

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets Secretary of Russian Security Council Sergei Shoigu

He affirms that the DPRK will unconditionally support Russia's stand and foreign policies and responsibly observe the articles of the DPRK-Russia treaty

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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, met Sergei Shoigu on a visit to the DPRK leading a delegation of the Security Council of the Russian Federation upon authorization of Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, at the headquarters building of the WPK Central Committee on June 4.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gladly received Comrade Sergei Shoigu visiting Pyongyang again in just 70-odd days and had a friendly and trustworthy talk with him.

Sergei Shoigu courteously conveyed the friendly greetings from Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un expressed his deep thanks for it, and sent his warm comradely greetings to the respected Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

Shoigu conveyed the special thanks of the Russian leadership for the matchless heroism and self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the Korean people's excellent sons who participated in the

operations for liberating the Kursk area and defended the precious part of the Russian territory as they would do their own motherland, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Russian soldiers in the same trench.

Kim Jong Un expressed his thanks for it.

Discussed in depth at the talk were a series of important matters for defending the common core interests by more solidly developing the special and firm

comprehensive strategic partnership between the DPRK and Russia and items of mutual cooperation in different fields. Also exchanged in a broad way at the talk were views and opinions of the leaderships of the two countries on the development of situation over the Ukrainian crisis and on the international and regional situations. The talk confirmed the consensus of stand of the two sides.

Kim Jong Un affirmed that the

government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would, in the future, too, unconditionally support the stand of Russia and its foreign policies in all the crucial international political issues including the Ukrainian issue and responsibly observe the articles of the treaty between the DPRK and Russia.

He expressed expectation and conviction that Russia would, as ever, surely win victory in the just and sacred cause for defending its national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests.

Expressed at the talk was the will of the leaderships of the two countries to continue to dynamically expand and develop the DPRK-Russia relations into powerful and comprehensive relations of strategic partnership that fully conform to the national interests of the two countries and wellbeing of their peoples and contribute to realizing genuine international justice.

Kim Jong Un wished the Russian people eternal victory, prosperity and happiness and extended warm wishes to the respected President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, and the Russian government, army and people.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at hospital and leisure complex under construction in Kangdong County

He reaffirms will to build city, county hospitals into symbols of socialist public health embodying WPK's plan for modernizing public health and Juche-oriented idea on architectural beauty



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on June 2.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Kim Tok Hun, Kim Jae Ryong, O Su Yong and other senior officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the units of

the Korean People's Army involved in the construction and officials of design institutions.

First, he looked round the Kangdong County Hospital under construction.

He heard from officials concerned a report on the progress made in the project so far and the future plan for construction progress.

Going round various places of the construction site, including the outpatient ward section, operating

behind other sectors, to surpass them in ten years, he stressed that our spirit of serving the people and attitude to them should be examined once again in the course of successfully carrying out this innovative plan with redoubled efforts. And he reaffirmed his determination and will to build all city and county hospitals into symbols of socialist public health in our era, which fully embody the Party's plan for modernizing public health and its Juche-oriented idea on architectural beauty.

Acquainting himself in detail with the functionality and convenience of elements of different systems of the hospital, he pointed out every measure to be taken. He referred to the importance of responsibly building three hospitals of different scales including this project being carried out this year as model ones for the overall development of public health of the country.

In the course of this, optimal schemes for designing regional hospitals of different categories will be confirmed and on the basis of it, the future plans for building up the overall public health facilities will be

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drawn up in greater detail on the principle of ensuring economic efficiency and practicality, he noted.

He said that the construction of a hospital is an ensemble of the latest medical technology and building techniques and what is as important as the construction is the medical equipment and medical forces. Strengthening of the medical forces should be regarded as the main link in the implementation of the public health policy and the main work that should be pushed ahead with on a medium- and long-term basis, he said, repeatedly stressing the importance of the task of improving the specialist qualifications of the regional public health workers in particular and training medical

workers in a systematic, scientific and future-oriented way. Then he clarified the orientation and ways to this end.

Saying that the pharmaceutical industry of the country should be radically boosted in order to supply enough medicines to hospitals to be built in all cities and counties across the country, he stressed the need to thoroughly examine the state system of supplying medicines and take reinforcement measures.

He put forth various tasks for making preparations for operating the hospital.

Then he visited the construction site of the Kangdong County Leisure Complex.

He learned in detail about the construction from the commanding officer of the unit.

He said that it is most important to firmly prepare construction workforce before

anything else in carrying out the Party's policy on regional development without an inch of deflection, particularly stressing that all the construction regiments should have a vital stake in strengthening the ranks of skilled workers and push ahead with their training according to scientific goals and plans.

Referring to the issues arising in training competent design and construction forces throughout the country, standardizing and enshrining in law the advanced construction methods and achieving rapid development of the building-materials industry, he set forth important tasks for implementing them.

Expressing militant tribute to the lofty ideological and spiritual world and patriotic devotion of the soldier-builders who are struggling with a single mind

for completing the construction of the hospital, leisure complex and regional-industry factories in Kangdong County on the highest level, he expressed expectation and belief that they would achieve excellent successes in the construction projects by upholding the Party's sincerity for the wellbeing of the people with heroic and resourceful labour struggle.

Encouraged by his field guidance, all the soldier-builders hardened their determination to perfectly build the new assets for prosperity and model entities of civilization and rejuvenation for the regional people in this significant year, mindful of the trust of the Party Central Committee which put them forward at the outpost of the sacred struggle for regional development.

Political school guarantees future of WPK



By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

For nearly 80 years since its establishment on June 1 1946, the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea has recorded in its proud history great contributions to the Party building and the strengthening of the entire Party.

The school was newly built last year in the historic Kumsusan area overlooking the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun and the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong as a world-class political school equipped with an advanced educational system and excellent educational conditions and environment.

The inauguration of the Central Cadres Training School is not confined to the establishment of a first-rate political school.

Anyone who visits the school can find clear answers to the questions of how the lifeline of the Party and the revolution is carried forward and how its absolute ruling power and leadership ability are put on a permanent basis and can read the steadfast will of the WPK to defend the eternal continuity and invincibility of the Juche revolution by giving definite precedence to training Party cadres over all other affairs in the future,

too.

The party-building cause of the working class is a long-term undertaking which continues generation after generation and the success in the matter of preserving the party's fighting programme and character and maintaining and intensifying its inherent character and climate would never come of its own accord simply because the party has a long history as government party and excellent traditions.

As time passes and the Party's history becomes longer, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un concentrates efforts on the qualitative enhancement of the backbone of the Party, related with its future for the next 100 years.

In his important speech "Train Cadres of the Party in the New Era Who Are Faithful to the Ideal and Spirit of Its Founding" delivered at the inauguration ceremony of the school in May last year, the respected General Secretary 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 our Party building, adding that the WPK will grow stronger with today as a new starting point and

write a proud chapter of history of making another great turn in the destiny of the country and people.

At the ceremony of opening the school held on June 1 on the occasion of the 78th anniversary of its founding, he conferred the flag of the WPK on the school, expressing his firm belief that the school will stand in the vanguard of the sacred cause of guaranteeing and realizing the glorious inheritance of the Party.

At the institution where the WPK's red flag is fluttering, the core pillars of and successors to the Party, who are possessed of the Party's original ideals and spirit of the people-first principle as their mental qualities, are growing in the most thoroughgoing and perfect way without the slightest deviation or discolouring.

Thanks to this solid foundation, the WPK will advance along the road of victory toward the brilliant future as a steel-strong party which is faithful to its original ideals and spirit and imbued with one ideology, no matter how many generations and centuries may change.

Herein lies a main factor of the invincibility of the WPK which guides the Korean people to victory.

First anniversary of inauguration and opening of Central Cadres Training School of WPK celebrated

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Various political and cultural activities were conducted on the occasion of the first anniversary of the inauguration and opening of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea.

There was a seminar amid the enthusiasm of all the teaching staff and students of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK to firmly guarantee the glorious succession of the dignified Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party and carry forward its immortal reputation and ever-victorious guidance for all ages.

Speakers explained the immortal exploits performed by the peerlessly great men for the development of the WPK. They said that the nearly 80-year history of the Central Cadres Training School is a sacred one in which the school has firmly supported the longest ruling history of the Party by training true revolutionaries who are armed with the revolutionary ideas of the leader and uphold his plan and intention in the van.

They said that the Central Cadres Training School could be built into a revolutionary university of the highest level in the world in terms of communist character and

position and of appearance and quality thanks to the outstanding and seasoned leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

They stressed that the significant opening ceremony held in the presence of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un will shine forever in the history of the Party as a significant occasion that clarified the bright path for achieving the great historic cause of firmly carrying forward the lifeline of the Party and revolution and making its absolute ruling capacity and leadership eternal.

An art performance was given by the teaching staff and students at the grand edifice of the revolution.

On the occasion of the significant day, there took place sports games including football, swimming and tug of war and an exhibition of educational and scientific achievements.

Meanwhile, Party schools at all levels in the capital and local areas held seminars for grasping the leadership exploits of the respected General Secretary who set forth important guidelines for training Party cadres in the new era and other political and cultural events including exhibitions of educational and scientific achievements and sports games.



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Premier Pak inspects various sectors

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Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, made a field survey of various sectors.

The premier visited the city of Samjiyon where he learned about the reconstruction of Samjiyon Airport and the progress made in construction projects for sprucing up the city into a fresh and highly civilized city as planned and intended by the Party including the construction of the tourist resort in the northern area

of Mt Phothae, the Ponnamu and Sobaeksu hotels and inquired into the problems arising in the projects.

He stressed the need to push ahead with the construction of tourist roads and railways as planned, take thorough measures for protecting the ecological environment and forests, strengthen the workforce in keeping with the additional construction of various projects and enhance the responsibility and role of the construction inspectors.

At the Wonsan General Fishing Implement Factory he said that it should train a large number of competent technicians, increase the ranks of skilled workers and

raise the proportion of locally available raw materials and recycling to produce more fishing implements of various kinds.

He visited the Pyongyang Construction Machine Factory and the Pyongyang Grain Processing Machine Factory to learn in detail about the manufacture of equipment needed by regional-industry factories and stressed the need to strengthen their own technical forces to increase the processing accuracy of equipment and steadily improve the productivity and convenience of operation.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue for the relevant units to supply

Premier Pak Thae Song (centre) learns about manufacture of equipment at the Pyongyang Construction Machine Factory.



equipment and materials necessary for the construction of the city of Samjiyon in a responsible manner and step up the finishing work in a

qualitative way and other issues and took measures for them.

He also inspected the construction site of the

general inclined shaft of the Anju Area Coal-mining Complex and the Namchil and Songhak farms in the city of Anju.



The children celebrate June 1 International Children's Day with great joy at Pyongyang Baby Home (left) and Kyongsang Kindergarten (below).

International Children's Day marked across country

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The children of the DPRK celebrated June 1 International Children's Day with great joy.

Nurseries, kindergartens, baby homes and orphanages across the country bustled with children, teachers and parents.

Art performances, colourful folk games and sports and amusement games took place at nurseries and kindergartens in Pyongyang.

The children's gymnastics, dancing and songs added joy to everyone on the holiday.

Amid the enthusiastic cheers of the spectators, the kids played various sports and

amusement games including toy picking and running with a pinwheel.

The children in other parts of the country also spent a good holiday.

Commercial service

establishments, parks and pleasure grounds across the country were full of laughter of the children spending a pleasant and cheerful time with their parents.



Joint friendship gathering

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A joint friendship gathering took place at the Taesongsan Pleasure Ground in Pyongyang on June 1 to mark the 75th anniversary of June 1 International Children's Day.

Present there were Kim

Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, officials of the

women's union and officials concerned, exemplary teachers and women in educational work and education of children and kindergarten children in the municipality.

Also present there were diplomatic envoys and members of diplomatic missions in Pyongyang and foreign guests and visiting overseas Koreans.

Prior to the gathering, there was an acrobatic model aircraft demonstration of the players of the Pyongyang Municipal Aviation Club.

Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the central committee of the women's union, made a speech at the gathering.

Amid the playing of children's songs, beautiful dance and gymnastic movements of children were displayed.

The stage of pride and

art performance were given by young prodigies, little players, soloists and dancers who presented their writings to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un and came first in the national Taekwon-Do amateur contest (children's group), national calligraphy festival, national children's paduk contest and the Pyongyang municipal open paduk contest 2025.

Then followed sports and amusement games.

The cute little players did flower rope-skipping and ball shooting games.

The race of mothers taking hands of children with balls on their heads and in their arms and tug of war game boosted the atmosphere of the joint gathering.

The children of different countries participated in colourful amusement games.

The beautiful circle dance climaxed the event.

Children with disabilities celebrate their holiday

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A meeting of children with disabilities took place at the gymnasium of Taedonggang District Extracurricular Sports School in Pyongyang on June 1 to mark June 1 International Children's Day.

Present there were Jon Chol Hi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, officials concerned, children with disabilities, kids of Tongmun Kindergarten No. 2 in Taedonggang District, nurses, kindergarten teachers and parents.

Speeches were made at the meeting, followed by

an art performance and sports and amusement games of disabled children and kindergarten kids.

Put on the stage were various numbers including poem and song "We Yearn for Marshal Kim Jong Un". The young performers were full of joy and optimism as they grow happily under the warm care of the motherly Workers' Party.

The lively looks of the children who displayed competitive spirit in the sports and amusement games, which were held divided into "Squirrel" and "Hedgehog" teams, and their parents' enthusiastic cheers added to the pleasure on the holiday.



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KCU founding anniversary commemorated

History of children’s union full of glory and pride

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

October 12 2022 was the 76th anniversary of the establishment of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School.

While looking round the revolutionary museum on his visit to the school that day, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that whenever President Kim Il Sung visited the school, he would be among the students wearing a red tie of the Korean Children’s Union, adding that for the members of the KCU, the red tie can be said to be the hem of the skirt of the motherly Workers’ Party of Korea.

For children, the hem of the skirt of mother is the synonym for the mother’s care, as they always cling to it first whenever they are happy or depressed. It is the common

feeling of every child that if they hold on the hems of their mothers’ skirts, they get courageous and feel strong without fear, though they are on a long journey at night, hungry and tired. Therefore, people never forget all their life the hems of the skirts, to which they clung regardless of time in their childhood, as their mothers would wrap them up with the skirts when they felt cold, giving them courage lest they should lose heart and fulfilling their wishes.

Under the warm care of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who put children forward as the “king” of the country and spared nothing for them, the KCU members grew up to be the future pillars of the country, spending happy days without a slight worry.

As they grew older in mind than their age through the KCU

organizational life, they fought against the enemies by forming the children’s guards and children’s guerrillas when the country was suffering the ravages of war. In peacetime, they voluntarily found and did good things to contribute to socialist construction and the economic life of the country as they sent “Sonyon(boy)” tanks, planes and warships, which can be found nowhere else in the world, to the Korean People’s Army.

For KCU members, the red tie is the symbol of the red flag stained with the blood of the revolutionary forerunners and is precisely part of the flag of the WPK. And it reflects the proud course covered by the Korean children’s movement and the greatest trust the Party has placed on them.

Today, the KCU is developing into a powerful organization of future successors to the revolution

and Korean schoolchildren are preparing themselves to be future pillars of the country. This reality is the product of the ardent affection of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who warmly embraces the KCU members with the warm skirt of the motherly Party, saying that loving and rearing the future is the outlook on the rising generation and the revolution the revolutionaries should have.

It is the steadfast will of the General Secretary that more sincere efforts should be made and unstinting love should be shown for the younger generations under unfavourable conditions, despite the shortage of very many things and though there are lots of problems that should be tackled without delay.

The Party presented the KCU members with the red tie by

reflecting the sincere devotion of the great mother in it. Wherever the KCU red tie flutters, there is the warm loving care of the motherly Party.

Even in times of severe hardship, the Korean schoolchildren continued to be provided with the Mindulle-brand notebooks and Sonamu school bags, and the children’s camps and extracurricular educational bases across the country continued to be run and thereby the children could bring their dreams and hopes into full bloom and their happy laughter and singing kept resounding throughout the country.

That is why KCU members treasure the red tie, part of the fluttering flag of the WPK, as the hem of the skirt of the motherly Party and prepare themselves to be the reliable builders and pillars of the country desired by the Party.

KCU joint national meeting held

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A joint national meeting of the Korean Children’s Union organizations took place in Pyongyang on June 6 to mark the 79th anniversary of the founding of the KCU.

It was attended by participants in the celebrations of the 79th anniversary of the KCU, students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School, schoolchildren in Pyongyang and members of the delegation of Korean schoolchildren in Japan.

Also present there at invitation were Choe Tong Myong, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, Kim Jong Sun, department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Sung Du, minister of Education, and officials of the youth league.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a



report.

He said that the joint national meeting was held on the significant occasion of the founding anniversary of the KCU which was born as a Juche-oriented revolutionary organization of children and recorded a 79-year history under the care of the great Party.

He said that the joint national meeting will fully demonstrate the bright looks and strong spirit of all the KCU members who are growing up to be reliable pillars of the great Kim Jong Un’s Korea.

The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, who always sets policies for the children before

others, provided schoolchildren with new uniforms, satchels and school things, saw to it that schools, schoolchildren’s palaces and children’s camps were built splendidly and made it the foremost trait of the country to love and take care of the KCU members, he said.

He called upon all the KCU members to grow up to be reserves of the revolution and pillars in building a powerful nation, bearing deep in mind the pride and honour of being members of the glorious KCU advancing under the guidance of the respected fatherly Marshal.

Then speeches were made by Kim Tong Myong, a student of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, Kim Son Hyang, a student of Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans, and Kim Ryong Song, a student of Puyong Senior Middle School in Haeju City.

Speakers expressed their determination to become strong pillars and true KCU members who firmly carry forward the cause of Juche as desired by the fatherly Marshal.

The meeting adopted an appeal to the KCU members across the country for greeting the Ninth Congress of the WPK with pride in ample knowledge, high morality and strong physique and greater successes in socio-political activities and do-good-thing movements.



A joint national meeting of the Korean Children’s Union organizations is held in Pyongyang on June 6.



KCU founding anniversary commemorated

Stage of pride of schoolchildren held



The schoolchildren's stage of pride "March forward dynamically under the unfurled flag of the Children's Union" is held at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on June 5.



KCNA under the unfurled flag of the Children's Union" took place at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace in Pyongyang on June 5 in celebration of the 79th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union.

The stage of pride of the schoolchildren "March forward dynamically" Present there were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party

of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, other youth league officials and participants in the celebrations of the 79th founding anniversary of the KCU.

The venue of the stage was filled with the emotion by the performers talking about the great love shown by the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who visited the April 25 Hotel in August last year to watch a demonstration lesson for pupils from the flood-hit areas and see them in new school uniforms and took a series of benevolent measures so that they could keep the days of their stay in Pyongyang as unforgettable and pleasant memories all their life.

The participants were deeply impressed by the stories of the schoolchildren who were honoured with Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize and Kim Jong Il Children Honour Prize by making strenuous efforts to become exemplary KCU members as pledged on the day when they joined the glorious KCU.

The stage resounded with "A Medley of Revolutionary Songs" reflecting the unanimous will of schoolchildren to steadfastly cover the road of loyalty and patriotism by inheriting the tradition of the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps.

The performance was also given by child prodigies.

Acclaimed by the audience was the performance given by the schoolchildren, who had shown the image of happy life of them who are growing up while bringing into full bloom their beautiful dreams and hopes under the benefits of the socialist educational system, as they had given performances in Primorsky Krai of Russia.

Gala evening climaxes KCU founding anniversary celebrations



A gala evening of schoolchildren takes place in front of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on the evening of June 6.

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A gala evening of schoolchildren for celebrating the 79th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union took place in front of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on the evening of June 6 amid the warm blessings of the people across the country to the KCU members, the whole of joy, pride, hope and future of the socialist country.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Choe Tong Myong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, other senior Party and government officials and officials of the youth league saw the event together with the participants in the 79th KCU founding anniversary celebrations and other schoolchildren.

Also seen there were members of the delegation of Korean schoolchildren in Japan on a visit to the socialist homeland to take part in the June 6 KCU anniversary celebrations.

The gala evening began amid the playing of the song "We Are the Happiest in the World" and a magnificent firework extravaganza.

The participants in the gala evening performed a lively dance, reflecting in the change of various formations and beautiful rhythmic dance movements the proud looks and courageous spirit of the rising generations who are growing up healthily as successors to the revolution.

With a spectacular firework display of various colours lighting up the sky in June along with the thrilling sound of exploding fireworks, the performers depicted letters of "Ready Always" with the change of formations by reflecting the determination of schoolchildren across the country to get themselves fully ready to be masters who will shoulder the future of prosperous and powerful Korea.

The event reinforced the firm conviction of all the participants that the future of the DPRK would be brighter thanks to the outstanding leadership of the great Party Central Committee which is opening up a broad avenue to overall national rejuvenation on the strength of love for the younger generations.

National exhibition of children's science fiction models and inventions held

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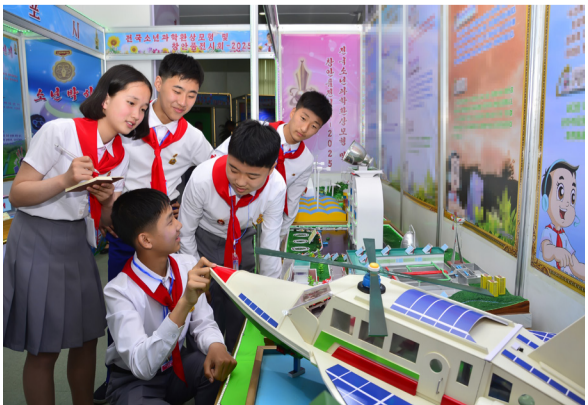
The National Exhibition of Children's Science Fiction Models and Inventions-2025 was held at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang from June 2 to 7 to mark the 79th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union.

Displayed at the exhibition were science fiction models and inventions showing the dreams and ideals of schoolchildren who have studied hard with a single mind to firmly prepare themselves to be reliable pillars shouldering the future of powerful Korea.

The opening ceremony was held on June 2. Present there were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Sung Du, minister of Education, officials of the youth league and schoolchildren.

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KCU founding anniversary commemorated

Art performance given

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Schoolchildren's art performance "Let us be always ready for the socialist country" was given at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-Air Theatre on June 5 in celebration of the 79th anniversary of the founding of the Korean Children's Union.

Among the audience were Choe Tong Myong, secretary

of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, Kim Sung Du, minister of Education, youth league officials, participants in the celebrations of the 79th founding

anniversary of the KCU, members of the delegation of Korean schoolchildren in Japan and other schoolchildren. Put on the stage, which began with prologue "March of the Children's Union", were colourful numbers showing the bright and cheerful appearance of schoolchildren growing up to be reliable pillars of socialist Korea under the warm care of the motherly Party.



Schoolchildren's art performance "Let us be always ready for the socialist country" is given at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-Air Theatre on June 5.



Sports and amusement games held



Sports and amusement games of the participants in the celebrations of the 79th KCU anniversary are held at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on June 5. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

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Sports and amusement games of the participants in the celebrations of the 79th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union took place at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on June 5. Among the spectators were Choe Tong Myong, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and officials of the youth league.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a speech. The participants watched the boys' volleyball final match of the 2025 National Schoolchildren's Games. Then colourful sports and amusement games were played. Korean schoolchildren from Japan were also filled with happiness. The event ended with a Tackwon-Do demonstration. Standings were announced and citations and others were awarded to excellent teams.

KCU members celebrate their holiday across country

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The Korean schoolchildren all across the DPRK significantly celebrated the 79th anniversary of the founding the Korean Children's Union. All the people sent warm congratulations to the schoolchildren throughout the country, being

convinced of the bright future of the country through the vigorous appearance of the rising generations who are preparing themselves as the future pillars of a thriving Korea and reserve of communist construction while proudly fluttering the red tie of the KCU. KCU members in all parts of the country visited the statues

of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il to pay floral tribute to them. Provincial, city and county youth league committees and KCU organizations of schools held joint national meetings, general meetings and meetings of child activists of noble virtue and meetings of schoolchildren to talk about their

pride. Performances, dances and sports and amusement games of schoolchildren were held throughout the country, adding to the joy of the holiday. Leading Party and government officials in provinces, cities and counties congratulated KCU members.

Schools in all parts of the country, including Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans, Hamhung Middle School for Orphans, Phyongsong Primary School for Orphans, Moranbong Middle School No. 1 and Ri Pok Jae Senior Middle School in Hyongjesan District, played a variety of sports and amusement games.



Members of the Korean Children's Union throughout the DPRK celebrate the 79th KCU birthday significantly.

Ten days of excitement and shock

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The schoolchildren's art troupe of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren Palace visited Primorsky Krai of Russia between May 2 and 12.

During their 10-day visit, the schoolchildren's art troupe gave the premiere at the Primorsky Krai Branch of the Mariinsky Theatre, gave performances again in Vladivostok and Artyom cities amid the enthusiastic congratulations from the Russian people.

After returning home, members of the schoolchildren's art troupe recollected many of Russian audiences.

A Russian said that he clapped his hands so enthusiastically that they swelled, another man confessed that it was the first time for him to shed tears while hearing the songs sung by foreign schoolchildren and a war veteran excitedly mounted the stage to pin his medal on the chest of a Korean schoolchild.

During their stay in Russia, the whole Primorsky was filled with excitement and shock for the young arts envoys.

It was not only Primorsky residents that felt shock.

The schoolchildren's art troupe members say in unison that though they stayed there for only ten days, they came to realize once again the warm friendly feelings of the Russian people toward the Korean people and the excellence of the education policy of the DPRK.

Kim Sun Sil, dance



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instructor at the art creation section of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, said that she was greatly shocked not only when her students

sang the song "We Are the Happiest in the World" but also when they sang the folk song "Arirang", adding: "The foreign audience

enthusiastically cheered to the tune of 'Arirang', which is as good as the name card of the Korean folk song. Seeing them, I could not suppress

my excited feeling of pride in being a member of the Korean nation."

Among the art troupe, there was Jon Hye Yong who has

been famous internationally as well as among the Korean people since she sang songs well from her childhood. Now working as chief of the art creation section of the palace, she recalled the feelings she received when meeting teachers of Vladivostok. At that time the Russian teachers said they greatly admired the high level of skills of members of the schoolchildren's art troupe. So Jon told them that her students have never received professional education, but cultivated their talents at extracurricular hobby groups and that there are many such prodigies in her country.

"As I heard the teachers of Vladivostok saying that it is a surprise for them to see a few young talents but many students are on a professional level, I swelled with the pride of being an educator and citizen of socialist Korea," she said.

During their stay, the schoolchildren's art troupe spent a good time while visiting different places of Primorsky.

Kim Song Hyon, director of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, said that during his visit, he came to have a good understanding of the optimistic character of the Russian people who are fond of singing and dancing and their ardent love for justice and their country, extending deep thanks to Primorsky residents for showing utmost sincerity to the troupe members lest they should suffer any slightest inconvenience and for giving them unstinting applause.

Monthly production targets hit by many economic sectors and units

KCNA

Thanks to the positive and tireless efforts of all the officials and working people who are out in the struggle for the successful completion of the Five-Year Plan, the national economic plans for May were fulfilled in different sectors and units of the national economy. The emulation drives for increased production gained strength in the key industrial sectors, which form the

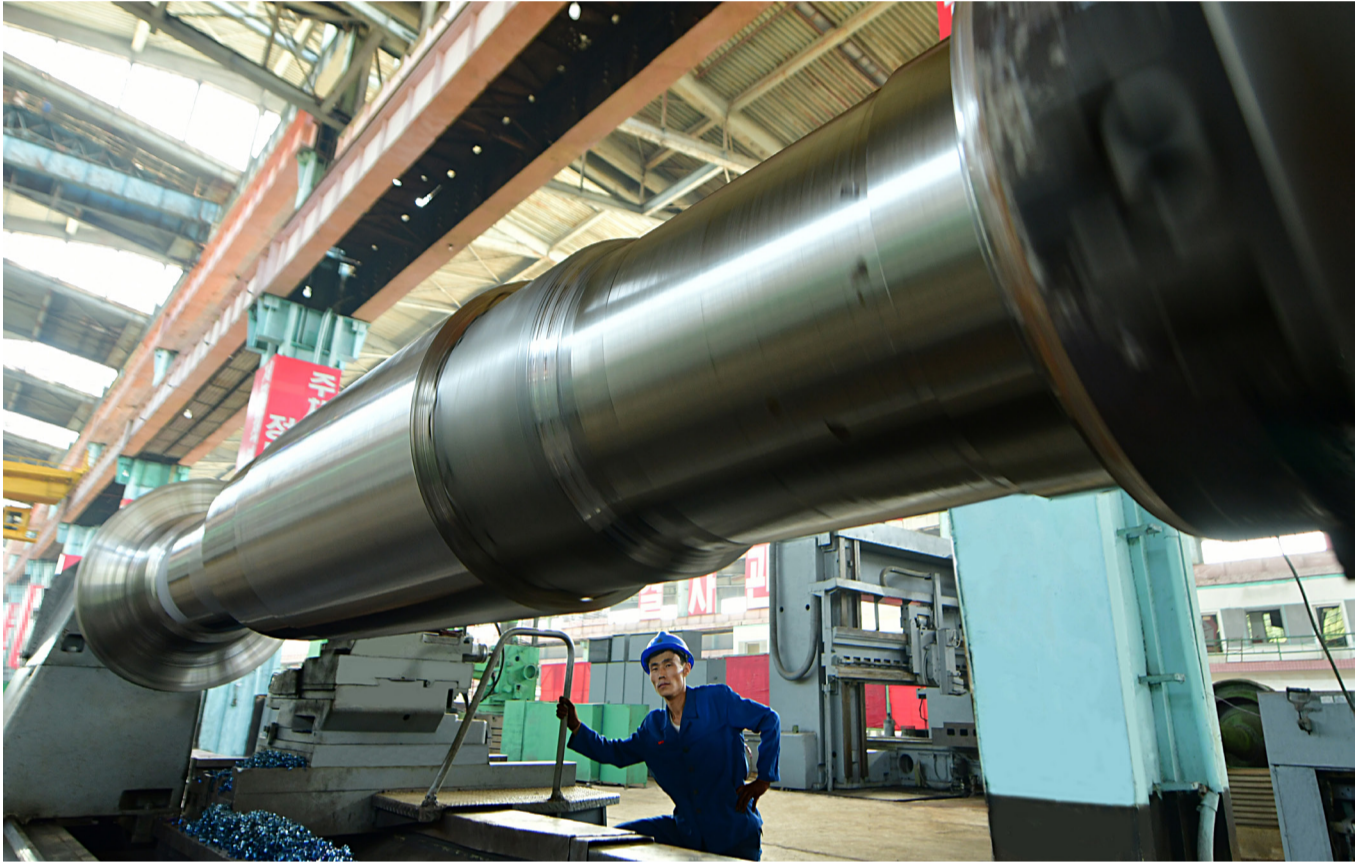
arteries of the national economy. The metallurgical industry carried out its daily plan by regarding it as the main task to give full play to the spiritual strength of the masses and consolidate the material and technical foundations and stepping up the revitalization of production. Factories and enterprises in the chemical-industry sector increased production while making effective use of the existing foundations

and potentials and pushing ahead with the readjustment and reinforcement projects. The Ministry of Electric Power Industry also fulfilled its national economic plan for May. Coal miners, who take charge of the outposts for the development of the independent national economy, pressed on with the socialist patriotic movement for increased coal production. The machine-building

industry pushed the comprehensive development of socialism with increased production results. The Ministry of Mining Industry overfulfilled its production plan for nonferrous metals through a vigorous increased production drive. The rail transport sector carried tens of thousands tons of more freight in May. The Kangwon and North Phyongan provincial forestry management bureaus and

other units also carried out their monthly plans ahead of schedule by selecting the right forests for felling, rationally allocating manpower and means and raising the actual operating rate of machinery and equipment. The building-materials production bases boosted production over the same period of last year by conducting a technical innovation drive for ensuring the domestic production of raw materials, modernizing processes and improving the quality of products. Thanks to the patriotic efforts of agricultural officials and workers and helpers to attain the grain production goal for this year, rice transplanting was completed in the main paddy fields at many farms and the

results of rice transplanting are increasing day by day across the country. The light industry sector produced good results in improving the quality of consumer goods and diversifying their kinds and shapes by giving priority to such efforts. The fisheries sector also raised the scientific level of fertilization and cultivation of seaweeds to reap a good harvest of them. Officials and working people across the country are now stepping up the campaign for increased production to glorify this year marking the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea with greater miraculous successes full of confidence in sure victory and strong will.



Upsurge is brought about in production at factories and complexes of several sectors including the Taean Heavy Machine Complex (left) and the Pyongyang Hosiery Factory.

Rural communities speed up rice transplanting

By Choe Song Jun PT

With enthusiasm of the agricultural officials and workers and helpers growing higher day after day, the results of rice transplanting passed over an 85 percent level across the country by June 1. South Phyongan Province

drew up a daily schedule to transplant rice seedlings in the right time and encouraged all farms to ensure the speed and quality of rice transplantation, thereby finishing rice transplanting in most of paddy fields till May 31. Agricultural workers in South Hwanghae Province are transplanting rice seedlings in thousands of hectares of paddy

fields every day, regarding it as a key to attaining the grain production goal to finish rice transplanting in the most suitable time in good quality. Farms begin to complete rice transplanting one after another in Anak, Jaeryong and other counties. As part of the efforts to finish rice transplanting in the most suitable time, North

Phyongan Province ensures the full operation of tractors and rice-seedling transplanters while giving precedence to the drawing of water into paddies and harrowing and paying attention to planting the prescribed number of bunches of rice seedlings per phyong and that of seedlings per bunch. As a result, rice transplanting was completed

on many farms including the Jangsan, Sinam and Tongsin farms. South Hamgyong Province attaches importance to and puts great efforts into raising the operation rate of farm machines. As it has introduced nutrient cold seedlings into a large area this year, North Hamgyong Province

demands that farms tend rice seedling beds carefully to grow healthy rice seedlings. After finishing their campaign, an increasing number of farms are now helping others with their rice transplanting. North Hwanghae, Kangwon and other provinces have also achieved good results in rice transplanting.



Agricultural workers complete rice transplanting in the Simphyong Farm under the South Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee.

Battle etched in history of anti-Japanese armed struggle

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Battle of Pochonbo fought in June 1937 is of historic significance in the history of the revolutionary struggle of the Korean people.

In the mid-1930s the Japanese imperialists who had gone crazy with the preparations for aggression on the Asian continent increased the fascist oppression over the Korean people while stepping up the militarization of the economy and intensifying economic plunder and exploitation as never before.

They fabricated and promulgated draconian laws one after another to arrest, jail and kill revolutionaries on

a large scale, and turned the whole of Korea into a large prison to mercilessly crush the slightest anti-Japanese sentiment.

All these were aimed at shattering all hopes of the Korean people for national liberation in their minds by brandishing the fascist iron hammer.

At this juncture General Kim Il Sung decided on the advance of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army into Pochonbo of the homeland.

The purpose of the Battle of Pochonbo was to clearly show the Japanese imperialists that the Korean people were alive, that they would not abandon their spoken and written language,

that they did not recognize the idea that "Korea and Japan are one" and that "Japanese and Koreans are of the same descent", that they refused to be "imperial subjects" and that the Korean nation would carry on the armed resistance till the fall of Japan.

At 22:00 on June 4 1937, the historic Battle of Pochonbo started at the signal of a gunshot fired by General Kim Il Sung.

The thrilling battle took place according to the operational plan for advance on the homeland perfectly made on the basis of scrupulous reconnaissance information.

The sound of gunfire destroying the enemy's establishments like lightning

was heard from all sides and the enemies fell down with little resistance. Soon fires began to flare up here and there, lighting the gloomy night of Pochonbo as bright as noontime at once and turning the whole town into a great blazing torch.

Political operatives of the KPRA conducted vigorous political information activities, putting up and scattering handbills, written appeals and leaflets containing the "proclamation" and "10-Point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland" written by the General. People began to gather on the street from every corner, shouting with joy "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" and "Long

live the independence of Korea!"

General Kim Il Sung made a speech before the enthusiastically welcoming people to call on all of them to staunchly fight for the liberation of the country out in the sacred anti-Japanese war, instilling into them the confidence in sure victory.

He foresaw that the enemy defeated in Pochonbo would surely pursue them and made sure that the KPRA soldiers laid an ambush in a favourable place to wipe out the enemy. As the enemy continued to chase them, this time he lured the large forces of the Japanese imperialists into the valley of Jiansanfeng and dealt a heavy blow to them, completely frustrating

the enemy's attempt at "punitive operations".

The torch lit in Pochonbo fully demonstrated the will of national self-respect that Korea was not dead but still very much alive and that it would defeat the Japanese imperialist aggressors at any cost and liberate the country by its own efforts.

Though 88 years have passed since then, the Battle of Pochonbo, which heralded the dawn of national resurrection to the distress-torn land and implanted hope, confidence and the spark of struggle in the minds of all the fellow countrymen, still lives as a historic battle of great significance in the history of the revolutionary struggle of the Korean people.

Environmental protection a bounden duty



Hong Hyo Song, staffer at the Central Committee of the Nature Conservation Union of Korea

June 5 is World Environment Day.

The theme of this year's World Environment Day is "Beat plastic pollution".

To eliminate plastic pollution is an important issue in achieving the sustainable development goals including those on climate action, sustainable production and consumption, protection of seas and oceans and repairing ecosystems and retaining biodiversity.

The consumption of synthetic resin is increasing rapidly worldwide, but the capacity to get rid of plastic waste fails to meet the demand. New mountains of plastic waste appear before the previous heaps are disposed of, thereby heightening the risk of environmental destruction.

According to data available, an estimated amount of 11 million tons of plastic waste leak into aquatic ecosystems globally each year. The annual social and environmental cost of plastic pollution ranges between US\$300 billion and US\$600 billion.

The plastic bottle is one of the most conspicuous things at sea in

the world. A truckload of plastic waste is discharged into sea per minute, and lots of pieces of plastic debris are floating in the sea. It is reported that if they are linked, they can coil around the earth hundreds of times.

There is even a prediction that plastic waste will outstrip fish resources in the sea in 2050.

Environmentalists assert that as long as plastics are produced and irrational disposal methods are adopted, plastic pollution will pose a constant threat.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the international community calls for focusing on scientific evidence on the impacts of plastic pollution, taking various measures to reduce the production and use of plastics and recycle them and adopting an international treaty with legal biding force for eliminating plastic pollution.

The DPRK has also directed big efforts to protecting environment.

It has recently revised laws and regulations including the laws on environmental protection, waste disposal and recycling and more active social efforts have been made to prevent environmental

damage and create a better environment.

Information activities are intensified to inform people about the danger and harmful effects of environmental pollution so as to encourage everyone to take an active part in environmental protection and steps are taken to properly deal with waste materials that can damage and pollute nature and environment.

As proactive efforts are made to use plastic waste as raw materials and recycle it, scientific research institutes intensify the research for that.

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, the Pyongyang Food Packaging Materials Factory, the Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory and many other units have established production processes for recycling plastic waste, thereby making a positive contribution to environmental protection and economic development while saving a great deal of raw and other materials.

The protection of ecological environment, whose importance is further highlighted, is our bounden duty.

More attention needed for health care of children

By Song Jong Ho PT

May 20 is Child Health Day.

The declaration on the rights of child was adopted on a world scale in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989 to provide children with a better world where a peaceful, safe and clean environment is guaranteed.

Observing the day is fairly significant in giving people a correct understanding of health care for children, creating a relevant social atmosphere and imparting to mothers common knowledge about child health care.

On the occasion of the day this year, public lectures were held in the DPRK, through the online lecture system, on the importance of the intake of various micronutrients such as vitamin A, iodine, iron and zinc in the growth and development of children and the

practical problems arising in child nutrition care and prevention and treatment of diseases.

And posted on a website in the national communications network were general information about such problems as physiologic jaundice and weight loss of babies, which often arise in the nutrition management for the one-month-olds, with the main stress put on the nutrition in the first 1 000 days of birth when infants can achieve the fastest physical growth and brain development, and common knowledge about the intake of supplementation foods for weaned babies, such child diseases as diarrhoea and indigestion and child health care.

At the same time, information activities were conducted through the mass media in order to kindle public interest in the improvement of children's and women's health.

In the DPRK in which children are put forward as the king of the country, the Party and government pay close

attention to the nutrition and health care for children.

The Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea in June 2021 set it as the most important policy to provide children, future of the country, with more improved conditions for bringing them up even by investing a huge sum of money. And in February 2022, the Sixth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly adopted the Law of the DPRK on Childcare.

Accordingly, all the children of the country from seven months to six years of age have been supplied with dairy products by the state every day under the well-regulated supply system. Children at nurseries and kindergartens and even hospitalized kids are all supplied with dairy products.

Thanks to the warm loving care of the Party and the state, children across the country are growing up healthily to be the stout pillars of the country.

BYWORD

Regional rejuvenation

It has been a long-standing convention to think that it is inevitable for regions to lag behind the capital.

But it has now become an outmoded thinking.

Over the past three years, dwelling houses for over 80 700 families have been

built in over 1 500 farming villages in the DPRK. And now houses for over 20 000 families are under construction.

According to the Regional Development 20x10 Policy of the Workers' Party of Korea, regional-industry factories are being built

in 20 cities and counties each year. And the construction of modern health facilities, multi-functional leisure complexes and grain storage facilities is progressing apace.

A new era of regional rejuvenation is being

ushered in thanks to the Party's plan to make the capital envious of the regions, make the regional development represent the advance and progress of the state and make the ideal appearance of the regions the true image of Korean-style socialism.

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‘Our efforts to defend dignity and interests of the state will not be bound by anyone’s prejudiced viewpoint and malicious criticism’

KCNA

The chief of the External Policy Office of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea on June 1 issued the following press statement titled “Our efforts to defend the dignity and interests of the state will not be bound by anyone’s prejudiced viewpoint and malicious criticism”:

Recently, the multilateral sanctions monitoring team (MSMT), the US-led sanctions and plot-breeding body, committed a political provocation of fabricating and making public a “report” taking issue with the cooperative relations between the DPRK and Russia.

The hostile act of the MSMT, a bogus group which has no legality in

terms of *raison d’être* and purpose, is a wanton violation of the international legal principles with sovereignty equality and non-interference in others’ internal affairs as the core and a mockery of the fair international community.

We express serious concern over the provocative acts of the West to encroach upon the sovereign rights of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea with its unilateral and high-handed political and legal standards as a yardstick and give a stern warning against the negative consequences to be entailed by its reckless acts.

No one has given the US and its servile allies the mission and power to judge and denounce the legitimate relations between sovereign states at will, and herein lies the main reason why the existence and activities

of the MSMT should be questioned and rejected.

The MSMT, which was formed arbitrarily by eleven countries hostile to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, is thoroughly a political tool operating according to the geopolitical interests of the West and, therefore, it has no justification to investigate the exercise of sovereign rights of other countries.

The DPRK-Russia military cooperation aimed at protecting the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests of the states and ensuring peace and stability in the Eurasian region is the exercise of the legitimate sovereign right made in compliance with Article 51 of the UN Charter which stipulates that each state has the right to self-defence

individually or collectively and Article 4 of the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership between the DPRK and Russia which requires each of the parties to provide military and other assistance in case of an armed attack against the other party.

There is a need to make clear at this opportunity that the reason why the military cooperation between the countries involved in the MSMT has not become the target of international investigation is not because it is just, defensive and, moreover, peaceful.

The legality and validity of the DPRK-Russia relations based on the new development-oriented point lie in the fact that they are the cream of inter-state relations designed to put an end to the era, in which a handful of countries form

an illegal and confrontation-oriented political and military group and resort to arbitrary practices at will, and to establish a multi-polar world order based on genuine respect for sovereignty, equality and justice.

The DPRK has the right to take strong countermeasures to defend its rights and interests from the outrageous encroachment on its sovereignty and interference in its internal affairs by the member states of the MSMT.

The hostile forces’ illegal plot-breeding moves will fail to have effect on the cooperative relations between independent sovereign states and our efforts to defend the dignity and interests of the state will not be bound by anyone’s prejudiced viewpoint and malicious criticism.

Ethiopia, a country of highlands

By Choe Song Jun PT

The name Ethiopia, a country in eastern Africa, is derived from the fact that the ancient Greeks called the area “Aithiops” (sunburnt face).

Most of its territory is covered by the Ethiopian Highlands called the “roof of Africa”. Many mountains rise over 4 000 metres above sea level in the highlands.

The Afar basin, the lowest region in Africa, is also located in Ethiopia.

The average elevation of the Ethiopian Highlands is 1 800-2 000 metres above sea level. But as it is located in the tropics, the weather in most regions is relatively cool. It provides a favourable condition for agricultural development.

Agriculture is the most important part of the country’s economy. The main food crops are sorghum, maize, barley and bean.

The Ethiopian government has recently announced a plan for modernizing agriculture by 2032. The plan is aimed at increasing grain production and ensuring sustainable food security by promoting the wide introduction of digital technologies into agriculture. It also

includes the improvement of the digitized service environment to provide the farmers with necessary data in real time, and the bolstering of financial support for them.

Ethiopia is one of the largest coffee producing and exporting countries in Africa. In the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, which started in July last year, the country exported over 354 300 tons of coffee, a 70% increase over the same period of the previous fiscal year.

In addition to the cultivated coffee, it has 400 000 hectares of wild coffee groves. White coffee produced here is in great demand in the international market for its good quality.

Efforts are also directed to developing livestock farming. The Ethiopian government has taken positive measures to increase the output of livestock products and improve their quality, holding fast to livestock farming, a major source of foreign currency income, as an important link in the whole chain of the development of the national economy. Known as the country with the largest population of domestic animals on the African

continent, Ethiopia now breeds about 70.3 million cattle, 95.4 million sheep and goats and others.

Natural parks have been built in the country to protect rare species of animals and plants.

The Ethiopian government is implementing programmes for eliminating poverty and achieving development and prosperity at home, while externally pursuing nonalignment policies and putting efforts into enhancing cooperation with developing countries.

In particular, the Ethiopian people powerfully demonstrated their will to put an end to the unipolar world where the imperialists’ high-handed and arbitrary practices prevail and promote cooperation with developing countries and the building of a just multipolar world through their country’s gaining of full membership in BRICS.

Their positive efforts to achieve the country’s economic growth and develop the friendly and cooperative relations with different countries of the world will bear good fruit.

On June 5 1975, the DPRK and Ethiopia established diplomatic relations.

Child protection highlighted as a serious issue

By Kil Chung Il PT

The protection of children is one of the most important issues related to the future of mankind.

Therefore, the international community has long since taken a variety of measures related to child protection including the conclusion of the international treaty on the protection of the children’s rights.

However, many children do not receive proper legal protection and care throughout the world.

According to information published by the UN, more than 11 600 children were killed or wounded during conflicts in 2023 alone, a 35 percent increase over the previous year.

The number of child victims continues to rise in the Gaza Strip due to the Israeli military attack. The public health authorities of the Gaza Strip announced that over 16 200 children were killed from October 2023 to April 2025.

In the countries troubled by disputes children are exposed to the constant threat to their personal safety and even deprived of their rights to learning.

Children are forced to

become child soldiers and driven to the battle sites by armed groups in some countries.

They even become the targets of rape, forced marriage, abduction and slavery in the disputed areas.

African children are suffering from severe food shortage caused by the disputes and climate change.

Child abuse is growing rampant in Japan. According to data released by the Ministry of Welfare and Labour of Japan on March 25, the cases of child abuse registered in the 2023 fiscal year numbered 225 509, a 5 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

In the US, students attend school with guns and shoot not only other students but even their teachers without hesitation. Gun crimes occur one after another in the country.

Such tragedies of reducing children, the future of mankind, to victims or making them physically handicapped and mentally deformed should not be allowed to continue.

The effective protection of children is a pressing issue facing humankind.

Briefly

- Russia**

FM decries aggressive policy of NATO and West

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov condemned NATO and the West for their policy of aggression at the international meeting of high-ranking representatives for security on May 28.

Saying that the aggressive expansion of NATO toward the east for several years acted as a “trigger” for the Ukrainian dispute, he noted that Ukraine should be a neutral, non-bloc and non-nuclear state in order to successfully settle the Ukrainian crisis.

Historical experience shows that disaster occurs when NATO comes, he said, stating that the expansion of NATO forces near his country’s border and the deployment of NATO’s infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region are arousing anxiety and concern of Russia.
- China**

US censured for instilling ‘China threat’ argument

A spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Defense criticized the US high-ranking officials including the US Defense Secretary for inciting the confrontational atmosphere by rattling on about the “threat from China” in a press conference on May 29.

The US is trying to invent a “powerful rival” for achieving its purpose, he said, warning that this trick is not only unreasonable but also extremely dangerous.

The Chinese army will firmly defend the sovereignty, security and development interests of the state by extensively intensifying training and war preparations in the future, he noted.
- Vietnam**

Party leader calls for intensifying economy drive

To Lam, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, recently stressed the need to intensify the economy campaign.

He proposed setting a national day of economy to actively promote the economy drive throughout society.

He called on the people to establish an economy culture in their everyday life as part of the struggle against waste on a nationwide scale.
- Slovakia**

EU’s plan to prohibit Russian energy import rejected

The Slovak prime minister said on June 1 that he could not support the proposal of the European Union for totally stopping the import of nuclear fuel from Russia.

As regards the European Commission’s announcement of a plan to stop importing Russian gas, oil and nuclear fuel, he said the ban on Russian energy import will pose threat to the operation of nuclear power plants in Slovakia and reduce the competitive force of the European Union.



By Kim Kwon PT

The 2025 Asian Weightlifting Championships took place in China.

The contest brought together more than 170 excellent men and women players from over 20 countries and regions including four players of the DPRK.

Most of the players who had mounted the winners' podium in the world and Asian championships in the past reportedly took part in the championships.

Regarding the championships as a good occasion for making another leap forward in weightlifting techniques of the country, the host country of China fielded the players with rich experience in international matches and young players who ranked in the top three at national games.

Thailand also set a goal of collecting many medals at the championships and paid special attention to the selection of players.

Indonesia, which has demonstrated remarkable technological development in weightlifting in recent years, also sent competent players to the contest by carefully selecting them.

Therefore, experts predicted that many records would be renewed in the body-weight categories of the championships.

Among the players who took part in the championships, the DPRK's Pak Myong Jin and a Chinese player were the focus of attention in the men's 61kg category.

The Chinese player won first place in the snatch, lifting six kilograms more than Pak Myong Jin. Under the circumstances Pak started

to play in the jerk.

But he succeeded in the second lift and again in the third lift of 170kg, winning two gold medals in jerk and total.

DPRK player Kim Il Gyeong displayed high ability in the women's 59kg category.

She lifted 103kg in snatch and 132kg in jerk to win the title with 235kg in total, bagging three gold medals.

The DPRK's Ro Kwang Ryol played a fierce competition with a Chinese player who was the world and Asian champion in the men's 89kg category.

After finishing runner-up in the snatch, Ro entered the clean and jerk.

He succeeded in lifting 210kg in the first try and 212kg in the second try to be placed first in jerk and total.

One of the sensational body-weight events

was the women's 71kg category.

It was a fight between Song Kuk Hyang of the DPRK and a Chinese player who had once finished runner-up in the world championships in the past.

Her first lift was 145kg. Then she applied for 155kg in the second lift and lifted it

with ease.

Although the Chinese player succeeded in lifting 135kg in the first try and 140kg in the second try, she failed in the third lift.

As a result, Song Kuk Hyang set new world and Asian records respectively with 155kg in jerk and 276kg in total, winning two

gold medals and receiving the most valuable player award.

After seeing the games of the DPRK players, experts said that all four DPRK players who took part in the championships won gold medals, their techniques are very high and it is really a great success.

Rinsan white-bellied black woodpecker

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The white-bellied black woodpecker is a resident bird belonging to *Picidae*.

It is about 46 centimetres long and weighs 330-360 grams.

It is similar to *Dryocopus martius*, but it is black at the head, back, wings and tail and white at the flank, chest

and belly. The male bird has red patterns on the crown of the head and the cheeks. The female's whole body is black.

The Rinsan white-bellied black woodpeckers inhabit some parts of Rinsan County of North Hwanghae Province.

It is a rare bird that can be found only in the DPRK.

