

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kangdong County Hospital nearing completion

He sets forth a series of important tasks for the expansion and development of public health revolution



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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 Kangdong County Hospital which is nearing completion on October 30.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Going round various places of the hospital including the underground parking lot, inpatient ward, operating room and doctors' room, he learned in detail about the construction.

As he instructed officials to assemble and install in a responsible manner the medical equipment within November as the overall construction of the

hospital has been completed at a highly qualitative level, he set forth various tasks for the preparations for operating the hospital.

He underlined the need to immediately disseminate the excellent experience gained in the construction of the hospital and exemplary creative spirit displayed in it to the regional construction units at all levels in order to vigorously launch the full-scale project of public health modernization all across the country at the highest qualitative level.

As the construction of hospitals, an ensemble of the latest medical technology and building techniques, is the sphere that requires a higher level of functionality

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and speciality than any other construction projects, it presents itself as a primary task to build up the regional construction forces capable of undertaking the huge projects for public health development in order to accelerate the implementation of them on a scientific basis and in a far-sighted way, he said.

Protecting the lives and safety of all citizens and promoting their health are the most important one of so many state affairs and, therefore, the WPK's policy for the public health revolution should be steadily expanded and intensified, he stressed.

Our important goal in modernizing the public health sector from now on is to build without fail such modern hospitals as the Kangdong County Hospital in 20 cities and counties every year, he said, adding that a decisive measure should be taken to expand the country's forces for building the public health facilities.

He said that the forthcoming plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee will examine the issue of establishing such modern hospitals in the districts of Pyongyang Municipality.

He set forth a series of important tasks for the expansion and development of the public health revolution, including

the issue of standardizing and optimizing the designs of general, special and other hospitals according to their classes and categories in architectural and health and hygienic aspects in the building of hospitals and the issue of making a foresighted calculation of the conditions for supplying various kinds of materials as the medical service facilities will be densely distributed across the country. Pointing out the backwardness and irrationality of the current national system of training experts in the public health sector, he also referred to the issue of reexamining the matter of training experts in the medical sector and taking realistic, substantial and strong measures to readjust it.

The construction of the Kangdong County Hospital, the starting point of the development of the public health sector in the struggle for regional development this year, will come to successful fruition before long, he said, adding that the present reality in which groundbreaking leads to inauguration in the same year is a clear proof of the validity and vitality of the Party's policy and an epitome showing the remarkable speed of advance of socialist Korea.

He assigned the tasks related to the inauguration of the hospital.



Resolution of Political Bureau of Central Committee of Workers' Party of Korea

November 1, 2025

On convening the Thirteenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea decides to convene the Thirteenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK in mid-December to review the execution of the policies of the Party and state in 2025 and to discuss and decide on a series of important issues including the preparations for the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

Premier Pak inspects various sectors of national economy

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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, made a field survey of various sectors of the national economy.

At the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex, he learned about the supply of coal for thermal power plants and the operation of generating equipment and called for rationally forming the water-supply and preheating system and other auxiliary systems to reduce heat loss to the maximum and tightening equipment and technical management to maximize the output of generators while reducing

coal consumption.

He met and encouraged the coal miners who are conducting a dynamic socialist patriotic movement for increased coal production at the underground cutting faces of the Tokchon Coal Mine of the Tokchon Area Coal-mining Complex and the Ryongdung Coal Mine of the Kujang Area Coal-mining Complex.

He stressed once again the importance of the duty of the coal mines in South Phyongan Province in fully meeting the increased demand for coal in the national economy and called for conducting brisk mass movements including the high-speed tunnelling movement to secure enough new coal fields and for raising the proportion of mechanization at cutting faces to steadily increase

coal production.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue of increasing the power production by improving the efficiency of generating equipment and the issue of fully supplying materials, equipment and parts needed for coal mines and establishing a more well-regulated supply service system and took appropriate measures.

Meanwhile, he learned about the harvesting and vegetable cultivation at the Sampho Farm and the Pobu Farm of Kaechon City and the Songdo Farm of Pakchon County and stressed the need to generalize the farming methods and experience whose advantages were proved in this year's farming in conformity with the characteristics of relevant regions.

SPA Standing Committee chairman guides several units in South Phyongan Province

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Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected various sectors of South Phyongan Province.

Choe Ryong Hae visited Pit No. 5 at the Inpho Youth Coal Mine of the Pukchang Area Youth Coal-mining Complex, where he stressed the importance of coal production in developing the country's economy and improving the people's standards of living, calling upon officials and workers to wage a vigorous struggle

for increased production with great patriotic enthusiasm and thus attain this year's goal of coal production set forth by the Party without fail.

He said priority should be given to tunnelling as required by the Party's policy in order to secure new coalfields, advanced coal-mining methods actively introduced and the coal transport capacity steadily increased.

At the township farm in Unsan County, he pointed to the need to effectively push ahead with the immediate farm work including threshing so as to conclude farming well and make steady preparations for next year's farming on the basis of this year's farming experience.

He noted that the farm

should actively apply advanced farming methods and methods of raising domestic animals under the uplifted banner of scientific farming and animal husbandry, continue to direct big efforts to increasing the proportion of the farm work done by machines and further consolidate its material and technical foundations.

At the Unsan Prospecting Machine Factory, Choe Ryong Hae called on its officials to hold fast to science and technology, organize and direct production carefully and improve the technical knowledge and skills of the employees so as to produce quality prospecting machines properly. He discussed the ways to this end and took necessary measures.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives letter from participants in 18th Pyongyang International Film Festival

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The 18th Pyongyang International Film Festival closed at the Pyongyang International Cinema House on October 27.

Present at the closing ceremony were Vice-Premier of the Cabinet Kim Myong Hun, officials concerned, creators and artistes in the field of the motion picture industry, working people in Pyongyang and foreign

delegations and delegates and international judges on a visit to the DPRK to take part in the festival.

Members of the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang and overseas compatriots staying in the homeland were invited to the ceremony.

The results of the festival jury were announced before an awarding ceremony.

Adopted there was a letter to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un from the

participants in the 18th Pyongyang International Film Festival.

The participants in the letter expressed deep thanks to the respected HE Kim Jong Un for showing them his meticulous interest and warm hospitality so that the festival could be held successfully at a high level.

Their stay in Pyongyang was not long, but it was enough to see, feel and experience with emotion

the vibrant spirit and happy laughter of the DPRK people while looking round Hwasong Street and other places, it said.

The dignity, might and prestige of the DPRK admired by the world and the eye-opening changes that prove the invincibility of building a thriving nation through its bold and dynamic struggle are unthinkable without the wise leadership of the respected His Excellency, it

noted.

The world moviemens loving justice and truth are greatly encouraged, witnessing the reality in which a broad avenue of peace and prosperity is being opened and dramatic changes are taking place in the international political structure thanks to the extraordinary leadership of the respected HE Kim Jong Un, it added.

In the letter, they sincerely

wished the respected HE Kim Jong Un good health and happiness for the eternal happiness and everlasting prosperity of the DPRK people and global independence and peace.

Ri Song Un, director-general of the National Administration of Motion Picture Industry who doubles as chairman of the festival organizing committee, made a closing address.

DPRK Foreign Minister visits Russia and Belarus

Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui meets with Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin



DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui meets Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin in the Kremlin of Moscow on October 27.

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Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who is on a visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of its Foreign Ministry, met with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, in the Kremlin of Moscow on October 27.

The DPRK foreign minister

courteously conveyed the warmest comradely greetings sent by Comrade Kim Jong Un to Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

The president of the Russian Federation expressed his thanks for this and asked Choe Son Hui to convey his warm greetings to Comrade Kim Jong Un.

They recalled the significant meeting between Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade

Putin early in September and had a good talk on many affairs for steadily developing the DPRK-Russia relations in the future.

Present at the talk were Sin Hong Chol, DPRK ambassador to Russia, Sergey Lavrov, foreign minister of the Russian Federation, and Yuri Ushakov, aide to the President of Russia for Foreign Policy.

Press statement on talks between foreign ministers of DPRK and Russia released

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A press statement on the talks between the foreign ministers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation was released on October 27.

The press statement is as follows:

Talks between Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of

the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Sergey Lavrov, foreign minister of the Russian Federation, were held in Moscow on October 27 at a time when the strategic and alliance character of the relations between the two countries has been further consolidated and their might and vitality have been fully

demonstrated under the outstanding and seasoned guidance of the heads of state of the two countries.

At the talks, they had constructive and beneficial strategic communication with the main emphasis on the results of implementation of the top-level agreement between the heads of state, the high-level visits and

multi-faceted cooperation plan between the two countries and diplomatic coordination on the major pending international issues of common concern, and they reached a consensus of views on all the issues discussed.

Recognizing that the comradely relations of friendship between the heads of state of both countries serve

as the most powerful driving force guaranteeing the solidity and future purposefulness of the development of the DPRK-Russia relations, both sides reaffirmed their will to accelerate the multi-faceted development of the bilateral relations under the strategic leadership at the highest level.

The Russian side expressed full support for the DPRK

side's efforts and measures to firmly defend the state's present position, security interests and sovereign rights, and the DPRK side expressed invariable sympathy and support for all the measures taken by the Russian side to remove the root cause of the Ukrainian dispute and attain the strategic goal of special military operations.

Press release on talks between DPRK and Belarus foreign ministers

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Talks between Choe Son Hui, foreign minister

of the DPRK, and Maxim Ryzhenkov, foreign minister of Belarus, took place in Minsk on October 29.

At the talks, both sides discussed how to develop the DPRK-Belarus relations with a long-standing tradition

and history of friendship in a multi-faceted way in conformity with the common interests of the peoples of

the two countries on the principles of respect for sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit and further

intensify the efforts to defend the common interests in the international arena, and reached a consensus of views.

Anniversary of CPV's entry into the Korean front marked

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Flower baskets were placed at the Friendship Tower in Pyongyang on October 25 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Chinese People's Volunteers' entry into the Korean front.

A guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the tower.

Present there were Kim Song Nam, director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials concerned.

Also present were Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, his embassy officials, the delegation of CPV veterans and its fallen soldiers' families on a visit to the DPRK, Chinese guests staying in Pyongyang, and Chinese students and residents in the DPRK.

The national anthems of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were played.

Laid were the flower

baskets in the name of the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK and the DPRK Cabinet and the flower baskets in the name of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the State Council of the PRC, the Central Military Commission of the CPC and the Central Military Commission of the PRC.

The participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the CPV fallen soldiers before looking round the tower.

Flower baskets were also placed at the cemeteries of the CPV fallen soldiers in Anju City and Hoeschang County in South Phyongan Province and Kaesong Municipality and the graves of CPV martyrs in Hyongjesan District of Pyongyang Municipality and Onsong County of North Hamgyong Province.

Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, hosted a reception at his embassy on October 25 on

the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the entry of the Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV) into the Korean front.

Present there at invitation were No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Myong Ho, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and officials

concerned.

Also present there were staff members of the Chinese embassy, the delegation of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, the delegation of veterans and families of martyrs of the CPV and Chinese guests staying in the DPRK.

Speeches were made at the reception.

Earlier, the Chinese consul general in Chongjin hosted a reception.



Flower baskets are laid before the Friendship Tower in Pyongyang on October 25.

Russian economic delegation visits DPRK

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A Russian economic delegation led by Alexandr Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology who is chairman of the Russian side to the DPRK-Russia Inter-governmental Committee for Cooperation in Trade, Economy, Science and Technology, visited the DPRK from October 29 to 31.

Kim Tok Hun, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, met and had a talk in a friendly atmosphere with leading members of the Russian economic delegation led by Minister of Natural Resources and Ecology Alexandr Kozlov, who paid a courtesy call on him at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on October 31.

Present there were Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations who doubles as chairman of the DPRK side to the DPRK-

Russia Inter-governmental Committee for Cooperation in Trade, Economy, Science and Technology, officials concerned and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

Talks were held between Yun Jong Ho and Alexandr Kozlov at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on October 31.

The talks discussed in detail the issues of promoting the implementation of the plan for multi-faceted bilateral cooperation agreed between the two countries.

A protocol of the talks between the co-chairmen of the DPRK-Russia Inter-governmental Committee for Cooperation in Trade, Economy, Science and Technology was signed.

That evening the Ministry of External Economic Relations of the DPRK hosted a reception to welcome the Russian economic delegation.

Top 10 businesses for 2024

By attaching importance to talents and figures

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Taean Heavy Machine Complex was designated as one of top 10 businesses for 2024 as it completed the huge task of manufacturing custom-built equipment qualitatively while reducing the costs by stepping up the modernization of equipment substantially with its own efforts and technology and enhancing the efficiency of production planning and command.

The secret of success is that the complex has attached great importance to talents and figures.

The complex found out reserve talents and got technicians and highly skilled workers to take charge of training them, while assigning technical innovation tasks to the reserve talents and helping

and encouraging them to carry them out.

It also organized the deliberation of technical innovation plans presented by employees once a week and pushed the rapid introduction of valuable proposals into production.

In the course of this, it made a spark perforator and produced and supplied all kinds of dice based on it, normalized the production of coils for generators by installing a nonoxidizing annealing furnace and solved many other scientific and technical problems.

As a result, the updating of performance of turning, hobbing and boring machines and the remodelling of the speed control device for large lathes were completed, thereby increasing their productivity and machining accuracy and making progress in

increasing the actual yield of welding and grinding work. And the readjustment and reinforcement of test equipment including the testbeds of various furnaces and hydraulic pumps and the device for dynamic equilibrium of the racing test ground were carried out to improve the quality of materials and machine products.

The complex is training talents after building its own talent training base.

Education at Taean College of Technology has been improved and the material and technical foundations of the school for skilled workers have been further consolidated for training true talents possessed of both theory and practical ability.

The graduates of the school have now become much sought-after reserve skilled

workers by all workshops of the complex.

The complex gives priority to figures in the whole course of business activities.

It established a system of strict inspection in every process and numerically grasped the consumption of raw and other materials, labour productivity and other technical and economic indexes, the costs, the introduction of new technology and the presentation of new creative ideas to encourage the creative activity of the employees and heighten the competitive spirit for the quality of products.

These resulted in the strict observance of technical regulations in the whole process of production, leading to an unprecedented innovation in the manufacture of custom-built equipment.



The Taean Heavy Machine Complex steps up the production of custom-built equipment.

Bag factory remodels production processes into labour-saving ones, ensures profitability in management

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The Phyongsong Bag Factory was selected as one of the top ten businesses of the country for 2024.

As it found the key to increased production for the implementation of schoolbag production plan in building up its technological development force, the factory pushed ahead with the technical upgrading of its production processes.

It ensured the good quality of schoolbags by upgrading a seam strength measuring instrument through a mass technical innovation drive, improved cutting accuracy

and made an efficient use of the production area by rationally upgrading the laser cutter to suit the specific conditions of the production site and made it possible to increase production by installing more hydraulic presses.

It also introduced into production well over a hundred pieces of newly developed jigs and equipment of 40-odd kinds.

Positive introduction of over 10 advanced processing methods into production, along with the technical upgrading of production processes, has proven substantially effective in ensuring the growth of

products both in quality and quantity.

The factory devised an efficient processing method capable of satisfying the requirements of the designs by effectively using the scraps of compressed sponge from cutting in processing the handles and shoulder-straps of schoolbags and generalized it in other bag producers across the country.

It introduced a new technology of raised printing of brands on synthetic leather and nearly trebled productivity by increasing the accuracy in processing ornamental bands.

It also made substantial progress in the training of

skilled workers.

The factory made a plan for training skilled workers in conformity with the specific conditions of workteams to establish a well-knit system for the training of new machine operators and fostered competition between highly skilled workers, between skilled workers and between new operators.

As the employees have enhanced their technical knowledge and skills day by day, it has successfully fulfilled its economic plan every month and nearly doubled their monthly average wage as compared to that in 2023.

Through mass technical innovation drive

By Sin Pyol PT

The Samchong Mine under the Sangwon Cement Complex, which is creating new standards and records to successfully carry out the five-year plan set forth by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, was selected as one of the top ten businesses in 2024.

"All the employees were overjoyed to hear the news that our mine was selected as one of the top ten businesses. Because it was none other than our mine that was honoured with it among many factories and businesses," said Pak Chun Bong, manager of the mine.

The Samchong Mine is a unit that supplies gypsum needed for the production of cement at the Sangwon Cement Complex.

In recent years the mine has increased production by strengthening its own technical force, while consistently pushing ahead with the recycling and domestic production of materials and equipment.

It found the solution to carrying out the highly-set increased production task in strengthening the talent force and radically improving technical management.

The officials of the mine set the recycling and domestic production of materials

and equipment as the main direction of technical innovation and took positive measures to inspire creativity of the employees.

A variety of activities were carefully planned and vigorously conducted to broaden the horizons of technicians and skilled workers and improve their practical ability and everyone made positive efforts to put forward technical innovation plans conducive to increased production.

In the course of it, good ideas were presented one after another which were effective in raising the blasting efficiency and ensuring normal operation of equipment.

Effective drilling and blasting and scientific mining methods were applied to suit the actual conditions and hydraulic loaders made by exploiting internal reserves and potentials to increase the mineral output while saving a great deal of manpower. The introduction of a technical innovation plan to optimize the gradient of the loaded track helped it considerably shorten the return time of mine cars.

At the same time it got dozens of stopes ready for mining by giving definite precedence to tunnelling.

As a result, the mine has increased yearly production 2.8 times over that when it started operating.

Production increases without great investment

By Kil Chung Il PT

The Kangso Sprayer Factory was chosen as one of the top ten businesses of the country for 2024.

It overfulfilled its national economic plan last year by attaching importance to the development of new technologies and the management of talents and proactively making the most of economic levers in conformity with its actual conditions. It is now recognized as a competent unit capable of fully meeting the demand for sprayers for farming, and a centre for the research, development, production and dissemination of up-to-date spraying means.

What is noticeable in its mode of business management is that it puts planning, the organization of production and financial activities on a scientific basis to ensure extended reproduction without

great investment and makes sustained efforts to develop new products.

Having found a way to lower costs and increase profitability in recycling, its officials established complete sets of technical processes necessary for producing high-performance sprayers with idle materials. It conducted a dynamic campaign to secure idle materials through procurement, obtained sets of necessary equipment and arranged them in a reasonable way, thus increasing productivity per unit area.

It has effectively pushed the improvement of the quality of products and the increasing of the varieties of products from a future-oriented point of view and established a system of recording names of

Research findings conducive to improvement of people's living standards

Researchers analyse the features of fibres at the Textile Research Institute of the Academy of Light Industry.
PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



By Kim Hye Jong PT

The Academy of Light Industry under the Ministry of Light Industry has made a series of achievements conducive to improving the people's living standards.

The Textile Research Institute established a new spinning technique suited to the characteristics of Lyocell fibre, solved technical problems arising in further improving the quality of school uniform cloth and perfected the method of producing crepe which has considerable absorptivity and anti-crease ability and which is not easily electrically charged by friction.

The long-acting

waterproofing material developed by researchers of the institute is highly appreciated at different units for the great waterproofing effect.

The High-speed Textile Equipment Institute improved the quality of nano composite plastic belt haircloth, established a technique for producing blended yarn in the air-spinning process, developed a regenerated fibre lap-forming machine and solved other urgent problems arising in practice, and proved the effectiveness of those solutions at the newly-built regional-industry factories.

It also succeeded in making a new-type dyeing facility capable of increasing the

dyeing speed and improving the evenness of dyeing, while using less water, with its own efforts and technology.

The Plastic Processing Institute developed a tube push mill for feeding raw materials and a production process for a raw material cutter, which have been introduced into different daily necessities factories.

Researchers of the Essential Oil and Cosmetics Analysis Institute intensified research into newly making various essential oils with locally available raw materials and rationally applying Phytosine to the cosmetics sector, thereby greatly contributing to researching and developing various functional cosmetics.

Spring water widely used as drinking water

By Ri Sang Il PT

Spring water has long been known as good for the prevention and treatment of diseases.

People's interest in spring water is growing day after day as it has been explained in more detail with the development of science and technology that spring water is not only good for digestive, endocrine and central nervous systems but also effective in diuresis, blood making and anti-inflammation.

Across the DPRK there are countless famous springs, including the Adalsan spring water which is tasty and highly effective in preventing and treating various diseases,

the Sindok spring water which is tasty and good for health, the crystal clear Tongyang spring water, spring water No. 2 around Ullim Falls which flows out of rocks in front of the falls and the Masikryong spring water.

Springs for longevity are distributed in dozens of places in Pyongyang Municipality alone.

Kangdong County where the Mausoleum of King Tangun, the ancestral father of the Korean nation, is located is regarded as one of the areas of the country with the largest spring water yield.

Many springs were registered as natural monuments, like the

Ryongaksan, Hwaphogum and Kumgang springs.

The country ensures that the springs which meet the estimation standards for health promotion and longevity are positively used as sources of drinking water for the people and as treatment resources for health and longevity.

Thus, modern spring water factories have been built in provinces, cities and counties and spring water supply stations established in different parts of the country so that people can drink tasty and quality springs for the promotion of their health.

In 2017, the DPRK law on the management of spring water was adopted.

and intensified the work to update production processes and develop and use efficient jigs, thus improving the quality indexes of products, and increased the number of talents by intensifying technical study for workers and technicians.

Amid a brisk mass technical innovation movement and socialist

emulation drive for increased production, a large number of technical innovation plans and inventions have been introduced, making progress in upgrading equipment and consolidating production foundations.

This year alone, it sent hundreds of thousands of sprayers and tens of thousands of water vaporizers to farms.

Multifunctional disposable wet tissue easy to use and therapeutically effective

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

A multifunctional disposable wet tissue made with a rare earth element abundant in the country as the main raw material by the Moksong external construction economic and technological cooperation company is winning popularity among users.

"Today rare earth elements are called vitamins for industry and the treasure house of new materials, attracting worldwide attention. The multifunctional disposable wet tissue made with a rare earth element is favourably commented upon at home and abroad as it ensures high recovery rate and is easy to use," said Jo Son Ok, directress of the company.

The tissue is a multipurpose inskinned absorption agent impregnated with medicinal ingredients, without any antibiotics or special drugs. It is applied to focuses for

treatment.

The tissue helps raise the blood circulation speed, accelerate cell regeneration and enhance the immunitic functions of the human body.

It is also highly resistant to Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, candida and fungi, and thus ensures the recovery rates at over 85%, has no side effects and is short in treatment period as compared with other drugs.

And it has no side effects even if it is stuck to the skin for several hours.

Many people like to use the tissue as it produces amazing effects in treating a variety of diseases, including vertebral artery circular insufficiency, neurogenic arthropathy, bruises, neuralgia, lumbago, mastopathy, upper airway inflammation, bronchitis, acne, haemorrhoids, burns, frostbite, rhinitis, and aftereffect of bone fracture.

"Three months ago, I

began to use antibiotic painkillers, including diclofenac sodium, to treat my right wrist that I could not use owing to neuralgia, but in vain. After sticking the tissue on the focus overnight, I did not feel the pain any longer. Now, I use the tissue whenever there is even a mild symptom," said Son Hye Rim, a woman living in Phyongchon District of Pyongyang.

Kang Un Hui, a woman living in Central District of the city, says that after being diagnosed with vertebral artery sclerosis three years ago, she got various kinds of treatment, but in vain and that she could get rid of the disease only after sticking four sheets of the tissue on the focus.

The tissue was highly appreciated at various festivals, exhibitions and shows last year and its developers were awarded the WIPO National Inventor Prize in 2025.

Multifunctional disposable wet tissue

easy to use
clear curative effect
no side-effect

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producers and processing time according to products and processes and making them fully responsible for the quality of the products.

The officials conducted performance tests of sprayers at farms to synthesize opinions of users before fixing the research orientation

Hwasong area undergoes great transformation



Twin-tower buildings on Hwasong Street.



Hwasong Taedonggang Beer House on Rimhung Street.



An overhead bridge-style service facility in the section of 10 000 flats at the third stage of the Hwasong area.



The Hwasong area boasts skyscrapers, high-rise apartment blocks and various service facilities built in good harmony.

By Choe Song Jun *Pt*

The construction of the third-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area was completed last April and the fourth-stage project is now in full swing.

Therefore, the Hwasong area is going through a complete transformation.

In the architectural group of Hwasong Street which was built in the first stage, twin-tower buildings in a distinctive style were placed as iconic buildings and a Korean-style building in the focal position, thus ensuring depth in street formation and combining modernity with national identity.

Especially, the roofs of buildings are structured in various forms, such as horned and winged roofs.

Rimhung Street, built in the second stage, embodies the land-saving mode of city formation and it is

characteristic in that modern high-rise apartment houses and skyscrapers amounting to 10 000 flats are placed in a compact formation within the area nearly half the dimensions of the first stage.

In particular, the vivid colour contrast provided by combining dark and bright colours adds weight and elegance to the buildings and the service networks on the low floors of the buildings are linked to each other to sustain the solidity of the whole street.

Green turf, trees of good species and flower beds in various forms present a beautiful landscape on the street and the illuminations are well balanced.

The land-saving mode of city formation used in Rimhung Street was applied again in the third-stage 10 000 flats project in the Hwasong area in laying out the high-rise apartment houses and skyscrapers in a compact

way, but the structure is more refined.

Landmark buildings and high-rise apartment houses are placed in a concentrated way in the centre of the main street, the surrounding buildings were built in different heights and the roads stretch out straight to facilitate traffic, so that the whole block is organically combined.

The apartment houses and public and service facilities are harmoniously situated avoiding repetition in the architectural style, and schools are located in the areas favourable for commute.

Especially, modern service networks, including commercial and public catering establishments with strong symbolic character and technical and amusement facilities, add peculiarity to the area.

Outdoor benches, exercise equipment and flower beds

in various forms were newly arranged to go well with the surrounding environment.

The radical transformation of the Hwasong area was brought about by the wise guidance of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

He gave guidance for thousands of street formation plans for the Hwasong area and visited the area several times to give instructions on the construction. He also attended the groundbreaking and inauguration ceremonies to encourage the builders and congratulate the working people moving into the new flats.

Today, the Hwasong area is turning into a model in the distribution of city components in the capital, a beautiful and modern urban block where the architectural formative and artistic qualities and advanced civilization are harmoniously amalgamated.

Success achieved in treatment of patients

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

The Munsu area of Pyongyang boasts the Ryugyong Dental Hospital, as well as the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, the Okryu Children's Hospital and the Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital.

On October 13 2013, the hospital was inaugurated to start medical service for the people.

The hospital, equipped with modern medical facilities, has so far treated more than 603 000 patients since its inauguration.

Lots of heroes, war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers, who had made great achievements for the country, got excellent medical treatment at the hospital.

Until now, medical workers of the hospital have not only given treatment to outpatients but also provided outreach medical services at over 120 units, thus examining the health of over 50 000 persons and treating more than 64 000 patients.

"The building of an excellent hospital does not just mean good treatment. What is important is to improve the technical knowledge and

skills of medical workers," said Hyon Sun Jong, doctor of the hospital.

In two years after its inauguration, the hospital introduced oral implant and succeeded in using micro-implant for orthodontic treatment. And it has so far introduced dozens of other advanced techniques and methods for dental treatment, including a conservative treatment method and a sedative treatment method for the dental treatment of children.

In the course of this, the hospital's academic degree and title holders have increased in number nearly seven times and won the top and first places at exhibitions and shows. In particular, they established a treatment method of using all-ceramic dental prostheses, which makes it possible to save labour and time for making dental prostheses by over ten times and ensures very high quality of dental prostheses, for the first time in the country and applied it to treatment.

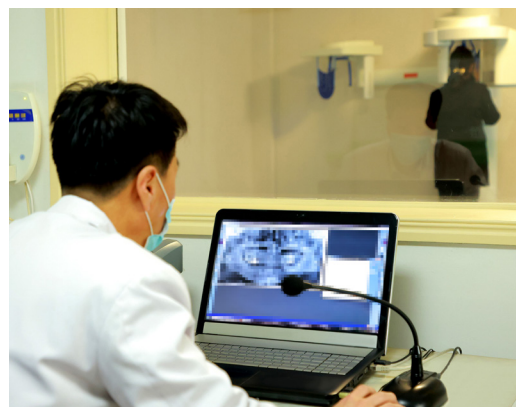
The hospital was the first in the public health sector to win the title of model informatization unit by developing and introducing a hospital information

management system and realizing the informatization of its administrative affairs and treatment.

In keeping with the accelerated construction of modern medical service facilities across the country in the new era of regional rejuvenation, the hospital puts a big effort into teaching regional medical workers advanced treatment methods and experience.

After looking round the hospital, foreigners and overseas Koreans said that "it is a flawless hospital" and "its atmosphere is what we have to learn from". And patients who got medical treatment at the hospital lavished praise on it and its doctors, saying, "The hospital and its doctors bring happiness."

Kim Kyong Jin, a staffer of the hospital, said that the hospital is held in affection by the people thanks to the loving care of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who showed deep concern for and gave instructions on its construction, medical service and management and that they will continue to strive to ensure that the people thoroughly feel the advantages of the socialist public health system.



Medical workers widely apply advanced treatment techniques and methods at the Ryugyong Dental Hospital. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Many books written for improvement of medical workers' qualifications

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Officials and lecturers of Pyongyang Continuous Medical Education College recently wrote and distributed all over the country reference and other books to help health workers improve their professional qualifications and abilities and clinical practices.

This is a success achieved by the officials and competent lecturers of the college who were grouped together to write the books and exerted themselves for two years,

said Vice-Rector Jong Song Hui, adding that nearly 20 000 copies of reference and other medical books have been distributed throughout the country so far.

Reference books for in-service health workers alone are subdivided into more than 20 specialized areas including internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, experimental test, paediatrics and Koryo therapy.

Reference books for health workers in reeducation and the household doctors at the lowest treatment and

preventive institutions like clinics are also subdivided into ten-odd studies including surgery, epidemiology and Koryo medicine. And Koryo medicine is again subdivided into seven categories including the basics, diagnostics and acupuncture and moxibustion.

The college also compiled several kinds of books such as "Every woman should know this" and "Modern formulary on essential medicines" which contain what ordinary people should know in their everyday life, as well as health workers.

Meanwhile, the college developed and circulated "Doctor's handbook", a study support program for computers and mobile phones, which the doctors of special departments, pharmacists, pharmacy assistants, assistant doctors and midwives can consult in their medical activities.

The college is planning to write textbooks and reference and other books of further subdivided kinds in order to contribute to raising the level of specialization of health workers in line with the global trend of development.



Lecturers are engrossed in writing books at Pyongyang Continuous Medical Education College. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Course for medical workers of regional hospitals runs briskly

By Choe Song Jun PT

The passing-on-technique course for medical workers of city and county hospitals, which are being built according to the Regional Development 20x10 Policy of the Workers' Party of Korea, is running briskly in order to improve their practical abilities.

At present, medical workers of hospitals in Kangdong and Ryonggang counties and Kusong City are learning advanced medical science and technology at a branch of the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital.

For the passing-on-technique course, a training base with 20-odd specialized departments, including general surgery, internal medicine, otolaryngology and neck surgery and ophthalmology departments, was set up in the branch. The educational and medical team comprises more than 80 competent doctors and nurses.

According to the training curriculum, which clearly defines the purpose and goal of the course,

the medical workers of regional hospitals are acquiring profound medical knowledge and practical skills in their major fields during the three-month course.

According to Kim Sung Guk, director of the branch, the clinical training for enriching the clinical experience of medical workers is geared towards transferring advanced diagnostic and treatment methods suited to the trend of the development of modern medicine.

"During the passing-on-technique course, I learned a lot about advanced methods of diagnosis and treatment of major illnesses in the field of neuroscience that have high morbidity and mortality and might cause disabilities, and acquired greater proficiency in such essential skills as neurological examination and lumbar puncture," said Mun Myong Chol, senior doctor at the neurological department of the Ryonggang County Hospital, adding he would study harder in the remaining days of the course.

Kim Yong Chol, chief of the emergency department

of the Kangdong County Hospital, said that the lives of critically ill patients in different emergency cases are largely dependent on ED physicians, adding that he got to know about the resuscitation of patients with unusual cases that he had not experienced before during the course, and that the course serves as a significant occasion for making another leap in his ability.

The medical workers of city and county hospitals are improving their technical and practical qualifications while learning how to operate modern medical equipment and enriching their clinical experience through the course. And they are also trying to get familiar with the intelligent information system to be applied to the hospitals.

The enthusiasm of the doctors and nurses of city and county hospitals to prepare themselves to be competent medical workers who contribute to the promotion of the people's health with high medical qualifications and utmost sincerity for patients is growing stronger.

Grand chorus resounding through the sky in October



The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "Long live the Workers' Party of Korea" in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Party is given successfully at May Day Stadium, winning enthusiastic acclaim from the audience.

By Pang Un Ju PT

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "Long live the Workers' Party of Korea" was staged in splendour at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Party.

The whole audience was totally enchanted by excellent artistic representation by singers highly praising the immortal exploits of the Party and by the beautiful scenes presented by other performers through the unique harmony of ever-changing formations, vigorous gymnastic movements and elegant dance rhythms.

That's why May Day Stadium had a full house from the first day of the performance.

What was stirring all the people was that all the performers and audience enthusiastically sang the

songs in chorus.

As the logo of the 80th anniversary of the Party was displayed against the background and the torch blazed, the performance began with overture "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea". Then the audience joined the performers in singing as if they had come to the stadium to sing the song in praise of the Party, rather than watching the performance.

Then, what made the Korean people shout "Long live the Workers' Party of Korea" with deep emotion?

"As the song goes, the WPK is the beacon for us, banner of struggle, bosom of the mother, eternal benefactor and guide for us," said a member of the audience from Sosong District, Pyongyang.

Many others recollected the significant moment when they had joined the sacred Party and the traces they had left while following the Party and some others who had taken a wrong path in the past remembered with deep emotion

the days when the Party led them step by step with maternal affection.

Not only during the overture, but throughout the performance, the audience joined in the singing of hymns to the Party with a sincere voice.

When the song "We Will Follow Our Party Forever" was played, workers, farmers, intellectuals and many others sang it out of a feeling of gratitude to the Party.

Then many children in new school uniforms appeared on the ground, as the song "We Are the Happiest in the World" was played. It is a winner of Kim Il Sung Prize and Kim Jong Il Prize and has been lovingly sung by all the Korean people for decades.

While singing the song, the audience recollected the benevolent image of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who said in his New Year Address for 2017 that he would work with devotion to ensure that the past era when all the people used to sing this song, feeling optimistic about

the future with confidence in the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, does not remain a moment in history but is re-created in the present era and that he swears on the first morning of the new year to become a true servant who is loyal to the Korean people and supports them faithfully with a pure conscience.

An era of overall development of socialism in which the capital and the provinces change is being ushered in on this land under the energetic guidance of the General Secretary.

Therefore, when the songs in praise of the country were played, the audience sang the songs together with the performers with a firm conviction that the life of the people sharing destiny with their country cannot but be fulfilling and with a resolve to devote their all to the country with burning love.

The pride and self-confidence in being the citizens of the DPRK were powerfully expressed through each line of the song "We Are Koreans".

The song represented the boundless gratitude to the great leader and the great Party that have brought up all the Koreans to be the strongest in spiritual ability and was as good as a solemn declaration that they will shape their future and continue to demonstrate to the world the indomitable mettle of the Koreans under the leadership of the General Secretary.

The people's will to more firmly support the DPRK was clearly exhibited through the enthusiastic singing of the all-people hymn "Our National Flag".

The grand chorus of the people resounding through the sky of October was a manifestation of their absolute support for the exploits of the great WPK which has put the dignity and prestige of the country on the highest level and of their pledge to follow the Party to the end of the world.



Mt Kumgang, world cultural and natural heritage (1)

By Ri Sung Ik PT

For its significant geological features, beautiful landscape, distinctive natural beauties and excellent cultural heritage elements, Mt Kumgang has long been called a celebrated mountain of Korea and its name “Kumgang” is derived from the word meaning “diamond”, a precious gem.

The area is blessed with breathtaking sights of granite peaks, valleys, rocks, porous rocks, waterfalls and pools, lakes and seashore and these are combined with a variety of biological and meteorological elements.

According to experts, the mountain forms a very rare complex of scenic beauties in terms of diversity, abundance and aesthetics.

It has several branch ranges with Piro Peak, 1 639 metres above sea level, at the centre and peaks are closely linked in succession.

Each peak is so unique and different in shape. On top of Piro Peak visitors can command a bird’s eye view of peaks, valleys, lakes and the sea in the area to the east and, especially the view of sunrise in the morning is noted as the most spectacular scene.

There are many deep and narrow valleys in the mountain. They present unique views in good harmony with clear water running through them, waterfalls, pools, fanciful rocks and forests. Typical of them are valleys of Sangphal (Upper Eight) Pools and

Kuryong Pool and Okryu Valley in Outer Kumgang and Manphok Valley in Inner Kumgang.

The mountain also has lots of stone pillars and towers in different sizes and shapes including Samson, Myonggyong, Kwimyon and Tokson rocks and Sumi Pagoda and Ryongma Rock in Inner Kumgang.

Rocks

with beehive-shaped holes are widely distributed on the sea cliffs and sea stacks along the shore of Sea Kumgang. Products of the actions of sea waves, they add to the beautiful scenery of Sea Kumgang. Most attractive is Sonjo Rock in the area of Lake Yongnang in Sea Kumgang.

According to experts, the outstanding natural landscape of the mountain is attributable to the unique geological and topographical factors.

A mountain with topographical features ranging from sea to peaks and various forms of granite, Mt Kumgang has the most

spectacular scenery of granite in the world in terms of diversity and density of distribution of geomorphologic types and its ecological environment remains untamed.

Most of its granite are white and clean as it is composed of such bright-coloured minerals as quartz and feldspar. So the peaks and the

bottoms and side walls of valleys revealing granite generally look bright and white and water in pools looks jade green or blue.

Neorogenic motions and glaciation are the most significant factors which decided the types and features of the topography and sights of Mt Kumgang.

These various geological and topographical factors gave birth to lots of peaks in the Outer Kumgang-Inner Kumgang area which are called 12 000 peaks.

Between majestic and magnificent mountain ranges there are more than 30 famous valleys, each of which is surrounded by thick forests and full of innumerable numbers of beautiful waterfalls and pools of various forms.

Almost all the world heritage sites have scenic beauties related to water including streams, rivers, lakes, waterfalls and pools, but Mt Kumgang can be claimed to be the best in kind, number and beauty.

Especially, it has the seaside scenery, compared to the famous mountains of other countries on the heritage list.

As Mt Kumgang, called a mountain of diamond which had risen from the sea, preserves the most spectacular natural beauties, it was widely known to other far-away countries from antiquity and even a famous phrase “Don’t comment on the natural scenery of the world before seeing Mt Kumgang” was coined.



Mt Kumgang is known as a world-famous mountain for its breathtaking natural sights of granite peaks, valleys, waterfalls, pools and seashore.

Metallurgical industry, eldest son industry

By Choe Song Jun PT

The metallurgical industry is the pillar of the national economy and the eldest son industry of the country.

It is a firm intention of the Workers' Party of Korea to further consolidate the pillar of the national economy and push forward with the overall economic growth by decisively shoring up the metallurgical industry and thereby hasten the achievement of a new victory in socialist construction.

At the Eighth Congress of the WPK in January 2021, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un put forward a goal of meeting the demand of the national economy for iron and steel by technically perfecting the Juche-based iron-making system, expanding its production capacity and decisively boosting iron and steel output. He also illuminated tasks and ways for developing the metallurgical industry at different major plenary meetings.

He set this industry sector as one of the 12 major goals for national economic development and paid close attention to it.

At the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee, he said the planned tasks should be completed by vigorously stepping up such major projects as the energy-saving oxygen blast furnace of the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex in order to provide a clear practical guarantee for the implementation of the five-year plan.

Great is his love for and trust in the working people of the metallurgical industry sector.

The sports competition of workers in the metallurgical industry sector-2023 took place in splendour in Pyongyang to mark May Day, the international holiday of working people all over the world, amid great interest of the whole country.

The football final was played between the teams of the Chollima Steel Complex and the Kim Chaek Iron and

Steel Complex at Kim Il Sung Stadium and the former beat the latter 2-0.

Upon hearing about the game result, the General Secretary saw to it that the players of the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex team were awarded the same prizes as those of the winners.

Greatly encouraged by his love and trust, working people of the metallurgical industry sector including the complex achieved better results in production.

In 2023 alone, the sector completed the construction of an energy-saving oxygen blast furnace and the installation of oxygen plants with a capacity of 15 000 cubic metres per hour at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, the installation of an induction furnace at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, the construction of an oxidizing roasting pellet shaft furnace at the Chongjin Steel Works and the development of the Sohaeri branch mine at the Unnyul Mine and made remarkable achievements in putting itself on a Juche-

oriented and modern basis.

In 2024, the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex established a new Korean-style desulphurization process and produced billets with much lower sulphur content than before for the first time to provide a fresh springboard for improving the quality of steel.

The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex has recently established a technical process for improving steel quality which uses activated quicklime and which is capable of enhancing the quality and productivity of iron and steel as against before, while saving much labour, power and fuels. As it proves effective in steelmaking, it has become a focus of attention of the metallurgical industry sector.

Upholding the Party's intention to make the sector definitely occupy the position as the country's eldest son industry during the five-year plan, the working people of the sector are striving to achieve greater innovative successes.

Japan openly reveals its true looks as war state

By Pak Song Min PT

Japan has grown ever more undisguised in its moves to possess the capability for preemptive attack.

It has recently launched another 3 000-ton attack submarine.

It was the sixth of the new-type submarine series, the first of which was commissioned in 2022.

Earlier, the Japanese Ministry of Defense announced that it started mass production of type 12 surface-to-sea missile, whose range was increased and which was remodelled to be launched in the sea, and submarine-launched missile.

The ground-launched version of type 12 surface-to-sea missile and the high-speed glide bomb have already gone into mass production.

The missile unit that would operate these preemptive attack means targeting other countries and regions has been reinforced and its deployment site has already been confirmed.

In addition, Japan secured the US' approval for the sale of air-to-air intermediate-range missiles and air-to-surface long-range cruise missiles worth billions of US dollars early this year.

It also tries to execute its plan to introduce hundreds of Tomahawk cruise missiles ahead of schedule in the current fiscal year.

The Maritime "Self-Defense Force" has already begun the operation drill and the Aegis destroyer to carry those missiles was dispatched to the US for remodelling the warship and training its crew.

It is a dangerous act for Japan, a war criminal state, to brazenly adopt preemptive attack on other countries as a policy and speed up the development and introduction of its means.

Japan has styled itself a "pacifist state" while talking about "exclusive defense" so far, but now, quite contrary to that, it is running amuck to possess the capability for preemptive attack. This is not an inevitable option to cope with the situation around it.

This is the goal Japan has persistently pursued since it had gradually pulled down the barriers to rearmament

and turned into the road of becoming a military giant and the core item of its preparations for reinvasion.

It was only two years after the SDF was set up that the Japanese government expressed its view that "it does not think it is the purport of the constitution that it has to sit and wait for self-destruction".

This clearly shows that the revanchist forces of Japan had set the aim of military resurgence at possessing the capability for preemptive attack from the start.

Basing themselves on this argument, the successive Japanese governments misled the public with such an absurd interpretation that the possession of the capability to attack enemy bases is within the limits of "self-defense" and resorted to every possible means to this end.

When Japan stipulated the possession of the capability for preemptive attack in the national security strategy, the national defense strategy and others by using the crafty phrase "counterattack capability", it also offered the government view adopted more than 60 years ago as a reason.

It is the cunning and inveterate bad habit of the Japanese authorities to magnify the rumours of "threat from other countries" and use it as a pretext for turning Japan into a military power.

It is none other than Japan that has complicated and escalated the regional situation gradually while exaggerating the self-defensive measures of neighbouring countries as "threats".

Under the circumstances, Japan is giving a powerful spur to the massive development, production and introduction of preemptive attack means.

It means that Japan threw off its mask of a "pacifist state" and is more openly revealing its true looks as a war state.

Its reckless acts cannot but further heighten the vigilance of the international community and will inevitably result in exposing the whole archipelago to the strong punishment by neighbouring countries as a common target.

For protection of marine ecological environment



Kang Won U, PhD, associate professor and lecturer at Law Faculty of Kim Il Sung University

A recent joint research project conducted by scientists from different countries found that the acidity of sea water had already exceeded the limits five years ago. According to the findings, the average pH of the oceans of the world had already reached the critical value of acidification in 2020.

If the sea is acidified, it will not only destroy the marine ecosystems and damage aquaculture but also pollutes the environment and causes harm to human health.

Also serious is the damage caused by the continuous flow of waste into the sea. Plastic waste has been discovered in the stomachs of dead sea turtles and whales in recent years, further highlighting the

danger of marine pollution.

Protecting and multiplying marine resources and ensuring its ecological environment are a very urgent issue related to human activities for existence.

A variety of programmes have been undertaken to protect the marine ecological environment in the DPRK.

The natural, geographical and marine ecological environment of our country is very favourable for introducing eco-friendly offshore farming methods.

As sunlight comes all the way down to the bottom in the coastal waters of the East Sea of Korea, photosynthesis of seaweeds is very active and especially they are highly productive because the

inflow of nutrient salts from the land is relatively higher than the deep sea. The waters off the West Sea of Korea are rich in nutrient salts as many rivers and streams, big and small, empty into them and the intertidal zones have very rich biodiversity due to the influence of high and low tide.

In particular, aquatic animal and plant resources such as abalone, sea cucumber and sea urchin have grown in large quantities naturally in the waters off Ragwon County from long ago as the sea water is clear and there are no sources of pollution there. Recently an offshore farm and modern residential district of the fishing village have wonderfully been built in the county.

The law on marine ecological environmental protection of the DPRK was adopted in August to make effective use of marine resources and positively protect the marine ecological environment.

The DPRK has designated

the waters that are rich in species of sea life or on which rare and endangered species are concentrated, those that are well known for their diversity of natural landscape and others as marine nature reserves like marine resources reserve and marine scenic spot reserve and actively protects their ecological environment.

Renewable energy resources including wind and solar energy and the rainwater storing and using method, sewage recycling method, seawater desalination technology and others are preferentially introduced on islands and in their surrounding waters.

The months for the protection and management of coastal ecological environment have been designated including the month for coastal and territorial waters management and the month for the protection of marine resources to carry out the work as a social and all-people movement.

BYWORD

Economy is just increased production

The drive for economy is being dynamically carried on throughout the country.

Economy is an important way to maximize production and it is ensured by great scientific and technological

strength.

The technical innovation movement to further increase production by reducing the consumption of materials per unit and raising the actual output ratio is

being briskly conducted in all sectors of the national economy.

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and a single gram of coal and cement, by tapping internal reserves and production potentials leads to the continuous struggle for increased production in socialist construction.

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Third Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security held

DPRK foreign minister makes speech

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The Third Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security took place in Belarus on October 28 and 29.

Present there were high-ranking delegates of 48 countries and seven international organizations including foreign ministers of the DPRK, Belarus, Russia, Hungary and Myanmar.

Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, made a speech at the opening plenary meeting.

As the chair especially said it was an event that the high-level delegation of the DPRK, which has defended its sovereignty with strong mental strength despite the sanctions of the Western group for decades, was present in the meeting,

the participants warmly applauded.

Congratulating on the successful opening of the meeting, Choe said that the meeting was a significant political gathering for establishing cooperative relations among all nations and countries in the Eurasian region and promoting the creation of a safe, fair and just multipolar world.

She referred to the fact that NATO, the biggest war machine in the world, is bringing the dark clouds of war to the whole of Europe while arousing a storm of extreme anti-Russian confrontation in the west of the Eurasian region and the US-led US-Japan-ROK tripartite military alliance system has gone into full-scale operation in the east, seriously threatening the security environment in the region.

Security in the region and the rest of the world is being shaken to its roots and this is attributable to the high-handedness, arbitrariness and double-standard moves of the US and its vassal forces resorting to undisguised military invasion, interference in internal affairs and war moves against sovereign states for propping up the hegemonic unipolar world, she disclosed.

In recent years, various bilateral and multilateral war games have continued to be staged against the DPRK simultaneously without vacuums in space and time and an unprecedented war crisis has been created as they involve scenarios for actual use of nukes, she said, adding that what is more serious is that NATO, which is supposed to be responsible for the security

in the North Atlantic, has openly made a military intervention in the Asia-Pacific region including the Korean peninsula, leading to the beginning of the second NATO's settlement in the eastern hemisphere of the earth.

No country and nation in the world want to live under pressure and domination by others and it is the independent right and common desire of all sovereign states to build up their own strength and develop their own way, she said, and stressed that in the future, too, the DPRK will neither stop even a moment nor make the slightest concession on the road of bolstering up its military capability for self-defence to defend its dignity, right to development and security interests and preserve peace in the region and the rest of

the world.

She said that the adoption of a joint statement reflecting the unanimous aspirations of mankind loving independence, justice and peace at the meeting would be of great significance in strengthening unity and cooperation among the regional countries and defending global peace and security environment.

She expressed the consistent stand of the DPRK government to develop good neighbourly relations with all countries in the world aspiring after justice and independence and fulfill its responsible mission for building an equal multipolar world and ensuring global peace and security.

Meanwhile, she laid a wreath at the monument to the victorious patriotic war in Minsk.

To protect national sovereignty

By Yun Ki Song PT

Venezuela is one of the world's leading oil producers and exporters.

The country is rich in underground resources including iron, manganese, nickel, diamond and gold, as well as crude oil.

The Venezuelan people are now waging a dynamic struggle to defend their sovereignty and achieve social stability against the moves of the dominationists to seize control of the natural resources of their country.

These days, the US is further intensifying military threat against Venezuela.

Under the pretext of "anti-drug operation", it threatened to arrest the Venezuelan president and mounted a military attack on the Venezuelan ships in the Caribbean Sea.

Enraged by this, the Venezuelan government declared Venezuela a drug-free country and the Caribbean a peace zone recognized by the UN, rejecting the brigandish act of the US which deployed nuclear-powered submarines and other armed forces in the sea under the veil of "anti-drug".

The Venezuelan president said at a press conference last September that the country

would not yield to the US' threat and blackmail, adding that it wants peace but will fight to defend its territory if it is under attack.

To cope with the US' war threats, the Venezuelan government adopted a decision on mobilizing 4.5 million-strong militia forces across the country and has taken a series of measures to form combat forces at factories and other workplaces and strengthen the civilian forces in cities and rural areas.

In early October, it staged military drills in 335 areas and over 15 000 bases across the country. And on October 18, it launched the military

exercise codenamed the "Avenue across Venezuelan plain" in different states in its central part.

The aim of the military drills was to keep the national defence forces fully ready through the mobilization of broad sections of civilians and cooperation between the regions, while increasing the command and communication capabilities of armed units and militias in an all-round way.

Meanwhile, Venezuela has set it as the goal of economic construction to fully satisfy its domestic demand by diversifying its economy, breaking from the previous mode of

developing the economy based on the income from oil export.

Externally, it is directing great efforts to strengthening cooperation with regional countries while consistently adhering to the principle of peace and independence.

The Korean people extend firm solidarity and support to the will and efforts of the Venezuelan government advancing under the banner of independence against the US.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela established diplomatic relations on October 28 1974.

International efforts to solve food problem

By Sin Pyol PT

International efforts are being intensified to solve food problem.

The 80th Session of the UN General Assembly discussed "Poverty elimination and other development issues" and "Agricultural development, food security and nutrition".

At the meeting representatives of developing countries including China, Vietnam, Iraq and Nepal asserted that to eradicate poverty and put an end to hunger is a desire common to humankind and a prerequisite for sustainable development. Noting that 808 million people have faced severe starvation

worldwide this year, they referred to the need for developing countries to strengthen international cooperation and solidarity and establish a stable, all-embracing and mutually beneficial world food trade order and financial system in order to resolve the crisis.

Representatives of other countries, including Russia, Belarus, Iran, Venezuela and Nicaragua, said that unilateral coercive measures and protectionism hinder the attainment of the sustainable development goals by 2030, including poverty elimination, hunger termination, food security, nutrition improvement and sustainable development of agriculture, calling for

putting an end to such illegal measures.

A world food forum on the theme of "Hand in hand for better food and better future" took place at the building of FAO.

It was divided into "Hand in hand" investment forum, youth forum and science and innovation forum.

The youth forum discussed the issue for young people to play a leading role in reforming the agricultural and food system, the "Hand in hand" forum considered more than 100 investment proposals and intentions for cooperation between 20-odd countries and five regions in a comprehensive way and the science and innovation forum mainly talked about

the issues of digital farming and AI technology, health foods and development of the fishing industry.

Different countries have taken decisive measures for overcoming the food crisis.

The Brazilian President in a speech at a FAO event emphasized that the name of his country has been deleted from a "world hunger map", adding that all countries should include the poor in their state budgets and that only when the goal of eradicating hunger turns into a national policy can the problem of hunger and poverty be solved.

The Indonesian Minister of Agriculture said that if everything goes well,

Indonesia will not have to import rice anymore in the coming two to three months and that the attainment of the goal will be possible if there is no severe climatic change. According to information available, it is anticipated that the rice output of Indonesia will reach 33.1 million tons by November this year and 34 million tons by the end of the year, or about 4 million tons of more rice than last year.

The Indonesian government plans to make a leap forward to a sustainable agricultural power while developing the fields of other crops and livestock farming in order after beefing up food security.

Briefly

Venezuela

US censured for trying to start endless war in Caribbean

As regards the fact that the US recently decided to move its aircraft carrier from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean Sea, the Venezuelan president criticized the US for trying to start an endless war.

After deploying warships, nuclear submarines and fighters in the Caribbean under the pretext of "anti-drug operation", it is sharply reinforcing its forces in the sea while bringing in an aircraft carrier strike group.

Over such movements, media outlets around the world are disclosing that the US is trying to expand military operations to the whole of Latin America from the attack on the ships in the open sea.

Russia

Strategic nuclear force drill staged

Russia recently conducted a military exercise involving ground, maritime and air elements of its strategic nuclear force under the guidance of President Putin.

During the drill, an ICBM was launched from a cosmodrome in Arkhangelsk to the Kura shooting range in Kamchatka and a ballistic missile was launched from a strategic nuclear missile submarine in the Barents Sea.

Tu-95MS strategic bombers took part in the drill to launch air-deployed cruise missiles.

According to the presidential information office on October 22, the exercise examined the readiness of military guidance organs and commanders' abilities to command units and, all missions were accomplished.

China

Permanent representative to UN calls for lasting ceasefire in Gaza

The Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations at a meeting of the UNSC on the Middle East issue on October 23 insisted on an all-round and permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip.

He said that the present ceasefire should be the basis of an all-round and permanent one.

Referring to the fact that innocent civilians are losing their lives as violations of the ceasefire agreement are still committed, he said that the implementation of the two-state proposal is the only practicable way to settle the Palestinian issue.

Colombia

US sanctions denounced

The United States enforced sanctions on Colombia on October 24.

It found fault with the latter's rejection of its demand for stopping "drug influx" into it.

As to this, the Colombian home secretary stressed that the current sanctions proved that the US' "anti-drug operations" are nothing but a deceptive farce.

A British media outlet reported that US forces are attacking without any evidence the vessels suspected of carrying drugs in the waters of the Caribbean Sea.



Ri Song Ho

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DPRK coach Ri Song Ho and DPRK player Choe Il Son were awarded the AFC Coach of the Year (Men) and the AFC Youth Player of the Year (Women) respectively at the AFC Awards Riyadh 2025 held in Saudi Arabia.

Ri Song Ho, winner of AFC Coach of the Year (Men)

Ri is a coach of the Wolmido Football Club.

He spent his playing career at the Rimyongsu Sports Club and after graduating from Korea University of Physical Education, he became a coach of the Wolmido Football Club in 2002.

Working as a coach for over 20 years, he led the team to victory in several domestic events.

Led by him who attaches importance to technique-oriented football, his team lifted the first trophy in the national tournament held in 2015 and had a string of

Winners of AFC Coach of the Year (Men) and AFC Youth Player of the Year (Women)

five consecutive victories in various domestic competitions between 2017 and 2018.

He also coached the DPRK U-20 women's football team to successes in both the 2024 AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup and the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup finals.

He was selected as one of the top 10 coaches of the DPRK in 2024.

Choe Il Son, winner of AFC Youth Player of the Year (Women)

She began to play football at a primary school in Kwail County,

South Hwanghae Province.

According to an instructor at that time, Choe Il Son acquired basic skills and built physical strength of a higher level than her peers as she was fast, assiduous and gifted with a good brain.

Later, Choe entered Pyongyang International Football School and



Choe Il Son

took part in a national event as a key player in 2021 to score a hat-trick in a group league match, attracting public attention.

After finishing the school, she started her professional career at the April 25 Sports Team and gradually cut a fine figure as a master scorer and a player with special techniques in the domestic competitions.

In particular, she scored 14 goals in total in four international tournaments last year with fast speed, sudden movement into back space of the rival team, one-on-one elimination and skilful shooting.

She made six goals, the largest number of goals in the whole period of the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, and she was awarded the Golden Boot and Gold Ball.

As a result, Choe Il Son became the first player who won four trophies in four international tournaments in one year in the DPRK's football history, the first player who was awarded both the Golden Boot and Golden Ball in a U-20 Women's World Cup and was selected as one of the top 10 players of the DPRK in 2024.



The DPRK U-20 women's football team celebrate their victory at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

DPRK team advances to quarterfinals at 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

KCNA

The last 16 match between the DPRK and Moroccan teams for the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup took place on October 28 (local time).

The DPRK players took the initiative and made strong offensive upon its rival team from the beginning of the match,

scoring one goal after another.

The DPRK team beat the Moroccan team 6-1 and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Earlier, the DPRK team, in the group league matches, defeated the Mexican team 2-0 in the first match and the Cameroonian team 2-1 in the second match. It

played the last match with the Dutch team on October 24 (local time).

The footballers of the DPRK team took the initiative from the beginning of the match and made continuous attack to beat the rival 5-0.

As a result, the DPRK team took first place in the group with nine points in total.

DPRK players triumphant at ITTF Asian Para Championships 2025

KCNA

DPRK players returned home on October 24 after taking part in the ITTF Asian Para Championships 2025 held in China.

The championships brought together more than 400 players from 18 countries and regions including the DPRK, India, Kazakhstan and Malaysia. The DPRK players won two gold medals and one silver medal.

Jon Ju Hyon took first place in the MS6. He defeated a

Chinese player 3-0 in the quarter finals, ROK player 3-0 in the semifinals and Thai player 3-0 in the final.

In the MS7, Kim Yong Rok beat Japanese and Chinese players in the quarter finals and semifinals. He defeated a player of Hong Kong, China, 3-1 in the final and won a gold medal.

Meanwhile, Jon Ju Hyon and Kim Yong Rok finished runners-up in the MD14.

The players and coaches who displayed the honour of

the country were greeted at Pyongyang Railway Station by Jon Chol Hi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, officials concerned and families.

Members of the Korea Sports Association of the Disabled congratulated the players and coaches on their successes in the international event, putting garlands around their necks and presenting bouquets to them.

Young players successful at Asian Youth Games

KCNA

DPRK athletes have won gold medals successively at the Third Asian Youth Games being held in Bahrain.

The Games brought together more than 4 000

men and women players from over 40 countries and regions including the DPRK, China, Mongolia and Thailand.

Kang Ryon Hui took first place in the women's 2 000-metre hurdle race on October 24 (local time)

with the record of 6 minutes and 37.88 seconds, setting a new record of the Games.

Ri Hyo Jong took second place in the athletics girls' long jump.

DPRK weightlifter Pak Kyong Song lifted 112kg in snatch (new record of

the games) and won a gold medal in the men's 56kg category event on October 26.

Choe Jin Myong lifted 124kg in snatch (new record of the games) and won a gold medal in the men's 65kg category on

October 27.

Ri Sae Byol lifted 98kg in snatch (new record of the games) and 127kg in clean and jerk (new record of the world juvenile championships, new record of the Asian youth championships and new

record of the games) to earn two gold medals in the women's weightlifting 69kg category on October 29.

Kim Ju Gyong bagged silver medals in snatch and jerk respectively in the women's 48kg category.

