

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects destroyer *Choe Hyon*

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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 destroyer *Choe Hyon* on March 3 and 4 to inspect its crew members' combat and political training and the tests of the operational



operations.

He praised the sailors for having achieved successes in the new year's combat and political training for perfectly acquiring the military and technological qualifications, the level of which was set by the Party Central Committee for the operation of the new-type destroyer.

On the destroyer

efficiency of the destroyer being conducted before its commissioning.

Accompanying him were Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central

Committee, Admiral Pak Kwang Sop, commander of the Navy of the Korean People's Army, and officials in the warship-building sector.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted by the leading officials of the Nampho

Shipyards on the spot on March 3.

He mounted the destroyer *Choe Hyon* to inspect the sailors' training for vessel operation and the process of the shakedown for assessing the destroyer's performance and capability to carry out

he acquainted himself with the sailors' preparedness for controlling the warship and handling its various weapon systems.

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“Every year during the new five-year plan period we must build two surface warships of this class or of a higher class, and correctly implement the gigantic plan of increasing the fighting strength of surface warships.

“Ensuring the concentrated and sustained character of the capability of the national defence economy is a major guarantee for the implementation of this plan.

“We have sufficient potentials, i.e., powerful researchers group and shipbuilding industry.

“Our Navy’s forces for attacking



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That day, a trial cruise of the destroyer took place in his presence to assess the elements of its manoeuvrability.

The crew members of the destroyer were in high spirits as they would go on the trial cruise under his supervision.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that the manoeuvrability of the warship meets the requirements of operational performance and that the ship control system is excellent.

Expressing satisfaction over the smooth tests of all systems of the destroyer for its commissioning for operations, he said:

“The tests of operational efficiency of the new-type destroyer, a new symbol of sea defence capability of our state, are going on smoothly as planned.

“This is an appraisal, from another point of view, of the advantages of the design of the vessel.

from under and above water will grow rapidly.

“The arming of the Navy with nuclear weapons is making satisfactory progress.

“All these successes constitute

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a radical change in defending our maritime sovereignty, something that we have not achieved for half a century.

“Our Navy will have a powerful offensive capability, which is, in effect, a capability for defending ourselves.

“If any forces are apprehensive about our efforts to build up our defence capabilities, this means that they are precisely our enemy.

“I will have a strongest navy built.

“As I have stressed before, I am sure that the course of implementing the national defence development plan for the coming five years will be a course of transforming once again the structure of our armed forces; we will build reliable defence capability.

“We will guarantee the defence of national sovereignty, not in spoken or written words, but through

capability for real actions and through practice.”

Reiterating the goals to be attained by the warship-building industry in the period of implementing the five-year plan, he specified the measures to be taken by the state to modernize the Navy and a series of tasks including the issue of increasing the cooperative role of the Second Economy Commission and the national defence scientific research group.

Kim Jong Un oversaw the test-fire of a sea-to-surface strategic cruise missile conducted on the warship on March 4.

He said that the test was an important core element in assessing the operational capabilities of the warship.

The test-fire was carried out successfully.

He expressed great satisfaction at the sailors’ very high proficiency in strategic attack.

The demonstration of such great

power is not only a clear expression of the country’s will to defend its national sovereignty based on firm self-confidence but also a responsible exercise of its war deterrent, he said.

That day, he familiarized himself with the building process of the third Choe Hyon-class destroyer at the shipyard.

He highly praised the workers of the shipyard, renowned for its tradition and might of self-reliance as a reliable large-scale warship-building base of the country, and the technicians and officials in the warship-building sector for striving with high morale to successfully build another Choe Hyon-class destroyer until the birthday of the WPK this year, the year when its historic Congress was held, by further enhancing the spirit they displayed as they made a breakthrough in accomplishing the historic cause of rapidly turning the country into a maritime power of the 21st century through the building

of the first new-generation multi-mission destroyer, and encouraged them to further efforts.

Saying that the officials and workers in the warship-building sector should faithfully uphold the Party’s line of building a military power with the completion of powerful new-type warships, he called for making strenuous progress of uninterrupted innovations and consecutive leaps forward to accelerate the dramatic transformation of the Navy.

His inspection of the destroyer and the shipyard served as a significant occasion when the strategic plan of the Party Central Committee, aimed at the gradual and qualitative boosting of the combat efficiency of the naval forces that will undertake a crucial mission in implementing the national defence strategy and exercising the war deterrent, has begun to demonstrate its vitality through actual development.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees shooting contest of KPA snipers

He gives important guidelines to be followed in training a-match-for-a-hundred, all-round snipers well-versed in the Juche-oriented shooting methods and knacks



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Corps on March 3 on the occasion of the Sniper's Day of the KPA.

A shooting contest of snipers from Korean People's Army units at all levels took place at Pyongyang Training Base No. 60 under the Capital City Defence

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, oversaw the

contest.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Kim Jae Ryong and Ri Il Hwan, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other major cadres.

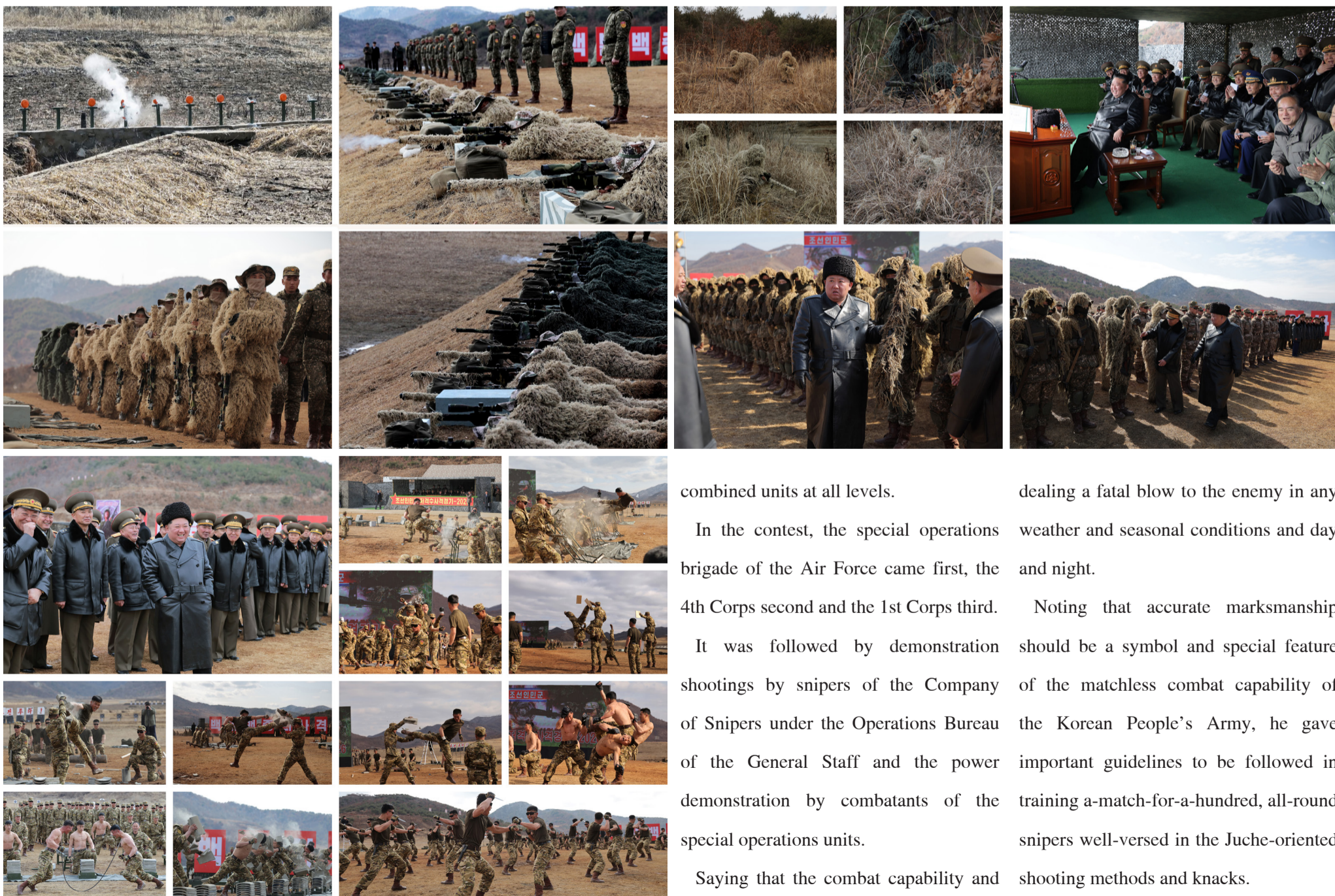
He was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political commanding officers of the KPA large combined units.

The contest was aimed at steadily improving the marksmanship of snipers to whom greater importance is attached in modern warfare.

It was attended by snipers selected from the special operations units of different services of the KPA and its large

role of snipers are being more highly valued in the composition of the armed forces of the country, Kim Jong Un noted that it is a main requirement in implementing the Party's line of building a powerful and modern army to bring about a rapid and qualitative change in boosting the combat capability of snipers in conformity with the development phase and trend of modern warfare.

He said that it is very important to frequently organize the practical training in virtual combat environments and the shooting contests which boost the spirit of competition among the units in order to train all the snipers of the KPA units at all levels into crack shots capable of



combined units at all levels.

In the contest, the special operations brigade of the Air Force came first, the 4th Corps second and the 1st Corps third.

It was followed by demonstration shootings by snipers of the Company of Snipers under the Operations Bureau of the General Staff and the power demonstration by combatants of the special operations units.

Saying that the combat capability and

dealing a fatal blow to the enemy in any weather and seasonal conditions and day and night.

Noting that accurate marksmanship should be a symbol and special feature of the matchless combat capability of the Korean People's Army, he gave important guidelines to be followed in training a-match-for-a-hundred, all-round snipers well-versed in the Juche-oriented shooting methods and knacks.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Sangwon Cement Complex to encourage workers out to implement Party decisions

He delivers a speech of encouragement



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The historic Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea unveiled a grand plan to further expand the construction work for the comprehensive development of the state and the promotion of the welfare of the people throughout the country during the new long-term plan and ardently appealed to all the relevant units, including building-materials production bases, to bring about an upsurge in production, surpassing that of the past five years.

The Sangwon Cement Complex, which

has faithfully repaid the Party's trust with proud increased cement production from one century into the next and from one decade into the next, is seething with the revolutionary enthusiasm and will to fulfil its honourable mission and play the vanguard role also in the grand struggle for glorifying the ninth term of the Party Central Committee with steady advance and leap forward.

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, on March 1 paid a congratulatory visit to the Sangwon

Cement Complex advancing under the banner of the patriotic movement for increased production and encouraged its workers who are out in the new struggle to implement the decisions of the Party Congress.

He was accompanied by members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and other senior officials of the WPK Central Committee.

All the employees of the complex were filled with great emotion and joy as they came to have the dreamlike honour of receiving the great father, whom they had always desired to meet in the

days of making new innovations and new miracles to glorify the era of great transformation, at their complex before others immediately after the historic Party Congress.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived, they raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

Looking up to him, all the participants extended their boundless thanks to him for always placing the workers of the complex before anyone else in his mind and repeatedly bestowing great trust and

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love on them so that they can continue to perform feats in the vanguard of the heroic struggle.

He was courteously greeted by Manager Yun Jae Hyok and other leading officials of the complex.

He extended his warm greetings of encouragement to the workers of the complex filled with the extraordinary determination and enthusiasm to uphold the grand construction plan set forth by the Party Congress with eye-opening success in cement production.

Kim Jong Un made a speech of encouragement.

Stating his true motive for visiting the workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex first after the Ninth Party Congress, he offered his tribute to the history of development of the complex and all its workers that have maintained an invariable attitude in providing faithful support to the Party's resolute choice and made a tangible contribution to its implementation over the past five years, the period of really great difficulties, and that have written wonderful records of loyalty and patriotism alone since it went online.

There are a number of large and important enterprises in our country, but none of them has such a group of staunch and militant workers as the Sangwon workers, he said, highly appreciating the 40-odd-year history of the complex, which has added lustre to its appellation as a powerful enterprise that is able to do

anything it decides to do, and particularly the success which the complex attained during the years of the eighth term of the Party Central Committee as it strongly supported through practical cement production the Party's plan for achieving remarkable progress and overall upsurge in socialist construction and opened up the greatest heyday of operation since its inauguration by expanding its production capacity and making constant efforts for increased production.

Supporting the Party and the country with boundless loyalty, aspiring after unlimited and daring innovation, and consistently prioritizing science and technology—this is the key to the complex's leaping forward and it is a formula for the increasing production achieved by our workers and also for the development of our times, he said. He affirmed that the soaring patriotic enthusiasm and mettle for increased production, which the Sangwon workers display in making continuous innovation and advance, constitute an absolute support for the Party's ideology and cause, and that this would be a torch inspiring the whole country to a heroic struggle.

Expressing his firm belief that the complex would continue to glorify the honourable history and traditions of Sangwon, which has been a constant source of great strength and reliance for the Party, he ardently called on everyone to display to the full the Korean people's dauntless spirit and wisdom, make an all-out effort again for the good of the great

country and advance forward vigorously.

When he finished his speech, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers, looking up to him who most highly appreciated them and expressed great confidence that they would invariably be the standard-bearer in carrying out the new long-term plan.

Kim Jong Un visited the central control room to learn about cement production.

Praising the complex for registering high production results every month this year, the first year of carrying out the new five-year plan, he said that he still remembers the plenary meeting in December 2024 when the complex pledged before the Party to solve the most pending cement problem through increased production. He added that it is great encouragement and a source of pride for the Party and the state to have such ardent and sincere patriotic loyalists who understand the Party's distress and the country's situation before anyone else and devote themselves to solving the problems and such a large contingent of true revolutionaries who regard the Party's plan just as its rated capacity and unconditionally translate the Party's determination into reality.

Noting that the complex is facing a more enormous task to carry out during the ninth-term of the Party Central Committee and the whole country seething with transformation is pinning its hope on the complex, he stressed that the complex should bring about a steady upsurge on the strength of self-reliance based on advanced science and

technology, while giving full play to the inexhaustible spiritual power of the masses in all work in conformity with the immutable truth that the reserves for increased production lie in the hearts of the producer masses and as intended by the Party which attaches absolute importance to the ideological one of the three resources of the revolution.

He had a photo taken with the labour innovators, meritorious persons and officials in commemoration of his visit to the complex.

When the photographing was over, the participants raised the stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" in reflection of their pledge of loyalty to the great Comrade Kim Jong Un who kindled the flames of vigorous struggle at the complex before others to arouse the whole country to attaining the new long-term goal.

Kim Jong Un waved back for a long time to the enthusiastically cheering crowds.

Cherishing the unshakable faith that the trust of the Party Central Committee is the lifeblood of the complex, the motive power of increased production and leap forward and the guarantee for sure victory and the heavy responsibility they have assumed on behalf of the times and the revolution, all the workers, technicians and officials of the complex vowed to work more courageously and vigorously, while displaying redoubled enthusiasm and power of execution, in order to attain the grandiose goal set forth at the Ninth WPK Congress.

Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at the Sangwon Cement Complex



Comrades,

Reliable workers and officials of the Sangwon Cement Complex, who are a source of pride and strength for the country and its most revolutionary force,

As I saw the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea end with success and have to launch a new struggle now, you were the first to come across my mind. I truly wanted in my mind all the time during the Congress, while recollecting the past five-year struggle, to offer my special thanks to you. As I have longed to see you, I am here at your enterprise as the first of my visits after the end of the Congress.

Over the past five years, the period of really great difficulties, you have maintained an invariable attitude in providing faithful support to our Party's resolute choice and made a tangible contribution to its implementation. Your good deeds deserve nationwide publicity and everybody's tribute.

Great records are to be found in each chapter of the chronicles of the past five years when our socialist construction was marked with unprecedented upsurges and transformations. They surely include the unbounded devotion and sincere efforts of you, Sangwon workers, and the whole country should have a deep understanding of this.

At the moment not a few people know the Sangwon cement is excellent, and yet few people know how hard you, Sangwon workers, are working.

Comrades,

Seeing you, enthusiastic and militant workers, here at this moment is good enough for me to feel the high spirit of the powerful working class who are the main driving force of the revolution.

First of all, I would like to offer my tribute to the history of development of the Sangwon Cement Complex that has written wonderful records of loyalty and patriotism alone since it went online, and extend my warmest greetings to all the workers of the complex.

Comrades,

There are a number of large and important enterprises in our country, but none of them has such a group of staunch and militant workers as you, my dear Sangwon workers.

A powerful enterprise which carries out, not by mere words or pledges but through practical production results and increased production, whatever the Party intends or plans to be done, an enterprise that is able to do anything it decides to do—this is the honourable appellation which can be identified in the whole history of the Sangwon Cement Complex spanning over 40 years.

In particular, during the years of the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, the complex strongly supported through practical cement production the Party's plan of achieving remarkable progress and overall upsurge in socialist construction, and opened up the greatest heyday of operation since its inauguration by expanding its production capacity and making ceaseless efforts for increased production.

As a matter of fact, the epochal events that threw the whole country into excitement year by year for the

past five years, the time of great changes, were all associated with this complex.

In 2025, the last year in implementing the five-year plan, the Sangwon workers, in hearty response to the militant call of the Party, held up the torch of increased production and injected great vigour into each of the projects for socialist construction, thus doing an outstanding service for a proud review of the fighting tasks set by the Party.

Devoted efforts were made leading to amazing achievements in the grand construction projects that brought about radical changes in the capital city and provinces and to the erection of numerous structures that bring greater wellbeing to the people and serve them as guide to civilization in the new era. What comes to my mind as the most memorable of all the priceless efforts is the unusually hard work of the Sangwon workers.

At the theatres of creation and construction across the country the Sangwon Cement Complex stood not in the rear but in the forefront, and it played the active role of the vanguard, surpassing the mission of supporter.

With the Eighth Party Congress as the starting point, the complex increased its cement production volume to a level that was much higher than what it had ever produced to the maximum, and this was something it could not expect to achieve a decade ago. The complex has since exceeded the peak-year level on an annual basis, helping us move forward step by step with greater confidence and opening up possibilities for successfully carrying out huge projects. This cannot be called otherwise than a heroic exploit.

Thanks to such active support rendered by the workers of the complex, our Party could adopt policies with a view to achieving epochal transformations and expand their scope, and along with the miraculous achievements made in the construction sector, it could expect to see the fruits of the revolution ripening year after year.

Comrades,

The spirit, work style and traditions of Sangwon hold the secret to our development.

Supporting the Party and the country with boundless loyalty, aspiring after unlimited and daring innovation, and consistently prioritizing science and technology—this is the key to the complex's leaping forward and it is a formula for the increasing production achieved by our workers and also for the development of our times.

Even when they were believed to have reached the final limits that could not be broken, the workers of the complex achieved a new breakthrough for increased production by dint of extraordinary mental power and science.

They are so faithful and sincere that, upon being given a production task or a task for increased production, they understood that the added numbers were an indication of the Party's decision to plan and prepare for another massive transformation; they are so indomitable and creative that they pledged to implement any challenging task unconditionally and carried it out without fail as the country and the revolution required them to do so. Such are the workers at the Sangwon Cement Complex, so the air in Sangwon is always fresh and no enterprise can surpass it in terms of militant efficiency and capability.

In order to successfully carry out the tasks entrusted to them by the Party, all the workers and officials of the complex set increasingly high standards ideologically and spiritually, and in technical and practical terms and work hard to meet them. This is a manifestation of their purest and most intense loyalty to the Party and the state.

Witnessing the reality that the workers here committed themselves to increasing production and their soaring spirit spread across the country to raise fierce flames for a series of new innovations, I was deeply moved and filled with pride in having really excellent workers.

As honourable paragons and precious models of our times, they have taken on the role of the country's eldest sons by themselves to defend the Party and the revolution and advance our cause; their stout spirit and redoubled efforts are a constant source of strength for our Party.

I, on behalf of the Party Central Committee, extend my warm thanks once again to all the workers, technicians and officials of the Sangwon Cement Complex for making effort to achieve continued upsurge and innovations to exalt the great honour of our country and for demonstrating the might of the Korean working class and the mettle of our advancing socialism.

Comrades,

After conducting a great review of our arduous struggle, we have set higher ideals and ambitions for new development and made bigger strides to start our new journey for the future. This journey demands that our working class, the major force of socialist construction, perform a heavier, more important mission.

We have a mountain of bigger and tougher tasks to do for the prosperity and development of our country, for the wellbeing of our people and for the bright future of our younger generations. The Sangwon Cement Complex's pioneering position and role in carrying out these tasks can be said to be absolute.

This is a place that represents the spirit of the indomitable Korean people and embodies the potentials of our country, which is transforming and developing ceaselessly without recognizing any impossibility. Today, as I am here, I have been fully convinced that a new stage of our revolution will be brought to a successful completion, and I have also reconfirmed that the decisive guarantee for it—a powerful driving force of our struggle—has been firmly secured.

The soaring patriotic enthusiasm and mettle for increased production, which the Sangwon workers display in making continuous innovation and advance, will constitute an absolute support for our Party's ideology and cause, and this will be a torch inspiring the whole country to a heroic struggle.

The Party and the government value the Sangwon Cement Complex's production results as one of the most important strategic indexes for the development of the state; the more actively this complex supports them and the bigger progress it makes, the greater vitality our struggle will gain.

Workers and officials of the Sangwon Cement Complex,

I believe that you will continue to glorify the honourable history and traditions of Sangwon, which has been a constant source of great strength and reliance for our Party.

Let us all display to the full the Korean people's dauntless spirit and wisdom in the new struggle to add eternal glory to our beloved country and translate the people's long-cherished desires into reality.

I am in firm belief that you, Sangwon workers, will share one purpose with me, as you have done so far, for the prosperity and development of the country.

Thanks to your devotion and efforts, this country will surely advance forward, achieving dynamic transformations day after day, just as before.

I am completely certain of this.

I would like to extend my warm greetings to all of you, Sangwon workers, as I ask you once again to play your due role, which no one else can perform, and work hard for the prosperity and development of the country and for the wellbeing of the people.

I hope that victory and glory are always in store for this admirable enterprise in its sacred struggle as it embodies everything of our heroic working class.

Comrades,

Let us make an all-out effort again for the good of our great country and advance forward vigorously.

Decision of Standing Committee of DPRK SPA

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A central election committee was organized for the election of deputies to the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic

of Korea.

According to the decision of the SPA Standing Committee issued on March 3, the central election committee was formed with Kim Hyong Sik as chairman, Jon Kyong Chol as vice-chairman,

Ko Kil Son as secretary general, and Jang Chang Hyok, Han Yong Guk, Pang Tu Sop, Kim Kum Chol, Ri Myong Guk, Mun Chol, Han Jong Hyok, Jon Hyang Sun, Pak Hui Chol and Jon Song Min as members.

Decision of Standing Committee of DPRK SPA

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The Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic

Republic of Korea announced its decision on holding the election of deputies to the SPA of the DPRK. According to the decision issued on

March 3, the election of deputies to the 15th SPA will be held on March 15 2026 in accordance with Article 90 of the Constitution of the DPRK.

For implementing the decisions of WPK Congress and Plenum of Party Central Committee

Enlarged plenary meeting of Cabinet Party committee held

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An enlarged plenary meeting of the Cabinet Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held on March 4 to implement the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK.

Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of

the Cabinet of the DPRK, guided the meeting.

Present there were members and alternate members of the Cabinet Committee of the WPK and, as observers, officials concerned.

The plenary meeting discussed and decided on measures for successfully attaining the new long-term goals set forth by the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Ri Yong Sik, chief secretary of the Cabinet Committee of

the WPK, made a report.

The reporter referred to the fact that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un proudly reviewed the successes made during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee at the Ninth Congress of the WPK and clearly indicated the scientific fighting strategies and guidelines to meet the requirements of the new stage of the revolution.

He called upon the Cabinet Party Committee and Party

organizations at all levels to consolidate the successes achieved in the struggle for opening up the era of comprehensive development for national rejuvenation and scrupulously and vigorously conduct the organizational and political work for carrying them forward to the successes a level higher.

He stressed the need for the Party organizations of the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies to

improve the Party guidance and political guidance over the work for economic development and the improvement of the people's living standards and thus make a stride forward in all fields.

The reporter appealed to all officials to devote themselves to the struggle for bringing about substantial changes and progress in the period of the new long-term plan, true to the grand plan and intention of the Party

Central Committee, and thus creditably carry out the heavy duty entrusted by the Party and the revolution.

Then speeches were made at the plenary meeting.

Sectional consultative meetings were held to work out execution plans for implementing the policy tasks for the Cabinet and economic guidance organs on the basis of the direction of advance and the programme of struggle clarified by the Party Congress.

Military-civilian meetings and public processions held



A Pyongyang municipal military-civilian meeting and public procession for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea take place with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square on February 27.

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Taking the platform were Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and

other members of the Party central leadership.

Attending the meeting were the participants in the Ninth Party Congress, officials of ministries and national agencies, officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students in Pyongyang, and members of the congratulatory groups of Koreans in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China.

Ju Chang Il, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, addressed the

meeting.

Thanks to the outstanding guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, our Party and state have glorified their dignity and prestige at the highest level and the people and the service personnel more deeply cherished the spirit of self-respect and self-development and self-confidence in their hearts, he said.

Stressing the basic idea and spirit of the Ninth Congress of the WPK, he said that a decisive guarantee for steadily advancing toward

the attainment of a far-reaching ideal in the face of challenges and trials lies in thoroughly implementing the five-point requirements of the times for comprehensive development, set forth by the Party Central Committee, under the uplifted banner of the three revolutions, ideological, technological and cultural, the general line of the WPK.

He called upon everyone to redouble their efforts full of patriotic enthusiasm in order to accelerate the dynamic struggle for successful implementation of the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and for prosperity and development of the DPRK.

Then, speeches were made by Kim Yong Gun, vice-minister of National Defence, and Jo Chol Jun, chairman of the Pyongyang municipal committee of the youth league.

A letter of pledge to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was adopted at the meeting.

The public procession began with the playing of the song "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea".

Led by the column with a float depicting the emblem of the WPK, the columns of marchers marched past the square, holding placards and slogans reading, "Let's fully demonstrate the dignity

and heroism of our state and people under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un!", "Forever with our Party Central Committee", "Single-minded unity", etc.

The marchers raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" in reflection of their fervent reverence for Kim Jong Un who is demonstrating to the world the great dignity and might of the DPRK.

The square resounded with all-people hymns praising the motherly Party and songs of advance representing the times, showcasing the high enthusiasm to make strenuous efforts to attain the goals of the new five-year plan unveiled by the Party Congress, full of conviction in the victory of their ideology and cause.

Military-civilian meetings also took place in North and South Phyongan, North and South Hwanghae, Jagang, Kangwon, North and South Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces and Nampho, Rason and Kaesong municipalities on March 4 and 5 to vow to implement the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress.

Present there were officials of institutions and industrial establishments, working people, service personnel, youth and students.

Speakers said that the respected Comrade

Kim Jong Un clarified the long-term plans and action programmes for further strengthening the overall might of the state and putting the Korean-style socialist construction on the right track of development at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

They said that the long-term plans and tasks put forward at the Congress serve as an inspiring banner instilling into all the Party members and other working people the confidence, optimism, patriotic enthusiasm and stamina to bring about fresh miracles and innovations on all fronts of the revolution and construction.

They stressed that a decisive guarantee for steadily advancing to attain the far-reaching ideal in the face of challenges and trials lies in thoroughly fulfilling the five-point requirements of the times for comprehensive development laid down by the Party Central Committee under the uplifted banner of the ideological, technological and cultural revolutions.

They noted that everyone should carry out the tasks incomparably enormous to those of the past five years with their wisdom and efforts only, and their victory can be won only with the complete unity of action and indomitable revolutionary

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spirit of steadily creating new things and making innovations.

They called upon all the people to redouble their patriotic enthusiasm and fighting spirit and more dynamically struggle for the brilliant implementation of the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the prosperity and development of the glorious DPRK.

Letters of pledge to Kim Jong Un were adopted at the meetings.

Then followed public processions.

The marchers passed through the squares and streets, shouting revolutionary slogans.



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All economic sectors, units turn out to implement decisions of Party Congress

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Upon receiving the patriotic appeal of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, all the officials, Party members and other working people have turned out in a drive for increased production, a patriotic struggle to attain the new long-term goal of socialist construction, in the spirit they displayed in fulfilling the national economic plan for February.

The workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex are

redoubling their efforts while displaying practical abilities with the determination to fulfill their mission and vanguard role as standard-bearers in the struggle for glorifying the ninth term of the Party Central Committee with continuous prosperity and leap forward.

The Suncheon Cement Complex established a well-regulated system for inspecting and repairing equipment and introduced a rational furnace operation method according to its actual situation to put production on

a normal basis.

The Chonnaeri Cement Factory is speeding up production while pushing ahead with the remodelling of machinery and equipment and the Tacan Friendship Glass Factory is laying a foundation for long-term development.

The smelters of the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex are boosting the production of iron and steel by applying efficient working methods.

The workers and technicians of the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, Chollima

Steel Complex and Chongjin Steel Works are channelling big efforts into improving the operation level of furnace equipment, fixing the amount of charge rationally according to the changes in such indices as temperature, humidity and grade and ensuring close contact between processes, thus turning out a lot of molten iron.

Officials and working people in the chemical industry sector are increasing production by dint of science and technology.

The patriotic enthusiasm

of electricity producers is running high at power production bases of the country.

The coal-mining industry

sector is making innovations. The machine-building industry is accelerating the production of custom-built equipment, machine parts and materials.

The mining industry is increasing the production of minerals and nonferrous metals, attaching key importance to strengthening the material and technical foundations.

The workers in the forestry sector are putting spurs to the advance for attaining the new long-term goal.

Officials of the Ministry of Railways and relevant units are arranging and commanding transport in a mobile manner to ensure its promptness and smoothness.

Officials and workers in the light industry sector are making successes in the production of consumer goods.

The fishery sector is waging a dynamic emulation drive for increased production.

Grand art performance continues



The audience gives a standing ovation at the end of the grand art performance in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

KCNA

The grand art performance "Song Dedicated to the Motherly Party", which significantly commemorated the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, is going on with splendour at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium every day.

Among the audience were commanding officers and soldiers of the units involved in the military parade commemorating the Party Congress and working people, youth and students in the capital city.

The performance shows in a grand epic style the immortal exploits of the WPK which is ushering

in a great heyday of comprehensive prosperity and development to be specially recorded in history while leading the struggle for accomplishing the great cause of building a rich country with a strong army to brilliant victory and a great upsurge.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience for reflecting the ardent patriotic spirit of the service personnel of the People's Army to fulfil their honourable mission and duty as the army of the Party and the people at frontline posts and workplaces for creation and construction for the happiness of the people and the ideological and moral traits of the young vanguard

demonstrating their honour as the pathfinder and shock brigade for socialist construction, with the full combination of vocal and instrumental music, dance and gymnastics, background stand and ever-changing lighting.

In such songs as "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea" and "Ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea", the performers sang loudly of the spirit of advance peculiar to the Korean revolution, firmly united in one mind under the banner of patriotism, and the boundless trust of the people across the country in the great WPK, the organizer and guide of all victories and glory.

First full moon day observed

KCNA

The first full moon day (the 15th day of the first month according to lunar calendar), or *jongwoldaeborum*, added pleasure and optimism to the DPRK people.

The folk holiday is greeted every year, but everyone greeted the first full moon day of this year, when the blueprint for a new great victory was unveiled, with an unusual emotion and pride.

People's laughter and songs resounded far and wide across the country on the pleasant holiday.

Families and neighbours gathered together to eat traditional holiday dishes such as boiled rice admixed with four other staple cereals and to play folk games with zest.

Looking round the Rangnang Museum built in a unique style in Pyongyang, the working people, youth and students realized that the time-honoured history, brilliant culture and excellent traditions of the Korean people are invariably kept and shining under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

On the same day, Okryu Restaurant and Chongnyu Restaurant, Kyongsansan Noodle House in Sariwon,

Sinhung Restaurant in Hamhung, Kaesong Folk Hotel and other public catering establishments in Pyongyang and other parts of the country were crowded with people enjoying the holiday with several kinds of special dishes.

The laughter of working people, youth and students was heard at the Central Zoo,

the Natural History Museum and other leisure facilities.

On the night of the folk holiday, the people across the country committed themselves to working harder for the steady prosperity and development of the powerful country, true to the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.



Working people and schoolchildren enjoy the first full moon day with folk games and a visit to the Rangnang Museum.



Happy International Women's Day

Pride and happiness of Korean women

By Ri Sung Ik PT

This year marks the 116th anniversary of March 8 International Women's Day.

In the DPRK, people celebrate March 8 International Women's Day as a significant holiday, hoping the beautiful life of women who devote their persevering efforts and sincerity to society, families and rising generations will shine with honour and happiness.

On the holiday the whole country is in a festive mood as there take place national congratulatory events

and colourful sports and amusement games of women and catering and other service facilities offer special services for women.

An official of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea said with pride that the Korean women are now regarded as a powerful force pushing one of the two wheels of the revolutionary chariot with genuine dignity and rights.

The Korean women, who had previously been subjected to double and triple exploitation and oppression owing to the military occupation by the

Japanese imperialists and feudal fetters, came to have the same rights and freedom as social beings as men. This was not a change brought about by the passage of time.

President Kim Il Sung, who liberated Korea through a long bloody anti-Japanese war, built a country of the people and established a social system that values people most, promulgated the Law on Sex Equality in 1946, the year after national liberation, thus legally guaranteeing the rights of women.

Since the dramatic change in their destiny, the Korean

women have become not only masters of society but also objects of respect and love and of all social benefits along with the prosperity and development of the country and the advance of the socialist cause.

Under the loving care of the Workers' Party of Korea, which appreciates and values more highly what women have done, many women have enjoyed great fame, being held in respect by all people as heroines, holders of academic degrees and titles and honorary titles and meritorious persons of socialist patriotism, and the number of such women is

increasing with the passage of time.

Besides, the state adopts more measures and policies to take better care of women's health and provide them with more convenient working conditions.

In recent years alone, there were adopted the law on childcare, which legalizes supplying the children of nurseries and kindergartens with dairy products and other nutritious foods at the state's expense every day without interruption, and the law on preferential treatment of families with many children to provide all living conditions to the families

with more than three children on a preferential basis. And the socialist policy for the state to provide complete sets of school uniforms and school things to the students has further improved, thus making women raise their children free from worries.

Thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's noble idea that the development of the state is accelerated and the harmony and unity of society are consolidated as much as the position and role of women are enhanced, the Korean women keenly feel pride and happiness.



Korean women lead a worthwhile life.

Women of virtue

By Sin Pyol PT

Women's inexhaustible beauty can be said to be devotion.

When their devotion is expressed to the country beyond the bounds of their homes, their life will shine more brilliantly along with the country.

In the past five years alone, a large number of women in the DPRK devoted their efforts unsparingly for the prosperity of the country.

Such admirable women were awarded the title of Labour Hero, the highest honour of the DPRK citizens, including Ri Hui Suk,

managers of the Sonhung Foodstuff Factory, who has contributed to overfulfilling the national economic plans of the factory for decades and improving the quality of its products, and Choe Chun Sil, workteam leader of the Ryongnim Farm in Mundok County, who has reaped bumper crops every year.

The number of women who obtained doctorate has also increased.

Among them is Kang Pun I, a researcher of the History Faculty of Kim Il Sung University who received two doctorates. Last year alone, doctorates went to dozens of women.

At the Fifth National

Conference of Mothers held in 2023, the first Communist Mother Honour Prize was awarded to 20 women who had brought up their children to be reliable pillars of the country. Since then, dozens of women have been awarded the prize every year.

True to the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea which makes selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, many other women find work to do for the good of the country on their own and devote their conscience to that. Such are the Korean women's noble outlook on life and their excellent virtue.

Natural functional cosmetic popular with women

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Haemoglobin cosmetic is now popular among many women.

Developed by the Pyongyang Cosmetics Factory, this product is applicable to all kinds of skins and produces good effects in a short time.

A natural protein, haemoglobin protein has a good affinity with skin, has no side-effects, nourishes skin, removes black spots and freckles, prevents wrinkles and has other good beauty effects.

It is unavoidable that skin

dries out and wrinkles appear when people get older, but the functional cosmetic helps improve the conditions to a certain degree.

The developers hit on an idea of extracting haemoglobin protein from animal blood and applying it to cosmetics.

According to Kim Jong Hyok, PhD, associate professor and lecturer at the University of Sciences, unlike the natural plant extracts, animal blood contains rich nutritive elements and biological activators. In particular, it is diverse in the composition of essential amino

acids and has a high haemoglobin protein content.

Kim Hyang Sim, key developer who is workshop manager of the Pyongyang Cosmetics Factory, said that with the application of the protein containing essential amino acids and nutritive elements to damaged skin, the skin is firmed, always moisturized and preserves elasticity.

The product was highly appreciated at the national cosmetics exhibition, the light industrial goods exhibition Development of Light Industry-2025 and others.



The cosmetics developed by the Pyongyang Cosmetics Factory are popular among women.

February of historic significance

By Ri Sung Ik PT

February passed in this year which started towards steady progress and development.

Though it is the shortest month of a year, February this year carried a significant meaning incomparable to the other months not only because of the inauguration of and groundbreaking for the construction of entities welcomed by the people and the significant holidays but because of the political event to be specially recorded in the history of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK took place from February 19 to 25 amid the profound interest of all the people across the country and high political enthusiasm of the participants in the Congress.

The Congress reviewed the work of the Party Central Committee in the past five years when the country advanced along the milestone of the struggle put forward by the Eighth Party Congress, identified the lines and policies to develop socialist construction onto a higher stage in the new five years and took organizational and structural measures for readjusting and strengthening the leadership ability of the Party.

The Congress re-elected as the general secretary of the WPK the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, who has led the socialist cause only to victory with his outstanding ideas, theories, strategy, distinguished political ability and art of leadership and cool grit, by reflecting the unanimous desire of all the Party members and all

other people. As soon as the news was reported, the whole country bubbled with enthusiastic cheers and all the people paid the highest tribute and extended the warmest congratulations to him.

The Ninth WPK Congress was recorded in the history as a political event which demonstrated once again the outstanding leadership ability and absolute prestige of the Party and as a banner which powerfully encouraged the state and people to advance to the acme of a powerful and highly civilized socialist country.

The Korean people further burned with fighting zeal in February in the run-up to the Ninth WPK Congress, achieving brilliant labour successes.

The Wihwa Island area, which would be reduced to barren land by natural calamities every year, turned into a splendid greenhouse island with the inauguration of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre on February 1. It was followed by the successive inauguration of the Samgwang Livestock Farm where stockbreeding is on an industrial footing, Saepyo Street, the crystallization of reverence for the combatants who fell in overseas military operations, and 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area which marked the conclusion of the five-year plan for capital city construction set forth at the Eighth Party Congress, and the groundbreaking for the fifth-stage construction of the Hwasong area which heralded a new upsurge

in the era of prosperity of Pyongyang.

The workers in the munitions industry, who are providing a sure guarantee for a continuous development and radical leap forward of the self-reliant defence capability, presented fifty 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers, which embody their spirit of death-defyingly implementing the Party's policies and patriotism and loyalty, to the Ninth WPK Congress.

The mood of February holidays this year was ever more festive.

On the occasion of the 78th anniversary (February 8) of the founding of the Korean People's Army, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un paid a congratulatory visit to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and said that as it was the Army Founding Day they were celebrating in the lead-up to the Ninth Party Congress, which would open soon, he felt more keenly the greatness and preciousness of the army, before warmly congratulating and encouraging all the officers and soldiers of the army.

The Korean people celebrated with splendour February 16 this year, the 84th anniversary of the birth of Chairman Kim Jong Il, who had devoted his all to the people and the prosperity of the country all his life, with the mind of telling him about the epochal achievements they made in the past five years under the guidance of the Party.

Indeed, the month was significantly decorated along with the Ninth WPK Congress as it witnessed important events almost every day.

DPRK FM spokesperson on Israel's attack on Iran

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A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK issued the following press statement on March 1:

Israel's military attack on Iran, launched under the US' active support and patronage and protection, and the military action of the US which joined in it are a totally illegal act of aggression and the most despicable form of violation of sovereignty in terms of character.

It was fairly predictable that the prolonged US military threat to Iran in the region would lead to an actual military invasion and it is a sure logical result of the US' hegemonic and rogue nature.

The DPRK condemns in the strongest tone the

shameless rogue act of the US and Israel which put their domestic laws before the recognized international law and do not hesitate to abuse military muscle in order to realize their selfish and hegemonic ambition.

The US' increased acts for hegemony witnessed by the international community this year are an example proving their destructive role wrecking global peace and stability and its grave consequences.

The tyranny's high-handed and arbitrary practices, which are not countered by powerful counteraction and adequate resistance, are compelling those countries directly related to the regional situation to pay dear price and arousing concern that they may have a negative impact, which cannot be disregarded

politically, economically and geopolitically, on the region which has no connection with the present Iranian situation.

The world is highlighting again the past history when the US destroyed peace in the Middle East for its hegemonic interests decades ago but met with the geopolitical failure and strategic setback after all.

The unjustifiable war of aggression by the US and Israel can never be tolerated in any case.

The relevant and interested parties in the region would be well advised to correctly grasp the nature of the offenders who chose aggression and war under the pretext of fake peace, and to fulfil their due responsibility in switching the trend in the situation of the Middle East back to peace and stability.



An anti-Israel demonstration is staged in Australia.

March First Popular Uprising a nationwide anti-Japanese patriotic resistance

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Japanese imperialists enforced a harsh colonial rule and inflicted untold misfortune and sufferings on the Korean people after occupying Korea militarily in the last century. Saying that the Koreans should obey the Japanese law or die, they fabricated different kinds of repressive apparatuses and evil laws and deprived the Korean people of even their elementary right to existence.

Their pent-up grudge and rage against the Japanese imperialists erupted as a nationwide anti-Japanese resistance.

In Pyongyang thousands of young people, students and citizens gathered in the playground of Sungdok

Girls' School on Jangdae Hill on March 1, with the sound of a bell at 12:00 summoning them there. There they read aloud the "declaration of independence" and solemnly proclaimed that Korea was an independent state before holding a massive street demonstration shouting the slogans "Long live the independence of Korea!" and "Japanese and Japanese troops, go home!" As the ranks of demonstrators thronged into the street, tens of thousands of people joined them.

The March First Popular Uprising that started in Pyongyang swept across the country and rapidly spread to Northeast China, the Maritime Territory of Russia, Japan, Hawaii and other regions of the world where

the Korean people lived.

In ten days from the beginning of the uprising alone, more than 3 million workers, peasants, youth and students turned out in the demonstration.

The "declaration of independence" read out across the country and the shouts of "Long live the independence of Korea!" demonstrated the will and mettle to achieve independence and the indomitable spirit of the Korean people who fought bravely in defiance of the atrocities committed by the Japanese imperialists.

Taken aback by the situation, the Japanese imperialists arrested and mercilessly killed the bare-handed demonstrators by mobilizing all the repressive forces including military

police, police and fire brigades.

The cavalrymen of the Japanese aggressor forces wielded the swords to cut down the right arm of a girl student who joined a demonstration holding a flag in her right hand and cut her left arm when she held up the flag again in her left hand. But she got up again and undauntedly shouted "Long live the independence of Korea!" Then they hacked her to death by mercilessly chopping her body to pieces.

The Japanese imperialists even quartered the Korean people or cut their throats, arms and legs to death with straw cutters, saying that shooting was not "interesting" and it was too good to use swords.

Their atrocities continued even after they put down the uprising. Arguing for the elimination of the source of anti-Japanese elements from the Korean people, they arrested and killed persons related to the demonstrators. In the whole period of the uprising the number of Koreans killed by the Japanese imperialists reached over 100 000 and about 46 900 people were arrested and

imprisoned from March 1 to May 31 at home alone.

The March First Popular Uprising was a historic event which demonstrated to the world the indomitable spirit of the Korean people who do not yield to others even in the face of death. At the same time it was an occasion for showing the brutal and cold-blooded nature of Japanese imperialism in the raw.

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Mt Kuwol in the morning



Top 10 coaches of DPRK for 2025 (3)

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Former Taekwon-Do star becomes competent coach

Sa Ok Jin, a coach of the Ryongaksan Taekwon-Do Team, was selected as one of top ten coaches of the DPRK for the second time after 2021.

Once, she was a Taekwon-Do star who was well known in the international arena.

She cut a conspicuous figure at national competitions to attract the attention of experts and fans. And then she achieved marked successes in the international events including the Taekwon-Do World Championships from the 13th to the 16th round.

During her playing career she won two individual technical prizes and over 30 medals including 23 golds and became winner of

Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and People's Athlete.

After graduating from Korea University of Physical Education with honours, she worked as a Taekwon-Do coach and attained as immense successes as she had done as a player.

The players in her charge were very successful in several rounds of the Taekwon-Do World Championships to become People's Athletes, Merited Athletes, two-time world champions and world champions.

In particular, she coached senior women players of the DPRK team to success in all the eight weight



Sa Ok Jin

Pak Chol Jun

Choe Hyong Chol

categories of the women's individual sparring event at the 22nd Taekwon-Do World Championships. It was an unprecedented success in the history of the world championships.

Able coach

Pak Chol Jun is a boxing coach of the Kungangsan Sports Team.

Known as an able coach in the country's boxing circles, he has so far been selected as

one of top ten coaches of the DPRK six times.

After finishing his playing career and becoming a coach, he set it as his invariable goal to win gold medals and put his heart and soul to achieve it.

His efforts served as the stairs and stepping stones to the winner's podium.

His players achieved proud successes in the international tournaments.

Coached by him, Pang Chol Mi became a world

champion. She won the women's 52kg title at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships 2025 to be crowned world champion again.

With strenuous efforts

Choe Hyong Chol, marathon coach of the Amnokgang Sports Club, was born to a farmer's family. He was very good at running from his childhood and began to run marathon.

During his playing career at the Amnokgang Sports Club, he won national competitions several times and finished in the top three at international games.

As a coach he worked hard

for nearly 30 years to achieve remarkable successes in marathon.

Like marathon runners running a long distance, his efforts were very strenuous and such efforts led him to a series of successes.

Several of his players notched up notable successes at international competitions. Han Il Ryong won first place in the men's marathon at the 20th Asian Marathon Championships held in March last year by renewing the record of the Asian Marathon Championships and received a gold medal in the men's 5 000m race at the Chinese Taipei Athletics Open 2025 held in June.

Choe Hyong Chol, Merited Athlete, has so far been selected as one of top ten coaches of the DPRK three times.

DPRK players successful at World Cup diving tournament

KCNA

DPRK divers Jo Jin Mi and Kim Mi Hwa finished runners-up in the women's 10-metre platform synchronized diving

event of the World Aquatics Diving World Cup 2026 in Canada.

Jo Jin Mi of the DPRK bagged a bronze medal in the diving women's 10 metre platform event.

Natural monuments—Ginkgo trees in Kwail County

By Pang Un Ju PT

The ginkgo trees in Kwail County in South Hwanghae Province are a pair of male and female ginkgo trees growing in the courtyard of a building halfway up Mt Naesong.

The two trees growing for over 1 000 years since the period of Koryo dynasty

(918-1392) are associated with the patriotic spirit of the Koryo people who bravely fought against foreign aggressors.

The people and soldiers of Koryo built forts to defend the west coast of Korea and named them inner fort and outer fort. Mt Naesong (inner fort) was named so as the inner fort was built around the

mountain.

The Koryo soldiers planted the two ginkgo trees before their barracks in the inner fort and protected and tended them.

The male tree is 20m high, 12m round at the root neck and 18m wide at the crown, and is stronger in the growing force than the female.

The female is 17m high,

9.5m round at the root neck and 9m round at the chest height and 14m wide at the crown.

Though it is old, the tree still bears lots of fruits.

The ginkgo trees in Kwail County are natural monuments under protection as important objects in scientific research and historical studies.

