

Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp inaugurated

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cuts the inauguration tape



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Thanks to the noble aspiration and energetic guidance of the great Workers' Party of Korea Central Committee to build in famous mountains and noted places of the country modern holiday resorts and sanatoriums in good harmony with the natural scenery and make them

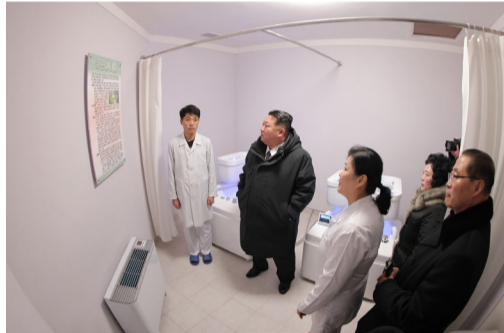
serve as the bases for cultural progress of a Korean style and contribute to the civilized life of the working people, the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp, famous from long time ago, has been remodelled into a monumental edifice capable of representing the spa culture of the country, boasting of its unique attraction.

The holiday camp, built in an excellent place with beautiful landscape as a unique architectural group comprising spa treatment and recuperation facilities and comprehensive service bases with the best conditions, is a gift of love provided by the motherly Party for the Korean people and a precious asset to promote the wellbeing of the people generation after

generation. An inauguration ceremony of the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp took place with splendour on January 20. The venue of the ceremony was full of excitement and joy of the participants facing the entity of cultural efflorescence

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created by the benevolent love of the Workers' Party of Korea, which is making devoted efforts to hasten a prosperous future when the people will fully enjoy an affluent and happy life improved in quality, thanks to the benefits of the socialist policy.

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, attended the ceremony.

When he arrived at the venue of the ceremony, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers with boundless reverence for the dear father of the great

family of the country who is dynamically ushering in a new era of socialist civilization and rejuvenation.

Present at the ceremony were senior Party and government officials and other members of the central leadership of the WPK, officials concerned, officials in North Hamgyong Province and Kyongsong County, working people, builders and employees of the holiday camp.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, addressed the ceremony.

He said that the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp with a history of nearly 80 years has been completely transformed into a comprehensive

cultural recreation and treatment service base and built as another proud edifice demonstrating the development of the region to be provided to the people, adding that the campers will come to regain their health and vigour and feel greater pride and joy of the socialist life, enjoying charm peculiar to the excellent attraction.

Saying that the fresh transformation of the Onpho area, a well-known scenic spot, started on the day of July 2018 when Kim Jong Un visited it, the speaker referred to his great painstaking efforts to newly build the holiday camp with refined architectural beauty of a Korean style and diverse service functions in the picturesque place.

He said that Kim Jong Un gave officials a stern warning against their ideological viewpoint and work attitude reflected on the old and gloomy facilities and service environment of the holiday camp, formulated a grand plan to newly construct the camp in a comprehensive way to provide the people with convenience and fully meet their growing cultural and emotional demands, so that the precious asset of the country could faithfully serve them, and repeatedly visited the camp under construction to carefully guide the work so as to complete all its elements as required by the new era making steady progress.

Kim Jong Un set it as an important principle in the construction of the Onpho holiday resort to well preserve the natural environment and paid close attention to making its landscape contribute to the promotion of the people's health and their emotional life, the speaker said, adding:

Thanks to his earnest sincerity, the

walkways leading to the thick forests and the stream meandering through the area of the holiday camp in all seasons came to present a unique natural beauty and the flawless structure fully complying with functional requirements according to the mission and purpose of spa treatment came to be provided for the people.

The course of newly building the holiday camp served as another textbook clearly teaching our officials once again how to do in order to be faithful to the mission they have assumed to exist for the people and serve their interests, and how to convert the natural and topographical features and potentials of a region into a firm foundation for the economic development and the improvement of the people's living standards.

As its name indicates, the holiday camp is the crystallization of the people-first politics of our Party that cares for the working people before any others and puts them forward as the enjoyers of all the welfare benefits, the speaker said, stressing that it is the real value of this creation which cannot be expressed with any natural beauty or architecture nor be measured in terms of a huge amount of money.

He ardently called on everyone to work harder with high confidence and optimism to attain the higher goal of promoting the people's welfare and bring the future of a more civilized and beautiful country.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

Confetti was thrown and balloons rose up into the sky over the venue of the inauguration ceremony presenting



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First-stage modernization project completed at Ryongsong Machine Complex

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony



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The Ryongsong Machine Complex, where a flaming torch was lit to create the Chollima spirit in the new era, has turned into a modern large-scale machine-building base capable of taking the lead in promoting the independent development and technological progress of the national

economy.

At the historic Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un indicated the clear orientation and ways for putting the country's machine-building industry on an advanced basis. He put forward the workers of the Ryongsong Machine Complex as the vanguard of the important

political struggle for proving the might of self-reliance, a proud tradition of the Korean revolution, set forth the step-wise goals and tasks for turning the complex into a standard and model of modernization in the machine-building industry and took important measures for their implementation, while energetically leading the whole course of the project.

With his great trust and expectations cherished deep in their hearts, the workers, scientists and technicians at the complex successfully completed the huge first-stage modernization project by waging a vigorous patriotic struggle, a creation struggle, under the uplifted banner of self-sustenance and self-reliance. Thus, they gained valuable experience and laid solid material and technical foundations for the development of the country's economy and fresh progress of the overall machine-building industry, and made a report of loyalty to the Central Committee of the WPK that they had completed the project.

An inauguration ceremony of the

first-stage modernization project at the Ryongsong Machine Complex was held on January 19.

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, attended the inauguration ceremony.

He was greeted respectfully by Ri Jong Nam, chief secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the WPK, and leading officials of the complex.

When he appeared at the venue of the ceremony, all the participants paid the highest respect to him who ushered in a new era of comprehensive prosperity to be specially recorded in the history of the country by leading to a great victory the historic struggle for the brilliant implementation of the revolutionary programme set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK with his outstanding

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ideology and energetic guidance.

Present at the ceremony were senior Party and government officials and other members of the central leadership of the Party, officials in South Hamgyong Province, builders, scientists and technicians, officials of relevant fields, and officials and employees of the Ryongsong Machine Complex.

Premier of the DPRK Cabinet Pak Thae Song addressed the ceremony.

He said that thanks to the devoted efforts of the workers of the complex, builders, scientists and technicians, a precious fruit clearly showing the development and bright future

of the country's machine-building industry has been produced, adding that the completion of the first-stage modernization project at the complex ahead of the Ninth Congress of the WPK is a proud success demonstrating the inexhaustible potential of the state which is achieving the comprehensive development of socialism according to the blueprint for achieving prosperity based on self-reliance unveiled by the great Party Central Committee.

He noted that Kim Jong Un named the fighting spirit of the working class of the complex, who delivered a telling blow to flunkeyism, defeatism and mysticism about technology by producing large

compressors by their own efforts, the Chollima spirit in the new era, a new spirit of the times, and examined many designs and formation plans related to the remodelling of the complex one by one, energetically leading it to complete the project at a higher level while remedying the shortcomings and passivity manifested in the production line modernization plan.

Today's inauguration is the precious fruition of the wise leadership and meticulous care of Kim Jong Un who worked out a grand plan to make the Ryongsong Machine Complex a standard and model of modernization and put the overall machine-building industry on an advanced world-class level on that basis so as to guarantee the comprehensive national rejuvenation with the solid foundation of the Juche-based industry, and guided the work step by step, the premier said, and went on:

The struggle tasks facing us are difficult and huge but there is nothing impossible to do and the set goals will be attained without fail if we continue to dynamically advance in the spirit and stamina we displayed to successfully carry out the first-stage modernization project, true to the leadership of the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un made a speech.

In his speech, he expressed gratitude to

the workers of Ryongsong, teachers and researchers from Kim Chaek University of Technology and Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering, officials and builders in South Hamgyong Province and officials of relevant sectors who have attained in the lead-up to the Ninth Congress of the WPK this success of great significance in making the national economy self-supporting. Then he referred to the significance of the first-stage technological transformation of the complex, which had been pushed forward as a core policy-oriented task for the eighth term of the WPK Central Committee, and the lessons drawn from it.

The greater success is not merely that an enterprise has been modernized, but in the course of this, we have become better aware of our officials' approach to the Party's decisions and their present preparedness and dealt a telling blow to the deeply-ingrained sense of irresponsibility and self-protectionism that hinder our advance and development, he said, pointing out that completely owing to the irresponsible, slipshod and incompetent economic guidance officials, the first-stage modernization project of the Ryongsong Machine Complex encountered difficulties and incurred not a little amount of

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economic loss, experiencing unnecessary man-made confusions.

He stressed that the Party has come to make a clear-cut determination that the present economic guidance forces can hardly guide the work of readjusting the country's industry as a whole and upgrading it technologically, and that breaking with old practices of pinning hope on those who have too long been accustomed to defeatism, irresponsibility and passiveness will be a new starting point for future pioneering and development.

Kim Jong Un dismissed Yang Sung Ho, vice-premier of the Cabinet, on the spot.

Noting that the reality of the country advancing toward rejuvenation and prosperity demands the powerful pioneers and genuine fighters, who can be accountable to today and bring the future earlier, he ardently called upon all the leading cadres and producers to build a modernized and advanced economy

capable of firmly guaranteeing the country's future without fail in the present generation based on purposeful designs and scientific methodology, bearing deep in their minds the essence and demands of the Party's modernization policy once again on this occasion.

All the participants in the inauguration ceremony expressed their full support to the speech of Kim Jong Un, full of noble sense of mission and responsibility for the prosperity of the country and the promotion of the people's wellbeing, and their unshakable will to devotedly defend the Party Central Committee and carry out the Party's policies.

Upon authorization of Kim Jong Un, Premier Pak Thae Song cut the inauguration tape.

Kim Jong Un looked round the complex.

Noting that the complex has made a big stride in putting the machine-building industry on a modern and advanced basis, he said another valuable asset has been

produced to creditably consolidate the foundation of the self-supporting economy.

Today's era, when the overall national economy has been put on a track of stable growth and the great cause of regional development is increasingly accelerating, demands quality machines and equipment more than ever before, he said, urging the machine-building industry sector to direct proactive efforts to producing efficient machine products and push ahead with sci-tech research and talented manpower reinforcement without letup for updating machines and equipment and enhancing their quality.

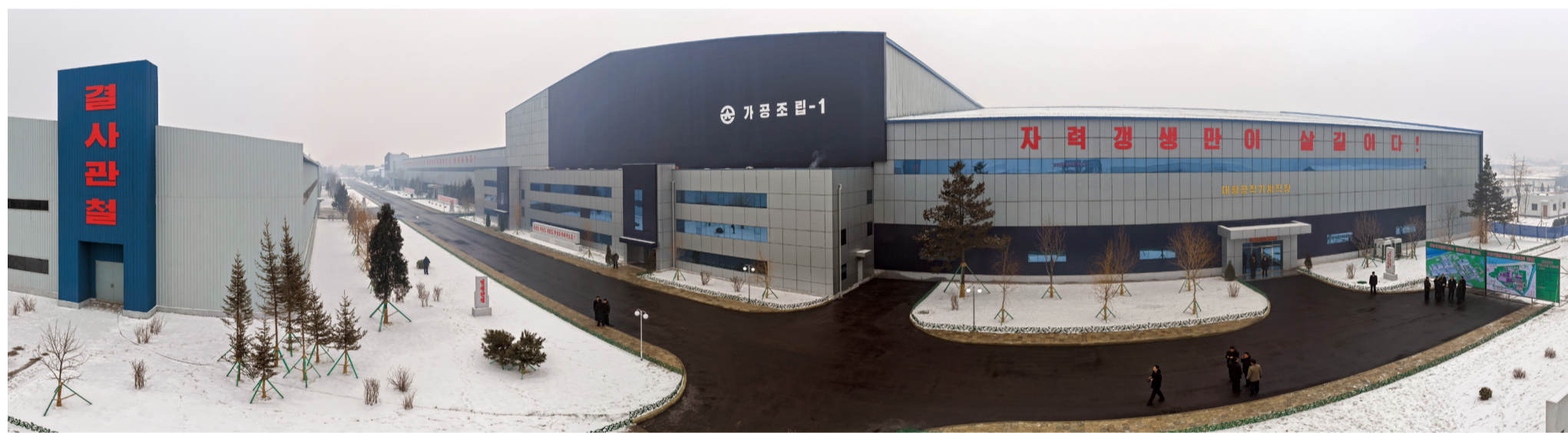
He set the next-stage modernization goal to be attained by the complex and advanced detailed tasks to be fulfilled to strongly propel the undertaking for putting the overall machine-building industry on a fresh advanced basis.

Saying that he is very attached to the complex pulsating with the spirit of creation and rapid progress, he expressed expectations and belief that the workers

of the complex would redouble their revolutionary enthusiasm and self-confidence as befitting the creators of the Chollima spirit in the new era and thus go all out for attaining the second-stage goal with the successes made in the first-stage modernization as a powerful springboard.

Encouraged by his great love and trust, the workers of the complex hardened their resolve to firmly preserve and glorify the proud tradition of upholding the Party, state and socialist system with a great revolutionary upsurge in each period of the revolution and continue to exalt the honour of the complex as a model of self-reliance and a powerful enterprise.

The successful completion of the first-stage modernization project at the Ryongsong Machine Complex is a significant occasion as it clearly demonstrated the spirit of the state advancing vigorously and confidently to attain the grand goal and ideal of socialist construction on the great strength of self-reliance.



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a magnificent scene of transformation thanks to the Party's noble love for the people.

Kim Jong Un looked round the holiday camp.

He appreciated that all the sections of the camp were serviceably arranged to go well with each other and all the elements of architecture were formed in good harmony with the natural surroundings.

He referred to the Party's stand of giving utmost priority to steadily expanding the scope of cultural life for the improvement of the people's wellbeing.

Saying that another cultural recreation ground, the base for civilization, has been provided in the Onpho hot spring area with a long history to suit the present era aspiring to steady development, he recalled that he had severely criticized the situation of the holiday camp where every section and element remained uncultured and which was also being run in an unsanitary way, although it had the signboard showing that it is the historic

building associated with the leadership exploits of the Party, when he visited the camp some years ago. He said that taking a look at the holiday camp, which has been remodelled as a wonderful holiday service base for the people, made him feel proud that we have done another worthwhile thing.

The leadership exploits of the Party should be defended and glorified with the result of struggle favoured by all the people and the substantial benefits enjoyed by them in their life, not with any signboard, words or letters, he said.

It is an important component of the people-oriented policy of our Party and government to actively develop the natural resources of the country to make them contribute to the improvement of the people's wellbeing, he said, referring to the need to move ahead of the times also in the creation of socialist civilization by dint of persevering and innovative pioneering and progress.

It is irrational for the Holiday-making Management Bureau of the Ministry of Labour to manage and guide the Onpho

Working People's Holiday Camp, he said, adding: New tourist resorts, holiday camps and sanatoriums are being built across the country on a large scale for the improvement of the people's wellbeing. However, different ministries are in charge of cultural life service bases respectively at present. It means that they cannot conduct management of facilities, technology and talents efficiently in a future-oriented manner, to say nothing of the supply of equipment and materials needed for the normal operation of the excellent cultural service bases provided by the Party with much effort.

He gave instructions to study the issue of taking a rational structural measure for providing unified guidance over treatment, recreation and recuperation bases across the country and improving the level of specialization in service as required by the new era of socialist cultural efflorescence.

Our Party's people-oriented policies should be intensified without letup, which will make our struggle more fulfilling and worthwhile, he said, indicating the new

orientation and ways for continuously expanding and creating various scopes and spaces of cultural life to contribute to the promotion of the people's health and the improvement of their wellbeing on a nationwide scale.

He gave instructions to the officials and employees of the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp and relevant units to make full preparations for operation and service such as the test run of equipment and open the camp in February.

The participants in the inauguration ceremony looked round in admiration the comprehensive cultural recreation and recuperation service base, which preserves the charm and features peculiar to the mountainous area and fully meets all the requirements of modern architecture, and felt very grateful to the socialist system of the country.

The Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp remodelled under the great loving care of the Party will be filled with the people's happy laughter year after year along with our times prospering day after day.

Yombunjin Coastal Park inaugurated

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A new spectacular sight of regional development has unfolded in the Yombunjin area renowned as a scenic attraction on the east coast.

The Yombunjin Haeyang Hotel with an accommodation capacity of hundreds of people and the bathing resort, which are furnished with comprehensive service facilities including a cinema, shop, electronic recreation hall and water park, have been built splendidly to provide the Korean people with another cultural recreation centre preserving the charm and features of the seashore so that they can enjoy socialist civilization to their heart's content.

The Yombunjin Coastal Park, which has taken on a new modern appearance and which is equipped with diverse service conditions and environments, is a monumental edifice encapsulating the people-first idea of the Workers' Party of

Korea.

An inauguration ceremony of the park took place on January 21.

It was attended by members of the central leadership of the WPK including senior Party and government officials, officials and working people of North Hamgyong Province and Kyongsong County, builders and employees of the park.

Pak Myong Ho, chairman of the North Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, addressed the ceremony.

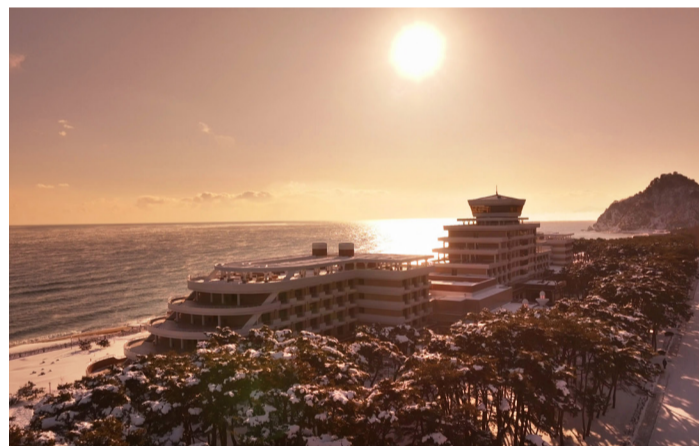
He noted that the distinctive coastal park embodying the ever improving Juche-oriented architecture and the aesthetic view of the present times is the fruit of the noble intention of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to build creations favoured by the people and representing the times in all parts of the country and keep increasing their number every year and his energetic guidance.



He called on everyone to turn out with one patriotic mind and work harder for the development and cultural efflorescence in the regions and for the everlasting prosperity of the motherland and declared the inauguration of the coastal park, hoping that the people's laughter would resound louder in this area that underwent transformation and wishing them a happier future.

Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, cut the inauguration tape together with officials and employees of the Yombunjin Haeyang Hotel.

After the ceremony was over, the participants looked round different places of the Yombunjin Coastal Park.



The inauguration ceremony of the Yombunjin Coastal Park takes place on January 21.

Catalyst production base built

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A new catalyst production base has been built at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex.

The catalyst production base is another valuable asset and creation of self-reliance which is of great significance in laying the foundation for the long-term development of the chemical industry by producing the necessary catalysts with domestic efforts and technology.

An inauguration ceremony took place on the spot on January 20.

Present there were Ri Kyong Chol, chief secretary of the South Pyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Song Bom, chairman of the provincial people's committee, officials



Participants look round the catalyst production base newly built at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex.

concerned and officials and employees of the complex.

Minister of Chemical Industry Kim Son Myong addressed the ceremony.

The speaker called upon the employees of the complex to amplify the might of science

and technology on the basis of the successes made in establishing a new catalyst production process and thus increase fertilizer production.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants looked round the catalyst production base.

Academy of Forest Science inaugurated

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The Academy of Forest Science has been built on a modern basis.

The academy has all facilities and conditions, including an office building in a distinctive architectural style, welfare facilities and a pilot plant and auxiliary building for studying and developing various kinds of processed wild fruits. Its completion laid another foundation for putting the afforestation on a scientific basis.

Its inauguration ceremony was held on January 19.

Present there were Vice-Premier of the Cabinet Kim Jong Gwan and officials, researchers and employees of the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection, Pyongyang Construction

Commission, Academy of Forest Science and relevant units.

Kim Jong Gwan addressed the ceremony.

He called on the researchers of the academy to bring about a radical turn in the work to breed more

trees suited to the climatic and soil conditions of the country, study and perfect new tree-planting methods and acclimatize trees of good species.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the academy.



The inauguration ceremony of the Academy of Forest Science is held on January 19.

Farmers move into new houses at different farms

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A happy event of moving into new houses took place at the Kwangchon Farm of Kangnyong County and the Sowon Farm of Pyoksong County in South Hwanghae Province.

Ceremonies of moving into new houses were held respectively on the spot.

They were attended by Kim Chol Bom, chairman of the South Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee, officials of the Party and power organs of the province and the counties, builders and agricultural workers who would move into the houses.

Congratulatory speeches were followed by the presentation of the licences

for the use of houses and other speeches.

As merry peasant dance parties and artistic performances reflecting the joy of agricultural workers were given to add to the happy atmosphere of house-moving, officials visited the new modern houses of farmers to share joy with them.

Modern houses were also built at the Usan Cotton Farm in Hangu District and the Taeryong Farm in Onchon County of Nampho Municipality.

Present at the ceremonies for moving into new houses were officials of Party and power organs in the municipality, district and county, builders and

agricultural workers who would move into new houses.

Congratulatory addresses were made at the ceremonies.

Then, licences for the use of dwelling houses were conveyed and speeches were made.

Amid the cheerful dances and congratulatory performances, officials visited the families of agricultural workers to present them with daily necessities and share joy with them.

The ideal socialist villages indicative of the Korean-style civilization of the countryside sprang up at the Chollisong Farm in Tachung County and Ryongnim and Ripsok farms in Mundok County, South Phyongan Province.

The ceremonies of moving into new houses took place on the spot. They were attended by officials of the Party and power organs in the province and counties, builders and agricultural workers who would move into new houses.

Addresses were made and licences for the use of houses handed over to be followed by speeches.

Artistic performances were given in congratulation of the auspicious house-moving events.

Spectacular scenes of rural development have unfolded at several farms in Kangwon Province.

An inauguration ceremony of public and production buildings at the Kwanphung Farm in Munchon City and

ceremonies of moving into new houses at Mabang and Majang farms in Cholwon County were held on the spot respectively, with the attendance of officials, builders and agricultural workers in Kangwon Province, Munchon City and Cholwon County.

Addresses and speeches were made there.

Artistic performances were given in celebration of the moving into new houses.

Mountain villages in Jagang Province are turning into a fairyland.

House-moving in Puji-ri of Songgan County, Ryongmun-ri of Ryongnim County and Ryusam-ri and Kwiin-ri of Jasong County is the auspicious event of the

people brought about by the warm love of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who devotes his all to providing the agricultural workers with a new life of cultural efflorescence with nothing to envy in the world.

Ceremonies of moving into new houses were held on the spot respectively.

Present there were Sin Chang Gil, chairman of the Jagang Provincial People's Committee, officials, builders and agricultural workers of the province and the counties.

Congratulatory addresses were made and licences were handed over to be followed by speeches.

As farmers began moving into new houses, officials congratulated the farmers.



Ceremonies of moving into new houses are held across the country.

Best agricultural counties and farms for 2025 selected

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The ten best agricultural counties and the 30 best farms for 2025 were selected in the DPRK.

True to the programme for the rural revolution in the new era, the ten best agricultural counties and the 30 best farms took the lead in all aspects, including introducing advanced farming methods and technology, putting agriculture on an IT basis, constructing irrigation facilities and increasing the proportion of mechanization in farming, thus decisively boosting grain production.

Selected as the ten best agricultural counties were Mangyongdae District, Kangnam, Sukchon and Yomju counties, Songnim City and Yonggwang, Hamju, Hwadae, Onsong and Onchon counties. And selected as the 30 best farms were the Songnam Farm in Rangnang District, Yakjon and Chaeryong

farms in Sukchon County, Phungjong Farm in Jungsan County, Manhung Farm in Mundok County, Maejon Farm in Phyongwon County, Naejung and Namap farms in Yomju County, Ilhae Farm in Jongju City, Jangsan Farm in Ryongchon County, Samjigang Farm in Jaeryong County, Yokkudo Farm in Paecheon County, Inpho Farm in Songnim City, Township Farm in Janggang County, Pumin Farm in Hamhung City, Sangjung Farm in Yonggwang County, Honam Farm in Jongphyong County, Chonghae Farm in Pukchong County, Township Farm in Hwadae County, Ilhyang Farm in Kyongsong County, Wangjaesan Farm in Onsong County, Saphyong Farm in Kapsan County, Chaeryon Farm in Phanmun District, Chongsan Farm in Kangso District, Kangson Farm in Chollima District and Namjong Farm under the South Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee.

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Leader sends birthday spreads to centenarians

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Ri Ok Suk, a war veteran living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 14 of Kwang-ri, Pihyon County, North Phyongan Province, on his 100th birthday.

Ri extended thanks to Kim Jong Un, expressing his deep gratitude at the repeated benevolence shown by the Workers' Party of Korea for war veterans.

Officials of the Pihyon County Committee of the WPK and villagers congratulated his family members on their auspicious event.

Ri joined the army to bravely fight against the aggressors during the past Fatherland Liberation War and devoted his all to the increased grain production during the periods of postwar reconstruction and socialist construction.

He is still fulfilling his

responsibility and duty as an educator for the younger generations.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent birthday spreads to Kim Sun Han, a woman centenarian living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 49, Namsan-dong No. 2, Kaesong Municipality, and Ri Hi Gu, a woman centenarian living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 50, Hoesang-dong No. 1, Hoesang District, Hamhung City, South Hamgyong Province, on their 100th birthdays.

Officials in Kaesong Municipality and Hoesang District of Hamhung City and villagers congratulated the centenarians.

Over 1 million people visit Youth Movement Museum in 10 years

It has been ten years since the Youth Movement Museum was opened to public to convey the Workers' Party of Korea's idea of attaching importance to the youth and its exploits.

More than 1.1 million

officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students have visited the museum since its opening on January 21 2016.

Atlantic salmon pedigree farm inaugurated

The Jikha Atlantic Salmon Pedigree Farm was inaugurated in North Hamgyong Province.

The construction of the pedigree farm laid another material and technical foundation for breeding Atlantic salmon more actively on the east coast of the country.

Its inauguration ceremony took place on January 16.

Present there were Ri Chol Man, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the Agricultural Commission, Pak Myong Ho, chairman of the North Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, officials concerned, officials of the provincial fishery management bureau, and officials and employees of the pedigree farm.

Song Chun Sop, minister of Fisheries, addressed the ceremony.

That day, a performance was given in celebration of the inauguration of the farm.

Croaker pedigree farm inaugurated

A croaker pedigree farm has been built at the Ongjin West Sea Fish Farm.

Its inauguration ceremony took place on January 19.

Present there were officials of the Party and power organs in South Hwanghae Province and employees of the provincial fishery management bureau and the fish farm.

Minister of Fisheries Song Chun Sop addressed the ceremony.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the farm.

Finishing building materials factory inaugurated in Kaesong Municipality

Working people in Kaesong have remodelled the finishing building materials factory.

At the inauguration ceremony of the factory held on January 21 Choe Kyong Nam, chairman of the Kaesong Municipal People's Committee, addressed the event to be followed by a speech.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round various places of the factory.

New history of socialist rural construction (2)

By Choe Song Jun *PT*

Strategic plan based on long-cherished desire

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un unveiled a grand blueprint for the construction of rural dwelling houses at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea after the Eighth Congress of the WPK, taking the transformation of all farm villages across the country into rich and cultured ideal socialist villages as his long-cherished desire and regarding it as an important undertaking that he should carry out without fail for the rejuvenation and development of the state and for posterity.

The building of modern farmhouses in all rural communities throughout the country was not an easy decision to make at the time when the country was in a difficult economic situation and was facing huge and important construction tasks.

However, the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK specified in detail the orientation, tasks and ways for the construction of rural dwelling houses and took unprecedentedly preferential measures, according to the steadfast will of the General Secretary to provide the agricultural workers with the best living environment in the world by washing away the long-lingering historical dirt from the rural areas and building ideal socialist villages good to live and work in.

Since then, this undertaking has persistently been carried out and the news on moving into new houses in the socialist rural communities has been released continuously during

the term of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Switch to scientific farming, change in grain production structure

According to the grand blueprint unveiled by the Eighth Congress of the WPK, grain production rose every year in the agricultural sector, as it overfulfilled the plan for 2024 by 7 percent and produced a higher grain output in 2025.

At the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, the General Secretary said that it is the Party's strategic outlook on development to develop the country's agriculture into an advanced one and achieve the stable and sustained growth of agricultural production with science and technology as the major driving force behind agricultural development, and indicated in detail the matters arising in steadily adhering to the scientific farming-first principle and the ways to deal with them.

As a result, modern agricultural science research bases sprang up across the country, the informatization level of agricultural production improved and scientists and researchers visited every nook and cranny of farms in plains and mountains to guide them in scientific farming and diffuse and introduce in time new agricultural research findings even to the lowest unit of agricultural production.

Farms across the country were filled with pride in high yield and high income distribution as they competitively introduced various advanced farming methods and excellent agricultural sci-tech products.

The change, which took place in the country's grain production structure thanks to the crucial decision of the Party, was a revolution in agricultural production which made a breakthrough in fully

solving the food problem while providing the people with an affluent and civilized dietary life.

According to a new agricultural policy of the Party on powerfully pushing rice and wheat farming, wheat cultivation areas have increased every year and many areas and units produced a high yield of wheat.

Foundation for sustained growth consolidated

The General Secretary put it forward as a priority task in ensuring the stable development of agriculture to readjust, reinforce and perfect the irrigation system of the country so that farming can be done safely, unaffected by any drought and flood, and powerfully led the struggle to carry out the task.

He clarified the orientations and ways for restoring the irrigation system and structures, expanding irrigation areas and making the non-paddy field irrigation structures last long at the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the fourth and sixth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party and took necessary measures while frequently acquainting himself with the problems arising in the grand nature-remaking project in the whole period of the project.

Huge tasks for the irrigation of paddies and dry fields planned for 2023, the first year when the irrigation project started in earnest, were completed in a matter of two months and other irrigation projects were successfully carried out every year, with the result that the area of paddies and non-paddies in which irrigation was realized during the term of the Eighth Party Central Committee amounted to hundreds of thousands of hectares in the country.

Substantial progress has also been achieved in rural mechanization.

The General Secretary



A sea of farm machines unfolds in South Hwanghae Province in September 2022.

stated at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee that the plan of the Party Central Committee was to develop the Kumsong Tractor Factory into a comprehensive factory capable of producing various highly-efficient farm machines along with tractors with great horsepower and concentrate investment in major farm machine factories and research sector and thus completely upgrade the country's farm machine industry. Afterwards, he put his heart and soul into the realization of rural mechanization.

A rare sea of farm machines was spread in the agricultural province of South Hwanghae, the proportion of farm work done by machines across the country was increased more than planned in 2023 and the variety of farm machines got greater in number in 2024. Last year, the proportion of farm work done by machines

witnessed an over 2 percent increase as compared to the previous year.

In addition, yearly goals were achieved according to the farm machine development plan.

The land of the country has been further widened.

The Party pressed on with tideland reclamation by putting it forward as a nationwide patriotic undertaking of everlasting significance.

It set forth long-term objectives, yearly tasks and ways to fulfil them, ensured that necessary preparations were made in a foresighted way so that farming could be done as soon as the networks of facilities were completed in reclaimed tideland and took proactive measures to increase the area under cultivation to the utmost.

National efforts were concentrated on the reclamation of waste land and tidal flats and as a result a vast area of land was registered as farmland and a network of facilities for thousands of hectares of reclaimed tideland was built to be used for cereal production.

Epitome of advanced countryside

Model entities representing the advancement of the socialist countryside sprang up in different parts of the country.

The construction of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm was set as the priority task among the major national construction policy-oriented tasks for 2022 at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee. Accordingly, the large-scale greenhouse farm was built in the Ryonpho area, where only the strong wind had blown from the sea, in a matter of some months. In 2024, a new farming town rose up in the Kangdong area

in Pyongyang as a world leading vegetable production base, which is ahead of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm for one generation in the level of intelligent management and intensive farming.

In accordance with the grand plan and under the direct guidance of the General Secretary who was determined to transform the border area into a developed area embodying modernity, originality and national identity, different types of greenhouses, a vegetable processing factory, storage facilities, a sci-tech research and diffusion base, greenhouses for experimental cultivation and bases for cultural and leisure activities were built distinctively to unfold a thrilling view of a large greenhouse group unprecedented in history in the area of Wihwa Island in Sinuiju City of North Phyongan Province.

The Kwangchon Chicken Farm was completed as a modern farm, which would greatly contribute to the improvement of the people's dietary life and the development of the country's poultry farming.

Besides, a modern comprehensive stockbreeding base and rural dwelling houses were built in Songgum-ri of Kangdong County, while many other stockbreeding bases were newly built or renovated including the veterinary medicine production base of the anti-epizootic centre of the North Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee, the milch cow branch of the Hungsang Milch Cow Farm of the South Hamgyong Provincial Rural Economy Committee and the Haeju Pig Farm of the South Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee.



Wheat cultivation area increases every year and many regions and units produce a high yield of wheat.

Long journey made with lofty aim to liberate country

By Pang Un Ju PT

In 1925 President Kim Il Sung made the 1 000-ri (250 miles) Journey for National Liberation with a lofty aim to win back his country lost to the Japanese imperialists.

At that time, he was 14 years old and it was his second 1 000-ri trek.

When he was 12, he made the first journey from Badaogou in China to Mangyongdae, his birthplace in Pyongyang, as told by his father, the outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national liberation movement of Korea, who said that a man born in Korea ought to know well about it.

While trekking such a long distance and studying in the homeland, he felt a great impact from the looks of the Korean people who were firmly defending their national soul even under the jackboot of the Japanese imperialists and he was convinced that he could win back the country when they were effectively organized and mobilized.

As he studied at Changdok School, he received the unexpected news that his father was arrested by the Japanese police again.

So he set out on the second 1 000-ri journey with mounting anger against the Japanese imperialists.

The President wrote in his reminiscences "With the Century" what he felt as he crossed the Amnok River

bordering China on the 13th day as follows:

"I looked back at the mountains in the motherland over and over again with sorrow and indignation. I thought: My dear Korea, I am leaving you. I know I cannot live even for a moment away from you, but I am crossing the Amnok to win you back. Across this river is a

foreign land, but I will not forget you, even in there. Wait for me, my Korea.

"Then I sang the song (Song of the River Amnok) again. As I sang this song, I wondered when I would be able to tread this land again, when I would return to this land where I grew up and where my forefathers' graves lay. Young as I was, I could not repress my sorrow

at this thought. Picturing in my mind the miserable reality of the motherland, I made a grim resolve not to return before Korea had become independent."

Afterwards his journey for national liberation led to the long bloody battles of the anti-Japanese war through endless blizzards, and he finally defeated the brigandish Japanese imperialists and

achieved the historic cause of national liberation.

More than a hundred years have passed since then, but his noble love for his country and indomitable revolutionary spirit have steadily been carried on by the new generations and lots of schoolchildren across the country go on the study tour of the 1 000-ri Journey for National Liberation.



Many schoolchildren go on the study tour of the 1 000-ri Journey for National Liberation every year.



In celebration of 80th founding anniversary of youth league

KCNA

Youth and students hold evening gala



An evening gala of youth and students was held in Pyongyang on the evening of January 17 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, the Juche-oriented youth organization.

Among the audience were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the youth league central committee, the participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the SPYL and youth and students in Pyongyang.

As the song "Cheers of the People" resounded through Kim Il Sung Square, the evening gala began. The participants extended the highest glory to the peerlessly

great men who led the Korean youth movement to victory and glory with the unique idea of valuing the youth and through the outstanding guidance and trained the young people to be reliable successors to the revolution.

The participants were full of pride in glorifying their youth with the highest honour in the great era of Kim Jong Un, along with the name of patriotic youth.

The cheers of youth and students reflecting their ardent desire to perform fresh miracles and feats and leave the traces of loyalty and patriotism resounded along with such songs of enthusiasm and struggle as "We Will Devote Our Youth to the Country".

Fireworks were set off to add to the festive mood.

Artistic performance given

An artistic performance "We Are Korean Youth" was given by the artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and youth and students at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on January 17 in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the SPYL.

Among the audience were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the youth league central committee, and participants in the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the SPYL.

In the performance, which began with chorus "March of Korean Youth", the performers sang high praises of the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men who led

the Korean youth movement to victory with their original idea of attaching importance to the youth and through their energetic guidance.

Song and dance "Dear Father" and other numbers showed the immense joy of the young vanguard holding in high esteem the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who is bringing up the young people to be successors to the revolution and heroes of the times.

Violin ensemble and song "Young People, Be Loyal to Our Party", male solo "Campfire, Flare Up" and other numbers reflected the strong aspirations of the youth to orient their ideal and ambition to the Party's plan and devote their all to the rejuvenation and development of the country and the well-being of the people.



SPYL anniversary celebrated across nation

The young people all over the DPRK significantly celebrated the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, the Juche-oriented youth organization, out of the mind to repay the benevolence of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un with loyalty and redoubled patriotic efforts. The fatherly Marshal arranged a large-scale gathering of youths in celebration of the anniversary of the SPYL as the first national event for this year, and attended it to congratulate the young people.

On the occasion of the anniversary, people visited the Youth Movement Museum, which houses materials and mementoes associated with the

peerlessly great men's immortal history of valuing the youth.

Officials of the Party and power organs all over the country went to industrial establishments, farms, colleges, construction sites and others to congratulate the young people.

They encouraged young workers and students to make innovations in production and construction and study hard with the resolve to greet the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea with great achievements.

In Kangwon and North Hamgyong provinces, Nampho and Kaesong municipalities and other parts of the country, there were commemorative lectures and meetings to congratulate labour innovators.

Participants in celebrations of SPYL anniversary tour Pyongyang

The participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League toured Pyongyang.

They visited the Korean Revolution Museum.

They looked round several halls, being briefed on the revolutionary history and personality of the peerlessly great men who trained the young people to be passionate loyalists boundlessly faithful

to the cause of the Workers' Party of Korea and pillars of socialist construction.

And they paid a visit to the Youth Movement Museum which comprehensively deals with the WPK's idea of attaching importance to the youth and its leadership exploits.

They also looked round the venue of a photo exhibition, the Central Class Education House and the Sci-Tech Complex.

Performances strike chord with people in 2025



Scenes from the 2025 New Year performance.

A scene from the performance in celebration of the 80th anniversary of national liberation.

By **Pang Un Ju** PT

One of the abiding memories of 2025 of the Korean people is of the wonderful art performances which make them feel the great excitement and joy of that time again.

It starts with the New Year performance given in a distinctive style at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang.

The famous song of the times "Dear Father", a beloved song widely sung as an all-people hymn in 2024, and other songs in praise of the Workers' Party of Korea which has ushered in a new era of transformation were performed one after another, exciting the people greeting the year 2025. The audience sang songs together with the performers, recollecting the days and months of the unforgettable year 2024 like a kaleidoscope of pictures.

They were followed by the songs on the theme of patriotism including "We Are Koreans" and "The

Motherland and My Destiny" newly put on the stage in the New Year celebration, striking a chord with the audience who showed heartfelt sympathy and enthusiastic response to them.

All the audience sang in chorus "We Are Koreans", which praises in an excited tone the Korean people as the indomitable people who have never yielded to any formidable enemy generation after generation and who are successfully building a powerful country which would rise up forever in the world, and "The Motherland and My Destiny", which reflects the thoughts and feelings of the people who share the fate of the country that cannot be separated from them and their will to brave any storm for the country, and they became all-people songs in a moment.

The music and dance performance based on a real-life story "Our Father", which was created and produced by the North Phyongan

Provincial Art Troupe in 2025, also greatly impressed the audience.

The work was set in July 2024 when the country was hit by flood.

The audience broke into enthusiastic applause with excitement whenever the image of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea who directed the operations to rescue the flood victims at the dangerous place where it rained heavily to flood the whole area, came up with a grand plan for providing the flood victims with homes of happiness free from danger forever while looking round all the flooded areas on board a rubber boat and showed such immense love for the flood victims, especially students, children and old people, which they would not forget all their life, was projected on the stage background and the new life in the new villages which have undergone a sea change was represented on the stage.

The performers and creators said that the love of the respected General Secretary was really poems and songs and that they offered a lifelike representation of the life and feelings of the Korean people.

The performance given at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph in Pyongyang to mark the 80th anniversary of national liberation also left a lasting impression on the audience.

Impressive was the flag unfurled by paratroopers in the sky, nicely decorating the prelude to the celebration performance. More impressive were the songs of the anti-Japanese war sung on the stage in the solemn atmosphere of recollection, which reminded people of the past history of the Korean revolution.

The performance touched the hearts of the audience as it highly praised the faith and brave spirit of the DPRK people to write a

new chapter of history of comprehensive development of socialism with pride and self-confidence in the path followed by the country, ardent patriotic loyalty and indomitable will.

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea" in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea was the most significant of all the performances staged last year in both scale and depth.

The performance, showing in an artistic form the history of the WPK that has been perfectly true to the noble ideal of the people-first principle since the day 80 years ago, greatly excited the audience.

Featuring scenes showing vigorous gymnastic movements, elegant dance movements, bright and happy looks of the rising generations who grow up vigorously, bringing into full bloom

their dreams and hopes, and famous songs of the times reflecting strong patriotic feelings and aspirations, it was a box office success.

The artistic performance staged to congratulate the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army instilled in the people what patriotism and eternal life are.

The songs in remembrance of the brave fighters, who displayed matchless bravery and heroic self-sacrificing spirit, made all the people of the country bear in mind how they should lead their life and what they have to do for the country.

The performances, which made the people look back upon the past history and filled them with hope for the future with beautiful melodies and rhythms and which gave them a strong impression to refresh their mind, clearly showed the enthusiasm of the Korean people to powerfully shape a more brilliant future.



Scenes from the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea" in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Independence, lifeblood of countries and nations

By Choe Song Jun PT

Today, when the moves of the forces trying to realize their ambition for world domination are getting ever more undisguised, maintaining independence is arising as a vital issue decisive of the destiny of all the countries and nations.

National independence is guaranteed by independent politics.

A country cannot be called an independent and sovereign state even though it has a government, if it is at another's beck and call devoid of independence. Countries should formulate all lines and policies independently in conformity with the demand of their people and their specific situations and carry them out by relying on their people's strength, while exercising full

sovereignty in external relations. Such countries can be claimed to be genuinely independent and sovereign states.

A country which tolerates other's interference devoid of independence in state activities cannot maintain consistency in its policies and protect its national dignity.

At present, confrontation and fight are going on in the international arena between the hegemony-seeking forces and the progressive people striving to defend their national sovereignty and dignity.

The dominationist forces persist in military threats, blackmails and interference in internal affairs of sovereign states in order to realize their ambitions for domination. And they hold in economic bondage the countries that are economically

backward.

The way to protect dignity and achieve rejuvenation as an independent and sovereign state is to maintain independence, build up its own strength and settle all problems by relying on that.

It is the invariable state-building principle of the DPRK to build a powerful socialist country by its own efforts holding fast to the line of independence.

The Workers' Party of Korea always develops independent lines and policies from the standpoint of Juche, in conformity with the actual situation of the country and in reflection of the demand of the Korean people and powerfully organizes and mobilizes the people in the implementation of them. It consistently upholds the principle of Juche in ideology, independence

in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence.

Firmly holding fast to the independent stand, the DPRK develops friendly and cooperative relations with different countries over the world on the principle of mutual respect, noninterference, equality and mutual benefits.

Its political and ideological might, socialist self-supporting economy and inexhaustible military capabilities for self-defence constitute a reliable guarantee for defending the sovereignty and dignity of the country, advancing the revolution and construction victoriously and repulsing the aggression and interference of hostile forces.

The road of independence leads to prosperity and victory.

Briefly

Russia

President mentions foreign policy line

Russian President Vladimir Putin referred to the foreign policy line of his country in a diplomatic meeting on January 15.

He expressed concern that today, cooperation is retrogressing in the international arena and unilateral and extremely dangerous acts are getting more rampant, in place of diplomacy, agreement and compromise.

He said that he could hear the monologue of those who regard it as a possibility for those with no authority to impose their will on others and admonish and order others to follow their intention.

Russia is sincerely faithful to the idea of a multipolar world and will continue as ever to pursue a scrupulous and constructive foreign policy line taking into account not only national interests but objective trend of global development, he stated.

Iraq

US-led allied forces make complete withdrawal

The Iraqi government on January 18 announced the US-led international allied forces completely withdrew from military bases in the country.

Especially, the US forces entirely withdrew from an airbase in Anbar and the base was transferred to the Iraqi army.

The government stressed that the mission of the international allied forces was over in the country.

The US-led international allied forces which were organized under the pretext of annihilating the ISIS made it their business to carry out air strikes and drone attacks on the Middle Eastern countries to kill numerous civilians and plunder resources.

Europe

US' tariff threat resisted

European countries are strongly resisting the US' threat to impose from February 1 10 percent tariff on those countries which do not follow its plan to annex Greenland.

On January 17 the French president said that the US' threat to impose tariffs with regard to Greenland is intolerable and stressed that if it is carried out, Europeans will cope with it by dint of unity and cooperation.

The Swedish prime minister rejected the US' tariff threat and the British prime minister said it is wrong for the US to impose tariffs on the NATO allies while advocating "collective security".

US

Congressmen criticize attempt to annex Greenland

The US Senators and Representatives recently criticized the authorities' attempt to annex Greenland.

Military invasion of Greenland is a totally foolish act, they said, adding that they do not support the authorities' plan to annex Greenland either by force of arms or by way of buying.

The plan to occupy Greenland would face strong opposition from Congress, they stressed.

War trophy shows tragic end of aggressors



USS Pueblo in the section of the captured weapons exhibition of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum.

By Choe Song Jun PT

On January 23 1968, the sailors of the Korean People's Army located an unidentified ship in the waters off Wonsan in the East Sea of Korea. The ship had no sign of nationality, but was only dotted with antennas.

The KPA naval vessels repeatedly sent a signal to it to show its nationality. The ship did not answer it, but fired a machine gun at them.

The brave KPA sailors captured the ship in only 14 minutes.

A remodelled transport ship, it was outwardly disguised as a marine research ship. But actually it was the armed spy ship Pueblo belonging to the US Pacific Fleet, which specialized in espionage activities. Most of its crew members (83) were spies with extensive professional experience and skills of espionage.

When the Pueblo was captured, the US

decided to take a military "retaliatory measure" against the DPRK at the National Security Council. It concentrated many warships and warplanes in the East Sea of Korea and threatened and blackmailed the latter.

The US, however, could not but yield to the resolute position of the DPRK to return retaliation for "retaliation" and all-out war for all-out war.

On December 23, the US government signed a letter of apology, which said that it takes full responsibility for the grave espionage activity it conducted against the DPRK and makes a solemn apology for it and that it offers a firm guarantee that any US warships would not intrude into the territorial waters of the DPRK again in the future.

The captured crew members were expelled from the DPRK but the Pueblo remained in it as a piece of evidence which informs the world of the

US act of aggression and as a war trophy of the KPA.

US newspaper The Los Angeles Times reported that the Pueblo incident was one of the greatest failures in the field of intelligence service in the US history and the worst nightmare for all and that no one in the US Defense Department or the White House had ever imagined the Pueblo would be captured in the DPRK.

Referring to the incident, a retired rear admiral of the US Navy also deplored that the US Navy had three most shameful days in its history and one of them was the Pueblo incident that occurred on January 23 1968.

The ship is still tied to the land in the section of the captured weapons exhibition of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum on the banks of the Pothong River, clearly showing the tragic end of the aggressors and the doom of provokers.

Deadly epidemics sweep world

By Song Jong Ho PT

With contagious diseases breaking out one after another across the world, a flu epidemic is rapidly spreading.

The World Health Organization has recently announced in a report that as winter began in the northern hemisphere, serious cases of respiratory virus infection caused by flu and other respiratory viruses increased in number. The flu season started about four weeks earlier than before in European countries, it said. At present, the flu outbreak has reached a high level in nearly 30 countries.

Measles, cholera, M-pox and other malignant contagious diseases continue to spread in the world.

Measles cases grow in number in different parts of the world including the Middle East, Europe and Southeast Asia.

Measles broke out in 44 areas of the US last year. Many of the measles cases were reportedly five- to 19-year-olds, making up about 42 percent of all patients.

Ascribing the rapid spread of measles in recent years largely to the fall of vaccination rates to below

80 percent after 2024, the WHO recommended vaccination in the high-risk areas as well as those where measles has broken out.

Last year, over 8 000 people died of cholera and M-pox in Africa.

In 24 African countries 308 935 people caught cholera and 7 131 died of it. The main cause of its outbreaks is that people live in an unsanitary environment drinking polluted water due to the armed conflicts and refugee crisis. Frequent downpours and floods are also contributors to the increasing danger of cholera outbreaks.

M-pox also killed 952 people out of over 132 000 patients.

Besides, diphtheria, hand-foot-mouth disease, malaria, dengue fever and other contagious diseases continue to break out.

And even avian flu viruses mutate into more hazardous ones, threatening the people's health and safety.

Experts call on all nations to actively turn out for the preventive efforts by maintaining heightened vigilance against the spread of epidemics, providing hygienic environment and inoculating their citizens in time.

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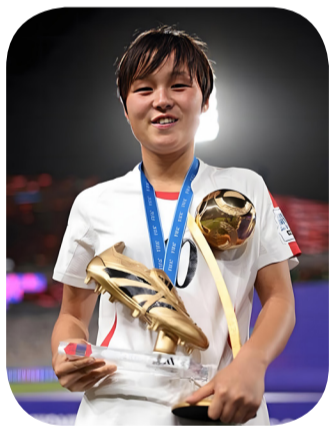
Ice-scape on Lake Chon

Winners of individual prizes at 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The DPRK players won the Golden Ball, Adidas Golden Boot, Silver Ball and Adidas Silver Boot at the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

The winners of the four individual prizes are Yu Jong Hyang and Kim Won Sim.



Yu Jong Hyang



Kim Won Sim

Yu Jong Hyang, winner of two golden prizes

Yu Jong Hyang, the winner of the Golden Ball and Adidas Golden Boot, is a footballer of the April 25 Sports Team.

She started to learn football at an extracurricular sports school in Phyongsong City and honed her basic skills at the Pyongyang International Football School. Later she fully displayed her potential while acting as a player of the sports team.

She scored five goals in

the EAFF U-15 Women's Championship 2024. The DPRK team scored 11 goals at the competition.

She was selected as the best player in the three matches of the recent world cup and made eight goals as a forward, thus contributing greatly to her team's victory.

In particular, she scored the first goal in her team's first group league match with the Mexican team, thus making a breakthrough for her team's victory. She scored two goals in the

semi-final with the Brazilian team, thus making a decisive contribution to her team's advance to the final.

"I think Won Sim is better than me. She is a better player than me," Yu answered a question put by journalists about who is better between her and Kim Won Sim.

Kim Won Sim, winner of Silver Ball and Adidas Silver Boot

Kim Won Sim started learning football at Ryonggang

County extracurricular sports school.

Later, she entered Pyongyang International Football School and trained hard.

She made three goals at the EAFF U-15 Women's Championship 2024 to contribute to her team's victory.

She also scored seven goals at the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, thus being awarded the Silver Ball and Adidas Silver Boot.

She scored a goal with a skilful header in the 8th minute in the stoppage time of the second half of her team's group league match with the Cameroonian rival with the score being at 1 to 1, thus making a decisive contribution to the victory of her team.

In particular, she scored the first goal in the quarterfinal match with the Japanese in 38 seconds after the kickoff, the fastest goal of the tournament.

Gate shows distinctive architecture

By Choe Yong Nam PT

*I*lju (one-column) gate is a Korean-style structure in the form of a gatepost built at the entrance to an old Buddhist temple, which is rare in terms of architectural formation and structural mechanics.

A typical example is the Jogye Gate at Sogwang Temple, which was built in the period between the late Koryo Kingdom (918-1392) and the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910) and is located in Kosan County, Kangwon Province.

Two wooden gateposts stand on two large stone columns which are more than one metre high, holding up a gable roof weighing several hundred tons.

The gate is 8 metres high

and one side of the gable roof is 8 metres long. The stone and wooden pillars which are vertically connected to support the heavy roof are not linked in a strong structural combination but simply put in contact with each other.

However, the gate is dynamically safe as it forms the shape of a globe in proportional formation. Since all the parts from the pillars to the roof are interlocked to each other, it can stand firm even in an earthquake and storm.

Another *ilju* gate can be found at Anbyon Pohyon Temple in Anbyon County, Kangwon Province. The temple was originally built in the middle of the 8th century and rebuilt in the 16th century.



The Jogye Gate at Sogwang Temple.

