

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets bereaved families of martyrs who performed distinguished feats in overseas military operations and has photo session with them

He presents to the bereaved families respectively photos of the martyrs wrapped in the national flag of the DPRK

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The brave soldiers who participated in the overseas military operations created the tales about great heroes unprecedented in history out of their desire for the immortality of the sacred national flag of the DPRK and the rosy future of the prosperous motherland and emerged as heroes of the legendary

feats who devoted their precious lives without regret, regarding their death as honour in the course of carrying out the

orders of the country. The Workers' Party of Korea adds lustre to their feats with gold star medals and brings all the

glory of the times to them. Thanks to its noble moral obligation, their souls are brilliantly shining as the eternal stars of

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the motherland.

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 the bereaved families of martyrs who performed distinguished feats in the overseas military operations at the Mokran House and sincerely consoled them on



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's talk to bereaved families of martyrs who participated in overseas military operations

Comrades,

I want to say briefly to you, as I am here with you, the bereaved families of the martyrs who laid down their precious lives to defend their country's dignity and honour.

I feel respectful and grateful to you for stoutly overcoming the unbearable pain caused by the loss of your family members.

The news on the death of your beloved children and husbands must have come as a great shock to you all, since you did not know whether they were alive or not. Thinking about you, I kept feeling uneasy and could hardly concentrate on my work.

To all the bereaved families of the martyrs, I once again express my regret about having failed to save the precious lives of our officers and soldiers who fell in the battlegrounds on a foreign land, as I am anxious that I could not bring them alive back here.

At the recent ceremony of awarding state commendations to the martyrs, I met the bereaved families of some martyrs, and I thought a lot about other martyrs' families who were not present there.

So, I had this meeting arranged as I wanted to meet and console the bereaved families of all the heroes and relieve them of their sorrow and anguish even a little.

I extend my deep condolences to all the bereaved families who have come here with the sorrow of having lost their family members, even though they should naturally attend this meeting with those dear persons amid the blessing from all the people in the country.

Looking at the faces and names of our heroes, both handsome and sturdy, one by one on the memorial wall, I pictured in my mind their parents who had brought up such excellent sons and their dear wives and children.

How could there be such excellent sons if their parents are not excellent, and how could they be so brave till the last moments of their lives if they did not cherish genuine affection for their parents, wives, children and native places?

Being told about the exploits our heroes performed by charging forward death-defyingly to implement the orders of their country, we thought of the faces of the upright persons who had instilled love for their country and native places into their pure hearts and brought them up to be stalwart men, and we could clearly see in our mind's eye the considerate persons who had supported them and given strength and courage to them during their faithful service in the army.



Ours is a heroic army that knows neither submission nor impossibility, and it surely emerges victorious in battle. This is because it is made up of the sons whose lives were given by the most tenacious, patriotic and just people in the world, the great heroic people who have shared their destiny with this country through an unyielding life and struggle generation after generation.

Though they passed away so young with a high ambition in their minds, the indomitable mettle and revolutionary spirit of the martyrs, who wrote a new chapter of victory in the history of our state at the cost of their blood and kindled the fierce flames of all-people heroism across the country, will remain etched in the minds of all our people.

Our Party and government will bring all the glory to the heroes revered by the whole nation and to their excellent parents who brought them up to be admirable men. They will also do their best to provide you, ahead of others, with a beautiful life in the country defended at the cost of the lives of the martyrs.

My heart breaks and aches more at the sight of those little children.

Our officers passed away, leaving their beloved children and their dear wives behind.

Our soldiers passed away, picturing the eyes of their warm-hearted mothers.

When they were charging to meet their death, bidding innermost farewell to all that was dear to them, they all left writings praying for the prosperity of their motherland and Pyongyang and shouted

“Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!”

They did not write even a short letter to me, but I think they must have entrusted their families, including those beloved children, to me.

I am absolutely sure of this.

Their request is not to be read by letters.

It is not to be heard with the ears, either.

It is to be heard with the heart and with trust, and I heard it that way.

As the martyrs wished, I will take charge of their children and other members of the bereaved families.

Present here are the head teachers of the revolutionary schools.

You can also see leading cadres of our state here.

The children left behind by the heroes shall be sent to the revolutionary schools; I, our state and our army will take full responsibility for them and train them admirably as staunch and courageous fighters like their

fathers, and help them join the backbone ranks of our revolution.

Soon, a new street shall be built in Taesong District, Pyongyang, for the bereaved families of the soldiers who fell to our great sorrow at such young ages after exalting their life like the morning star, just as a song says. We are going to name it Saeppyol (morning star) Street in praise of our soldiers' exploits as brilliant as the star.

And we will lay the remains of the martyrs to rest in the best place of the arboretum just in front of the street, and erect a monument to immortal combat feats in memory of the great soldiers who displayed the tenacity of the Korean people and defended the dignity and honour of the Korean People's Army.

We will encourage the people from all over the country to visit the monument at any time to remember the martyrs and share all glory and happiness with them.

Our Party and government will offer sincere assistance to the bereaved families so that they will be able to start their happy life in Pyongyang enjoying nationwide respect and admiration.

I, on behalf of all the officers and soldiers of our army and in the name of all the people in the country, would like to make another deep bow to you as you are overcoming the painful loss of your beloved family members while supporting the ennobling life and last decisions of your children and husbands with pride and feeling honoured with them.

I hope all of you bereaved families will overcome the painful feelings of loss as early as possible.

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Present there were senior officials of the WPK Central Committee, leading commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and senior officials of revolutionary schools.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a consolatory speech before the bereaved families full of great emotion.

He expressed deep condolences to all the bereaved families with his grief at having failed to save the precious lives of the officers and men who fell in the battlegrounds on a foreign land in order to defend the dignity and honour of the country, and with his sorrow at failing to bring them alive back to the country.

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upright parents who had instilled love for their country and native places into their pure hearts and brought them up to be stalwart men, and we could clearly see in our mind's eye the considerate persons who had supported them and given strength and courage to them during their faithful service in the army, he said, and went on: Ours is a heroic army that knows neither submission nor impossibility, and it surely emerges victorious in battle. This is because it is made up of the sons whose lives were given by the most tenacious, patriotic and just people in the world, the great heroic people who have shared their destiny with this country through an unyielding life and struggle generation after generation.

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of our state at the cost of their blood and kindled the fierce flames of all-people heroism across the country, will remain etched in the minds of all our people.

He paid high tribute once again to the bereaved families who regard the noble lives and final determinations of their children and husbands as admirable and honourable ones and support them, firmly mastering the sorrow at having lost their beloved people.

All the bereaved families burst out sobbing at the ardent sincerity of the fatherly leader who is glorifying the immortal feats and noble lives of the martyrs for all ages and creating legends of love and trust unprecedented in history.

Kim Jong Un presented to the bereaved families respectively photos of the martyrs wrapped in the national flag of the DPRK, the sacred flag of glory,

whose dignity and honour were protected by the heroic soldiers who laid down their lives for that.

The moments of noble love and moral obligation ensued.

Kim Jong Un had a significant photo session with the bereaved families who were greatly moved after receiving the photos of the martyrs.

He called senior officials of revolutionary schools and said that we should bring up the children of the martyrs to be hard-core elements of the revolution and genuine sons and daughters of the country.

He affirmed that the ardent desire of the martyrs which they harboured till their last moments would surely be achieved and our Party and people would certainly build the most powerful and prosperous ideal socialist paradise upon the brilliant exploits performed by the heroes.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits special operations training base under General Staff of KPA and learns about training of soldiers

He says that it is an important task in building up our armed forces to drastically strengthen the special operations forces and specialized sniper forces



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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 special operations training base under direct control of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army and learned about the training of the sniper and special operation sub-units on August 27.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, and other leading officials of the WPK

Central Committee.

He was greeted on the spot by No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army.

At the training base he met snipers assembled for carrying out special missions and soldiers of the special operations unit and familiarized himself with the military equipment of the sub-units and their training.

He acquainted himself with the new-type sniper rifle being produced and supplied to units.

He appreciated the high-precision long-range sniping character and superiority

of the new-type sniper rifle designed and developed by the DPRK Academy of Defence Sciences this year in our own way to improve the ergonomic efficiency of the weapon and the tactical mobility of snipers, and satisfactorily said it is very good for our units to have come to be armed with such sniping weapon of new generation.

Saying that the sniper forces have a very important duty in the combat ability composition of units, he noted that a sniper is a specially selected soldier ready to conduct independent and voluntary military actions and is as good as a hunter surely killing enemy soldiers with perfect marksmanship in battlefields. He added

that it is an important task in building up our armed forces to drastically strengthen the special operations forces and specialized sniper forces in the future.

He said that the Central Military Commission of the WPK would examine the matter of organizing a central sniper training centre under the General Staff in the future.

Saying that concentration and acute power of observation are essential qualities for snipers, he noted that they should be trained for discerning varied surroundings and getting used to the environment in order to improve

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their concentration, endurance and observation, and referred to the need to establish correct training methodologies for making them acquire the methods of selecting the targets of sniping, concealing and moving, selecting and building firing positions and observing targets with various kinds of equipment and ensuring high-precision long-range shooting, and the knacks of marksmanship and the like in attack and defence between the teams of snipers and between sub-units, and to intensify scientific specialized training so as to increase the capability for fighting an actual war.

He instructed the Ministry of National Defence to produce quality camouflage uniforms to be supplied to the sniper sub-units from this year in conformity with the conditions and seasonal characteristics of the mission zones.

The most urgent task for the KPA in war preparations at present is to thoroughly implement the Party's policy on effecting

a revolution in training, ideology and equipment and thus more firmly prepare the special operations forces to be the pivotal and core forces in fighting a war and the strongest combat group, he said, and continued:

In order to have the absolute upper hand no special operations forces of any country can get at battlefields at present when powerful military equipment is being developed and introduced competitively, it is necessary to positively step up the modernization of military equipment, steadily explore and apply innovative war methods and combat plans of our own style and make the soldiers fully master them.

He oversaw a live shooting drill of the sniper sub-unit.

Watching with pleasure the training of the combatants demonstrating their perfect marksmanship, he said that they are really good at shooting and that no enemy within their sight will be able to survive.

Then he watched the general special



physical exercises of the combatants of the special operations unit.

The soldiers participating in the drill fully demonstrated the physical and technical abilities of them who are preparing themselves as an invincible combat unit and advance detachment of the powerful revolutionary army.

Highly appreciating the transparent ideological and moral world of the combatants who always think about the battle, true to the Party's idea of building special operations forces, and do their utmost to remain faithful to the noble mission and duty they have assumed for the country and people, he had a photo session with them.

When the photo session was over, the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" expressive of their pledge of loyalty to devotedly defend the Party Central Committee headed by Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un warmly encouraged the reliable guards and passionate warriors full of the firm will to win only victory in

accomplishing any combat mission at any time, saying, "You must make enemies tremble with terror at the mere sight of you."

That day he congratulated three snipers who showed their distinguished marksmanship, fully displaying their high-precision long-range sniping capability, and had a photo taken with each of them.

He also had a photo session with the officers and soldiers of the sniper sub-unit cultivating perfect marksmanship in the intensive drill for an actual war.

The soldiers of the sniper sub-unit and the combatants of the special operations unit, who were honoured to be guided by the great brilliant commander in their training, made a firm pledge to be more fully prepared as core arms of the KPA and as ferocious tigers leaping over mountains, cherishing the sense of mission to defend the country and revolution, and thus fully demonstrate the mightiness of the invincible KPA and immortalize its name.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits completed Ragwon County Offshore Farm and fishermen's residential district

He sets forth the important tasks to be carried out in steadily pushing ahead with the construction of regional-industry factories and rural dwelling houses on a high level

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Thanks to the far-reaching plan of the Central Committee of the great Workers' Party of Korea for regional development and its energetic leadership, a modern offshore farm and a modern fishermen's residential district have been built in Ragwon County on the east coast as another monumental edifice in the vibrant era of the most gigantic regional transformation in the history of the country.

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 completed Ragwon County Offshore Farm and the modern fishermen's residential district on August 26.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Jae Ryong and Kim Yong Su, department directors of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Pak Song Chol and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department directors of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the army unit involved in the construction.

The building of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm is this year's major project for the regional construction policy which was pushed forward with to implement the decision of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK according to the far-reaching plan of Kim Jong Un for promoting the independent development of regional economy and improving the material life of regional people at the earliest possible date by effectively exploiting and utilizing the natural and geographical potentials and resources in coastal cities and counties which make up nearly one-third of the country's territory.

Thanks to the spirit of devotedly implementing the Party's policies and great power of execution of the soldier-builders who have turned out as one, regarding the call of the Party as a battle order, modern and advanced production facilities of the farm, low- and single-storey houses of various styles and neighbourhood-serving amenities have been built in more than 190 days after starting the project in good harmony with the surrounding natural landscape and along with the meaningful name of "Ragwonpho."

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Kim Jong Un went round the Ragwon County Offshore Farm.

Enjoying a picturesque panorama of Ragwonpho, Kim Jong Un said with pleasure that it was evidently early this year that the groundbreaking ceremony was held at the sandy beach and that the place now turned into a picturesque scene. And he added that the undertaking which had been planned since last year in order to build a fishing base which is more characteristic than the Sinpho City Offshore Farm was successfully completed, making it possible to present the fishing village in the most beautiful port in the world to the people of Ragwon County.

He expressed satisfaction over the fact that a wonderful offshore farm and a fishing village were built in Ragwon County, which is one of the smallest counties in the country and had a weak economic foundation, adding that the county turned into the one with a bright prospect of development and it goes well with the name “Ragwon” (paradise) in the true sense of the word.

He said that the amazing speed

of creation at which the most backward county of the country has developed into the one with a strong economic foundation in a little over half a year would be specially recorded in the history of the regional-industry revolution in the new era and the growth and development of the DPRK and if such a remarkable speed of advance continues, our state would soon greet a great change of national magnitude in the near future and it would serve as a powerful driving force for hastening the complete victory of socialism.

Going round the combined control room, raw material preprocessing plant and other production facilities, he learned about the completion of the load test and technical synchronized test of the equipment.

He went round the fishermen’s residential district.

Visiting different styles of single- and low-storey houses, he referred to the measures taken by the Party to design the houses in a unique way to be in good harmony with the natural environment of the seashore. He repeatedly expressed his pleasure over the fact that every house in

the fishermen’s residential district was perfectly built, saying that construction was carried out in a very qualitative way to meet the design and technical requirements.

Appreciating that all the buildings erected in Ragwonpho are the outcome of the high ideological readiness and redoubled efforts of the Korean People’s Army upholding the policy of the Party on regional development with absolute loyalty and devoted struggle, he said that we should never be satisfied in the work for the people and that even though the production buildings and dwelling houses built here are excellent, wonderful monumental entities that surpass them should be constructed in the future.

He set forth the important tasks to be carried out in steadily pushing ahead with the construction of regional-industry factories and rural dwelling houses on a high level.

Referring to the long-term goals of the policy of the WPK on regional development again, he said that the epochal tasks of regional rejuvenation to be welcomed by the people will be successfully fulfilled only when all the

regional builders make redoubled efforts with the ambition and courage to learn from and overtake the architectural culture and new civilization of the capital which have been put on an unusually high level through the construction of modern 50 000 flats.

He stressed that it is necessary to regard the demand and interests of the people as absolute standard and make sincere efforts when we choose a site and erect a building in the future, too, just like we have built a seafood production base for the local residents in the best place of Ragwon County.

Enjoying a bird’s-eye view of Ragwonpho together with officials, he discussed a new long-term plan for developing the economic potential of the county.

Saying that he would like to see the people in the county happy with the farm and village as soon as possible and the evaluation of the project would be made by the residents, he gave an instruction to hold the inauguration ceremony of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm in a meaningful way in the near future.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to visit PRC to attend celebrations of 80th anniversary of victory in Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and World Anti-fascist War

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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, will soon visit the People's Republic of China to participate in the celebrations of the 80th

anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-fascist War at the invitation of Xi

Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China.

Ceremony of awarding state commendations to soldiers of KPA overseas military operations units held

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All the people of the DPRK pay high praise and noble tribute to the officers and men of the overseas military operations units of the Korean People's Army who demonstrated the might of the elite revolutionary

army before the world by displaying the matchless fighting spirit, bravery and indomitable self-sacrificing spirit for the honour of the glorious Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The second ceremony of awarding the state commendations to

commanding officers and combatants of the overseas military operations units of the KPA was held on August 29.

Attending the ceremony were the bereaved families of martyrs who died a heroic death by performing distinguished feats in

overseas military operations.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made a speech.

He said that the ceremony was now being held at the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK to award the title of the DPRK Hero to the bereaved families of martyrs in the name of the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas military operations units who demonstrated the absolute dignity of the great state and the might of the ever-victorious KPA before the world and set a new record of victory in the history of the heroic struggle of the DPRK people.

He noted that it is a solemn oath every serviceman keeps in their heart to carry out the orders of the Party and the country even at the cost of their lives and it is their duty to remain true to the pledge of faith. However,

the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that our every soldier is a precious being that can never be bartered for anything in the world and his flesh and blood that should never be lost and that he had spent all the days and months since their participation in the operations with worry about the combatants and the boundless loving care for them, he stressed.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Kim Jong Un who spent days and nights to bring back to the homeland the fallen heroes most respectfully and solemnly and to bring the greatest glory to their immortal life and soul, the martyrs could have a reunion with the people in the homeland and their beloved families as the most proud and honourable image, covered with the glorious national flag, and their names and images could shine at the highest level along with the memorial wall built at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee, a wall unprecedented in the history, he said.

He noted that the gold star medals of the DPRK Hero, which the families of the martyrs would be awarded on behalf of their beloved sons, husbands and fathers, are the token of the unanimous respect and high appreciation of the Party, state and people for the martyrs who glorified the dignity of the country at the cost of their precious lives and youth and their bereaved families.

A decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on conferring the title of DPRK Hero on the soldiers who performed feats in overseas military operations was conveyed.

The title of DPRK Hero, Gold Star Medal and Order of National Flag 1st Class were awarded to the bereaved families.

The life of the martyrs will be immortal under the care of the great motherly Party which respects and bestows honour on the proud sons who devoted their precious lives to the prosperity of the country and the happiness of all generations to come.



The second ceremony of awarding the state commendations to combatants of the overseas military operations units of the Korean People's Army is held on August 29.

Premier Pak inspects Chollima Steel Complex and farms in Mangyongdae District

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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 Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected the Chollima Steel Complex and farms in Mangyongdae District.

Going round the steel workshop, seamless steel pipe workshop and others of the Chollima Steel Complex seething with the drive for producing iron and steel for

the successful completion of the five-year plan, he learned in detail about the progress made in steel production and the projects for readjustment and reinforcement.

He called for dynamically speeding up the projects for minimizing the melting time of electric furnaces per charge and increasing the quantity of steel and improving its quality simultaneously by actively pushing forward the remodelling and repairing of irrational elements in production processes by dint of science and technology.

The field consultative

meeting discussed the issue of fully supplying in time raw and other materials needed for iron and steel production and the issue for officials to conduct the enterprise and business management effectively with their clear goals and scientific insights for increasing production.

At the Mangyongdae Vegetable Farm in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, he learned about the introduction of new cultivation methods and techniques including the wheat transplanting of Korean style capable

of saving manpower and seeds and fully ensuring the period of growth. He called for organizing a nationwide demonstration lecture to actively generalize the successes and experience and, at the same time, concentrating efforts on immediate manuring and cultivation to bring about good results.

Visiting the Chilgol Vegetable Farm which introduced on trial the green cultivation and fish farming method prioritized by the Party at present, he called for thoroughly applying the

scientific and technological requirements arising in fish farming in paddy field and thus proving the validity

and vitality of the Party's policies and the economic effectiveness of fish farming in paddy field.



Premier Pak Thae Song (fourth from right) inspects the Chollima Steel Complex.

Party and government officials celebrate Youth Day with young people

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The reliable young vanguard of the DPRK significantly marked Youth Day amid the blessings of all the people throughout the country.

Senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, including Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political

Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Ri Hi Yong, Jo Chun Ryong,

Kim Tok Hun and Choe Tong Myong, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, visited the Sangwon Cement Complex, Chollima Steel Complex, other industrial establishments, grand construction sites, universities and other places on August 28 to congratulate young people on their holiday.

At the construction sites

of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and the fourth-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang, senior Party and government officials gave pep-talks to young builders who are performing feats at the grand construction sites through a persevering and steady struggle.

They called on all the young builders to leave an

indelible imprint for national prosperity and the people's happiness.

Those who visited industrial establishments, scientific research institutions and universities met with young innovators, scientists and exemplary students to congratulate them.

After hearing about the laudable virtuous deeds and traits of young men and

women, the senior officials called on all the young people to make a substantial contribution to adding glory to the new era of the Juche revolution.

They, together with young people, saw artistic performances, played sports and amusement games and took part in various other cultural events.



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Officials of youth league central committee visit Youth Movement Museum

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Officials of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League visited the Youth Movement Museum on August 28.

At the museum, they deeply grasped the exploits of the peerlessly great men who had paid close attention to the work with young people in the whole period of their revolutionary leadership.

Looking round various

rooms of the museum, the visitors keenly realized that the younger generations could grow up to be powerful vanguard ranks and reliable reserves of the revolution thanks to the idea of attaching importance to the youth of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Touring the museum, they recollected the heroic path covered by the young people under the care of President Kim Il Sung who started his revolutionary

activities from youth work and Chairman Kim Jong Il who handed the torch of revolution over to the youth.

They kept in mind the truth that the love and trust of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, who is ushering in the greatest heyday of the youth movement, are the nourishment of the worthwhile life that trains young people as heroes of the times and giants of creation.

National youth sci-tech successes exhibition opens

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A national youth sci-tech successes exhibition opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on August 26 on the occasion of Youth Day.

On display at the venue are data on more than 1 500 scientific and technological findings made by young people through a mass technical

innovation movement at their workplaces seething with activities for increased production.

Present at the opening ceremony were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Song Bin, chairman of the State Commission of Science and Technology, officials of the youth league and young people.

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

The speaker said that the current exhibition would be an occasion for redoubling the enthusiasm of young people of the new generation who are determined to contribute to implementing the five-year plan for national economic development.

Performance given by youth artistic information team

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The artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League gave a performance "Large contingent of patriotic youth, march forward, following the great Party!" at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre on August 27 in celebration of Youth Day.

It was seen by Han Kwang Ho, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the youth league and youth

and students in Pyongyang.

The performance showed the faith and spirit of the new

generation determined to give full play to the mettle of the Korean youth.



The central youth artistic information team gives a performance in celebration of Youth Day on August 27.

Dance parties, sports games

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Dance parties held to mark Youth Day

Youth and students in Pyongyang held dance parties on August 28 to mark Youth Day in different parts of the capital city including the squares in front of the Arch of Triumph and Pyongyang Indoor Stadium.

Dances were also held in provincial seats.

University students in Pyongyang hold sports meeting

A sports meeting of

university students in Pyongyang took place at the Taekwon-Do Palace on August 28 to mark Youth Day.

The team of Kim Il Sung University won the men's volleyball final match with that of Kim Chaek University of Technology.

The tug-of-war final between the teams of Kim Il Sung University and Kim Chaek University of Technology heightened the atmosphere of the event.

The sports meeting climaxed with a demonstration of the group of Taekwon-Do instructors

of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee.

At the end of the event, the team standings were announced and commendations were awarded to the successful units.

Hwaepul Cup football tournament closes

The Hwaepul Cup football tournament, which began on August 1 to mark Youth Day, came to a close on August 28.

Cups and medals were awarded to the winning teams and excellent players at the football tournament.

Love for and trust in young people

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un shows boundless love for young people with full trust in them.

He values most what the young people have done among enormous successes achieved in the building of a powerful country and is very happy to see patriotic young people devoting themselves to the country and the people and therefore puts them forward to be known throughout the country.

As regards their scientific research findings boosting national prestige, he identified them as the

treasure of the country expressing satisfaction over the fact that a force of young and competent talents was being created. And he was very delighted whenever young people performed virtuous deeds and displayed admirable traits.

During a photo session with the participants in the Second National Conference of Exemplary Young People of Virtue, he shook hands with each of exemplary young people and saw to it that their beautiful deeds were introduced throughout the country. Under his loving care and trust, such exemplary young people of virtue as the “girl mother” in Kangson

were produced in different parts of the country.

With parental love of embracing children, good or bad, he always paid close attention to those who had lagged behind the advancing ranks of youth, encouraging them to dynamically march straight forward, following the Party.

As he placed great trust on young people and gave them courage so that they could advance forward not only during their youth but through their lives, the appellation of youth became a synonym for miracle and feats.

And thanks to such love and trust, the spirit of Paektusan hero youth

was born as the spirit of the times.

What he had got strongly attached to and most highly appreciated since his first inspection tour of the construction site of the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station were the mental world and ardent patriotic loyalty of young men and women upholding the Party’s intentions with pure mind.

Young people performed miracles in hearty response to his call for building a prosperous and powerful country as early as possible with mutual trust.

They ensured the speed of transport of building materials by travelling the distance which had taken well over three years

previously in a little over three months and laid 12 000 cubic metres of concrete a day at the maximum to build a dam despite strong wind, heavy snow and biting cold and thus completed Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station units 1, 2 and 3.

They also performed feats true to the Party’s call during the creation campaign for wonderfully building the city of Samjiyon and construction projects for Hyesan-Samjiyon railway and Jonwi Street in the capital city, a grand monument to youth.

That is why young people attribute the fulfilling life of youth to the love and trust of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

Young people, pride of country

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Young people of the DPRK regard it as their pride and honour to unstintingly dedicate their youth to the country and the people.

The enthusiasm for volunteering displayed by the youth clearly shows the degree of their patriotism.

Volunteering for difficult and labour-consuming sectors by carrying forward the fighting spirit of their preceding generations has become a social trend and this enthusiasm is growing further day by day.

In January this year, more than 80 young men and women in South Phyongan Province volunteered to work in the fields of mining industry and construction including coal mines and construction brigades in the province. News about them fired other young people across the country with the

zeal for volunteering.

A lot of young people in all parts of the country such as Pyongyang and North Phyongan, Kangwon, North and South Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces volunteered for difficult and labour-consuming sectors including factories, enterprises, farms, coal mines, livestock farming bases and branch schools on remote islands.

Most recently, dozens of young men and women in North Hamgyong and North Hwanghae provinces offered to work at raw materials base stations and city and county construction brigades for implementing the regional development policy of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

News continues to be reported from the posts of young volunteers about their strenuous exertions to leave indelible traces of life, steadily following the road they chose.

In the sports sector, too, feats are performed by young people subordinating their dreams and ideals to the undertakings for the country.

Young sportspersons including Pang Chol Mi, Kim Il Gyong and Han Chong Song bagged a lot of medals including golds in several events of international games this year, such as boxing, weightlifting and wrestling, thus demonstrating the dignity of the country all over the world and adding pleasure to the people.

Young people believe that the whole country will be ebullient when they are enthusiastic and the prosperous future of the country will come earlier when they advance faster and it is their aspiration to perform feats for that by devoting their all.

Therefore, the Korean people are very proud of such reliable young people.

Many young people overfulfil national economic plans

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More than 20 youth shock brigades and thousands of young people have fulfilled their national economic plans for three and two years and this year in the DPRK.

Members of the Cha Kwang Su Youth Shock Brigade in the Ripsok Coal Mine under the Anju Area Coal-mining Complex implemented their national economic plans for two years.

Members of the Ri Su Bok Youth Shock Brigade in the Joyang Coal Mine under the Kaechon Area Coal-mining Complex, the Cha Kwang Su Youth Shock Brigade at the February 8 Jiktong Youth Coal Mine under the Sunchon Area Youth Coal-mining Complex and other youth shock brigades of coal mines carried out their yearly plans during the first half of the year.

Members of the Kim Hyok Youth Shock Brigade of the Komdok Mining Complex completed their yearly plans for transporting ores

till May.

Young people of the Kwangmyong Pit of the Unpha Mine and those of the tunnelling and Namsan pits are making innovations in mineral production after setting their goals for producing tens of thousands of tons of more ores ahead of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

All the young people of the Hwaphyong Forestry Station under the Jagang Provincial Forestry Management Bureau and the Songgan Pulpwood Production Station carried out their yearly plans for timber production.

More than 700 girl weavers of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, Sinuiju Textile Mill, September Textile Mill and other units finished their two-year and yearly plans ahead of schedule.

A spinning worker of the Sariwon Textile Mill carried out her three-year plan before others in the textile industry sector.



A lot of young people volunteer for major theatres of socialist construction.



Meetings of young activists in noble traits held across country

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Meetings of young activists in noble traits took place at the youth league committees of Pyongyang Municipality, Kangwon Province, South Hamgyong Province, Nampho Municipality, Kaesong Municipality, the Pyongyang Construction Commission, the Ministry of Railways and the August 28 Youth Shock Brigade Management Bureau respectively.

Present there were officials concerned, officials of the youth league, young activists in noble traits, youth and students of relevant regions and units.

Reports were made at the meetings to be followed by speeches.

Reporters and speakers said that the meetings of young activists in noble traits were held at a time when the all-people struggle for creation is being accelerated to successfully implement the grand revolutionary programme set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea and glorify this significant year marking

the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK with laudable labour achievements.

They said that the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un puts forward the young people as the most vigorous of the social forces injecting fresh strength into the country and leads them to grow up to be performers of miracles and feats and masters of noble virtues and traits.

They said that the young people of the DPRK are adding lustre to the appellation of socialist patriotic youth most honourably as the loving care and trust of the great father serve as nutritive elements.

They called upon all the officials of the youth league and young people to devote their wisdom and enthusiasm to the struggle to greet the Ninth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea as the glorious one of victors, remaining faithful to the leadership of Kim Jong Un and thus demonstrate before the world the might of a dignified power which is making a leap forward with youthful vigour.



History resplendent with victory and glory

On the occasion of 80th anniversary of Workers' Party of Korea

Years of miracle

By Pang Un Ju PT

New history of independence starts from scratch

The victory won by the DPRK people in the three-year war was great, but the damage they suffered was an awful disaster unprecedented in human history.

The postwar rehabilitation in the country, in fact, did not mean reconstruction relying on a certain basis, but completely new construction, creation of new things in all fields.

But the project was successfully carried out in less than three years thanks to the far-sighted leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung who had dynamically pushed ahead with the preparations for the postwar rehabilitation, already convinced of the DPRK's victory during the fierce war.

As he set forth the three-stage task for reconstruction at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea in August 1953, he clarified the basic line of postwar economic construction on simultaneously developing light industry and agriculture while preferentially restoring and developing heavy industry. It was his creed that the Korean people should not repeat the lot of colonial slavery by industrializing the country at any cost. Heroic Korea and its people who had defeated the US imperialists turned out as one in response to his call.

But what was seriously checking the country's advance at that time was not the shortage of money and materials but the manoeuvres of big-power worshippers, dogmatists and national nihilists who blindly worshipped everything of big powers without believing in their national strength.

Though living in the country, they thought of other lands. Such people got more obstinate soon after the war because they were mainly influenced by modern revisionism and dominationism that emerged in the world revolutionary movement at that time.

It arose as a momentous and urgent issue to eliminate flunkeyism and dogmatism that had long remained in the mental realm of the nation and establish Juche in the revolution and construction.

Kim Il Sung did not abandon the independent stand, the lifeblood of the nation, in the least. Saying that we should heed and gather together the opinions of our people

into a systematic whole, instead of listening to those of other countries, he made public the theses on socialist revolution in the DPRK in April 1955.

In the historic speech "On Eliminating Dogmatism and Formalism and Establishing Juche in Ideological Work" he made at the First Conference of Ideological Workers of the WPK in December 1955, he said: What is Juche in the Party's ideological work? We are carrying out the Korean revolution, not the revolution of any other country. The Korean revolution is just Juche in the Party's ideological work. Therefore, all ideological work should surely be subordinated to the interests of the Korean revolution.

With the day as the starting point he saw to it that a great ideological campaign was launched to put an end to flunkeyism and dogmatism in all fields of state activities and social life in the country.

The Juche idea, founded in the initial days of the revolution and consistently implemented by him, now began to be more thoroughly embodied in the building of the country with the main stress put on independent politics, the self-supporting economy and self-reliant national defence.

With the firm faith that political independence is the first criterion and lifeblood of an independent and sovereign state, he made sure that all problems, ranging from the formulation of the Party's line and policies to revolutionary practice, were estimated by using the Korean yardstick, not others', and solved in Korean way. Clarifying the philosophy that economic self-sufficiency is the material basis for political independence and economic dependence just leads to political servility and subordination, he saw to it that the building of an independent national economy was stepped up no matter what others said.

Dispelling some people's fear that if the country pursued the line of self-reliance in national defence, it would be impossible to get weapons from big powers, he said: The possession of an army does not mean the implementation of the line of self-reliance in national defence. We can defend our country only when our army is armed with the rifles and guns produced in our

country.

And he later laid a solid foundation for Juche-oriented defence industry.

Thanks to his undying exploits, the DPRK developed into an independent state with irresistible force, an invincible socialist fortress, which is unfazed by worldwide political upheavals and economic confusion and resolutely frustrates the imperialists' war moves.

While recalling with pride the fact that he had laid an eternal foundation for independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the

economy and self-reliance in national defence to bring lasting prosperity to the Korean people, he said that as he often said, a country should realize independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence in order to become an independent sovereign state and that the line of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence had been advanced a long time ago and embodied thoroughly.

produced 3.2 million tons of grain for the first time in the history of the country.

As a result, the huge national economic plan for 1957, which had envisaged a 22 percent increase in industrial output over 1956, was overfulfilled by 100 percent, while the total industrial output value increased by 44 percent. And the Korean working people overfulfilled the national economic plan for 1958 by 40 percent as compared with the previous year.

The strength of the people, who realized their true position and weight, was as good as that of storm and waves.

Though people of other countries insisted that it was impossible for the Koreans to do, the latter carried out the first five-year plan ahead of schedule, at the economic growth rate of 36.6 percent on an annual average, while overcoming difficulties with the same mind and intention as their leader. They also worked a miracle of completing industrialization in a matter of 14 years though others had accomplished it in decades or hundreds of years.

Then the world came to look at the DPRK with a new point of view.

Foreigners, who visited the country, saying they wanted to see how it was advancing at the speed of Chollima, were amazed to see many streets and villages built on the land in a matter of five years after the war, and referred to it as a miracle. Some others described the Pyongyang speed as the rate faster than the first artificial earth satellite of mankind.

In 1961, which was set as the final year for the implementation of the first five-year plan, the Chollima Statue, the largest equestrian statue in the world, was erected on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on the initiative and under the guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung. Saying that it is the era of the people, he saw to it that the statue was designed to have two persons on the back of the horse so as to make them represent the people. Among the foreigners who visited the DPRK to see the statue was a European writer. He had visited Korea in the early 20th century and after returning home he had made a sculpture of a boy standing sorrowfully with an A-frame on his back and referred to it as the image of the Koreans. Now, after seeing the Chollima Statue on a visit to the DPRK half a century after, he said that it was the true image of the Koreans.

The appellation of Chollima, which demonstrated before the world the dignity and honour of the Koreans, will shine forever as a symbol of their nature and characteristics.

Leader believes in the people and the latter believe in the former

The Third Congress of the WPK held in April 1956 under the guidance of Kim Il Sung decided to carry out a five-year national economic plan, the first of its kind in the history of the DPRK.

The main tasks of the first five-year plan were to finish the socialist transformation of relations of production in urban and rural areas, lay a foundation for socialist industrialization and basically solve the problems of food, clothing and housing for the people.

As a matter of fact, the process of carrying out the first five-year plan became a course that the country should surely follow to put the Korean revolution on a new stage of development and a course of verifying whether or not the Party, government and people could really get along on their own and build socialism in their own way.

The WPK which rejected flunkeyism and dependence absolutely believed in and relied on the strength of the people as its only asset and strength. Kim Il Sung firmly believed in the people even at the fateful moment when the self-existence of the country and the success or failure of the revolution would be decided.

Big-power worshippers thought of depending only on big countries beyond the border and eagerly tried to imitate even subtle changes taking place there. But he steadily led the revolution and construction, saying that only passivism would prevail if reserves were searched for only in a businesslike manner and that as they had nothing to believe except the strength of the people, they should think of advancing faster by enlisting the people's strength.

Prior to the December 1956 Plenary Meeting of the WPK Central Committee, which discussed the national economic plan for the first year for implementing the first five-year plan, he visited the workers of

Kangson (the then Kangson Steel Works) and said:

Did we really resolve to do what we cannot do with our own efforts? Have we really walked a wrong path?

Let us brave the difficulties of the revolution together, you believing in me and I believing in you.

I firmly believe that the flames of collective innovation kindled by you will light a torch for inspiring the whole country to the great Chollima upsurge.

The great trust he showed to them at the time when the advance of the revolution and the fate of the country would be again decided encouraged the workers to redouble their efforts.

After putting forward the revolutionary slogan "Let's produce more, practice economy, and overfulfil the five-year plan ahead of schedule!" at the plenary meeting, he visited workplaces across the country to implant in all the people the spirit of Chollima, the spirit of taking ten or a hundred strides when others do one.

It was the spirit of the people advancing at the speed of Chollima to regard what he desired as their goal and rated capacity.

The workers of Kangson found out more reserves for increased production to shorten the melting time by three hours and five minutes and turned out 120 000 tons of steel billets from a blooming mill with an annual capacity of 60 000 tons and those of the then Kim Chack Iron Works produced 270 000 tons of pig iron using a blast furnace, though some people insisted that it was difficult to produce 19 tons in a year with the furnace, thus defending the Party.

The builders of the capital city performed a miracle of building over 20 000 flats with the materials, funds and manpower for 7 000 flats in a year and the countryside

National sci-tech exhibition of nanotechnology sector held

By Kim Il Jin PT

The national sci-tech exhibition of the nanotechnology sector-2025 took place at the central light industrial sample products hall from August 19 to 26.

The exhibition, held on the theme of “Extensive introduction and application of nanotechnology” under the sponsorship of the Nanotechnology Association of Korea of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea, was aimed at sharing and disseminating scientific research successes and experience gained by the nanotechnology sector.

“Nanotechnology guarantees a new qualitative leap in the fields of advanced science and technology including IT, bioengineering, new materials technology, new energy technology and space technology and in the overall economic sectors such

as metallurgical, machine-building and light industries and agriculture,” said Kong Ryong Hyon, vice-president of the State Academy of Sciences.

On display were more than 210 proposals and products presented by dozens of units including Kim Il Sung University, Kim Chaek University of Technology, the Nano Engineering Branch of the State Academy of Sciences and the Agricultural Nanotechnology Institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science.

Experts highly appreciated the nanotechnology products presented by the Nano Engineering Branch of the State Academy of Sciences.

For example, graphene, which is produced with biomass abundant in the country, is cost-effective and has a wide application in metal, battery, composite materials, adsorbent materials, etc.

A bentonite-nano graphite composite adsorbent, which

is effective in refining oil of various kinds, and a nano titanium electrode also drew the attention of visitors.

The former can be used effectively for refining and recycling edible oil and various kinds of waste oil. And the latter was made by adding a base metal oxide to the electrode coating and the life of the electrode has increased three times and the current efficiency 1.3 times.

The booth of Kim Il Sung University was also a crowd-puller as it displayed a sealing packing for transformer made of nano composite rubber and a nano oxide lubricant additive.

The performance of the sealing packing has been improved by using the nano composite material manufacturing technology, and its lifetime has been increased two times as compared to the previous ones. The nano oxide lubricant additive can improve the overall performance of lubricant, protect vehicle's



Visitors look round the nanotechnology products at the exhibition with keen interest. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

engine, save a lot of fuel and increase the life cycle of lubricant more than two times.

Many other nanotechnology products stimulated the

interest of visitors, including a far-infrared radiator using carbon nano exothermic paint, a nano energy-boosting water maker and an ionized

water maker.

During the exhibition, a lecture was given on recent development trends of nanotechnology.

International symposium held at Kim Il Sung University



An international symposium of Kim Il Sung University is held on August 27.

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An international symposium of Kim Il Sung University took place in the DPRK on August 27.

Present there were officials, lecturers and researchers of the university and scholars of educational, scientific research and cultural exchange institutions of Russia and China.

Dozens of papers were presented to the symposium held on the theme of “Independence, equality and regional development”, divided into panels of socio-politics, economics and humanities.

The scientific accuracy and truth of the great revolutionary ideas of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and the policy

of the Workers' Party of Korea indicating the path of the overall development of Korean-style socialism were proved in an academic way in such papers as “Essence and features of the revolutionary ideas of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un” and “On the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea”.

In such papers as “To preserve and develop national cultural traditions is an important requirement for the countries and nations aspiring after the building of an independent and peaceful new world”, speakers emphasized the importance of national cultural traditions in strengthening friendship, cooperation, unity and solidarity among the world peace-loving people.

In “New change in the international economic situation and future of East Asian regional cooperation” and other papers, speakers explained the means and methods of achieving effective economic growth at present when the globalization of economy is accelerating.

There were also papers dealing with the theoretical and practical issues arising in developing the friendly relations between the DPRK and China on the principle of equality and mutual benefit.

Participants in the symposium shared valuable research results in socio-politics, economics, history, law, international relations, literature and other studies and exchanged views on the issues of mutual concern.

Organic food production system developed

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

A research team of the Agricultural High-Tech Exchange Centre of the Academy of Agricultural Science has developed and introduced the organic food “Paengmi” (white rice) production system through years of painstaking research and efforts.

In modern agriculture crops grow very fast and produce high yields, but they have high amounts of pesticide residue and a high nitrate content. So the quality of farm products is rated low and they directly threaten human health.

However, organic agricultural products are of high quality and nutritive value, taste fine and have no negative effects on human health.

“The demand for organic agricultural products is steadily increasing as society develops and the people's level of civilization rises,” said director Choe Yong Hui.

The centre, which developed many excellent agricultural sic-tech products in the past, has set the research related to the production of organic agricultural products that meet the organic standards as one of the main research projects. In particular, it concentrates efforts on producing rice, the staple food of the Korean people, by organic farming.

It fixed high-yielding

rice seeds of good quality as major crops and selected the right soil for organic farming through the survey of water quality and ecological environment and the analysis of soil. And it improved the soil fertility mainly with microbial and organic fertilizers and established the rational methods of producing organic agricultural products such as boosting the efficiency of weeding and preventing crop damage by blights and harmful insects by means of fish farming in paddies and by releasing ducks into them.

And it completed the design in such a way as to make the whole process of the production, processing and storage of white rice, encompassing modern white rice processing equipment and sorting and vacuum packaging processes, free from pollution and guarantee the nutritive functions and quality of the food

products.

The organic food “Paengmi” production system took first place at the advanced science and technology and products exhibition-2024 and the 37th National Science and Technology Festival.

The “Paengmi” products, which obtained organic quality certification, are now popular at the commercial service networks in the country and international commodity exhibitions, and various countries including Russia and China and international organic farming institutions want to develop academic and product exchanges with the Agricultural High-Tech Exchange Centre of the Academy of Agricultural Science.

The centre also pays close attention to the exchange of agricultural sci-tech successes and experience and the technical service of organic certification.



Organic foods are produced at a production base of the Agricultural High-tech Exchange Centre. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Strength DPRK people believe

By Yang Hyok

The people's strength is the source of miracles.

The Korean people keep creating miracles and innovations in socialist construction by relying on their strength with self-confidence.

Now that a period of comprehensive development of socialism has come, modern regional-industry factories and ideal rural houses are springing up across the country symbolizing regional rejuvenation and rural development. The appearance of regions is changing with each passing day as evidenced by the city of Samjiyon, a model of mountainous city of culture, the mountain-gorge town in

the Komdok area and farms called "greenhouse towns" and "rural towns".

The people's ideal streets that have annually been built in the capital city in recent years including Songhwa, Jonwi, Hwasong and Rimhung streets, the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station, Orangchon Power Station, Hwangju Kindung Waterway and other monumental structures built across the country are the clear manifestation of the valiant spirit of the Korean people who achieve their dream of prosperity by dint of self-reliance.

A new history of gold mountains, golden fields and gold seas continues to be created to bring the people louder laughter and they are full of joy at the Wonsan

Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort, the Masikryong Ski Resort, the Munsu Water Park, the Mirim Riding Club and other bases of cultural and leisure activities.

To cope with the hostile forces' ever-worsening moves to stifle the DPRK and start another war, the Korean people are striving to markedly boost their national defence capabilities to safeguard the security and sovereignty of the country.

The successive launches of Hwasongpho ICBMs, the successful test-firing of strategic nuclear weapons and the completion of the large multi-mission destroyers Choe Hyon and Kang Kon which were built in a matter of one and half years are momentous events

through which the Koreans demonstrated the might of independent national defence industry as they built up their invincible military strength of justice for safeguarding peace.

If they had opted for believing in others' strength and relying on them, they could not have achieved such successes and firmly defended their national security and sovereignty.

As they have self-reliance, which has always served as the banner of struggle and motive power of leap forward in the whole course of the Korean revolution, the building of a powerful socialist country, which is filled with the people's happy laughter and where they enjoy the happiest life in the world, is being accelerated.

Outcries of unrestful spirits

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The Japanese naval ship *Ukishimamaru* with thousands of Korean people on board was blasted in the sea off Maizuru of Japan on August 24 1945.

The event of 80 years ago was a deliberate and planned massacre of Koreans committed by the Japanese.

In the wake of the defeat of the Japanese imperialists with the end of the Second World War, many Koreans who had been forcibly drafted to Japan were longing to return home as soon as possible.

However, the Japanese reactionaries hatched a plot to kill the Koreans in a bid to revenge their defeat in the war.

It was the sinister intention of the Japanese reactionaries that the Koreans should be killed at any cost in order to conceal the truth about their inhumane maltreatment and heinous murders.

The Japanese reactionaries took advantage of the desire of the Koreans who wanted to return home as early as possible to take a large number of them on board the *Ukishimamaru* by using a carrot and stick approach.

At that time, the navigation of vessels of more than 100 tons was prohibited in the territorial waters of Japan by an order of the Allies. Nevertheless, the sailing of the *Ukishimamaru* of far over 4 000 tons was approved by the Japanese navy ministry, which proves that the incident was attributable to the sinister design of the Japanese authorities.

After departure, the *Ukishimamaru* sailed south along the western coastline of Japan and then suddenly turned its course near the port of Maizuru. After that,

the Japanese reactionaries on board fled by boat and, shortly afterwards, with a series of explosions, the ship was broken in two.

Recalling the incident, a witness said: "The explosion took place in the lower part of the ship around the engine room. The compatriots in the cabins screamed and struggled to get up to the deck. But it was too late. Something strange happened on the deck. At that time, a Korean surnamed Paek who was a military policeman of the Japanese navy ran out to the deck and dived into the water shouting 'The Japanese blew up gunpowder and let the ship sink.' We realized by then that we had been deceived by the Japanese."

Thus, many Koreans were buried at sea.

After that, the Japanese reactionaries put the survivors in the Japanese naval quarters in Maizuru port and exploded a steam tank there to massacre them.

The *Ukishimamaru* explosion is just another fact showing how persistent and barbarous Japan's moves to obliterate the Korean nation were.

A long time has passed since then, but Japan, far from making an apology and reparations for its past crimes, is persistently resorting to the bid to distort history and turn itself into a military power while embellishing all the historical facts.

The souls of many Koreans who were buried with grudge are calling for revenge.

The past crimes can never be erased by denying them.

We will definitely get a thorough apology and reparations from the Japanese for the past crimes.

In keeping with regional and topographical features in construction



Ri Un Gwang, associate professor and section chief of Pyongyang University of Architecture

Buildings preserving the regional and topographical features spring up one after another in the country where the capital and provinces change their looks at the same time.

Construction itself is creation and originality and non-repetition are the nature of creation.

It is the reality that there are clear differences in the natural and geographical conditions such as climate and natural features between regions.

In the places where there are heavy rain and snow or strong wind, roofs are designed well and the structure of walls formed against them to ensure the

security and practical use of the buildings.

In designing, great attention is directed to enhancing the aesthetic beauty and formative artistic qualities to make structures blend in well with the surrounding environment while preserving the regional and topographical features.

As far as the colours of final paints are concerned, natural colours like those of trees and stones are used to ensure that the structures go well with the physical features of the places in mountainous areas, soft colours in plain areas and white, blue and other colours in a fine mixture suitable for the seaside landscape in coastal areas.

Ponnamu, Chongbong and other streets in the City of Samjiyon are the creations which embody practicality, diversity and formative arts on the principle of giving priority to convenience and aesthetic beauty while preserving the natural and physical features of the mountainous area.

Fantastic are the scenes of Myongsasimni on the Kalma peninsula which fully revealed its imposing appearance as a world-class marine park and coastal tourist city.

Relevant regions work to strengthen construction forces and foundations in order to preserve their characters.

They strengthen the

designing forces and constantly improve their level to ensure that they deeply study the construction projects and geographical features from the design and ensure good artistic reciprocity, compatibility and connectivity between buildings.

They also build solid foundations for producing finishing building materials which are helpful in preserving regional features.

While diversifying building materials in kind, shape and colour, they are keen on developing building materials to highlight regional features by relying on locally available raw material resources.

New architectural forms and styles are constantly created to show their regional features in all parts of the country, changing the appearance of the country more splendidly.

BYWORD

Meritorious person of socialist patriotism

The DPRK has many working people who devote themselves to the country and the people.

They are boundlessly faithful to the country.

They unhesitatingly take up any task if it is conducive to the country and struggle

beyond their ability to accomplish it.

They feel the greatest happiness and worth of life when their devotion and sacrifice serve as a stepping-stone for the harmony and advance of the collective and perform their duties

excellently with infinite passion and sincerity, even though they may not be seen or appreciated by others, and try to do more work for the society and the collective of their own accord.

Their noble outlook on

life and devotion are becoming the models for the whole country.

The country glorifies their merits like gems and puts them forward as meritorious persons of socialist patriotism.

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Press statement of first deputy chief of KPA General Staff: Gangster-like logic of impudent ‘war apostle’ can never work

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Kim Yong Bok, first deputy chief of the General Staff of the Korean People’s Army, issued the following press statement “Gangster-like logic of impudent ‘war apostle’ can never work” on August 25:

As being witnessed by the international community, the US-led joint military drill Ulji Freedom Shield is now underway in the ROK which borders the DPRK, disturbing the regional security environment.

Against this backdrop, the US accustomed to turning black into white revealed its impudence and shamelessness again, stunning the world public.

On August 24, the US Forces Command in the ROK made absurd remarks that the drill is a “regular and defensive one without preemptive strike and offensive operation” and “it is not to prepare for aggression but to bolster up deterrence”.

It is a generally-acknowledged fact that the large-scale war drill against a state can never be “defensive” one as it is

being staged by the world’s biggest nuclear weapons state and more than ten satellite states in the region of the Korean peninsula technically at war.

As proof of it, more than ten F-35 stealth fighters of the US Air Force arrived at the US military bases in the ROK on August 25 to participate in the drill.

The F-35 stealth fighters stationed in Japan as the core reinforcements to be sent to the ROK before everything in case of contingency on the Korean peninsula began to be engaged in intensive training day and night immediately after they landed on the US military base in Kunsan. This fact makes it possible to realize well the purpose of the drill Ulji Freedom Shield.

And with the possibility of the permanent or routine deployment of F-35 stealth fighters in Kunsan or other US military bases in the ROK becoming the topic of discussion due to their participation in the drill, all kinds of F-35 fighters including F-35A, F-35B and F-35 Lightning II are taking part in the drill, claiming that they are training the

capability to carry out the combined operation with the ROK army. This is a new record in the history of the adventurous US-ROK war drills.

In fact, the current joint military drill is the one for an actual war which makes its provocative nature more clear as it renewed the records of all the past rehearsals for anti-DPRK war in its nature, scale and mode.

The recent remarks of the commander of the US forces in the ROK serve as a supporting evidence of it. Soon after Ulji Freedom Shield started, he said that “the mode we train today will be a basis for the capability to fight tonight and the power to win tomorrow’s victory”, fanning up the war fever of the ROK military warmongers and before the drill, he said that “the important thing is not the number but the capacity and the key point is to keep the capacity to do something on the Korean peninsula”.

The rehearsal of the new combined operational plan for expanding attack into the territory of the DPRK after the preemptive strike at its nuclear facilities, etc.

is the most solid expression of their will to invade the DPRK.

The current drill has changed its shape into a multi-national military one as even the expedition of the US Marine Corps from the outside of the region and troops of member nations of the UN Command are taking part in it together with the US forces in the ROK and the ROK army, the mainstay of it. And it has turned into the biggest, longest and worst war drill in the world as well as the Asia-Pacific region as it reached the highest record in number and period of field manoeuvring drill. However, the US side strongly insists that Ulji Freedom Shield is a “defensive one” from A to Z.

In particular, the training for preemptive nuclear strike at the DPRK is a must in the US-ROK military drills which have been a custom from long time ago. This more clearly indicates who is the arch criminal threatening humankind with nukes and the main culprit disturbing peace.

The threatening nature of Ulji Freedom Shield

is clearly proved by the US intention to occupy the Korean peninsula and direct the arrow of attack against its enemy states in the region. Recently the US military authorities said that the US forces in the ROK do not focus on the Korean peninsula only and the ROK is like an island or an anchored aircraft carrier between Japan and the mainland of China, talking about the so-called strategic flexibility of the US forces in the ROK.

The typical Yankee-style arrogance and impudence of the “war apostle” aiming to distort the reality and turn black into white with the third-rate wordplay while infringing upon the security interests of a sovereign state and endangering the regional security environment can never work.

We are watching everything carefully and ready to cope with any situation.

The US and ROK sides would be well advised to bear in mind that if they continuously persist in the above-said military rehearsal, they will certainly face an unpleasant situation and pay dearly for it.

Briefly

Venezuela

President censures US for government overthrow plot

The Venezuelan president condemned the US for its move to overthrow the Venezuelan government at an event on August 22.

He accused the US of deploying military hardware in the waters near his country under the pretext of “anti-drug operation” and said that it is aimed at overthrowing the Venezuelan government by military means.

The US move is a violation of international law, he denounced.

Iran

Islamic revolution leader calls for national unity

Seyed Ali Khamenei, leader of Iran’s Islamic revolution, called for the unity of all citizens at a memorial service on August 24.

The enemies realized that war can never bring Iran to its knees and are hatching a plot to weaken the country by causing internal division, he said.

The invincible shield provided by the unity of the state, army and people should never be destroyed, he said, adding Iran has resolutely fought against the insulting US demand for obedience and will strongly counter it in the future, too.

Russia

Sweden urged to adhere to international convention

Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, in a comment on August 22 demanded Sweden unconditionally observe the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations.

Referring to the fact that the Russian trade mission in Sweden was subjected to another drone attack, she said that the drone attacks against Russian diplomatic possessions assume a systematic character and, worse still, they are carried out with the connivance of the Swedish authorities.

The Swedish authorities should thoroughly fulfill their duty with respect to the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations and, in particular, ensure physical security and inviolability of the Russian missions abroad, she stressed.

China

Discrimination against Chinese students condemned

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of China at a press conference on August 22 expressed strong dissatisfaction with the fact that its students received very discriminatory treatment as they entered the US.

He said that recently the US frequently took Chinese students to a “small darkroom” and investigated them for a long time, questioned some of them for over 70 hours and even cancelled visas and banned their entry for the reason that they might “harm national security”.

Such misbehaviour of the US is a serious violation of the just and legitimate rights and interests of Chinese citizens, he noted.

For development of Non-Aligned Movement

By Song Jong Ho PT

On August 25 1975, the DPRK was officially admitted to the Non-Aligned Movement with absolute support and approval from non-aligned countries.

After joining the movement, the DPRK made more positive efforts to frustrate the aggression and war moves and high-handed and arbitrary practices of the imperialists and dominationist forces in the international arena.

The Non-Aligned Movement has exercised considerable influence in the international arena as an independent and organized political force.

On September 1 1961, 25 nations started up the movement. It has now grown up and gained in strength as a broad international movement embracing well over a hundred countries, but challenges and difficulties continue to confront it.

High-handed and arbitrary practices based on the logic of strength are rampant in the international arena and the sovereignty and right to existence of the NAM member states are seriously violated.

The imperialists are encroaching upon the sovereignty of sovereign states while newly forming and expanding aggressive military blocs in order to maintain their supremacy. At the same time, they create distrust, antagonism and hostility between different countries and nations, causing humanitarian disasters accompanied by serious political crisis, military conflict, escalation of dispute and refugee crisis.

In particular, the anti-DPRK war moves the US and its vassal forces stage customarily have reached such extremely unprecedented limit in terms of recklessness, provocative character and danger and an actual “war” is already approaching every moment.

Therefore, the DPRK is expanding its overwhelming war response capability to deter any form of provocation and action at a stroke and taking perfect and full military preparedness.

To defend one’s sovereign rights fully conforms with the ideal of the Non-Aligned Movement implacably opposed to all forms of infringement on sovereignty and interference in other’s internal affairs and it will contribute to the

development of the movement as well as world peace and security.

Unity is precisely strength and victory.

Unity is the only countermeasure of the Non-Aligned Movement to the imperialist forces’ expansion of domination by means of aggressive military blocs and their piecemeal-defeat strategy.

It is important for the non-aligned countries to support and encourage each other, develop their national economy on the principle of equality and mutual benefit and the principle of satisfying each other’s needs and put an end to economic subordination to Western countries.

It is necessary for them to enhance their collective joint action capacity in order to successfully overcome the existing crises facing the world, such as food and energy crises, health crises and climate change.

The Non-Aligned Movement will remain a powerful motive force in establishing a new international order based on independence and justice and achieving the cause of global independence.

Israeli forces expand massacre in Gaza

KCNA

Israeli warmaniacs expanded the massacre of Palestinians in and out of Gaza City, dispatching tanks under the support of airstrike and gun firing on August 24.

Tanks entered the southern districts of the city firing guns and warplanes bombed dwelling houses, schools and refugee camps.

The Israeli forces fired even on the Palestinians who gathered to receive aid materials.

On August 24 alone, dozens of people were killed or injured and high-rise apartment buildings were destroyed by the attack, burying many people under the ruins.

The civil defence organization in the Gaza Strip denounced Israel’s brutal atrocities, asserting that refugees do not know where to go as there is no safe place left.



Sinphyong Kumgang

with unique beauty of valleys

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Sinphyong Kumgang, situated in the Ahobiryong Mountains, stretching to the central part of the DPRK, is famous for fantastic rocks and waterfalls

and rich local products.

In the old days the place was called Tohwa Valley which means that it is a beautiful valley covered with peach blossoms.

The beauty typical of Sinphyong Kumgang is that

of valleys.

The beauty of the valleys is of individual feature, and one of its characteristics is the conspicuous scenery of very narrow valleys.

The valleys of Jinju, Kumgang, Jangsu Peak,

Okryudong, Kuryong, Manmulsang, Tohwadong and Chongsokjong constitute the scenes of eight gorges in Sinphyong Kumgang.

The Okryudong Valley spreads a beautiful sight of the valley for the crystal clear

water flowing sending up clouds of spray and the steep sides stretching like walls facing each other. It reminds viewers of a fairytale world, giving the impression that water flows through a forest or the whole green forest is

floating over the water.

The mysterious scenery of valley of Sinphyong Kumgang is a work of nature. Scenic spots are densely distributed there and for the ever-changing topographies, the scenes change from valley to valley.

National open paduk contest

draws interest of many



A national open paduk contest takes place at the Taekwon-Do Palace in Pyongyang.
WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kim Hak Chol PT

A national open paduk contest recently took place at the Taekwon-Do Palace under the sponsorship of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee. The nearly 20-day-long tournament attracted unusual attention and interest of many people. “In the past paduk games were held divided into categories, fields and regions such as children’s and amateur paduk contests, paduk competition in the educational field and

Pyongyang municipal open paduk contest, or as an event of the martial arts games. But the recent contest had no limitations at all,” said Ri Pong Il, deputy secretary general of the Korean paduk association. The national open paduk contest was divided into children’s, schoolchildren’s, amateurs’ and open categories for the convenience of competitors and hundreds of amateur and professional paduk players selected from each province took part in it. The players competed in dozens of events including

individual, team, doubles and seven-person events. All matches in the events of every category were fierce and thrilling, but most popular among them were those of the open category involving children, schoolchildren, amateurs and professional players. In particular, the first-class mixed doubles and women’s doubles of the open category were particularly interesting as they included families. Ri Kwang Hyok, researcher at the Taekwon-Do Science Institute, and his six-year-old daughter Ri Ye Phyoung

and Kim Sol Hyang, a paduk instructor from South Hamgyong Province, and her five-year-old daughter U Jin A won the two events respectively. “I could hardly express my joy when I won. For me, the moment will remain a pleasant memory forever, I think. I would like to thank the organizers for the special competition which helped us deepen the love between father and daughter and the feeling of attachment to the family and fired public enthusiasm for paduk,” said Ri Kwang Hyok. Meanwhile, men and women players of the paduk team of the Pyongyang Municipal Paduk Centre took the first place in the open-category men’s and women’s individual events which decided the top male and female players of the contest embracing all players in each category. The third placer of the women’s individual event was surprisingly an amateur player, not a professional. “The contest was a good occasion not only for boosting public interest in paduk, but also for further fuelling the players’ desire for and raising the level of competitions,” said Ri Pong Il.

Rhododendron

on Mt Paektu

By Choe Song Jun PT

Rhododendron is an evergreen shrub belonging to Ericaceae. It is distributed in the northern highlands of the DPRK and is 20 to 50cm high. Its stock spreads many branches horizontally. Its knots have ramenta which grow every year. The leaves grow in alternation and are closely packed at the tip of a sprig and therefore they seem to be verticillate. The lamina is oval or obovate and glossy and the edge rolls backward. Beautiful light yellow corymbose flowers (about 3cm in diameter) bloom in groups at the ends of the sprigs in around June and July. The calyx of the flower is very small and the corolla is bell-shaped. The plant has ten stamens and one pistil. It bears oval seedballs with brown hairs. The plant can be multiplied

by seed or by separating the roots. The leaf contains andromedotoxin, flavonoid and ursolic acid. Rhododendron is generally planted and tended for ornamental effect and its leaf is used as raw material for antihypertensive and anti-inflammatory drugs in the field of Koryo medicine. People eat the decoction of its leaves for the treatment of arthritis, joint edema and neuralgia. Rhododendron on Mt Paektu, which is specially protected and managed as a living monument, grows in groups in the vast area in and around the mountain. It adds to the scenic beauty of the mountain and is of academic significance in studying the characteristics of the groups of the plant.

