

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits training base of KPA special operations units and guides general training

He expresses expectations and belief that all the units of the special operations forces will remain absolutely faithful to their mission of defending the country, the revolution and the people and firmly safeguard the victorious advance of the most just and sacred cause of the DPRK with matchless arms

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the training base of the special operations units of the Korean People's Army and guided the general training on April 4.

Accompanying him were Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK and vice-chairman of the Central Military

Commission of the WPK, and other leading officials of the WPK Central

Committee.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

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was greeted on the spot by No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, and the first vice-minister of National Defence, the director of the combat training department of the KPA General Staff and commanding officers of the special operations units.

After receiving a salute from





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commanding officers of the KPA, he mounted the observation post to watch the general tactical training and small-arms shooting contest conducted and held by combatants of various special operations units according to the training programme.

The training was aimed at steadily exploring and applying new military tactics and methodologies of Korean style for bolstering up the special operations forces in keeping with the developing aspects and changing trend of modern warfare and mastering them through practical training for real war so as to prepare all combatants more thoroughly to reliably and skilfully carry out their special operations tasks under any combat situation.

The brave combatants, who have grown

up to be the strongest combat group and the core vanguard of the armed forces of the DPRK while cultivating matchless strength and courage under the outstanding guidance of the great brilliant commander, fully demonstrated the strong independent operations capability and the fighting spirit and crack-shot marksmanship of our invincible army in all drills.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the lofty ideological and spiritual world of the combatants who are devoting themselves to their noble mission and duty for defending the security of the state and the safety of the people always with battlefield in their mind, true to the Party's idea of building the special operations forces.

The actual war capability for guaranteeing victory in the battlefield is bolstered up through intensive training

and it is the most vivid expression of patriotism and loyalty to the country and the people and the first revolutionary duty for the soldiers with arms to complete the combat preparations, he said, calling for taking it as the core goal of army building to turn the army into a strong one in which all the officers and men fight shoulder to shoulder, in one body and with one idea and one intention.

The strengthening of the special operations forces constitutes a major component of our army building strategy at present, he said, indicating important tasks to take a series of crucial measures for putting the special operations capability on a highly-developed basis.

He guided an automatic rifle firing drill and a sniper rifle firing drill of the combatants.

He personally conducted the test-fire of a sniper rifle to be newly supplied to special operations units and learned about its results, expressing great satisfaction over the performance and power of the sniper rifle developed in our own way.

Then he watched general special physical exercises of special operations unit combatants.

The combatants, who have prepared themselves to be a-match-for-a-hundred soldiers with iron fists as sturdy as bullets and brave fighters, fully demonstrated their physical and technical abilities.

Watching the exercises pulsating with the fighting spirit to annihilate the enemy and the heroic mettle, Kim Jong Un warmly encouraged the officers and men of the special

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides preparations for operating major neighbourhood-serving amenities built in third-stage section of Hwasong area

He sets forth tasks to steadily explore and expand new service field in fresh forms and ways



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance on April 3 over the preparations for operating the major neighbourhood-serving amenities built in the third-stage section of the Hwasong area nearing completion.

He was accompanied by officials of design and operation preparation organs and commanding officers of construction units.

The far-reaching policy-oriented plan and energetic leadership of the WPK to provide the citizens of the capital city with more wonderful material and cultural well-being are ushering in a new heyday of Pyongyang construction and the efflorescence of Pyongyang culture.

In the third-stage section of the Hwasong area, where another new large architectural group has been built in

ideal harmony, different kinds of modern neighbourhood-serving networks like commercial, public catering, technical and recreation service facilities with strong symbolic and specific characters are arranged according to the direct instructions of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, sustaining the conspicuous and developing features of the section.

Kim Jong Un went round the Hwasong Vehicle Service Centre.

Learning in detail about the preparations for operating the service centre wonderfully furnished with modern equipment and means necessary for technical service of vehicles, he spoke highly of the fact that all the processes are ready to be fully convenient for satisfying the customers' demands, saying:

This new specialized centre for technical service for various kinds of vehicles in the Hwasong area will serve as a new base for improving the quality of technical service

for vehicles and meeting the demand for it. When another larger-scale similar technical service centre is built in the fourth-stage section, the Hwasong area will become a centre for serving vehicles. This constitutes an important progress in improving the functions and appearance of the capital city and the service for the people's convenience.

He went round a 300-seat video game house built in a characteristic style.

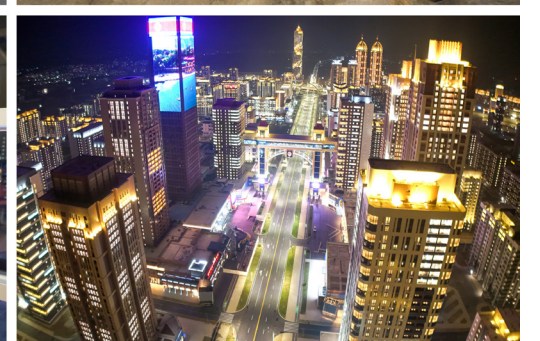
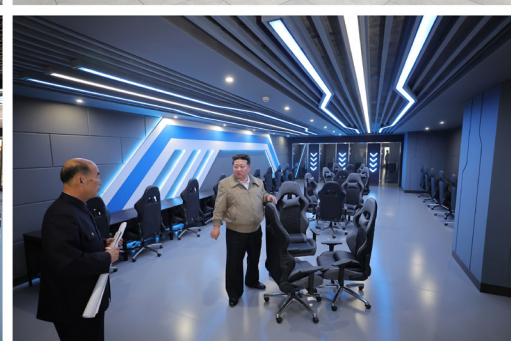
He was pleased to hear that the game house to be furnished with various kinds of facilities is expected to be very popular among young people including children when it is opened. He said that special attention should be paid to the establishment of its operation system and order and the preparations for service as this new space specializing in service for video games is a base of the service field to be opened for the first time in the country.

Learning about the preparations for operating various commercial and

public catering service bases, he highly appreciated that the service amenities chain built on an overpass have a strong symbolic and peculiar character and that its design and construction were on a high level as desired by the Party.

Noting that to steadily explore and expand new service field in fresh forms and ways takes an important place in carrying out the policy of the Party to radically improve the material and cultural well-being of the people across the country as well as the citizens of the capital city, he set forth the tasks to this end and gave instructions on the regular maintenance and operation of the service bases.

He repeatedly requested the relevant units to make effective preparations for the operation of the service facilities built in the third-stage section of the Hwasong area as each of them is a structure planned and provided with much effort by the Party for the people including the coming generations.



operations forces filled with patriotic enthusiasm and militant courage.

He had a photo session with the reliable officers and men who are further improving the strongest capability for an actual war in the training with courage, pluck and towering self-confidence

to counter any war and crisis without hesitation.

When the photo session was over, the KPA's reliable guards and passionate warriors broke into thunderous cheers reflecting their pledge of loyalty, looking up to the great iron-willed commander with deep emotion.

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and belief that all the units of the special operations forces would remain absolutely faithful to their mission of defending the country, the revolution and the people and firmly safeguard the victorious advance of the most just and sacred cause of the DPRK with matchless arms.

All the servicepersons, who took

part in the training, hardened their firm determination to more reliably prepare themselves as the spearhead of the elite revolutionary armed forces that always wins victory in every battle and conquers any fortress when it is determined, for the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, the eternal prosperity of our dignified state and happiness of the people.

Grand short course runs for KCU instructors of schools

KCNA

A grand short course of Korean Children's Union (KCU) instructors from schools across the country took place in Pyongyang from March 26 to 29 for the first time in the history of the DPRK.

Present there were Choe Tong Myong, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ju Chang Il and Kim Jong Sun, department directors of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Sung Du, minister of Education, officials of the central, provincial, city and county committees of the youth league, officials in the sector related to the affairs with schoolchildren and KCU instructors from across the country.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made an opening address.

He said that the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un took a measure to significantly organize the grand short course and gave detailed instructions on the preparations for it.

Expressing conviction that the grand short course would serve as an epochal occasion for all the KCU instructors and officials related to the affairs with

schoolchildren to bring about a fresh development in the work of KCU organizations at schools, true to the idea of the respected fatherly Marshal on training the new generation, he declared the grand short course open.

Then, Kim Jong Un's teachings on the KCU work were conveyed.

A report was made at the grand short course.

The reporter said that the ideas and policies on the work of the KCU set forth by the respected fatherly Marshal are the precious guidelines to be held fast to in the work of the KCU in the new era.

The deep trust and love of the great father, who honoured the instructors with the precious title of designers, operators and executors of the work of the KCU, has served as the motive force that made them follow only the road of loyalty and repayment with unflagging enthusiasm, he noted.

The successes made by many school KCU organizations across the country proved that it is possible to prepare all schoolchildren to be genuine successors to the revolution and pillars of building a thriving nation only when the instructors work heart and soul with conscience and sincerity.

The report analyzed a series of shortcomings revealed in the work to improve the method of educating the KCU members, strengthen the KCU organizations of schools and enhance their role.

The reporter said that today the KCU instructors are faced with the honourable duty to prepare all the KCU members to be young revolutionaries and patriots who would firmly shoulder the future of powerful Korea, adding that the success in this important and responsible revolutionary work depends on the new determination and preparedness, extraordinary efforts and hard work of all the KCU instructors across the country.

He stressed that all the school KCU instructors should regard the WPK's ideology on the KCU work as the immutable guidelines and organize and implement every work as instructed by the respected fatherly Marshal.

The reporter called on all the participants to further strive for the good mental growth of the KCU members and for the development of the glorious KCU, bearing deep in mind the sacred mission and duty they have assumed before the Party and the revolution, the country and the people.

Then, there was a short course on theoretical and practical issues arising in bringing about innovations in the work of KCU instructors.

The short course dealt with the issue for the KCU instructors to fully play their role as political guardians in firmly preparing the KCU members to be young revolutionaries and patriots intensely loyal to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

There was a lecture on the need to conduct the education

of KCU members in a substantial way by actively studying new methods in conformity with their level of consciousness, psychological characteristics and actual conditions.

The short course dealt with the issue of intensifying the guidance over the KCU members' study and organizational life and the issue of more briskly organizing and conducting the good conduct movement and socio-political activities for giving benefits to the

country's economic life and contributing to building a powerful socialist country.

It had a question-and-answer session and an explanation lecture on the practical matters arising in the KCU work and a lecture on the fact that the era of a great power unprecedented in the history of the nation spanning 5 000 years is being ushered in under the wise guidance of the respected fatherly Marshal.

The grand short course heard speeches about experience.



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Premier Pak inspects various sectors in South Phyongan Province

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Premier Pak Thae Song, who is also member of the

Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, inspected



Premier Pak Thae Song (fifth from right) inspects the construction project for establishing the C1 chemical industry.

various sectors in South Phyongan Province.

The premier called on the farms and raw materials base stations in Sukchon and Phyongwon counties to actively introduce various advanced farming methods for increasing the agricultural production while saving farming materials, improve the growth of earlier crops of wheat and barley by manuring and cultivating them in a scientific and technological way and raise the land utility rate in conformity with the regional characteristics.

He referred to the need

for the agricultural guidance organs at all levels to give substantial guidance and assistance to consolidate the material and technical foundations of farms and continue to direct great efforts to studying and introducing the seeds of high-yielding grain varieties.

He visited the Mundok County Rural Economy Committee, where he learned about the introduction of a new water management method and called for further perfecting the management information system in the field of agriculture in contact with scientific research

institutions to accelerate the work for putting guidance over and management of agriculture on a scientific and IT basis.

At the Anju City Grain Storage Station and the Mundok County Paper Mill he said that they should take practical measures in a workable way to raise the proportion of domestic production of equipment and the rate of cleaned rice output and increase the production of farming materials necessary for mulching cultivation.

After acquainting himself in detail with progress made in the construction project for establishing

the C1 chemical industry and the production at the Sunchon Phosphatic Fertilizer Factory, he called for thoroughly carrying out the project including the manufacture and assembly of equipment according to the stepwise plan and taking proper measures for the supply of raw materials to bring about remarkable progress in the work for increasing fertilizer production.

Earlier, the premier discussed the ways for increasing the production of wagons and improving their quality at the Wonsan Rolling Stock Factory.

Central photo exhibition opens to show immortal exploits of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un



Visitors look round the photo exhibition which opened at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on April 3.

KCNA

A central photo exhibition opened to show the immortal exploits the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, performed to glorify 2024 as a year of proud victory.

On display at the exhibition venue were photos showing

the personality traits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as a great man.

The photos tell about the greatness of the respected General Secretary who

illuminated the action programmes for achieving the fighting goals for 2024 and ensured that a highest institution of education was built to carry forward

the lifeline of the Workers' Party of Korea and its ever-victorious leadership ability.

The photos also shows the personality of the brilliant commander as a great man who achieved miraculous successes in bolstering up the self-defensive military capabilities in succession to lift the comprehensive national power and strategic position of the DPRK to the highest level.

They also tell the exploits in external revolutionary activities of the General Secretary who is writing a new chapter of the traditional DPRK-Russia friendly relations.

An opening ceremony of the photo exhibition took place at the People's Palace of Culture on April 3.

It was attended by Ju Chang Il, department director of the WPK Central Committee,

Kim Myong Hun, vice premier of the Cabinet, Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, officials concerned and officials and working people in Pyongyang.

Ju Chang Il made an opening address at the meeting.

He said that the respected General Secretary laid down the original plans for carrying on the victorious journey of the past to the steady upturn and development with far-sighted acumen and profound thought and brought about brilliant epochal successes simultaneously in all fields of socialist construction including politics, military, the economy and culture with outstanding leadership ability and tireless devotion.

After the ceremony was over, the participants looked round the exhibition venue.

Cabinet holds enlarged plenary meeting

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An enlarged plenary meeting of the Cabinet took place on April 3.

Premier Pak Thae Song, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, directed the meeting.

It was attended by vice-premiers Kim Jong Gwan and Yang Sung Ho and other Cabinet members.

Present there as observers were officials of organs directly under the authority of the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies, chairpersons of provincial, city and county people's committees, and officials of agricultural guidance organs and major industrial establishments.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of the first quarterly national economic plan for implementing the decisions of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of

the WPK and discussed the measures for implementing the national economic plan for the first half of the year.

Pak Jong Gun, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, made a report.

He said that the first creations of the Regional Development 20x10 Policy of the Party started production, the spirit of an all-people offensive toward the Ninth Congress of the WPK was greatly enhanced and the scientific and technological force was steadily expanded, thus achieving proud successes in the implementation of the first quarterly national economic plan.

Analyzing and reviewing the defects and deviations revealed by several units in the implementation of the first quarterly plan, he referred to the need to intensify the struggle to overcome the passive and self-protectionist work attitude of officials expressed

in the implementation of the Party's economic policy.

Speeches were made at the meeting.

The meeting stressed the need to more thoroughly establish the well-regulated work system and order of unconditionally obeying the instructions of the Cabinet in the guidance and management of economic work and waging a dynamic struggle to carry out the Party's decision.

It had an in-depth discussion of the issue of successfully finishing the sowing of crop seeds qualitatively in the right time and manuring and cultivating the early-ripening crops well, that of keeping closer organic cooperation between the relevant sectors and units and effectively accelerating the work of readjustment and reinforcement, correctly implementing the socialist policies including the childcare policy of the WPK and others.

The enlarged plenary meeting referred to the practical issues arising in providing a sure guarantee for the fulfilment of the five-year plan by carrying out the second quarterly national economic plan without delay by raising the enthusiasm for the all-people emulation for increased production and substantially stepping up the preparatory process for launching into the next stage development course and took appropriate measures.



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Russian party delegation visits Pyongyang

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A delegation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation led by Kazbek Taysaev, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and head of the Russia-DPRK Friendship Parliamentary Group of the State Duma, arrived in Pyongyang on March 31.

The delegation was greeted at Pyongyang International Airport by officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Russian ambassador to the DPRK and staff members of his embassy.

The Russian delegation laid a basket of flowers at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on March 31.

Present there were officials of the WPK Central Committee and the Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

The participants laid the flower basket in the name of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation at the statues of the great leaders and paid tribute to them.

The Russian delegation also laid a wreath at the Liberation Tower in Pyongyang on March 31.

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A wreath in the name of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of



The delegation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation lays a wreath at the Liberation Tower in Pyongyang on March 31.

the Russian Federation was placed at the Liberation Tower.

The participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the fallen fighters of the Soviet Army, who dedicated their precious lives to the sacred war for the liberation of Korea with noble internationalist spirit, before looking round the tower.

Pak In Chol, chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, met and had a friendly talk with Kazbek Taysaev, head of the Russia-DPRK friendship parliamentary group of the Russian State Duma who is leading the visiting delegation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on April 2.

Present there were Ri Chol, president of the Academy of Medical Science of the Ministry of Public Health who is chairman of the DPRK-Russia friendship parliamentary group,

officials concerned and members of the delegation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

Kim Song Nam, director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, met and had a talk in a friendly atmosphere with the delegation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation led by Kazbek Taysaev, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and head of the Russia-DPRK Friendship Parliamentary Group of the State Duma, who paid a courtesy call on him on April 4.

Present there were Deputy Department Director An Hyon Min and other officials of the WPK Central Committee and Russian Ambassador to the DPRK Alexandr Matsegora.



Invincible Party with longest history as ruling party

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

This year is a significant year of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

As the WPK has firmly adhered to its original ideals as the party of the people, it has been able to write an 80-year history, the longest ruling history in the world.

The ideals can be clearly noticed through the monument inscribed with President Kim Il Sung's signature built at the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK, the "pedigree farm" for training the hard core of the Party.

The essence of the character and style of work of the Party is epitomized by his signature "Become competent officials of the Party and the state who always work among the people, together with them and in the vanguard of them for the independence and sovereignty of the country and the freedom and happiness of the people."

As it has applied the autographic instruction as an immutable guideline in the whole course of party building and activities, the WPK has always won victories in all fields of the revolution and construction, winning the trust of the people.

True to the President's idea of "The people are God", Chairman Kim Jong Il made sure that the whole Party always found itself among the masses to serve the

people, thus developing it into a single-mindedly united party forming an integral whole with the people and a steel-strong party.

The purity and cause of a party are not carried forward of their own accord for the reason that it has a long history and fine tradition.

It is a lesson taught by the world history of ruling socialist parties that a party which ignores the people constituting the foundation of a state is degenerated without exception to lose the trust of the people and its leadership ability, and the ideas and exploits of the preceding leaders eventually perish.

A Russian poet said: "In the past, the Europeans grieved at the news that Marx's remains were buried in the Highgate Cemetery in London, an alien land, and that Engels' urn was set afloat in the Dover Straits. And persons of will could not repress their anger when the renegades of the revolution cremated Stalin's body and removed his statues."

These facts speak volumes about the significance of inheritance of the original ideals and tradition of a party in the growth and development of it.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un firmly carries forward the idea of "The people are God" and leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

He said that it is a guarantee of the invincibility of a revolutionary party and the law governing its rule

to treasure the sacred first page of the party's history and invariably carry it forward as new pages and exploits are added to its history.

With a keen insight into the importance of the training of reserve cadres of the Party, he turned the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK into a strategic fortress for strengthening the whole Party.

Thus, great importance was attached to the school and the location of its new buildings was set at the place near the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance and the place overlooked from the cemetery of the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs, the first generation of the Korean revolution.

In the important speech "Train Cadres of the Party in the New Era Who Are Faithful to the Ideal and Spirit of Its Founding" he delivered in celebration of the inauguration ceremony of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK in May last year, he said that to guarantee the lasting prosperity of the WPK by carrying forward the ideals and spirit of the Party founding pure and clean is the core of the idea of the Party building. And in the commemorative lecture he gave at the school on October 17 2022, he underlined the need for the students who would form the hard core of the Party to adhere to the ideals and resolution kept by the party founder

generation and possess the innate revolutionary party traits of making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people as their mental qualities.

October 17 was also a founding anniversary of the Down-with-Imperialism Union to which the WPK's history is traced back and his lecture of that day was of great importance in carrying forward the original ideals and cause of the Party.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the precious autograph given by President Kim Il Sung to the first graduates of the one-year course of the Central Party School in August 1948 is an immortal proposition which comprehensively contains the immutable guidelines and principles to be followed in the whole course of the building and activities of the Party and that when the proposition containing the character and style of work of the Workers' Party is implanted in the hearts of the students as the basis of life and struggle, they can be trained as genuine officials of the Party who have made the absolute and devoted service to the people as their mental qualities.

With these inherent qualities, the WPK found itself deeper among the people when it faced with manifold difficulties and trials and has devoted its all to achieving the cause of realizing the ideals of the people, while sharing weal and woe

and destiny with them, since its founding.

As the world witnessed, the spirit of selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people was fully displayed in the course of overcoming the recent worldwide malignant epidemic crisis, which can be claimed to be the greatest turmoil for the DPRK since its founding, and repairing flood damage in the city of Sinuiju and different other parts of the country last year. Such devoted efforts were unprecedented in the world history.

The WPK unfolded the project for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang for the citizens of the capital city and has pushed ahead with it in the most difficult situation, has made huge state investment to build modern dwelling houses and provide working people with them free and has ushered in a new era of regional transformation by constructing regional-industry factories across the country as products of miracles. Such gigantic creative campaigns cannot be waged with normal courage.

Such choices and results have been possible as the WPK put forward the slogan "Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!" and set making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people as its mode of existence.

Herein lies the main factor of the invincibility and permanence of the WPK which has written the longest ruling history of 80 years.

Chairman Kim Jong Il lays eternal foundations for building thriving country

By Pang Un Ju PT

On April 9 32 years ago, Comrade Kim Jong Il was elected as chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK.

Since then, the DPRK people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army had performed miracles and feats in the campaign to defend socialism and the struggle to accomplish the cause of building a powerful nation under his wise leadership.

In retrospect, the hostile forces argued that it was a matter of time for the DPRK's socialism to come to an end, taking advantage of the collapse of socialism in some countries in the 1990s.

At that time the Chairman resolutely declared that he would defend the red flag of Juche associated with the whole life of President Kim Il Sung forever by holding fast to arms together with the Party and that as long as he held these arms in hand, they would be able to defend the socialist country and build a prosperous country without fail.

At the time when the Korean

revolution had to overcome a multitude of trying ordeals, he made a long journey of Songun, the journey of devotion for the building of a powerful socialist country, continuously with such iron will and indomitable faith.

On the way to the frontline to meet the soldiers he crossed the rugged Chol Pass again and again, climbed the precipitous Mt Osong by pushing his field car, visited at dawn Panmunjom where armed enemies were within a calling distance and made his way through the wild sea to Cho Island on board a boat at the risk of his life.

Indeed, the long journey of Songun he made was an untrodden path that could not be followed without ardent patriotism.

In those years, he visited big industrial establishments, small regional-industry factories, agricultural and livestock farms, schools and shops, as well as army posts for national defence across the country, to give field guidance over all fields of the economy, culture and people's living. The intensity of his field inspection tour was beyond the people's imagination.

Thanks to his long journey of

patriotic devotion to every nook and cranny of the country, including the chemical and metallurgical industry bases, miracles were created in succession on this land.

They included artificial earth satellites which were launched demonstrating the strength and technology of the country, many monumental structures which mushroomed throughout the country, the land realigned into standard sizes as befits that of socialist Korea, the Kaechon-Lake Thaesong waterway which was successfully completed in a short span of time and the industrial revolution in the new century.

Every one of these proud successes, which serve as the eternal foundations for building a thriving country, was the priceless fruition of the patriotic devotion of Chairman Kim Jong Il and the fruit which was borne after the seeds sown by him sprouted.

Therefore, the DPRK people realize what a great man they held in high esteem as their leader as they experience the stirring reality of today when the solid foundations for building a thriving nation provided by him prove highly effective.

Revolutionary Anecdote Noticing difference in blueprint at once

By Kil Chung Il PT

One day Chairman Kim Jong Il met a design official and examined the blueprint for a major construction project.

The designs for a large building with a total floor space of tens of thousands of square metres were very complicated.

While looking at the designs one by one, he suddenly pointed at a part of a design with a pencil and said it was different from what he had seen previously.

The official was surprised.

The design was the one the Chairman saw some months ago. At that time he said that he would look at it again in the future when he had time, telling the official to further study and revise the design to perfect it.

The design team had repeated discussions over the design and kept it intact as it had no special problem. After receiving the message that the Chairman would see the design again, the design official brought him its copy.

While examining the copy, the Chairman said that the details of that design part were different from those he had seen previously. Saying it seemed that someone had

modified the design, he told the official to inquire into the matter.

During inquiry, the official found that the design was slightly different from the previous one. The cause was that as the details of the folded part of the design got blurred, the design was copied poorly.

The official was struck with admiration at the amazing memory of the Chairman who remembered the blueprint for the large building, the notion of which could not be had with just one look by ordinary people, and even the one line in a corner of the design he had seen months ago.

There are many other stories about the Chairman's outstanding memory.

One year, President Kim Il Sung in a meeting with officials held before an important meeting of the Workers' Party of Korea asked them about some information.

At that time, no one could remember the accurate figures, but the Chairman immediately told him the exact figures.

Then, the President laughed cheerfully, saying that no one could have such an outstanding brain as the Chairman's, that his knowledge storehouse contained everything and that there might be even the information about the "cat's horn".

Country's top five scientists and technicians in 2024

Five intellectuals were selected as the best scientists and technicians of the DPRK in 2024 as they made a great contribution to putting the country's science and technology on a world level and building an economic power and improving the people's standard of living by dint of science and technology.

By Kwon Hyo Song PT



Lead developer of advanced analytical equipment

Son Mun Ho, PhD, associate professor and head of an office of the Applied Chemistry Institute of the Faculty of Chemistry of Kim Il Sung University, developed and introduced advanced analytical devices one after another, contributing to properly solving the scientific and technological problems arising in the development of science and technology of the country and in various sectors of the national economy.

He is the lead developer of the research project "Development and introduction of advanced analytical devices including voltammeter and atomic absorption spectrometer & flame photometer".

He took part in the development of ultra-modern analytical equipment, the integral whole of various advanced technologies monopolized by only a few countries, and carried out extensive research for nearly 10 years. He played a

key role in working out the master plans and completing the development of eight kinds of advanced analytical and measuring equipment including the voltammeter capable of making microanalysis of toxic and heavy metal elements and a piece of Korean-style analytical equipment which integrated the simple and compound atomic absorption photometers and flame photometer to analyze almost all metallic elements and some non-metallic elements promptly and accurately.

There are good prospects for the wide introduction of these pieces of localized equipment including voltammeter into various sectors and units of the national economy as essential ones, especially for improving the quality of products at the newly-built city and county foodstuff factories.

To solve the problems urgently needed in reality by fulfilling his mission as a scientist is his motto.

several times, but failed. So he wanted to give up.

But the patriotic conscience of the doctor in his thirties told him that someone must do it as it is absolutely necessary for the country and young scientists full of vigour should take the lead in doing it.

He settled scientific and technological problems arising in various systems of the energy-saving oxygen

blast furnace ranging from the feeding of raw materials to the drying of concentrated ore, floating preheating, furnace body and dust-collecting in cooperation with the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex and several scientific research institutions, thus contributing to lowering the amount of raw materials consumed per ton of pig iron and improving its quality.



Best scientist in power transmission and supply

The scientific research project "Optimization of power distribution system and establishment of protection system by using power GIS" was successfully completed recently, providing a scientific guarantee for saving electricity equivalent to the power output of a big power station by reducing the loss of electricity in transmission and minimizing the occurrence of accidents in the electric power system.

The scientist who led the project is Kim Kyong Su, PhD and director of the Electric Power Information Institute under the Ministry of Electric Power Industry.

Several years ago, he and his research group established a national integrated power management system to suit the actual situation of the country, thus contributing to easing the power shortage.

In the course of it, they laid the technical foundations for the more scientific management of electric power by covering power stations,

substations and power distribution stations as well as industrial establishments and households across the country.

They optimized the power distribution system based on the power geographical information system, developed and introduced hundreds of Korean-style high-performance protective devices and built the power system protection, monitoring and control system, power load management system and others.

The establishment of the national integrated power management system and successive introduction of various subsystems on the basis of it helped remarkably enhance the scientific and modernization level of the power industry.

In high recognition of his substantial contributions to alleviating the acute power shortage, the country provided him with a modern dwelling house in Kyongru-dong and awarded a doctorate to him.

Institute of the State Academy of Sciences, played a prominent role in carrying out the research project "Modernization of large-scale greenhouse farm".

Being acknowledged as the youngest and promising talent, he unsparingly devoted his wisdom and passion to developing Korean-style industrial automation software development tools with an ambitious goal.

In the course of it, he ensured the 100 percent domestic production of industrial information system development environment.

The establishment of the greenhouse environment and nutrient solution

supply control system and the vegetable growth reading system which can optimize the vegetable cultivation environment at the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm after the Jungphyong and Ryonpho greenhouse farms helps them radically increase vegetable production while saving much labour for vegetable cultivation and lowering the production cost.

He is now working hard to solve the scientific and technological problems arising in putting on a scientific and IT footing the largest ever 450-hectare greenhouse farm under construction.



Scientist contributes to increased grain production with IT

Pae Song Nam, PhD, associate professor and director of the Institute for Agricultural Informatization of the Academy of Agricultural Science, was selected as one of the best scientists and technicians of the country. He made a contribution to correctly estimating the nationwide grain output by establishing a paddy rice and maize harvest prospects estimating system based on the satellite-beamed information interpretation technology and agricultural crop growth simulation technology for the first time in the country.

More than a decade ago, he developed and introduced the GIS for the first time into the agricultural sector to build a nationwide field e-map database.

After winning his doctorate with this research finding, he undertook another research project to apply the satellite-beamed information interpretation technology, a world trend in the agricultural development, to agricultural production, laying the groundwork for further increasing the accuracy of the

grain harvest estimation.

The institute played a central role in informatizing agricultural production and in those years it developed and introduced a large number of IT successes and technical products, including the agricultural science and technology service system "Hwangumyoimae", the integrated production system of farm and the water management and control support system, into the agricultural sector to contribute to increased grain production of the country. Such successes are largely attributable to his painstaking efforts.

Later, he and the research group developed and completed a series of successful entities which can improve the level of agricultural informatization to a higher stage, including a system capable of estimating the growth of crops, their yield and the execution of farming processes and a system of estimating the wheat and barley harvest prospects by using advanced technological means including drone.



Doctor in his thirties establishes a new pig iron production process

Kim Il Nam, PhD and academic adviser of the scientific research department of Kim Chaek University of Technology, played a key role in establishing a pig iron production process based on energy-saving oxygen blast furnace built at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex.

The new pig iron production process is of great significance in developing the iron-making industry

onto a higher stage as it can more than double the iron production capacity while reducing the production cost.

He has been involved in solving the scientific and technological problems arising in putting the metal industry on a Juche basis for more than ten years. He worked at various metallurgical industry bases for over ten months every year.

He tested his findings



A big step forward in modernizing large greenhouse farm

Kim Chang Il, head of an office of the Modernization

School-opening ceremonies in festive mood



By Ri Sung Ik PT

April 1 is the day when the new school year starts in the DPRK.

School opening ceremonies took place simultaneously on April 1 across the country.

That day all schools across the country were decorated with flowers and all families were enlivened by students busy making preparations hurriedly for going to school.

Officials, teachers, senior students and parents threw confetti at the newcomers at schools.

The day becomes more interesting and exciting like a holiday with the passage of time and public attention is

focused on the day throughout the country.

So many people pay so much attention to it, waiting for the day.

The government made sure that materials needed for the production of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and school things were transported before those to be sent to major socialist construction projects. The school uniform, footwear, bag and school things factories and printing plants across the country staged a campaign to finish the production of school uniforms, footwear, “Sonamu(pine)”-brand satchels, textbooks and school things before the start

of the new school year.

Primary schools registered and accepted the children who would enter schools after graduating from kindergartens, and all schools supplied school uniforms, shoes, satchels, textbooks and school things.

School uniform producers wanted to see the students going to schools in uniforms they made and so did the workers who produced shoes and bags.

All teachers paid special attention to the first lesson to be given on the school-opening day, and those of schools at all levels from kindergarten to university, supporters’ organizations

and parents also waited for the day, making every effort to improve the educational conditions and environment.

Underlying the special concern of senior officials of the Party and government and officials in the districts with the school-opening ceremonies are the viewpoint of the Workers’ Party of Korea that a one-step delay in education of the younger generations leads to a ten- and one hundred-step delay in the advance of the country and its policy that the more the conditions are unfavourable, the more sincerity it should show loving care unsparingly for the rising generations.

Seeing the students who

were going to the schools with large flowers pinned on new uniforms and their parents posing for a camera with their children, an official in charge of education recalled the benevolent image of President Kim Il Sung, who was so pleased to see the students in new uniforms that he took photos of students one by one for a long time decades ago.

Talking about the untiring efforts Chairman Kim Jong Il and General Secretary Kim Jong Un made to provide students with better and more stylish school uniforms, a parent of a student said that he felt pride and self-esteem of being a citizen

of the benevolent socialist country and he would work harder for the prosperity of the country.

The students are now children who are innocent and know love only, laughing boisterously.

But when they finish the universal 12-year compulsory education course, they will become soldiers who will defend the country, scientists and labour innovators. And when they become adults and go to the school with their children, they will remember the school opening day of today and renew their determination to continue to follow the road of worthwhile life for the country.

Uniforms, shoes, bags and other school things supplied to new students ahead of new school year



All new students throughout the country are supplied with school uniforms, shoes and bags ahead of the new school year.
RODONG SINMUN

Figures related to ‘Mindulle’ notebooks

By Kil Chung Il PT

This year, too, quality notebooks produced by the Mindulle Notebook Factory were supplied to kindergarten and primary and middle school children and university and college students across the DPRK ahead of the new school year.

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il gave instructions on the production of notebooks hundreds of times, regarding the problem of notebooks for children and students as a very important one.

The Mindulle Notebook Factory was built in April 2016 under the loving care of General Secretary Kim Jong Un who initiated the construction of a factory specializing in the production of notebooks for children and students and named it as it is.

Since 2017 when it sent “Mindulle” notebooks to schools for orphans at all levels and orphanages across the country and schools and branch schools in remote island villages and at army posts on remote islands before others, the factory has so far produced over 740 million notebooks in total and supplied them to all kindergarten children and students of schools at all levels in the country.

Chartered trains and container lorries bearing the marks of “Mindulle” have covered more than 2.9 million kilometres, transporting the notebooks.

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Ahead of the new school year, all new students of schools at all levels throughout the country were supplied with school uniforms, shoes and bags all at once.

New primary schoolboys were supplied with trousers, breeches, sweaters, shirts, bags, shoes and belts, and similar schoolgirls with skirts, dresses, sweaters, tights, bags and shoes.

New junior middle school boys and girls were provided with spring and autumn school uniforms and new male university or college students with spring and autumn and summer

uniforms, belts, bags and shoes, and female students with similar uniforms, bags and shoes.

Looking with tears at her daughter’s uniform with a name tag showing the figures of her grade and class and her clothes size, a woman living in Kumnung-dong No. 2 of Hwasong District in Pyongyang said that though she and her husband have many children, they have never worried about their uniforms and school things.

School uniforms, shoes and bags promptly were supplied to remote mountain and island villages, to say nothing of the capital city.

An official in Yodok County said that six rugged

passes should be crossed to come to Yodok County, a mountainous area, adding that whenever they see new school uniforms, shoes and bags reach an out-of-the-way place of the county over the passes every year, all residents there are moved to tears with gratitude to the country for the benefits by it.

It takes a drive of several kilometres along a deep valley to reach the Puksan Branch of Maehyang Senior Middle School in Maengsan County from the county town. A van was ready to transport school uniforms for two new students of the branch school. On the afternoon of March 27, the van arrived at the branch

school, welcomed by its teachers and students and villagers and the uniforms and a variety of necessities were given to the two students.

The mother of Ri Mok Ran, one of the two students, said that she felt a lump in her throat, tears welling up in her eyes, the moment she saw the school uniforms hanging on clothes-racks without a wrinkle after the door of the van was opened, adding that there would be no other country where a van for the delivery of school uniforms for merely two students come to a branch school of a remote mountain village.

The moving scene of them shedding tears of joy and

gratitude, hardening their determination to repay the benevolence of the state is the fruition of the eternal state policy of the DPRK which set the supply of uniforms to students as the top priority undertaking which should be done unconditionally.

At the historic Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, General Secretary Kim Jong Un noted that the state should take full responsibility for the supply of school things, supplies and equipment and steadfastly follow the direction of providing the educators and students with the best working and studying conditions.

New school year for 2025 begins

KCNA

School-opening ceremonies took place at educational institutions across the DPRK on April 1 to mark the new school year for 2025.

Ceremonies were held at universities and colleges and all other schools across the country to start the new school year.

Kim Il Sung University, Phyongsong University of Education, Changdok School, Amnokgang Middle School No. 1, Sampho Senior Middle School in Kim Hyong Jik County and all other schools were wrapped in a festive mood.

Hadan Senior Middle School No. 1 in Sinuiju City, Kwangmyong Senior Middle School in Songgan County and other schools wonderfully built in the areas hit by flood last year were crowded with many parents who gathered together with their children full of joy.

Prior to the opening ceremonies, there took place national flag-hoisting ceremonies.

Officials of the Workers' Party and power organs and relevant institutions, teaching staff, students and schoolchildren presented bouquets to the new pupils and students entering the campuses and congratulated them.

Speeches were made at the opening ceremonies.

The first lessons for the new school year began after the ceremonies.



School-opening ceremonies are held at educational institutions across the country on April 1 to mark the new school year for 2025. PAK KWANG HUN, RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

School-opening ceremony held at Korean Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities

KCNA

A ceremony took place to start the new school year at the Korean Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities on April 1.

Present there was Jong Mu Rim, minister of Public Health, Jon Chol Hi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, Song Hyang Chun, director of the rehabilitation centre, officials concerned, children with disabilities, rehabilitation doctors, nurses, kindergarten teachers and parents.

Song Hyang Chun made remarks at the ceremony.

She said that the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took a measure to establish a

nationwide education support system for persons with disabilities.

As a special educational and rehabilitation treatment unit for children with disabilities, the rehabilitation centre evaluated and registered disabled children in the past, conducted rehabilitation treatment for them and made sure that dozens of such children would study at ordinary nurseries, kindergartens and primary schools, she noted.

She said that the centre actively pushed ahead with the rehabilitation treatment of disabilities on a scientific and IT basis and made notable progress in the diagnosis, rehabilitation treatment and nursing and upbringing of disabled children, scientific research on them and the provision of more convenient and better conditions of their

life.

They are unthinkable apart from the love for the rising generations and the future of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who pays special attention to the care of disabled children and takes warm care of them all, she said.

Expressing her belief that the special education and

rehabilitation of disabled children would be put on a specialized and scientific basis at a high level true to the popular policies of the Party and state and their policy on ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities so that they would grow up healthily and cheerfully as masters of the future, she congratulated those children

and their parents who attended 13th term school opening ceremony of the rehabilitation centre.

Speeches were made on behalf of rehabilitation doctors and parents.

After the opening ceremony was over, the minister of Public Health, the chairman of the Central Committee of the

Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, officials of the rehabilitation centre and parents of disabled children looked round the physiotherapy, occupational therapy and other service rooms to see the rehabilitation treatment and nursing and upbringing activities of children with disabilities.



A ceremony takes place to start the new school year at the Korean Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities on April 1.

Privileges enjoyed by families with many children

By Yun Ki Song PT

Women who give birth to many children and bring them up excellently are given prominence and great benefits in the DPRK. Policies have long been in place in the country to provide prolific mothers with good living conditions. According to an official of the Hwasong District People's Committee in Pyongyang, dwelling houses are preferentially allocated to families with many children according to a state measure, and hundreds of such families moved into new flats on Rimhung Street which was completed last year. Since several years ago, a prolific mother's medical treatment ticket has been issued to women who bring up three or more children, which enables the women and their families to receive medical services on a preferential basis. The families that have three or more children including adopted ones are also regarded as multi-child families, and they enjoy many preferential treatments.

Women who raise three or more children at and under the age of senior middle school are given a leave on demand and children in the multi-child families are recommended to vocational schools preferentially. Mothers of these families receive a special subsidy newly set by the state until their last child graduates form senior middle school. Moreover, women with three or more children receive state benefits when they reach the age of retirement, irrespective of the length of their service, and those with two or more children who worked for more than 15 years also enjoy such benefits after retirement. Though it is a natural obligation of women to give birth to many children and bring them up well, the state confers the title of Labour Hero and other high-level state commendations on them and honours them with the Communist Mother Honour Prize. This is unimaginable for women in other societies who sometimes lose their jobs just because they want to have a child and become a mother.

Family full of blessings

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Everyone knows it takes much effort to raise a child. But in the DPRK, it is on everyone's lips that families with many children are full of blessings. Recently, *The Pyongyang Times* reporter Hwang Jong Ryol visited the home of Kim Yong Ok living in neighbourhood unit No. 14 of Hwawon-dong No. 1, Hwasong District, Pyongyang. Kim Yong Ok said: "All kinds of blessings have come to my family since I gave birth to three children. The country provided us with a modern new flat free of charge and preferential treatment. Daily necessities are supplied for us on a regular basis and special subsidies are granted under the meticulous care of officials of our neighbourhood unit, dong and district people's committee. Therefore, we lead a comfortable life free from the slightest inconvenience." According to her, their household doctor frequents their home lest the children should get ill to check up their health and all kinds of special benefits are given to them when they visit hospitals and amusement parks. Kim Yong Ok said that as she gave birth to three children, they came to lead a happier and sentimental life. Her eldest son is Yu Wi Phyong, her second son is Yu Wi Gwang who is two years younger than the former and her daughter is Yu Ye Yong who is the youngest of the siblings. The home atmosphere has got livelier and the family is full of laughter every day, she said. Seen on the wall of the boys' room

are emulation graphs. The two boys attending the primary school course of Hwawon Senior Middle School No. 1 in Hwasong District vie with each other to be better in study and the do-good-deeds movement. Sometimes, they boisterously go round the room to learn Tackwon-Do. The quiet and gentle daughter dances and sings the pieces she learned at school, giving pleasure to her parents. Their father Yu Ho Yong said that there has been a big change in their routine of Sundays and holidays. They spend a good time at the Central Zoo, the Natural History Museum, the Rungna People's Recreation Ground and the Munsu Water Park. The parents implant in their children love for the capital city of Pyongyang where they were born and the country while walking the new street at night.

Wi Phyong says he will study harder to become a soldier of the Korean People's Army who defends Pyongyang as his name suggests and Wi Gwang says his dream is to become a football star that flies high the national flag all over the world. And Ye Yong wants to become a gardener. Wi Phyong and Wi Gwang went up to a higher grade in April when the new school year began and Ye Yong was admitted to the primary school course. "People of old days said that many children require great pains. But to my family blessings come in succession," said Kim Yong Ok. She added that her family is always filled with merry laughter as they live in the grand socialist flower garden as the name Hwawon-dong (Hwawon means flower garden in English) indicates.



All three children are happy to receive new uniforms and other school things in Kim Yong Ok's family. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Flowering plant-growing family on Ryomyong Street

By Kim Hak Chol PT

As spring has set in, many people have buckled down to the cultivation of flowering plants. Among them is Kim Sun Hui living in neighbourhood unit No. 3 of Ryomyong-dong in Taesong District, Pyongyang.

Nearing 70 years of age, she grows over a dozen species of ornamental plants in nearly 50 flower pots at home. Most of them are foliage plants with high ornamental value and air-purification capacity. According to those living in the same neighbourhood unit,

Kim Sun Hui is well known for cultivating many rare flowering plants and an article about her was carried in a newspaper. Her plants are all fresh and elegant and viewers admire them, saying they look like pictures and artificially made ornaments. "My mother-in-law began to grow flowers after retirement. She has worked harder since we moved into a new flat on Ryomyong Street which was recently built splendidly," said Ri Un Gyong. Kim Sun Hui said she wanted to decorate the cradle of happiness provided by the country with flowers and to grow graceful and beautiful plants to suit the modern dwelling house. She met

horticulturists and flower enthusiasts and read lots of books to expand her horizons. In that course she gained considerable knowledge and experience of flower cultivation and knacks of her own as well. "Plant growing is so effective for mental stability and physical development and in emotional life. It also has a good effect in making people develop attachment to their families, society and nature," she said. Her son and daughter-in-law are also enthusiastic growers of flowering plants and her grandson, a student at a junior middle school, is following suit, she said smilingly, adding: "People's interest in flowering plants with high ornamental value and air-purification ability is growing day by day. I'm going to take part in a plant exhibition to be held soon to give people even a bit of pleasure."



Kim Sun Hui and her family grow many flowers at home. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Common Knowledge

Medicinal effects of salt

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Salt is the most important mineral nutrient for the living of people. It has several medicinal effects. When you feel very cold and have a stomachache, you will feel better if you apply hot salt wrapped in poultice to the sore part. When you have got a slight burn, wash the affected part with salty water to relieve pain. Brushing your teeth with weak salty water two or three times a day prevents bleeding from the gums. Washing your feet in weak salty water every evening makes your skin soft and prevents athlete's foot. Drinking some warm salty water may have a lapactic effect. It also protects the functions of the gastrointestinal tract when you vomit and have loose bowels with acute gastroenteritis.

New 'co-produced weapon' of US-Japan military alliance signals further unstable security environment of the region

Press statement of deputy general director of General Armaments Bureau of Ministry of National Defence of DPRK

The deputy general director of the General Armaments Bureau of the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following press statement on April 1 under the title "The new 'co-produced weapon' of the US-Japan military alliance signals the further unstable security environment of the region":

The US-Japan alliance styling itself a key axis of the US-led military alliance system in the Asia-Pacific region is taking on a fresh appearance to give repeated signals of instability to the surrounding countries and the regional society.

A typical example is that the US and Japan formally agreed to co-produce the latest air-to-air missile AIM-120, with the recent visit of the US Secretary of Defense to Japan as an occasion.

What is serious is that it can never be accepted only as the production of weapons for fighters aimed at defending airspace and securing the command of the air. The danger of it is further highlighted in the light of

the peculiarities of the geopolitical and military security environment in Northeast Asia.

All types of main fighters, involved in the US-Japan and US-Japan-ROK three party joint aerial drills that we have frequently witnessed in the sky near the Korean peninsula and further in the sky above the East and South China Seas, can carry the AIM-120 with a range of more than 160 km.

In view of the military doctrine of the US Air Force which specified that the command of the air should be secured through massive introduction and use of the ultra-modern long-range air weapons such as AIM-120, the anti-aircraft system of enemy states be neutralized through preemptive strike and then strategic bombers be sent to deal a heavy blow to the strategic depth of those states, AIM-120 is now becoming another "co-produced weapon" of the US-Japan military alliance, which is turning into an attack-oriented and aggressive one from A to Z.

The joint production of ultra-

modern weapons pursued by the US and Japan is adding a new element of strategic instability to the Asia-Pacific region, bringing ominous dark clouds.

The US has connived at and encouraged Japan's moves toward a military giant since last century. It has sharply expanded the application range of the US-Japan security treaty, which was limited to "contingency in Japan", to space and cyber fields, to say nothing of "contingencies in areas surrounding Japan", in recent years. It has also actively backed Japan's possession of "counterattack capability" and unhesitatingly offered long-range attack means such as Tomahawk cruise missile.

At a time when the US and Japan are seeking to integrate the existing military operation control system through the US military reorganization in Japan and the establishment of the "integrated operation command" and to steadily come closer to the wartime environment, their cooperation in the field of munitions industry

is being accelerated in direct proportion to it. It is not a secret that such moves are aimed at militarily deterring the regional countries.

Certainly, the centre of gravity of the US hegemony-oriented military security strategy is changing and it is a new warning signal for the Asia-Pacific regional society including the countries in Northeast Asia.

Force unaccompanied by justice is a tyranny and justice unaccompanied by force is meaningless.

It will be a priority task of the DPRK in the future, too, to actively cope with the unstable strategic environment being created around the DPRK by the US and its followers and to bolster up the powerful deterrent capable of making enemy states have no other choice but to give up their political and military ambition.

The DPRK's efforts to apply the most appropriate solution to control and manage the military tension in the region will continue, and Washington's and its servants' attempt to hold military hegemony will never be allowed.

Briefly

Russia

Naval forces continue to be built up

Russian President Vladimir Putin took part in the launching ceremony of a nuclear submarine through video-conferencing on March 27 to declare that Russia would continue to strengthen the naval forces in the future.

It is necessary to quickly build a large number of all classes of surface ships and submarines and equip them with up-to-date weapons, facilities and communications means, he said.

Such submarines and battleships will increase the capabilities of all fleets of the country, beef up the security of its sea frontiers and the route of the Arctic Ocean and contribute to solving problems arising in the defence of national interests in different areas of oceans around the world, he affirmed.

Greenland

PM condemns US for annexation attempt

The prime minister of Greenland decried the US' annexation attempt through an SNS on March 30.

Referring to the fact that the US administration declared again that it would take control of Greenland shortly ago, he stated that its attempt would not be successful.

Greenland is not a possession of any individual, but its future is decided by the Greenlanders themselves, he stressed.

China

FM censures US for imposing sanctions

A spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a press conference on March 26 denounced the US Department of Commerce's inclusion of dozens of Chinese entities on the export control list.

It is a typical act of seeking supremacy and a serious violation of basic principles of international law and relationship that the US administration enforces unilateral sanctions at random by abusing the export control means, he stressed.

Strongly demanding the US stop using economic trade and science and technology as political tools and weapons and putting pressure on Chinese businesses, he noted that China will take necessary measures to defend the legitimate rights and interests of its businesses.

World Health Day

By Choe Yong Nam PT

April 7 is World Health Day. After the founding of the United Nations, the member nations discussed the matter of creating an international organization related to public health and the first international meeting on public health held in June 1946 adopted the charter of the World Health Organization.

The charter of the WHO came into effect on April 7 1948 which became the day of the founding of the international body.

The WHO designated April 7 also as World Health Day in 1950, and sees to it that health-related events are held on this day every year.

In the past, the organization provided technical assistance to member states in the public health sector and coordinated the cooperation between them to prevent and treat diseases, train medical workers and push forward with research into medicine and public health, thus contributing to protecting people's life and promoting their health.

It performs a mission to look after the health of all people on a high level.

In the run-up to World Health Day every year, the organization presents a theme concerning important health issues and performs activities on a worldwide scale to raise awareness of them and to implement them.

The theme of this year's WHD is "Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures".

Settlement of past a historical task of Japan

By Song Jong Ho PT

In the past century, Japan occupied Korea militarily and expanded its overseas aggression to Asia. The Japanese imperialists proclaimed the fascist "Law on National Mobilization" on April 1 1938 in order to allocate human and material resources needed for expanding the war.

It was a draconian law aimed at forcing everyone to conduct economic activities as required by the wartime and addressing the shortage of labour force and materials by dint of legal power of ruling organs.

It stipulated that all material and human resources including weapons, warships, means of transport and raw materials and equipment should be mobilized for the protracted war of aggression.

It also specified that the Japanese government would have the control of financial resources and direct them to expanding the munitions industry.

The law was enforced more cruelly and heinously in Korea.

The Japanese imperialists wrote such a passage in the law that the

"enforcement of the law will be applied to foreign land (colonial countries)". By brandishing this draconian law, they committed a heinous crime of forcefully drafting over 8.4 million innocent people from Korea.

The Koreans drafted that way were taken to China, the Philippines and South Sea Islands, to say nothing of their homeland and Japan, to be subjected to all kinds of slave labour, maltreatment and miserable death.

Under the draconian law, the Japanese imperialists pushed ahead with the drafting of sexual slaves for their army and abducted and took away more than 200 000 Korean women, ranging from girls in their teens to married women, to reduce them to sexual slaves for their brutalized soldiers. When the days of defeat came closer, they unhesitatingly committed heinous massacres of the women in every cruel way to cover up their crimes.

The Japanese imperialists reduced many Koreans to cannon fodder for their war of aggression and forced them into

slave labour and disgraceful sexual service, giving them pain and killing them. Such inhumane outrage can never be pardoned as they are super-class crimes against humanity unprecedented in human history.

Japan with such blood-stained past, has not settled its crimes though it has been nearly 80 years since its defeat. Rather, it is distorting past crimes, beautifying and embellishing them and employing every possible means to evade its responsibility.

There is no today without its past and the criminal past should be settled without fail.

The settlement of the past is the historical task of Japan.

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DPRK WRESTLERS WIN GOLD MEDALS AT ASIAN WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

KCNA

DPRK player Choe Hyo Gyong won the women's 53kg category of the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championship. She defeated her Kazakh opponent in the quarterfinals and a Mongolian player in the semifinals. She bagged a gold medal by beating

a Japanese player 12-1 in the final match.

Han Chong Song advanced to the final match on March 29 (local time) after beating all his opponents in the men's 57kg category of freestyle wrestling.

In the final, he beat an Iranian player 8-1 to take the first place.

Meanwhile, Son Il Sim and Kim

Ok Ju took the second place in the women's 57kg and 62kg categories respectively.

Kim Kwang Jin bagged a bronze medal in the men's 65kg category of freestyle wrestling.

DPRK wrestlers returned home on April 3 after taking part in the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championship.



Choe Hyo Gyong (left) and Han Chong Song celebrate after winning their final matches at the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championship.

HAN IL RYONG SETS NEW RECORD AT ASIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Han Il Ryong breasts the finishing tape first in the men's marathon at the 20th Asian Marathon Championships.



KCNA

DPRK player Han Il Ryong came first at the 20th Asian Marathon Championships.

The championships, held in China on March 30, brought together more than 70 men and women players from 19 countries and regions, including the

DPRK, China and Mongolia.

In the men's marathon Han Il Ryong renewed the record of the Asian Marathon Championships by clocking 2 hours, 11 minutes and 18 seconds and won a gold medal.

Meanwhile, Ri Kwang Ok finished runner-up in the women's marathon and won a silver medal.



Several events of National People's Games come to close

It is the unanimous comment of the people that the recent games were an important occasion that added to the nationwide zeal for sports as they demonstrated features of mass sports activities developing day by day.

In the Taekwon-Do event which was the most popular, it was not easy to predict which team would win as all the participating teams possessed a high level of skills.

The Ministry of Information Industry, Ministry of Public Health, Daesong Bank and Foreign Languages Publishing House teams topped the total rankings in their groups in the Taekwon-Do event.

Especially, the players of the Foreign Languages Publishing

House who came first in group 4 drew special attention of spectators with their fine performance.

After taking first place in team pattern, they successively won combined power breaking and other individual events.

In the combined power breaking event, the team set a record of breaking 11 pine boards out of twelve, which they applied to break, in five seconds. In the free special technique event, a player of the team flawlessly carried out the breaking of pine boards at one jump.

In the women's individual power breaking, another player of the team easily smashed two pine boards.

Meanwhile, the State Planning

Commission, the Ministry of Finance, the Tachung Trading Guidance Bureau and the Radio-Television Broadcasting Committee of the DPRK took first place in their groups in the men's basketball event, and the Ministry of Information Industry, the Bureau for Affairs with Diplomatic Corps, the Ponghwa Trade Bureau and the Foreign Languages Publishing House triumphed in their groups in the badminton event.

The Ministry of Land and Environment Protection, the Ministry of Grain Administration, the Unha Trade Bureau and the Academy of Agricultural Science took first place in the shooting event in their groups.

By Ri Sang Il PT

The matches of several events in the general field (category of ministries and national agencies) for the 14th National People's Games came to a close.



Scenes of impressive matches of the 14th National People's Games.

Jongbangsan Fort

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Jongbangsan Fort is located in Sariwon, North Hwanghae Province.

In the period of Koryo Kingdom (918-1392), the Korean ancestors built the square fort, 12 kilometres round, by making an efficient use of the rugged terrain of Mt Jongbang to repulse foreign invasion. It was rebuilt on an expansion basis in 1637.

It was known as the most important fort in the Hwanghae provincial region for blocking the main north-south route in the west coastal area of Korea.

Roughly trimmed flat stones were laid on top of others in good order to build the walls.

Inside the fort there were the headquarters which took command of two positions located on the left and right and carried out the mission of defending the stronghold around the area.

Relying on the fort, the Korean ancestors defeated foreign invaders in different periods including during the Imjin Patriotic War (1592-1598).

