prosperity

is opened up by taking self-reliance and self-respect as a lifeline.

Looking round a wharf where mother-and other farming ships and submarine boats were lining up, he said with pleasure that the Sinpho City Offshore Farm really looks wonderful and that visualizing those boats entering the wharf with a full load of happiness for the citizens in Sinpho makes him already happy and gives him fresh strength.

Noting that to keep expanding successes on the basis of the precious experience gained in the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm is of great significance in dynamically accomplishing the historic cause of regional development into which the Party channels the greatest effort unprecedented in history, he gave precious instructions for all cities and counties to put their regional economy on a firm basis of development by making good use of the sea in the coastal areas and mountains in the mountainous areas and by revitalizing tourism in the places with tourist resources.

As they looked round the room for education in the revolutionary history, the room dedicated to the history of the

farm and other places of the farm, the participants recollected with deep emotion the immortal exploits of Kim Jong Un, which started with the crucial decision to realize the centuries-old desire of the regional people and which led to the important events for the implementation of the decision. And they renewed their determination to make a tangible contribution to the national prosperity and development by single-mindedly remaining faithful to the leadership of the Party Central Committee.

The inauguration ceremony of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm held splendidly in the presence of Kim Jong Un has powerfully demonstrated the bright prospects of the new regional development policy of the Party and instilled great confidence and encouragement into the people across the country who are full of the iron will to glorify the significant year 2025 as a year of great change and victory to be specially recorded in the history of overall national development by unconditionally carrying out the important fighting tasks set forth at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party.

Press release of Eleventh Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of the WPK

Members and alternate members of the Workers' Party of Korea Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and Presidium member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK by-elected at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK are as follows:

Members of the WPK Central Committee

Jong Myong Su, Yun Jong Ho, No Kwang Chol, Ri Hi Yong, Song Jun Sol and Kang Myong Chol

Alternate members of the WPK Central Committee

Kim Jo Guk, Kim Yong Bok, Kwon Song Hwan, Ri Man Su, Kim Song Bin, Jon Ryong Nam, Hwang Yong Gil, Ri Jong Sik, Sin Chang Gil, Yun Chi Gol and Hong Kil Ho

Members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

Ri Yong Gil, Choe Son Hui, No Kwang Chol, Kim Jong Gwan, Ri Hi Yong and Choe Tong Myong



Ri Yong Gil



Choe Son Hui



No Kwang Chol



Kim Jong Gwan



Ri Hi Yong



Choe Tong Myong

Alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

Pang Tu Sop and Kim Chol Won



Pang Tu Sop

Kim Chol Won

Presidium member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

Pak Thae Song



Secretaries of the WPK Central Committee elected at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK are as follows:

Choe Tong Myong, Kim Tok Hun and Ri Hi Yong



Kim Tok Hun

Members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK by-elected at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK are as follows:

No Kwang Chol, Pang Tu Sop and Kim Jong Sik



Kim Jong Sik

Chairman, vice-chairmen and member of the WPK Central Inspection Commission by-elected at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK are as follows:

Chairman Ri Hi Yong, Vice-Chairmen Kim Jae Ryong and Kim Hyong Sik and member Kang Myong Chol



Kim Jae Ryong

Kim Hyong Sik

Kang Myong Chol

Department directors of the WPK Central Committee appointed at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK are as follows:

Ri Hi Yong, Kim Tok Hun and Kim Jae Ryong

The chief secretary of a provincial Party committee appointed at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK is as follows:

Kim Chol Sam, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK



Kim Chol Sam

The premier and senior officials of the Cabinet appointed at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK are as follows:

Premier Pak Thae Song, Vice-Premier Kim Jong Gwan, Minister of Natural Resources Development Kwon Song Hwan and Minister of Commerce Kim Yong Sik



Kwon Song Hwan



Kim Yong Sik

Agricultural workers move into new houses in different farming villages

KCNA

New houses with characters peculiar to the mountainous area have been built at the Township Stockbreeding Farm and the Jiam Stockbreeding Farm in Phyonggang County of Kangwon Province.

A ceremony for moving into new houses took place on the spot.

Present there were Kim Myong Chol, secretary of

the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials and working people in the county, and agricultural workers who would move into new houses.

Kim Kwang Chol, vice-chairman of the provincial people's committee, made a congratulatory address.

The licences for the use of houses were handed over.

When moving into new houses began, laughter and song of the people

reverberated far and wide amid the cheerful dance. Officials visited the new houses to congratulate their owners.

A fairyland village showing off the socialist rural civilization has appeared at the township farm in Kumya County, South Hamgyong Province.

Present at a ceremony for moving into new houses held on the spot were Wi Chol Su, secretary of the

South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Party and power organs in Kumya County, builders and agricultural workers.

Ri Kwang Hyok, vice-chairman of the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, made a congratulatory address.

The licences for the use of houses were handed over and speeches made at the ceremony.

Officials of the Party and power organs visited the owners of the new houses to share joy with them.

A new village has appeared in the area of the Yombunjin coastal park in Kyongsong County, North Hamgyong Province.

Present at the ceremony for moving into new houses held on the spot were Han Yong Song, secretary of the provincial committee of the Workers' Party of Korea,

officials concerned, builders and working people.

Pak Kyong Su, vice-chairman of the provincial people's committee, made a congratulatory address. Then the licences for the use of houses were handed over and speeches made.

New villages have appeared at the Chollisong Farm in Taehung County and the Magundam Stockbreeding Farm in Nyongwon County of South Phyongan Province.

The villages, designed as befits a socialist country while preserving the characters of mountainous area, are places of happiness provided by the energetic leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is making a new history of rural development.

Ceremonies for moving into new dwelling houses took place on the spot respectively.

Present there were Kim Man Jo, secretary of the South Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Hyon Chol, vice-chairman of the provincial people's committee, officials of the Party and power organs, builders and agricultural workers in the relevant areas.

Congratulatory addresses were made there.



Beautiful villages rise up in succession in the countryside and farmers move into new houses after holding ceremonies.



Meetings held to mark anniversary of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's assumption of supreme commandership of DPRK armed forces

KCNA

Events were held by working people's organizations of the DPRK on December 26 to celebrate the 13th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's assumption of the supreme commandership of the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Present there were officials of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea, officials concerned, workers and trade union members, agricultural workers and UAWK members.

Choe Jong Chol, vice-chairman of the GFTUK Central Committee, made a report at the meeting of workers and trade union members held at the Central Hall of Workers and then speeches were made.

The reporter and speakers said that Kim Jong Un's

A celebration meeting of agricultural workers and UAWK members is held at the Wonhwa Farm in Phyongwon County on December 26.



assumption of the top post of the DPRK armed forces in accordance with the unanimous will and desire of all the people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army is the greatest fortune for the country and people and a great revolutionary event to be specially recorded in the history of Juche-oriented army-building.

They praised the undying feats of Kim Jong Un who has achieved the historic great cause of building a rich country with a strong army while reliably defending the security of the country and happiness of the people.

Ri Yong Chol, vice-chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, made a report at the meeting of

agricultural workers and UAWK members, held at the Wonhwa Farm in Phyongwon County, to be followed by speeches.

They vowed to fulfill their responsibilities and duties in the solemn struggle for bolstering up the national defence capability and ushering in a great new era of the socialist rural development.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Birthday spread sent to centenarian

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to O Kum Sun, a woman centenarian living in neighborhood unit No. 6 of Choin-ri in Kumya County, South Hamgyong Province, on her 100th birthday.

Officials of the Kumya County Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and villagers congratulated the centenarian and her family members.

O Kum Sun had devoted herself to the farm fields for decades to live up to the loving care of the Party and the state.

She told her children and villagers that the socialist system where all the people make a large harmonious family is the best in the world.

Instant noodles factory inaugurated in Hyesan

The Hyesan Instant Noodles Factory was newly built in Ryanggang Province.

The factory, whose production lines are

automated and hygienic safety is ensured, has facilities necessary for the production of instant noodles, bread, drinks and others with wheat as the main raw material and cultural and welfare service facilities for its employees.

Its inaugural ceremony took place on the spot on December 25.

Present there were Ri Song Il, secretary of the Ryanggang Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials and builders in the province and employees of the factory.

Ri Myong Jong, vice-chairman of the provincial people's committee, made an inaugural address.

New gymnasium built at Kumhwa Mine

A gymnasium has been built at the Kumhwa Mine in North Hwanghae Province.

The gymnasium has a multi-functional court for playing basketball, volleyball, table-tennis, tennis and other sports, stage, sci-tech learning space and cultural and welfare facilities.

It is another base for the miners to enjoy diverse cultural and emotional life.

Brilliant commander ushers in heyday of strengthening of Juche-type revolutionary armed forces

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Today is the 13th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's assumption of the supreme commandship of the armed forces of the DPRK (December 30 2011).

Over the past 10-odd years since then Kim Jong Un has ushered in a golden age of the strengthening of the Juche-type revolutionary armed forces with his outstanding leadership ability, lifting the DPRK firmly to the position of an invincible military power.

He further strengthened and developed the revolutionary armed forces of the country into a politically and ideologically strong army

which is infinitely loyal to the ideology and leadership of the Party Central Committee.

He set it as the general objective of army building to model the entire army on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and made sure that it firmly maintained its revolutionary character and original features.

His ideas and theories on army building, including the idea on building the Korean People's Army as an ideologically pure entity and organizationally complete whole that shares life and death with the Party, the idea on making the KPA the reliable pathfinder and strong fulcrum of the revolution, and the idea on turning the entire army into units of comrades-

in-arms sharing blood and life on the road of revolution, served as important guidelines for opening up a golden age of the buildup of military capability.

He steadily strengthened and developed the DPRK revolutionary armed forces into the main force of the national defence capabilities capable of defeating any formidable enemy.

He put heart and soul into developing the KPA into a-match-for-a-hundred strong army following Kim Il Sung's and Kim Jong Il's military strategy and tactics and Juche-based art of war and possessed of brave mode of attack and actual war capacity. In order to bring about a radical turn in boosting the combat

capability and completing the combat preparedness of the revolutionary armed forces of the country, he personally guided the historic conferences and contests of different services and arms. And he visited the training fields clouded with dust and powder smoke to clarify the schemes for victory and kindle the flames of the crack shot movement.

He continued to visit the defence science research institutes and dangerous test sites late at night and early in the morning to lead the development of Juche weapons and went out to the dangerous launch sites to see the whole process of their fire at the risk of his life. Thanks to his self-sacrificing

efforts, the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK have grown into an elite revolutionary army which can respond to any unexpected situations immediately with lightning speed and win all battles.

As is shown by the Juche weapons, which have emerged in succession over the past decade, the DPRK's national defence capability has reached the strongest level that no one dares provoke.

In particular, the successive development and completion of the very powerful Juche weapons, the commissioning ceremony of ultimate weaponry demonstrating the sure victory of the cause of modernizing the powerful

army and the successful test-fire of the most perfect weapon system of ICBM Hwasongpho-19 this year after last year show the growth of the powerful force that knows no limit and the modernity and advanced level of the rapidly developing armed forces of the DPRK.

The revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK will always be invincible as they are led by Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un who provided the strongest military power for peace keeping to ensure that they can firmly defend socialism, the dignity and life of the Korean people, and the people will prosper forever on the land free from war.

Code for the people

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

On December 27 1972 President Kim Il Sung promulgated the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK.

Since then the Korean people have been provided by law with all conditions for fulfilling their responsibility and role as masters of the state and society and have had a powerful weapon for defending the gains of socialism won at the cost of blood and achieving the prosperity of the country and nation.

After the promulgation of the Socialist Constitution, the President saw to it that laws on all fields were enacted to provide a firm legal framework for defending the people's independent life institutionally and legally.

Chairman Kim Jong Il legalized the President's state-building idea and exploits and ensured that the laws of the state creditably played their role as means of defending people-centred socialism of a Korean style.

The great leaders' Juche-based law building exploits permeated with the idea of "The people are God" are further shining thanks to General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

He put forward the idea of building a genuine people's country where law defends the people and the people observe it, and ensured that all its laws thoroughly embody the people-first principle.

Under the wise guidance of the General Secretary, socialist laws were established centring on the masses of the people and

were enacted, amended and supplemented with the people's demands as the standard.

The ordinance of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK "On enforcing universal 12-year compulsory education" was adopted at the Sixth Session of the 12th SPA in September 2012 and the DPRK law on childcare at the Sixth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly in February 2022.

Touching scenes are unfolding in the country, thanks to the policies embodying the noble viewpoint of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea that it should be the mode of advance and development of the Korean revolution to pour more sincerity into the care of children in hard times and to advance forward determinedly towards the future on the strength of that love.

The socialist educational system is in force under which all the rising generations receive education at the state's expense until they reach working age and baby homes, orphanages and primary and secondary schools for orphans were built in different parts of the country.

Under the guidance of the Party, the DPRK laws on emergency anti-epidemic work, on medicines, on medical evaluation, on sterilization of imported goods, on the prevention of damage from earthquake and volcano and rescue of victims,

on emergency response, on food sanitation, on the management of spring water and on tobacco prohibition were enacted or amended and supplemented. As a result, the Korean people live as they enjoy the benefits of the advantageous state and social system.

Thanks to the noble idea of the Party, which ensures the spirit of selfless, devoted service for the good of people runs through the Party and state activities and regards the promotion of the people's well-being as the top priority, many other laws were enacted or amended and supplemented to give top and absolute priority to the people's interests and convenience, serve the people and ensure their happiness.

The Party's plan and intention to put the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and turn rural villages across the country into ideal socialist villages by pushing forward with rural development and to provide the people with a better living environment also brought about the adoption of the DPRK laws on socialist rural development, on the development of cities and counties and on providing cement for city and county construction, and ushered in a new era of transformation of local areas.

Besides, laws closely related to the people's living conditions and aimed at providing them with a rich material and cultural life were adopted or revised

and supplemented, including those on food administration, on public catering, on welfare service, on social insurance, etc.

The DPRK laws put the dignity of the people on the highest level.

The Law of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK "On further consolidating the position of the self-defensive nuclear weapons state" and the Law of the DPRK on Space Development were adopted to firmly consolidate the overall power of the country and enable the Korean people to translate their dream and ideal of building a powerful country into reality.

The Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly held in September 2022 was a historic meeting that provided political and institutional mechanisms for firmly guaranteeing the eternal security of the country and people and their distant future.

The Law of the SPA of the DPRK "On the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces" which comprehensively stipulates the contents on the mission and operation of the nuclear forces of the country was adopted to make the position of it as a responsible nuclear weapons state and mighty independent power irreversible, clearly manifest the will to defend sovereignty and national interests and provide a reliable legal weapon conducive to peace and prosperity of the Korean peninsula, the region and the rest of the world.

Firm guarantee for overall national rejuvenation

By Kil Chung Il PT

December 27 is the Day of Socialist Constitution.

Marking the day every year, the Korean people bear in mind once again the important role of their Socialist Constitution.

With deep insight into the significance and importance of laying a firm legal foundation in speeding up the building of a prosperous and powerful country, General Secretary Kim Jong Un saw to it that the Socialist Constitution is called Kim Il Sung-Kim Jong Il Constitution and clarified theoretical and practical issues arising in building the Juche-oriented law.

The Juche-oriented Socialist Constitution makes sure that all the activities of the state are thoroughly oriented and subordinated to defending and promoting the rights and interests of the masses of the people and fully guarantees them by law.

The constitution legally and clearly stipulates all principles geared to actually providing all the people with the position and role as masters of everything and well-being as well.

It specifies all the issues of principle arising in ensuring the people's independent and creative life, ranging from national sovereignty to ownership of the means of production, the rights to vote and to be elected, to work and rest and to education and freedom of all social and cultural activities which are granted to citizens.

It legally fixes the successes achieved under the socialist system and comprehensively defines the guiding ideology, revolutionary tradition and fighting tasks of the DPRK, duties of state organs and the ways to fulfil them.

By fixing politics, the economy, culture and national defence as

independent chapters, it lays down the basic principles and fighting tasks for developing all fields of state and social life.

The Socialist Constitution of the DPRK is a powerful political weapon that reliably guarantees peaceful environment for the overall development of Korean-style socialism.

The Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK discussed an important agenda item of formulating the country's nuclear forces-upbuilding policy as an organic law of the state. The adoption of the law was a landmark event that provided a powerful political weapon for markedly increasing the national defence capabilities, including the nuclear forces, consolidating the institutional and legal foundations for guaranteeing security and protecting national interests by relying on them and accelerating the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism.

As it actually provides the masses of the people with an independent and creative life and reliably guarantees their revolutionary cause institutionally and by law, the Socialist Constitution wins absolute support from them as their own law and serves as a powerful weapon with which to dynamically promote the steady development, rejuvenation and prosperity of the country.

As the DPRK has such a legal guarantee for firmly supporting the people-centred socialism of Korean style and dynamically advancing towards the realization of lofty ideals, the country is able to vigorously usher in a new era of overall national rejuvenation by achieving rapid progress and creating tremendous and miraculous entities in any adversities.

For independence and peace

By Choe Song Jun PT

The international situation is now tense and complicated as never before. But the struggle for independence against imperialism and for peace is being waged more actively and vigorously on a worldwide scale.

Efforts to establish just international order

Many countries of the world are strongly reacting to the US and Western forces' moves of political pressure, economic sanctions and armed invasion aimed at expanding the sphere of domination to the whole world.

Russian President Vladimir Putin clarified the stand of his country that advocates the establishment of a fair system of international relations at a recent credentials presentation ceremony of foreign embassies in the country.

He said that only those who

do not know the history and strength of unity of Russia can have a foolish idea of defeating the country and that some Western countries are pursuing the hostile line of expanding and prolonging the Ukrainian dispute in order to inflict a strategic defeat on Russia, noting that it is a badly wrong measure.

Russia opens the door to promoting reciprocal cooperation with all countries on the principles of equality, non-interference in internal affairs and respect for international law, and advocates the establishment of a fair system of international economic relations free from unilateral and illegal sanctions and restrictions on political motivation, he said.

Earlier, the Russian foreign minister said at an international seminar that the Eurasian countries should decide on their destiny by themselves, free from any external interference, and settle their issues so that a great Eurasia can contribute to building a stable multipolar world.

The leader of the Iranian Islamic Revolution recently referred to the importance of the youth issue in

the confrontation with imperialism in a meeting with civic representatives of a city. He said that the Iranian youth have fought hard against the enemy's aggression and intervention in the past, that more importance is being attached to the role of the youth for the tense regional situation and that the Iranian young people are an important force fighting against the group of evils, adding that they should display valour, self-sacrificing spirit and perseverance in different types of wars by carrying on the self-sacrificing spirit of martyrs.

The vice-president of Venezuela on a working visit to Vietnam met with the Vietnamese President and discussed various issues in earnest. He expressed thanks to Vietnam for supporting and encouraging Venezuela when it is undergoing trials due to the economic blockade and sanctions by the West, and appreciated the development of mutual collaboration and cooperation between the two countries in the international arena. The Vietnamese President affirmed his will to develop the bilateral relations in a multifaceted way in the future, too.

Africa aspires after independence against imperialism

African countries are now advancing towards independent development, throwing off the long-standing shackles of domination and subordination.

In the past, Niger ushered the US and French troops in its land. But poverty, confusion and terrorism became more rampant in the country, and people lost hope for security and development. Finally, illusions about the West were replaced by disillusion, and the anti-US and anti-French sentiments ran high rapidly among them. And therefore the Niger government resolutely scrapped the "military agreement" with the US in March this year and closed the last US military base in August, thus driving all military assets of the US forces out of its land.

The US is also being cold-shouldered and rejected by

other countries of the African continent, including Ethiopia and Zambia. The Ethiopian government reproached the country, who took issue with the news-related measures of the country, talking about "judicial procedure". It said that he unwarrantedly interferes in its internal affairs without knowing the essence of the issue. A Zambian politician retorted that the US is trying to teach any democracy while inciting rebellion and government overthrow.

Zimbabwe, Uganda and other countries condemned the US and the West for interfering in their internal affairs and sanctions moves, while raising voices for achieving independent and stable development through multilateral cooperation.

The 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union held in Ethiopia in February marked an important occasion for African countries to make epochal progress in ensuring peace and stability of the continent and promoting social development by their own efforts and

strengthening the position of Africa in the international arena.

This year, Egypt and Ethiopia officially joined BRICS, demonstrating the will of the African countries to promote cooperation with developing countries and the building of a just multipolar world.

American newspaper *The Washington Post* carried an article which said that a great change has been made in the international system over the past two decades. Once poor countries have taken the central position from the edge of the international stage and the countries that were mere chessmen have now become chess players trying to choose their own way, it said, adding that it is a big challenge to the US to manage such an international stage.

The senior representative of the European Union for diplomatic and security policy admitted that the days when the West ruled have gone forever in actuality.

It is the inevitability of history to reject domination and subordination and aspire after independent development.

Agricultural development and informatization of irrigation



Rim Kwang Phil, section chief of the Agricultural Commission

The primary task to be solved by concentrating all efforts in the period of the current five-year plan is to lay a foundation for safe development of the country's agriculture without knowing any crop failure.

As farming is unthinkable without water, the informatization of irrigation system should be pushed forward in the future to consolidate the country's foundation for agricultural production.

To informatize the irrigation system means

putting the operation of irrigation facilities on a scientific and modern basis by digitizing the irrigation-related elements including rivers, reservoirs, barrages and pumping stations and building them up into a spatial database.

The informatization, which is aimed at putting all affairs in the irrigation field including the planning, command and management activities for water control on a higher scientific basis by using information

technology, cannot be done in a day or two. It is a work which needs a lot of time and much labour. But it is the must-do for the development of the country's agriculture.

If the irrigation system is informatized, it can contribute to the stable and sustainable development of agricultural production to cope with extreme weather conditions by organically combining it with water management to suit the characteristic features of

the soil, topography and region.

Scientists and technicians in the agricultural sector should play a pivotal role in informatizing the irrigation system. In particular, only when the scientists of agricultural science research institutions across the country play the role as an engine in informatizing the irrigation system, can the regional agriculture develop safely on a new scientific basis.

In recent years, the DPRK has vigorously pushed ahead with projects to build up a nationwide irrigation information database, establish a well-regulated water management command system from the water supply units to the related

national agency and develop and introduce a water level measuring system based on the mobile communication network.

It saves labour and time used for water management as it observes and controls information about geographically far-away reservoirs in a unified way by introducing a water management control support system and real-time water level measurement system in several regions.

If the informatization of irrigation system is pressed on according to a long-term plan, the agricultural workers can overcome the vagaries of the weather and attain the goal of grain production.

BYWORD

Movement to win the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism

To plant many trees on mountains is not simply a technical matter, but a patriotic undertaking for the everlasting prosperity of the country and the happiness of people.

On his visit to the

Central Tree Nursery under the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection in November 2014, General Secretary Kim Jong Un stressed the urgency of conducting a mass movement related to afforestation and

called for waging the movement to win the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism.

True to his patriotic appeal, all the people of the DPRK turned out in the movement.

In January 2019, a decree

of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was issued on awarding the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism to exemplary units and many units have won the title so far across the country.

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World cups and gold medals glorifying



By Ri Sung Ik PT

DPRK sportspersons have glorified the year 2024 with unprecedented successes.

Women footballers under 20 and 17 won four trophies at the Asian and World Cups, demonstrating the extent to which women's football of the country has developed.

The Korean players scored 25 goals in total and lifted the trophy by winning seven matches in succession at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and won the trophy by displaying their amazing abilities from the beginning to the end at the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

Thus the DPRK's U-20 women's football team became one of the three top teams which won the trophy three times in the history of the



DPRK women footballers celebrate after winning the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.



Korean girls celebrate their win at the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

Tennis Championships and Ham Yu Song and Pyon Song Gyong third place in the event.

Kim Kum Yong beat her Chinese opponent 3-0 in the last sixteen, a player of the puppet ROK 3-1 in the quarterfinals and a Chinese Hong Kong player 3-0 in the semi-finals and advanced to the final match to defeat her Japanese opponent, who had been called a table-tennis genius, 3-1 and bag a gold medal.

What further surprised experts is that during the women's team matches between the DPRK and Chinese teams, she won the match with her rival, who had topped the world rankings of women table tennis players, 3-1 by maintaining safe defence and mounting strong counterattacks without being in the least upset by the latter's strong attacks. Media outlets of different countries lavished praise on her excellent performance, high mental qualities and defence and counterattack techniques.

DPRK weightlifters, who are dominant in the weightlifting event, won many gold medals this year, too.

They established new world and Asian records in different categories at the 2024 Asian Weightlifting

Women's World Cup and its U-17 women's football team a strong team as the first to lift the World Cup three times. Many football experts and media outlets of the world commented that the DPRK team beat all the odds-on favourites at the two Women's World Cups this year by completely smashing the theory of "European and American superiority in the football circle", a deep-seated belief of football fans, and said that the brilliant successes should be attributed to the DPRK players' spirit as well

as their high physical and technical abilities.

DPRK table-tennis players also made remarkable successes.

Ri Jong Sik and Kim Kum Yong, who had drawn little attention of experts and fans, advanced to the final match to take second place in the event of mixed doubles at the 33rd Olympic Games contrary to different predictions about odds-on favourites in the event.

They took second place in the same event of the 2024 Asian Table



Kim Kum Yong, winner of the singles title at the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships.

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Championships and 11 men and women weightlifters all bagged gold medals. Thus, the women weightlifters came to hold 12 world records in total to top the rankings of countries.

In December, too, the weightlifters won gold medals in succession at the 2024 IWF World Championships after getting 38 medals, including 21 golds, at the 2024 IWF World Cup.

While competitively reporting the fact that the DPRK weightlifters broke world records in succession at the 2024 IWF World Championships, foreign media

commented that the championships were becoming a stage of the show of the DPRK team.

DPRK Taekwon-Do players got 15 trophies and 76 gold medals at the 10th Asian Taekwon-Do Championships and a trophy and 19 medals, including 10 golds, in the adult event at the World Cup Taekwon-Do Games-2024 of the 9th International Martial Arts Games. Meanwhile, Jong Won Bom and Pak Su Jong bagged gold medals respectively in the adult events at the 15th WJU juvenile, youth, adult, veteran world championships and the 15th World Juvenile Cup games.

Judo players and wrestlers of

the DPRK took two gold medals at the EJU Gyor European Open 2024, three golds in the men's 73kg and women's 52kg and 70kg categories in the 1st Judo Beton Hungarian Cup and two golds in the women's 53kg category and in the men's 55kg category of Greco-Roman wrestling at the 2024 Asian Wrestling Championships.

Gymnasts won gold medals in the men's rings and the women's vaulting horse in the apparatus finals of the FIG Artistic Gymnastics Apparatus World Cup 2024 held in Cairo, a gold in the women's vaulting horse in the apparatus finals of the FIG Artistic Gymnastics Apparatus World Cup held in

Son Su Rim wins the women's 60kg title at the 2024 IBA Youth World Boxing Championships. RODONG SINMUN



Germany, and won a diploma and a team cup by showing off unique and difficult technical skills at the 15th Senior Asian Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, leaving deep impression on the spectators and experts.

Other players got eight medals, namely seven golds and one silver, at the Eighth Children of Asia International Sports Games, and Son Su Rim won a gold at the 2024 IBA Youth World Boxing Championships.

Korean players also grabbed 29 medals, including eleven golds, in volleyball (men and

women), boxing, swimming and shooting in the 1st CISM Pre-University Education Schools Tournament-2024 and 10 medals, including seven golds, in the 37th CISM World Military Wrestling Championships.

Other DPRK players bagged 12 medals in total, including six golds, five silvers and one bronze, at the First International Summer Sports Contest of University Students, "Youth on the Maritime Territory", and came first in the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II, Group 2.



DPRK weightlifters break 7 world records and win 32 gold medals at the 2024 Asian Weightlifting Championships.



DPRK Taekwon-Doists return home from the 9th International Martial Arts Games.



DPRK wrestlers bag seven gold and one silver medals at the Eighth Children of Asia International Sports Games.

Subakhui, a Korean folk game

By Song Jong Ho PT

Subakhui is a kind of martial art to strike the opponent or block his attack using hands.

The scenes of performing this Korean-style martial art are depicted vividly in old tomb murals.

They include the three-chamber tomb, dance tomb and the Mausoleum of King

Kogugwon from the period of Koguryo (277 BC-AD 668).

Figures in the murals take different postures: one lifting a hand high to strike the opponent, another one hitting down at the opponent and the other one preparing to block an attack by the opponent.

The scenes are similar to the illustrations from the 18th century explaining subakhui and the art of fist fight.

This shows that subakhui was handed down steadily since the period of the Koguryo Kingdom. The martial art was often practised mainly by soldiers in the period of Koryo (918-1392). It was widely propagated among the people during the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910).

Since subakhui is a game of striking down the opponent, the winner is decided according to how and where to strike the opponent.

That is why the main method of subakhui was to hit the vitals of the opponent with strong strikes and bring him down, and correctly find out his weak points and concentrate the strike on them. And players had to block or dodge the opponent's attack in a clever way and should not discontinue attack by

displaying perseverance, even if they were hit.

Therefore, they had to grasp the knacks, build up physical strength and cultivate patience through everyday practice.

Subak with a long history and tradition was carried on and developed through generations.

In the latter half of the feudal Joseon dynasty, the use of feet was added to it and therefore it developed into thaekkyon and famous nalpharam of the Pyongyang area.

Thaekkyon was to strike the opponent using hands and feet, while nalpharam was to hit the opponent using mainly hands and also feet and head.

Such practices helped build up a healthy body and contributed to the defence of the country.



Twin zelkova trees in Sinwon

By Choe Yong Nam PT

There are two zelkova trees by an uphill pass leading from Hwasok-ri to Muhak-ri in Sinwon County, South Hwanghae Province.

They are called "twin zelkova trees" as they are of the same age and grow side by side at the same place.

The taller tree is 23 metres tall, 5.1 metres round at the root collar, 4.7 metres round at the chest height and 18 metres wide at the crown, while the other one is 21 metres tall, 4.8 metres round at the root collar, 3.5 metres round at the chest height and 15 metres wide at the crown.

