

## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects major munitions factory

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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, inspected a major munitions factory under the Second Economy Commission on March 11 to learn about the munitions production.

Accompanying him were the members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and leading officials of the WPK Central Committee.

Comrade Kim Jong Un learned about the start of the production of new pistols at the factory according to an approved design, examined and ratified by the Central Military Commission of the WPK on February 19 2025.

Saying that the factory plays a very important role in increasing the combat efficiency of the army, public security forces and militia forces as it takes full charge of the production of pistols and other portable light arms, he stressed the need for the factory to expand its production capacity in a far-sighted way, and set a high level of modernization of production lines and cultured production practices in conformity with the demand, requirements and standards specified by



the Party and achieve it in a responsible manner.

He urged the Second Economy Commission to organize the economic work well in order to produce weapons of fully guaranteed quality in a serial way by decisively raising the level of technical equipment of major munitions industry enterprises, establishing strict quality control regulations and order and supplying materials and products under contract in a planned way.

He stressed once again the need for all the munitions industry enterprises

under the Second Economy Commission to organize and conduct the work for establishing a cultured way in production and life at a more developed stage and continue to create model standards.

That day, he visited the shooting gallery of the factory to acquaint himself with the combat performance of the new-type pistol that went into production.

Noting that he received a report from the Ministry of National Defence and the General Staff on the unanimous impression that the new-type pistol is superior in the structural functions,

accuracy of hitting, concentration and combat utility, he said with satisfaction that he could personally see there a really excellent pistol developed.

He clarified his view on the opinion of the Second Economy Commission with regard to the issue of additionally establishing a new production line at the factory during the period of the five-year plan for the development of national defence, and gave an important instruction to that end.

He emphasized that the new production line should be established at a high level to be a model of modernization of the country's munitions industry.

He said that the deliberation on the plan for modernization of munitions factories in the period of the new five-year plan and on the budget bill for immediate modernization of three major munitions industry enterprises would be made at an enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the WPK to be convened in April.

Repeatedly expressing his satisfaction over the development and production of the excellent pistol, he offered thanks to the officials, technicians and workers of the factory.



# Destroyer *Choe Hyon* conducts test-fire of strategic cruise missiles



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Amid the continued tests of operational efficiency of the destroyer *Choe Hyon* of the Navy of the Korean People's Army, a strategic cruise missile test-fire was conducted again on March 10.

Comrade Kim Jong Un oversaw the test-fire online.

He said that the test-fire on the destroyer was aimed at evaluating the reliability of the national integrated control system of strategic weapons and the warship's detection and weapon systems and verifying the combat effectiveness of the

integrated combat system in technical aspects and at demonstrating the Navy's strategic attack posture and making sailors well versed in the relevant military actions in other aspects.

The data on targets was transmitted to the destroyer *Choe Hyon*, the launch was approved according to relevant procedures and strategic cruise missiles were launched simultaneously to hit several targets.

The missiles flew along the flight trajectory set in the sky above the West Sea of Korea for 10 116s to 10 138s and hit the separate island targets.



Kim Jong Un expressed his great satisfaction over the verified reliability of the national integrated control system of strategic weapons and superiority of the vessel's integrated combat system.

He gave important instructions on reexamining in a Korean way the configuration of weapon systems of the destroyer to be built in the future in the light of the actual requirements in military aspects and from the development-oriented view.

Underlining the need to examine the military efficiency of the naval automatic gun installed on the warship in line with the specific conditions of the country, he expressed his view that it would be more advantageous to enhance the anti-warship and strategic attack capabilities in keeping

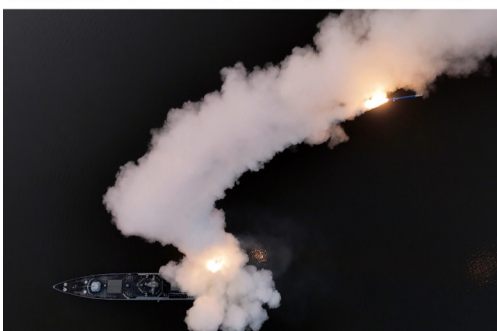
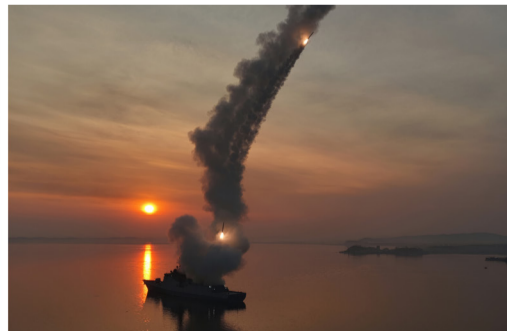
with the vessel's operational features by equipping high-speed warships of below 3 000 tonnage with such naval automatic guns and additionally installing supersonic weapon systems, instead of those guns, on the 5 000-tonnage and 8 000-tonnage destroyers in the future.

He stressed the need to examine the plan for organizing such Korean-style weapon system and apply it first to the third destroyer to be built.

Noting that it is a very important strategic task to maintain and expand the powerful and reliable nuclear war deterrent, he said:

"The components of our war deterrent are now being included in the very

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# Grand performance given to commemorate March 8 International Women's Day

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As the whole country is brimming with love and respect for and warm congratulations to the women who are building the bright future, ensuring the continuity of the bloodline of patriotism generation after generation, a performance was given successfully at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on March 8 in commemoration of International Women's Day.

The venue for the performance was full of joy and deep emotion of the women who would commemorate March 8

as the happiest holiday in the presence of the tender-hearted father whom they had longed to see even in their dreams.

When 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,



to the country and adding strength, courage and victory to it.

Saying that when our women continue to carry forward the tradition of patriotism by fulfilling their irreplaceable responsibility and role, our society will get stronger and more prosperous, he warmly wished all the Korean women happiness, good health and eternal beauty for the country, revolution and future.

The audience raised enthusiastic cheers, overwhelmed with deep emotion at the warm blessings

appeared in the auditorium with his wife Ri Sol Ju and beloved daughter, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" erupted in reflection of the excitement of the participants keenly awaiting the moment of glory.

Among the audience were leading cadres of the Party and the government,

officials of the Central Committee of the women's union, exemplary officials, labour innovators, meritorious persons and other female working people of institutions and enterprises in Pyongyang.

Present there at invitation were diplomatic envoys and members of foreign missions in the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in congratulation of the women across the country.

He told about his impression of the women's holiday being greeted shortly after the Ninth Congress of the WPK. He expressed his special thanks to all the Korean women for their exceptional and unknown efforts, saying they are a solid buttress of the revolution who have recorded the most beautiful and greatest lives in the annals of the revolution and in the pages of history and who are still bringing affection and delight

by the great fatherly leader who places the women in the front rank of the most precious people in the world, crowning them with the laurels of all the victories achieved by the country and the revolution.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Amid the playing of the prelude "May Your Future Be Always in Springtime", members of the children's union presented fragrant bouquets to women in reflection of all the people's congratulations and respect.

Put on the stage of the performance were various numbers including the odes to the Workers' Party sung heartily by the women, famous songs on the theme of patriotism and folk songs.

Singing the odes loved by all the people, the performers represented the

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# Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech in congratulation of the women across the country on the occasion of the March 8 International Women's Day

In the images of our grandmothers' and mothers' generations we can see the signs of the severe hardship which they have undergone, the tenacity with which they have gone against all odds, and the strength of genuine love and benevolent affection which they have cherished

because they are determined to bring not an iota of shame on their dear mothers, wives, girlfriends or daughters, whom they associate with the sacred appellation motherland.

Women have such incredible strength.

With the passage of time, wrinkles will appear on their beautiful faces. However, the genuine beauty of our Korean women will not fade forever, as they are so honest and upright to endure everything while concerning themselves more about the country and revolution than about their families.

Encouraged by the warm care of such excellent women, their husbands and children achieve innovations at their workplaces, and our revolution is progressing much faster thanks to their peculiar strength, talent and most ennobling self-sacrificing devotion.

In the future, too, our women will play a significant role in making this country more harmonious and prosperous.

So important and irreplaceable are their responsibility and role in developing the socialist society of our own style and finding proper solutions to many big and small social problems.

When they always behave as a role model for their children, encourage their husbands and become a source of happiness and pride for their parents, and when they carry forward the tradition of patriotism as faithfully as ever, our society will become more beautiful, more powerful and more prosperous.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to extend my special thanks and greetings to all the mothers across the country.

Indeed, the sacred appellation mother is a source of great spiritual strength for everyone.

Woman is weak but mother is strong, as the saying goes. Our mothers cherish genuine maternal affection as they make unassuming efforts to bring up their children to be excellent persons, so this country has so many patriots. As such strong-willed mothers constitute the solid foundations, our rosy future is fully guaranteed.

I am hardening my resolve to make unsparing and strenuous efforts to do much more for the sake of these admirable mothers, for the wellbeing of our women.

I earnestly request all our women to fulfil the sacred mission and duty they have assumed before the times, history and the motherland in achieving the prosperity and development of our country and promoting the harmony and unity of our society.

Hoping that all the Korean women will be happy and healthy and remain beautiful for the good of our country, the revolution and the future, I once again extend my warm affection and best wishes to them.

Greeting March 8, I, with my warmest feelings, extend congratulations to all our Korean women, for whom I have affection and respect all the time.

My hearty congratulations also go to all the overseas Korean women.

As they have always done, our women add harmony, beauty, warmth and affection to our society.

Today it is a joyful holiday, when the whole country brims over with the tender feelings of gratitude, blessing and respect for our women.

As we were to greet the women's day some days after the Ninth Congress of our Party, in which we reviewed the precious successes achieved for the good of the country, I was reminded of all the exceptional and unknown efforts the women of this country had made for those successes. And I wanted to express my special thanks to them for what they had done, so I have decided to make a brief remark today, on the occasion of this opportunity.

I make a deep bow as an expression of my thanks to our women for the unknown efforts and sincerity they have devoted for the country and men.

However, I think that thanks is too simple a word and it would not be enough to encourage and repay them even a little for the extraordinary troubles and difficulties our women have experienced.

I can picture in my mind's eye the looks of the women in this country, who would wear a gentle smile, as if they had gained all the reward for their silent efforts, after receiving a simple congratulatory remark, a greetings card or a flower from their dear husbands, children, boyfriends, relatives, acquaintances and disciples.

For these women, I cannot find any other better expression than really beautiful.

This expression does not simply imply the beautiful looks of Korean women.

Though physically weak, they are obviously strong-willed, their plain faces assuming courage and the wrinkles on them denoting their strenuous exertion and thus arousing much greater respect. So, they look incomparably beautiful, and I think this is a charm unique to our Korean women.

while working hard to develop this country.

Also, when seeing the faces of our contemporary women of a new generation, we can feel the fresh vigour with which they are working to advance this country towards a bright future, and the optimism and self-confidence they show in overcoming trials cheerfully.

I want to say proudly that all the Korean women who are dear to us—mothers, wives, daughters and girlfriends—are really beautiful and great, as compared with women in other countries.

Korean women, who have remained honest in times of difficulties, stout-hearted in moments of sorrow and courageous even in the face of death, have recorded remarkable exploits in the annals of the revolution and in the pages of history. These exploits still remain in our memory, serving as our strong spiritual mainstay.

Korean women are by nature pure-hearted, upright and strong-willed, and these qualities have been purely inherited for generations. Our contemporary women, too, have become a solid buttress of the revolution bringing affection and delight to all the other people in this country and inspiring them with strength, courage and victory.

In all the positions of our revolution, be they posts for national defence, sites of socialist construction, factories or farms, wherever we go in the country, we can see our women, strong-willed, tenacious, pure-hearted and honest, who are unwilling to show their physical weakness and lag behind men.

The distinguished services rendered by our countless heroes, both known and unknown, as well as the meritorious persons and innovators in this country, are associated with the immeasurable pains that our women, who are their mothers or wives, have taken without expecting any reward.

Our women devote themselves without seeking self-interest or reward, and they find the worth of their life in doing so. Such a fine mind constitutes the basis of a spiritual strength that engenders boundless love and encourages others to defy death unhesitatingly in defence of the love.

Our soldiers are so brave in the life-and-death battles,

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sophisticated operational system in an effective and accelerated manner continuously and the country's nuclear forces have made a switch to the phase of multifaceted operation.

"Important successes have been recently made in putting the strategic and tactical strike means on a practical basis and deploying them for an actual war.

"Such successes have updated the readiness of our army for strategic action and enhanced the confidence in it.

"Our belief and confidence based on those verified capabilities make it possible to take the initiative in the military activities for national defence and will play an important role in further

developing our potential."

He stressed that the DPRK's offensive weapon systems undergoing constant development constitute an indispensable factor thoroughly for self-defence.

He set forth a series of important tasks for rapidly increasing the fighting efficiency of the Navy, including the issue of delivering the destroyer to the Navy within the set time by finishing the assessment of its manoeuvrability and the operational capabilities of its other weapon systems, namely, anti-air, anti-submarine and torpedo weapon systems, the issue of stepping up the building of another destroyer to finish it before the founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea this year and the issue of reinforcing the existing infrastructure of the naval base and building a new one.

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deepest reverence of all the women of the country for the motherly Party which greatly values the pure conscience and selfless efforts they have dedicated to the prosperity of the country and which accords them the highest honour and respect.

The performance reached its climax with female group singing and chorus "Long Live Our Korea" and mixed group singing and chorus "O, Korea, My Mother" that aroused the strong enthusiasm of women to glorify the appellation of Korean women by making

patriotic devotion for the boundlessly benevolent Party and social system and for the victory of the socialist cause.

The performance was loudly applauded by the audience as it represented the firm faith and will of the Korean women to invariably glorify their honourable titles of women revolutionaries and communist mothers on the road of single-mindedly following the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un only for the eternal harmony and prosperity of the large socialist family and the country which will be prosperous forever down through generations.

## Officials of WPK Central Committee meet to vow to implement Party Congress decisions

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There was a solemn ceremony at the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the General Staff of the revolution, in reflection of the firm faith and will of millions of Party members and other people across the country to usher in a new era of upsurge in the Juche revolution on the great strength of loyalty and patriotism, as indicated by the Ninth Party Congress.

Officials of the Party Central Committee on March 11 had a loyalty-pledging meeting for thoroughly implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress by wholeheartedly supporting the ideology and leadership of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Speeches were made by Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jong Gwan and Kim Sung Du, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee.

Referring to the unheard-of

wonderful successes made in the overall Party and state affairs including the political, economic, cultural, defence and diplomatic fields over the past five years, the speakers said that the path they follow is the road of justice, truth and victory, their ideals and aspirations are sure to be achieved and their future will be infinitely beautiful and rosy as they are led by Kim Jong Un. This is the absolute faith and iron truth they have more fully grasped on the road of the revolution under the guidance of the General Secretary, they noted.

They said that thanks to his far-reaching plan and extraordinary leadership, the country will make another leap forward in the next five years as it did in the past five years to undergo another world-startling transformation and expressed their firm determination to fulfil the vanguard role in ensuring that the new fighting programme set forth at the Party Congress is brought to brilliant fruition, true to the leadership of Kim Jong Un, with

single-minded loyalty.

They said that by actively applying the five-point Party-building programme in the new era to the Party work and activities, they will firmly maintain and consolidate the political climate peculiar to the Party with the oneness in ideology and leadership as the core, thoroughly establish the discipline of the revolutionary Party which is strong and sturdy for discipline and sound in style of work and thereby further strengthen the whole Party into an integral whole which is highly organized and ideologically pure sharing the ideas and intention with Kim Jong Un.

They said that they will concentrate the Party work on ensuring that the Party organizations thoroughly orient and subordinate all their work to strengthening the single-minded unity of the Party and the masses, further build up the people's trust in the Party and unconditionally carry out the struggle tasks to be tackled during the new five-year plan.

The Party's ideological

workers will enhance their role as microphones, powerful loudspeakers and hi-fi amplifiers faithful to the Party Central Committee in every worksite for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress, thus giving fuller play to the strength of loyalty, patriotism and unity of all the people and increasing the might of ideology and effectiveness of ideological work to the maximum, they noted.

They said that they will strengthen Party guidance for making the whole course of carrying out the new five-year plan become the process of carrying out the three revolutions with the firm view that the comprehensive development of socialism is precisely the struggle for transformation in the ideological, technological and cultural fields, and thoroughly embody the five basic requirements of the comprehensive development in the new era in order to keep the fighting spirit surging uninterruptedly everywhere.

The WPK and the revolution will

always emerge victorious as they are led by the General Secretary who has laid an eternal foundation for permanently guaranteeing the ruling power of the dignified WPK and steadily administers the noble people-first politics, they said. They vowed to devote themselves to the successful implementation of the fighting programme of the WPK, rallying closer around Kim Jong Un as one.

A letter of pledge of loyalty was adopted at the meeting amid the enthusiastic applause of the participants.

Officials of the Party Central Committee are full of the revolutionary enthusiasm to work harder with an indomitable will, extraordinary determination and redoubled self-confidence in the first line and on the forefront of the struggle for carrying out the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress, keeping in mind the honourable mission and duty as members of the General Staff of the revolution.

## Preparations pushed for election of deputies to 15th SPA

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Preparations for the election of deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly are being pushed forward in the DPRK.

After the decision of the Standing Committee of the SPA of the DPRK on holding the election of deputies to the SPA was issued, election committees were organized at constituencies and sub-constituencies in provinces (municipalities), cities (districts), counties and the armed forces sector in accordance with the Law of the DPRK on the Elections of Deputies to the People's

Assemblies at All Levels. The election committees have started their work.

Meetings of voters for examining the qualifications of candidates for deputies are being held successfully across the country.

The constituency committees have informed the voters of the careers and merits of those nominated candidates before the voters' meetings to make the masses' will accurately reflected, thus thoroughly ensuring the objectivity and fairness of examination.

The constituency committees register as candidates for deputies the

officials, workers, farmers and other working people of all social strata and service personnel who are boundlessly loyal to the cause of the Workers' Party of Korea and devoted to the struggle for the prosperity of the country and the promotion of the people's wellbeing and popular among the masses.

The work for arranging the polling booths is brisk at sub-constituencies across the country, thanks to the voters' consciousness of civic duty and patriotism.

Party and power organs and working people's organizations in Pyongyang and regional areas intensify

the organizational and political work to make all citizens take an active part in the election with the pride of being masters of the state power and clearly demonstrate the advantages of the Korean-style socialist system.

Meanwhile, a campaign is brisk across the country to give wide publicity to the rights of voters and election procedures and methods and to redouble the people's political enthusiasm to significantly greet the election of deputies to the SPA, through broadcasting, publications and other media means.

## Candidates for SPA deputies meet voters

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The constituency committees for the election of deputies to the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK have concluded the registration of the candidates for deputies.

Meetings between the candidates for deputies and voters are now underway at the constituencies across the country in various forms including conversation.

The candidates for deputies at the meetings extended their thanks to the voters for expressing deep trust in and expectations of them and pledged to discharge

their mission and duty in carrying out the decisions of the Workers' Party of Korea, achieving the prosperity of the country, promoting the people's wellbeing and further consolidating the socialist system.

They called on all the voters to remain single-mindedly loyal to the leadership of the great Party Central Committee and display their inexhaustible patriotic enthusiasm and high degree of consciousness of civic duty in today's general advance for attaining the new long-term goals set forth by the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

# March 8 Intl Women's Day commemorated

## National meeting held

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A national meeting took place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on March 18, the 116th International Women's Day.

Present there were Ri Il Hwan, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, Jon Hyang Sun,

chairwoman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea (SWUK), officials of the Central Committee of the SWUK and exemplary women officials, women labour innovators and women's union members in Pyongyang.

Women of foreign diplomatic missions in the country attended the meeting.

A commemorative report was made by Ju Chang Il.

The reporter extended warm congratulations to the women across the country who are adding vitality to the

Korean-style socialist cause.

He also extended the greeting of deep friendship and solidarity to all the overseas Korean women, who are devoting their patriotic sincerity to the prosperity and development of the homeland as befitting overseas citizens of the DPRK, and the world progressive women, international women's movement organizations and women's organizations in different countries and regions greeting the March 8 International Women's Day on the road of achieving social emancipation, equality,

anti-imperialist peace and democracy.

Vividly recorded in the annals of the Korean revolution are the strong faith and will and undying feats of the Korean women who have invariably followed the road of socialism, always sharing destiny with the country, he said.

He noted that the dignity and position of the Korean women are shining more brilliantly at the peak of respect and honour in the era of comprehensive national rejuvenation under the leadership of the respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un advanced the idea that all the women should become genuine revolutionaries and ardent patriots with excellent spiritual and moral traits and ushered in a new heyday of the Juche-oriented women's movement, he said, adding:

It is the noble idea of our Marshal that only when women are pure ideologically and morally and sincere in their duties and responsibilities, will society be vibrant, the country be highly civilized and the

future be guaranteed.

The happy laughter of the women, who are pleased to enjoy the benefits that reach all the families and children across the country along with the era of great change, is a beautiful picture of the large socialist family under the care of the respected Marshal.

The reporter stressed that the DPRK is safe and sound and its future will be rosy forever as the women revolutionaries and patriots loyal to the Party and the country reliably support the progress and development of society.

## National inter-provincial riding contest held

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The National Inter-provincial Riding Contest-2026 was held at the Mirim Riding Club in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, to mark the March 8 International Women's Day.

Men and women riders selected from each province took part in such events as showjumping, quick relay

with the feet out of the stirrups and 1 600m race, held in indoor and outdoor riding courses

The preliminaries were held on March 7 and the finals on March 8.

Among the spectators were Jo Yong Won and Ri Il Hwan, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other

senior Party and government officials, chief secretaries of provincial committees of the WPK and their wives.

Present there at invitation were Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, Kim Yo Jong, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other women officials working at the Central Committee of the WPK and

government organs, officials of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and women labour innovators.

Working people, youth and students in Pyongyang watched the contest.

There took place dressage and showjumping demonstrations of the riders of the Mirim Riding Club and then the finals were held.

South Hamgyong Province came first in total standings, and Nampho Municipality and South Hwanghae Province second and third respectively.

The finals were followed by the 1 600m race demonstration of men and women riders of the club.

Cups, diplomas and prizes were awarded to the provinces and municipality which won top places

and to the players who proved successful in the events.

Prizes were also awarded to the horses that won the 1 600m race.

Then a performance was given by the artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League in congratulation of the March 8 International Women's Day.



The National Inter-provincial Riding Contest-2026 is held in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, to mark March 8 International Women's Day.

## All across the country

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Women across the DPRK commemorated the 116th March 8 International Women's Day.

Many people visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state.

At the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the visitors recollected with deep emotion the immortal exploits of the great leaders who provided the precious tradition of the Juche-oriented women's movement and put forward women as masters performing a part of the revolution.

Many working people visited the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill and in

other parts of the country to lay flower baskets, bouquets and flowers and made a bow before them.

Officials of all provinces, cities, counties, institutions, industrial establishments, farms and universities met and congratulated exemplary women workers and innovators. Meetings with the winners of the Communist Mother Honour Prize and story-telling meetings were held alongside other political and cultural activities.

Colourful congratulatory performances were given in Pyongyang and local areas.

The public catering establishments, Central Zoo, Natural History Museum, Munsu Water Park and other leisure facilities in Pyongyang and other parts of

the country were crowded with people enjoying the holiday.

Souvenir and flower shops and flower stands across the country were crowded

with visitors selecting bouquets and flowers for women.



All the women across the country celebrate the 116th March 8 International Women's Day.



# For implementation of decisions of WPK Congress and Plenum of Party Central Committee

## Meetings held by youth and TU members

KCNA

A meeting of young people took place at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre on March 10 to vow to implement the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present at the meeting were Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the

WPK, officials of the youth league, youth and students in Pyongyang and members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade.

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

The speaker called upon all the young people to turn out in implementing the

new five-year plan, bearing deep in mind the basic idea and spirit of the Party Congress on consolidating the successes of the struggle for pioneering the era of comprehensive development and continuing to lead them to a greater result.

He appealed to all the young people to powerfully demonstrate the spirit and might of the patriotic youth in the struggle for attaining the new long-term goals indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party with courage and pride and honour of being the young vanguard in the great era of Kim Jong Un.

Then oath-taking speeches were made.

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

Then followed a torchlight procession of the youth and students.

A meeting of workers and members of the General



A meeting of workers and trade union members takes place at the Chollima Steel Complex on March 11.

Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) took place at the Chollima Steel Complex on March 11 to vow to implement the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were Min Sung Chol, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of the GFTUK Central Committee and the Chollima Steel Complex and workers and trade union members.

Ri Won Jong, chairman of

the Central Committee of the GFTUK, made a speech.

The speaker said that the speeches made by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the Ninth Party Congress constitute an immortal programme indicating the most scientific orientation of struggle, goals and practical tasks for giving further momentum to the era of comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism with confidence.

Saying that thanks to the

leadership of Kim Jong Un, the victory in carrying out the new five-year plan is certain and the people's ideals will surely be achieved, he called on all the trade union members to wage a dynamic struggle for the implementation of the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress.

Oath-taking speeches were made.

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

Then followed a demonstration.



A meeting of young vanguard takes place at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre on March 10.

## Enlarged plenary meeting of SPYL Central Committee held

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The 16th enlarged plenary meeting of the Tenth Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League took place on March 9.

Attending it were members and alternate members of the SPYL Central Committee.

Present as observers were officials of the SPYL Central Committee and youth league officials of ministries, national agencies, provinces, cities and counties.

The meeting discussed the issue of carrying out the important tasks set forth by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the First

Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK, and the issue of convening the Eleventh SPYL Congress.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the SPYL, made a report.

He stressed that the historic report made by the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un at the Ninth Congress of the WPK is the most scientific strategy for struggle that indicated the path of new leaps forward in the Korean revolution and a great action programme that strongly promotes the overall prosperity and development of the socialist state.

He said that thanks to the great love and trust of

Kim Jong Un, the young people have grown up to be more reliable performers of miracles and feats and a large contingent of the youth, ready to respond to the Party's call positively, has been trained.

The report analyzed and reviewed in detail the shortcomings revealed in the work of the youth league organizations at all levels and the lessons learned from them.

The reporter referred to the tasks facing the youth league.

Speeches were made and a relevant decision was adopted.

The meeting decided to convene the 11th SPYL Congress in Pyongyang in late April 2026.

## Enlarged plenary meeting of Seventh Central Committee of SWUK held

KCNA

The 15th enlarged plenary meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea (SWUK) took place on March 11.

Present there were members and alternate members of the women's union central committee.

Present there as observers were officials of the central committee of the women's union and the provincial, city and county women's union committees.

The meeting discussed the issue of thoroughly

implementing the important tasks set forth by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK and the issue of convening the Eighth Congress of the SWUK.

Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the women's union, made a report.

The report analyzed in detail the successes and experience of the past period and the deviations revealed in the union work and their

causes. It pointed out the measures for redoubling fighting efficiency and activity of the women's union in the general advance this year.

The reporter called for fully demonstrating the might of the women's union in the grand struggle for attaining the new long-term goals set forth by the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Speeches were made at the meeting.

Relevant decisions were adopted at the meeting on the basis of study and discussion on the draft decisions.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Pyongyang municipal sci-tech festival opens

The 39th Pyongyang Municipal Festival of Science and Technology opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex on March 11 under the sponsorship of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

The festival, divided into 25 panels, will be held in various forms including presentation

and exhibition of sci-tech achievements, sci-tech short course and exchange of new technologies and products.

Industrial establishments and farms in the municipality, ministries, national agencies, universities and research institutes presented more than 800 proposals for valuable sci-tech achievements made last year and at least 6 500 exhibits of over 550 kinds.

### Graduating class students volunteer for military

### service at forefront border posts

Many students in the final year of senior middle schools in North Hwanghae Province volunteered for military service in the frontline border posts amid the strong aspirations of the new generation regarding national defence as the most vivid expression of patriotism and the sacred duty.

Speakers at the cheering meetings held in relevant cities and counties asked the volunteers to become true soldiers reliably defending their beloved country true

to the ideas and leadership of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

The volunteers expressed their will to defend the gains of the revolution with arms by inheriting the baton of loyalty and patriotism of the victorious wartime generation who devoted their youth and lives without hesitation to their one and only motherland.

### Many people visit Wangjaesan Revolutionary Site

A large number of people are visiting the

Wangjaesan Revolutionary Site, as everyone is eager to arm themselves with the revolutionary spirit through study tours of revolutionary battle sites and revolutionary sites.

The revolutionary site is a significant place where President Kim Il Sung set forth the strategic policy of spreading and developing the anti-Japanese armed struggle into the homeland under the banner of the Juche idea and aroused all the people to the all-people resistance. It is also an important base for education in the revolutionary traditions built under the

energetic leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Officials, working people and youth and students of many units and service personnel have recently visited the place to grasp the exploits performed by the President for Korea's liberation.

They paid tribute to the statue of the President at the Wangjaesan Grand Monument.

During the study tour, they had meetings to hear impressions of the reminiscences of anti-Japanese guerrillas and poem-reciting meetings.

**Devotion to comprehensive development****New turning point in development of science and technology**

By An Hyok Chol PT

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea defined it as the most important task and the optimum policy in socialist construction to promote the development of science and technology.

With the historic Eighth Party Congress as the starting point, projects were undertaken to dramatically increase the country's overall scientific and technical capability.

In the development of science and technology of the country primary importance was attached to making all scientific research programmes directed to resolving practical problems during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee.

On several occasions including the Fourth Plenary

Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee, emphasis was placed on such points that the scientific research field should regard it as the seed, main assignment and priority task to resolve sci-tech problems, which need urgent solutions in economic construction and the people's living, as early as possible and step up research and development to that end and that it should widely introduce the successes in scientific research into practice and the principle it has to maintain in the course of it is to intensify and complete research projects in the direction of minimizing the costs by optimizing all processes of production and construction.

And a system was established under which the State Commission of Science and Technology grasps the

real situation of science and technology and scientific research of the country and gives unified guidance over the implementation of the sci-tech development plans of scientific research and educational institutions, ministries, national agencies and industrial establishments.

Accordingly, a series of practical measures were taken one after another including the establishment of a system to quickly and correctly disseminate necessary data to academic institutions and other relevant units.

State measures were also taken in succession to increase investment in the field of science and technology.

Scientists and technicians who contributed to the development of the country took part in the national

conferences and were invited to the national celebrations. They were awarded February 16 Science and Technology Prize, Natural Science Prize, Technical Innovation Prize and Best Inventor Prize and provided with new modern flats free of charge for their extraordinary successes in scientific research.

Several scientists, including the director of the Paper Technology Institute of the State Academy of Sciences who invented and introduced a paper production method that suits the actual conditions of the country, were selected as "outstanding sci-tech talents", the title which was instituted for the first time in the country.

Under the wise guidance of the WPK over the development of science and technology enormous

successes contributing to the implementation of the five-year plan were achieved in the field of science and technology.

Energy-saving oxygen blast furnaces and large oxygen plants were additionally installed and advanced desulphurization processes established at the large metallurgical-industry bases. Sodium carbonate production processes and melamine resin production lines were set up and scientific and technical problems were resolved to produce catalysts in Korean way at the major chemical industry bases.

A scientific and technical guarantee was provided to produce much more electric power in the electric power sector and agricultural sci-tech products and advanced technologies of great significance, valuable

research findings supporting the development of light industry and regional industry were released.

A radical change took place in the viewpoint and attitude to science and technology in the whole society and the activities of the February 17 Shock Brigade of Scientists and Technicians and the April 15 Technical Innovation Shock Brigade were intensified across the country. As a result, many industrial establishments as well as major sectors and units bustled with a mass technical innovation drive and in the course of it large numbers of scientific and technological problems arising in production and construction were solved and nearly 2 000 units won the title of model technical innovation unit in the past five years.

**Sci-tech achievements conducive to economic development****Exhibition of sci-tech achievements in different sectors of the national economy-2025 held**

By Choe Song Jun PT

The exhibition of sci-tech achievements in different sectors of the national economy-2025, which opened in late December last year, ended on March 5 at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang.

On display at the exhibition on the theme of "Era of prosperity advancing on the strength of science and technology" were a large number of sci-tech achievements made by many sectors and units of the national economy, including the sectors of metallurgical, chemical, electric power and machine-building industries, agriculture, light industry and fishing industry, during the five-year plan for national

economic development.

**With domestic resources and technology**

What were noticeable at the exhibition were the sci-tech achievements made by relying on the country's resources and technology.

The metallurgical industry sector established a high-grade manganese concentrate production process capable of raising both the grade of concentrate and the actual extraction rate while reducing the production cost by using locally-available low-grade wad.

The floating preheating-style oxygen heat blast furnace, introduced into the Kim Chaek and Hwanghae iron and steel complexes, drew the attention of people

as it can save anthracite and oxygen while increasing productivity as compared to ordinary oxygen blast furnaces.

The chemical industry sector made an achievement conducive to putting the production of the catalyst for polypropylene plastic production on a Juche basis. "The fourth-generation catalyst, a carrier-style catalyst, is being produced only in a few countries with the developed chemical industry in the world as it requires high-purity raw materials and advanced manufacturing techniques. The fourth-generation propylene polymerization catalyst we have developed is made from domestic raw materials and superior to previously used catalyst in

action," said Maeng Thae Won, head of an office of Kim Il Sung University.

The new crystal thenardite production process established at the December 5 Youth Mine, which uses locally-abundant glauberite, was built at one go and completely by the Korean scientists with their own efforts and technology, ranging from conception to design, building, installation and trial run of facilities.

The Ryongnam Dockyard established a new welding rod production process which ensures a high proportion of the domestic production of equipment and raw materials and which is helpful to the qualitative and quantitative growth of production, and the Port of Nampho made a container crane which helps increase cargo storage and traffic capacities, with a less manufacturing cost. These research findings enjoyed popularity among visitors.

Also attracting the interest of the visitors were various kinds of other sci-tech achievements including the establishment of a lead smelting process based on a rotary kiln-electric furnace method and a production process for putting the production of lighting appliances on a Juche basis.

**By creating new and advanced things**

Also noteworthy at the exhibition were new, advanced and innovative sci-tech achievements of a Korean style.

The Central Mining Research Institute under the State Academy of Sciences developed in a Korean way a pneumatic-mechanical flotation machine capable of turning the dressing plants into energy-, land- and labour-saving ones while increasing their processing capacities.

The technical group of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex provided a sure guarantee for increased fertilizer production by optimizing the ammonia synthesis process and remodelling the condensation and separation tower. The Electric Power Information Institute under the Ministry of Electric Power Industry established a national integrated power control system to make a rational use of the country's electric power resources, thus making a great contribution to stepping up the modernization of the electric power industry.

The Sangwon Cement Complex increased its production capacity by combining various production processes in keeping with the world trend of cement production and put the cement industry on a modern, IT and scientific basis by establishing a distributed control system for production processes.

The machine-building industry sector upgraded the Kumsong Tractor Factory and other machine factories and made lots of sci-tech achievements in the production of materials, tools, machine elements and

equipment parts.

The agricultural sector concentrated efforts on providing a scientific and technological guarantee for the sustainable growth and long-term development of agriculture and thus newly bred and introduced dozens of high-yielding crop varieties and made a positive contribution to agricultural production.

The Pyongyang Wheat Flour Processing Factory set up a new technical process capable of producing high-quality dried yeast by selecting a yeast strain suitable for the production of dried yeast and establishing a method of preserving spores.

The Pyongyang advanced biotechnology development company of Kim Chaek University of Technology developed and produced phytosine and solved sci-tech problems arising in introducing it into various sectors of the national economy. Phytosine has proved effective not only in agricultural production but also in livestock farming, fishing industry, sericulture, forestry, public health and other sectors.

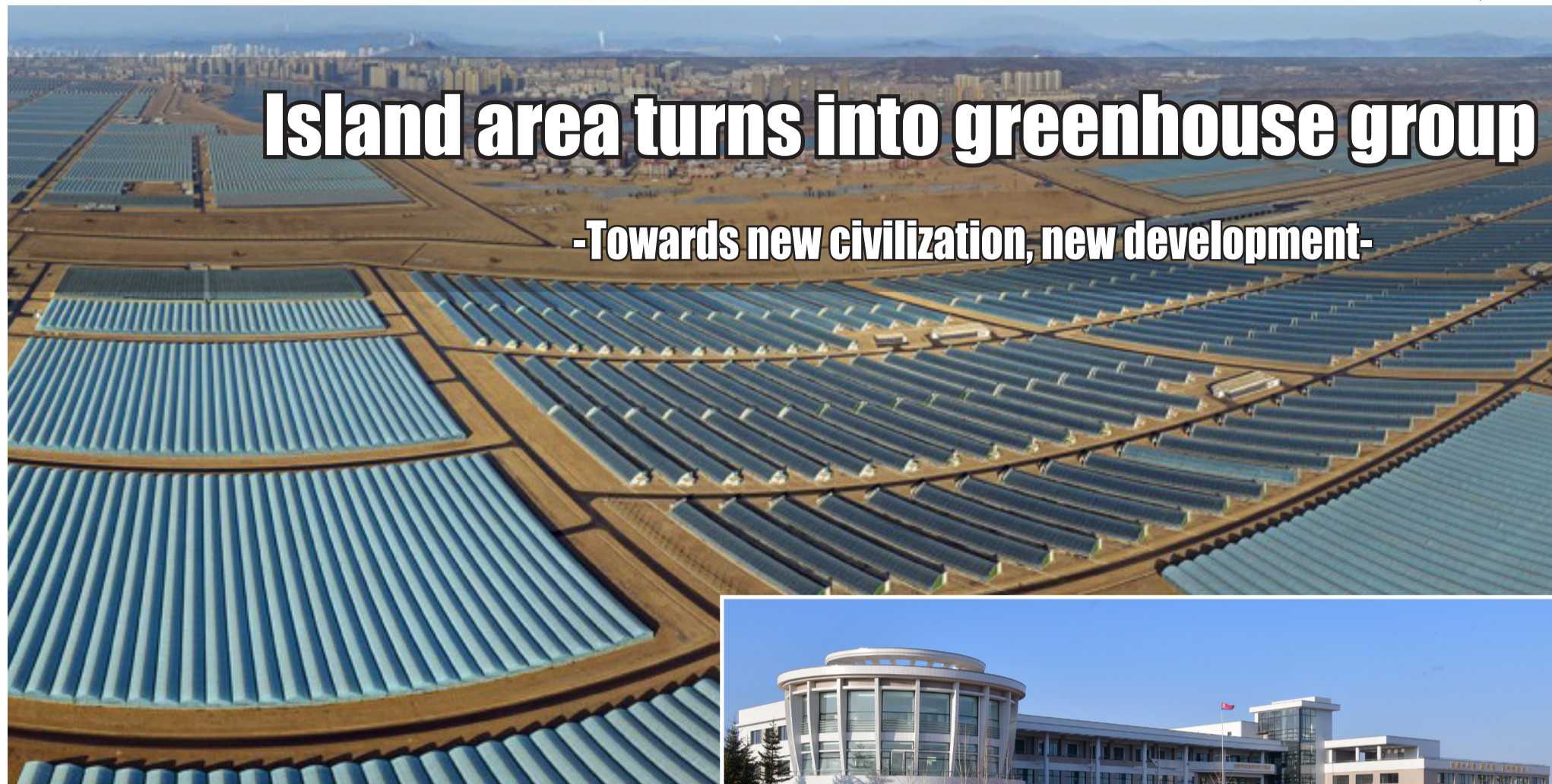
"The exhibition served as a watershed for our scientists and technicians to broaden their horizons and visions, seek the ways to further enhance the attraction of science and technology in the new course of development of the next stage and redouble their zeal for competition," said Ri Jong Chol, section chief of the State Commission of Science and Technology.



The exhibition of sci-tech achievements in different sectors of the national economy-2025 runs at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang from December 29 2025 to March 5 2026. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

# Island area turns into greenhouse group

**-Towards new civilization, new development-**



By Kim Rye Yong PT

The Wihwa Island area has undergone a great transformation.

The area was notorious for sandy dust blown by the river wind, which is so strong to make it difficult to open eyes, and for the flood, which hits the island every year, from time immemorial. Now it has been turned into a treasure island covered with modern vegetable greenhouses, an ideal farm town envied by everyone, in a matter of one year.

## Unprecedentedly large greenhouse group

The Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre were wonderfully built in the Wihwa island area covering Wihwa, Taji and Ranja islands.

Well over 1 000 greenhouses covering an area of 450 hectares are larger in scale than the recently built greenhouses in Jungphyong and Ryonpho on the east coast and in Kangdong of Pyongyang put together.

And the greenhouses vary in type according to crops and economic profits, including semi-arched double-sheet hydroponic greenhouse, arch-style inter-connected vinyl soil greenhouse, double-slope inter-connected glass hydroponic and soil greenhouse, and domed glass

hydroponic greenhouse.

The double-slope inter-connected glass hydroponic greenhouse is a new-generation one based on an evaporative air cooling system to ensure suitable temperature in greenhouse even in summer while consuming less energy, and it is said to be the one close to industrialization of vegetable production.

The three domed glass hydroponic greenhouses built to look like a huge gem on Ranja Island comprehensively show the latest level of development of vegetable greenhouse as they are furnished with vertical rotary multi-layer vegetable cultivation arrangements, vertical flow multi-layer cultivation arrangements and horizontal plate multi-layer cultivation arrangements using LEDs.

And solar-heated greenhouses, where vegetable cultivation can be combined with fish farming and mushroom cultivation, highlight the characteristics of the vegetable greenhouse area.

The Wihwa Island area has a geothermal heating system, a nutrient solution supply ground and fertilizer factory, a carbon acid gas production ground and so on for the operation of vegetable greenhouses. And the combined greenhouse farm is based on an intelligent integrated production system, thus putting production organization on an IT and

scientific basis and optimizing cultivation technology management.

The Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre, based on a vegetable sci-tech research and dissemination support system, will play the role as a scientific guidance unit and scientific research centre, which provides technical service for greenhouse vegetable cultivation across the country while conducting vegetable science research.

## New civilization, new development

The establishment of the large greenhouse group in the Wihwa Island area has changed people, their life and development in the locality. The islanders did farming hard on fields generation after generation but now they produce vegetables by pressing control buttons in modern greenhouses, wearing neat work clothes.

Whenever they talk about their dwelling houses, the locals can hardly suppress their excitement and gratitude.

Modern dwelling houses were their impossible dream as they lived on, repairing their houses every year due to flood. But now they have become the owners of new modern houses without paying a penny thanks to the country's benefits after the picturesque houses were built in rows following the



The Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre in the Wihwa Island area.

construction of the firm bulwark along the edges of the islands.

The whole island area resounds with happy laughter and singing day and night as it has been spruced up with the paved roads stretching here and there so that they can walk without having to step on earth, the landscape as beautiful as a picture and the wonderful cultural and welfare facilities.

An official of the North Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee said with deep emotion that the island area known as a vegetable production area from olden times has become able to produce incomparably more vegetables than before with the large greenhouse group built there and that the area shows the new development of vegetable production.

## Unbelievable miracles

The change in the Wihwa Island area is unimaginable in common sense.

No one now believes that the area was the one submerged by the unprecedented flood in July 2024.

It is General Secretary Kim Jong Un who brought about the change even the locals, once the sufferers of the flood damage, still regard

as a dream.

In that month, the General Secretary visited the dangerous disaster-hit area to personally guide the operations for the rescue of the flood victims and unveil a grand plan to build dwelling houses and a modern large-scale greenhouse farm there for the well-being of the locals.

At the impressive inauguration ceremony of modern dwelling houses built there in a little over four months, he declared a new construction plan for the change of the region and led its implementation.

In February 2025, he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and the vegetable science research centre to dig the first spadeful of earth to signal the start of the construction. In the latter half of the year alone he visited the construction site four times to repeatedly give matchless courage to the soldier-builders and young builders and show great love for them and wisely led the construction.

He gave guidance over 170-odd plans for the construction, including the master plan and bird's-eye view, and over 3 850-odd technical blueprints.

He also took many measures and gave instructions on

many problems and issues, including those arising in the construction of a railway station and vegetable storehouse and those of planting many cover plants and fruit trees in the areas around the greenhouses, creating windbreak forests and natural park, creating drainage and water passage capacity, making preparations in a responsible manner for starting production immediately after the completion of the project and putting the management of the farm on an IT and automated basis, and the ways to prepare for the operation of the farm and manage it.

On February 1 2026, the day of the grand inauguration when the disaster-stricken island area turned into an ideal farm town, a new model of regional development, the General Secretary said in his speech at the inauguration ceremony that he was very happy and pleased that the area, where the local residents had suffered from flooding generation after generation, regarding it as their fate, became a base for their new life, which they will work cheerfully to build up, as it came to be protected by a solid dam that would resist even the heaviest flooding on record and wished all the residents a happy life.



The interior of some greenhouses.



# People's will and desire become state policies

By Pang Un Ju PT

As he looked round the newly-built regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kangdong County in December last year, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that the beneficiaries and enjoyers of the regional development policy in the new era are none other than the regional people, stressing the need to invariably preserve and add lustre to the original features of Korean-style socialism where the policies of the Workers' Party of Korea are worked out for the people and the people enjoy happiness to their heart's content thanks to the Party's policies.

All the policies the WPK plans and enforces are the people-oriented policies that find their way to the people before they wait for them and wherever they live and provide them with not only what they have desired but also what they have never imagined.

They include the regional development policy, the public health development policy, the construction policy, the childcare policy, the rural development policy, the policy on the care of the aged, the education policy and others.

All these policies were adopted with the will and desire of the people as the main contents and ideas.

The new regional development policy and the rural development policy reflect the desire of the regional people to enjoy like city dwellers a rich and cultured life in the new wonderful houses even in remote mountain villages and coastal villages. And the childcare policy was instituted as the most important policy to satisfy the desires of the mothers of the country to bring up their children healthily by feeding them on dairy products and nutritious foods to their heart's content.

The WPK administers the politics of love and affection for the people with the sacred appellation of people

engraved on its policies because it regards the spirit of serving the people as its lifeblood.

It is the principle the WPK upholds to take into account whether it can provide the people with convenience substantially whenever it designs a project and carry it out after examining whether it correctly reflects the people's will and demands whenever it unveils a plan for creation and construction.

Therefore, though it has been faced with the manifold trials and difficulties which are more serious than ever before during the term of the Eighth Party Central Committee, it put it forward as an important policy task to solve the housing problem of the citizens of the capital city of Pyongyang and has ensured that 10 000 modern houses are built every year without fail, 50 000 flats in total, and provided the people with them free of charge.

Though there are many sectors to which importance should be attached in the struggle for the comprehensive development of socialism, it has

become a consistent policy of the DPRK to provide students with new smart uniforms and top priority has been given to the undertakings for all the students and children of the country, with enormous funds being directed to them.

As a result, uniforms, shoes and satchels according to different types of schools were supplied to new pupils and students across the country at once and Haebaragi- and Turumi-brand school things, Mindulle-brand notebooks and nutritious foods were provided to all infants and primary school pupils in all parts of the country from the capital city to rural areas, the remote mountain villages in the northern highlands and out-of-the-way island villages, touching the heart of their parents.

As they are led by the respected General Secretary, who always sees and thinks everything from the viewpoint and with the attitude of the people, all the state and Party policies reflect the people's desires and are being translated into reality

without fail.

The Thirteenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee held in December last year announced the plan to transform the newly organized or most backward farms among farms on the reclaimed tideland on the west coast into modern and civilized ones symbolizing the new changes of rural development, assigned the task of waging an additional campaign for transforming the coal mining areas, while various projects are being undertaken in several directions at an exponential speed to eliminate the gap between towns and rural areas, and decided on the projects for the regional development policy to be carried out in another 20 cities and counties.

The thrilling reality in which many policies for the people are adopted and every one of them becomes a perfect entity strengthens the people's confidence and optimism about the future as well as their belief that the WPK's policy directly leads to practice.

## Saeppeyol Street, embodiment of reverence and gratitude to heroes

By Pang Un Ju PT

The inauguration ceremony of Saeppeyol Street took place with splendour in the presence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on February 15.

The street was built by the state with great efforts in order to hand down to posterity the feats of the war heroes who unhesitatingly sacrificed their lives for the honour and eternal prosperity of the country in the overseas military operations and take care of their bereaved families.

A ceremony was held at the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on August 21 last year to confer state commendations on the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army, in the presence of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The General Secretary pinned the Hero Medal beside each of the portraits of the martyrs who laid down their precious lives to carry

out the order of the country in the overseas military operations and gave a warm hug to the commanding officers and combatants who returned home.

Looking up to the image of the General Secretary, who shared the pain of loss together with the bereaved families, the people throughout the country shed tears of strong emotion.

A few days later, he met the bereaved families again, gave them the portraits of the martyrs covered with the national flag of the DPRK and had a photo taken with them.

That day, he told them that a new street would be built for the bereaved families of the service personnel of the overseas operations units in Taesong District of Pyongyang and it was planned to be named Saeppeyol Street in praise of their feats shining like stars and that the remains of the martyrs would be buried in the best place of the arboretum in front of it and a monument to their immortal combat feats erected in memory of the great combatants.

That day, he called the leading officials of revolutionary schools and asked them to train the children of the martyrs well to be the



Saeppeyol Street inaugurated in February 2026.

hardcore of the revolution and true sons and daughters of the country.

Later, he gave meticulous guidance on the whole course of the construction to ensure that every element of the structures to be built in the street would reflect the heartfelt sincerity the country shows for the relatives of the war martyrs.

As a result, Saeppeyol Street sprang up several months afterwards in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang, taking on a majestic appearance peculiar to it.

In his speech at the inauguration

ceremony of Saeppeyol Street the General Secretary said that the new street has been built thanks to the ardent desire of our motherland that wishes that the precious lives of its excellent sons, who defended the most sacred things by sacrificing their most valuable things, will live forever and it is waiting for the moment when it will greet its honoured owners, adding he hoped that this street, a place where the ennobling souls rest and reverence from all over the country converges, will always brim over with joy and

happiness.

That day he visited the house of Kim Jong Ok, widow of martyr O Thae Chol, looked round its rooms and kitchen and said that she would miss her husband more than ever before in the new house and he hoped that she would overcome her sorrow as early as possible and lead a happy life. And he wished her son studying at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School a bright future, saying that he should become an excellent person like his father.

### BYWORD

In the DPRK, it is a social climate to help and lead one another forward between people.

Many Korean people respect revolutionary seniors

including war veterans, get married to honoured disabled soldiers and assist and lead one another regarding other's pain as their own.

Everybody finds the worth

### Socialist traits

of their life in devoting their all to the country, people, society and collective under the slogan "One for all and all for one!"

As virtues and fine

morals constitute family traditions and national traits, all the people form a large harmonious family under the socialist system of the country.

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## Press statement of Kim Yo Jong, department director of WPK Central Committee

KCNA

Kim Yo Jong, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement "Strong is the will of our state to defend peace and security in the Korean peninsula and the region" on March 10:

At a critical time when global security structure is collapsing rapidly and wars break out in different parts of the world due to the reckless acts of the outrageous international rogues, the US-ROK war drill is being staged in the ROK. This will result in further destroying the stability of the region.

On March 9 the enemy states launched the large-scale joint military exercises Freedom Shield, intensively revealing once again their inveterate repugnancy toward the DPRK and their policy of habitual hostility toward it.

The drill, involving more than 18 000 troops of the ROK and the US forces, is to be staged day and

night for 10-odd days across the territory, waters, airspace, outer space and cyberspace of the ROK. It is not a "military game" but a provocative and aggressive war rehearsal of those plotting and planning together the confrontation with the DPRK.

The enemies are again calling it "annual" and "defensive" but no matter what justification they may establish and how the elements of the drill may be coordinated, the clear confrontational nature of the high-intensity large-scale war drill staged by the most hostile entities in collusion at the doorstep of the DPRK never changes.

With its danger having been escalated in recent years as a result of the drastic addition of command and actual field mobilization exercises to apply and get familiar with new modern war manuals and methods appropriate to the actual conditions of the Korean peninsula, accompanied by nuclear elements, the war drill is being further supplemented by practical and provocative military elements

including information warfare and AI technology this year, too. This is another proof of its confrontational nature.

The recent global geopolitical crisis and complicated international events prove that all military manoeuvres of the field warfare troops, to be conducted by the enemy states, assume no distinction between defence and attack and between drill and actual warfare and that they should be suppressed through an extraordinarily overwhelming and preemptive super-powerful offensive, rather than a responsive or proportional action, in order to get fully prepared to cope with them.

Our head of state has already clarified that it is undoubtedly a law and iron principle that the most powerful offensive capability constitutes the most reliable deterrent.

The muscle-flexing of the hostile forces near the domain of our state's sovereignty and security

may cause unimaginably terrible consequences.

The enemies should never try to test our patience, will and capability.

We will watch to what extent the enemy violates the security of our state and what it is playing.

We will perfectly counter the strategic threats to the security of the state and the region through the bolstering of destructive power, including all available special means which cannot but be overwhelming, and the responsible exercise of such deterrent.

We will also constantly and repeatedly convince the enemies of our war deterrent and its fatality.

We will load the terrible destructive power, to which the enemy dare not respond, to firmly defend the peace of the country.

The security sphere of the DPRK is absolutely inviolable and strong is the will of our state to thoroughly defend the security environment in the Korean peninsula and the region.

## Israel's registration of land as 'state property' a product of territorial ambition

By Han Jong Ho PT

The international community is raising voices against Israel as it recently decided to officially register the land in the West Bank belonging to the Palestinian territory as its "state property".

The foreign ministers of Arab and Islamic countries including Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Pakistan, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Qatar issued a joint statement to assert that Israel has no qualifications to have sovereignty over the occupied Palestinian territory.

Denouncing Israel's

measure as a blatant violation of international law that endangers the two states solution, they called on the international community to fulfil its legal and moral responsibilities to stop Israel's dangerous moves to expand the Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

The Jordanian King warned that Israel's measure related to land registration is obstructing the detente process in the region and might deteriorate the Palestine-Israel dispute.

Foreign ministries of Jordan, Pakistan and other countries issued statements to brand Israel's act as a clear

violation of international law and relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly sessions and asserted that to establish an independent state of Palestine is the only way to ensure regional security and stability and achieve just and comprehensive peace.

As to the recent decision of the Israeli cabinet on tightening control of the West Bank, a spokesman for the European Commission dubbed it a wrong step.

In its advisory opinion made public as to the legal results of Israel's policy and practices in the Palestinian territory, the International Court of Justice judged as

illegal the act of changing the legal, historical and demographic status of an occupied territory, holding a territory by force of arms or forcing the new composition of population.

Israel's measure of land registration is a product of its persistent wild ambition for territorial expansion and establishment of the great Israeli empire in the Middle East.

It began to build Jewish settlements soon after occupying the West Bank and East al-Quds through the Middle East War it started in June 1967. The Israelis indiscriminately arrested, expelled and killed

those who protested against it and demolished their living bases by mobilizing bulldozers and tanks.

At present, over 700 000 Jews accounting for 10 percent of the Israeli population are living in the Jewish settlements in the West Bank and East al-Quds. Not content with that, Israel is now running wild to seize all the land of the Palestinians.

The acts of Israel running amok for territorial expansion in defiance of international law and the denunciation from the international community are the main factor worsening the regional situation.

## Human rights situation seen through contempt for women

By Choe Song Jun PT

The strike and demonstration staged by women workers in Chicago, the US, on March 8 117 years ago were an eruption of their wrath at the unequal social system where women are the objects of contempt.

Since then, fierce struggles for gender equality and emancipation of women have been waged on the earth, but there has been little change in the status of women until today.

In the society where contempt for and ill-treatment of women have become a social trend, the plight of women is as good

as that of fallen leaves in autumn.

The US constitution has not yet the provision banning discrimination against women. Such issue was placed on the agenda of the Congress in 1972, thanks to the struggle of the broad working masses against sexual inequality, but the relevant bill has not yet been passed even after a lapse of over 50 years.

The number of deaths of expectant and nursing mothers has gone up dramatically in the US over the past 20-odd years. More than 2.2 million women fail to receive obstetric care and nearly 5 million live in areas where obstetric care

conditions are very poor.

In the country, about 54 000 women lose their jobs each year for the reason of pregnancy.

And more than 6 million women suffer from violent crimes. In the US, a law was adopted in order to prevent domestic violence, as it is so rampant in the country, and even an "additional domestic violence tax" is collected when issuing a marriage certificate.

In Japan, even the women who conduct political activities are subjected to sexual harassment.

In the country, women are regarded as "childbearing machines" and encounter all sorts of unjust

discrimination. As it is commonplace for women to get fired by reason of childbirth, pregnant women and nursing mothers opt for suicide or unhesitatingly kill their babies out of fear about the harsh environment for existence after childbirth and for other reasons.

According to the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Labour of Japan, the number of children born in 2024 dropped by 5.7 percent over the same period of 2023.

Contempt for and ill-treatment of women are a social trend not only in the US and Japan but also in many other countries.

For women to get a job is "as hard as a bull

going through a pinhole" and even if they get jobs, they suffer from extreme discrimination in their workplaces. The first targets of unemployment are also women.

The word "glass ceiling" in vogue in many countries figuratively refers to the situation of women who are suffering misfortune and pain in their work and life for the reason that they are women.

A UN agency stated that many women across the world are being killed by their spouses, relatives and other people close to them, deploring that "family is the most dangerous place for women".

## Briefly

### Russia

#### Putin refers to root cause of Ukrainian crisis

Russian President Vladimir Putin referred to the root cause of the Ukrainian crisis in an interview with a journalist of the All-Russia State TV and Radio Broadcasting Company on March 8.

The Ukrainian crisis was caused by the Western countries' support to the coup in Kiev, he said, adding that the crisis was caused not by any action of Russia but by the actions of the West including European countries.

He went on to say that everything going on in Ukraine can be said to be undoubtedly attributable to the systematic mistakes of Western countries.

The Kiev authorities are playing a trick on European countries, he said, adding sarcastically that the situation is very strange as it seems that the dog is being wagged by its tail rather than wagging it.

### Mexico

#### President calls for enhancing women's role

The Mexican president stressed the need to enhance the role of women in nation building as she addressed an event held on the occasion of March 8 International Women's Day.

Referring to the importance of women's role in building a free, equal and independent state, she pointed to the necessity to make all women exercise the same rights with men, free from any restrictions, and fully display their talents.

And she called for building an equal society, free from discrimination and violence.

### China

#### Australia's infringement of sovereignty decried

A spokesman for the Chinese Defense Ministry at a press conference on March 6 expressed the stand to safeguard the national sovereignty and security.

He disclosed that an Australian warship recently sent its military helicopter to the waters around China several times to conduct approach reconnaissance and commit ceaseless provocations and thus infringed upon the national security of China.

The Chinese army responded promptly to Australia's acts of violating the sovereignty of China and disturbing peace, he noted.

He strongly demanded Australia stop spreading false information and disturbing and undermining the regional peace and stability, stressing that China will never connive at any acts of infringing upon its national sovereignty and security but will surely counter them in a determined manner.

### Italy

#### Winter Paralympics open

The 25th Winter Paralympics opened in Italy on March 6.

At the opening ceremony held on the theme of "Active life", the chairman of the International Paralympic Committee and others made speeches.

An art performance was given at the ceremony and the Italian president declared the games open.



Yombunjin at dawn.

## Reduced differences in abilities, fierce matches

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The first-round matches of the 2025-2026 DPRK Premier League have entered the final stage.

Unlike the previous ones,

the matches have been very fierce since the beginning as differences in abilities between the participating teams have decreased. In other words, there increased the number of the teams

having their sights set on the first place.

The point gaps among the eight leading teams were narrow at the point of December last year, when more than half of the first-round matches were played.

It portended the fierceness of the remaining games.

Actually, the first-round matches have been fierce since it resumed in February this year, making it hard to predict the rankings.

The April 25 Team has won 17 points in nine matches and the spectators say that the team plays games briskly and with composure as expected. The Hwaepplul Team scored 18 points with five wins, three draws and one defeat in nine matches. Since the resumption of the first-round matches, the

team has played five matches to score seven goals and got five of them in set pieces (four from corner kicks and one through a penalty kick).

The Pyongyang Team is also drawing attention.

According to the spectators, fans and experts, its individual players have remarkably improved in ability and the team has undergone marked change in the running of games.

The Sobacksu Team adopting an aggressive mode of play has ensured high attacking speed while continuously putting pressure on its opponents.

The above-mentioned leading teams are being closely followed by the Sonbong, Ryomyong and Amnkgang teams.



A scene from the football match between April 25 and Kigwancha. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## DPRK team advances to quarterfinals of 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup

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The 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup is under way in Australia.

Divided into three groups, twelve teams play league matches, and winners and runners-up from each

group and two best third-placed teams play knockout games.

The DPRK team, in Group B together with the Uzbek, Bangladeshi and Chinese teams, advanced to the quarterfinals, with six points in total and as the second placer in the group standing.

## Living monument— White-naped crane at Ryongyon

By Pang Un Ju PT

White-naped crane at Ryongyon is a bird under protection, which winters in a large area of wetland in Ryongyon County from mid-November to late March of the following year.

The crane is about 120cm long and weighs 5-7kg.

The head and neck are white and the body is grey, and the grey part gradually narrows up the neck and turns into thin lines below the eyes.

The exposed skin in front of the eyes is red and the beak is light green.



The bird feeds mainly on fallen cereals, grass roots like those of pondweed and insects as well.

The wetland in Ryongyon County is a wintering place or stopover for not only cranes but also swans.

White-naped crane nests on the ground in the northern region around April and a female lays two light brown eggs with dark brown spots.

## AFC Women's Football Day marked

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An event took place at the Rungna People's Sports Park in Pyongyang on March 8 to mark the AFC Women's Football Day.

Present there were officials of the DPRK Football Association, women coaches, instructors and researchers of professional sports units and reserves training units in Pyongyang and students of Pyongyang International Football School.

Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports who doubles as the chairman of the Football Association, made a speech.

The speaker extended congratulations to the proud women footballers who are glorifying the prestige of the dignified DPRK with gold medals in international games and to mothers, coaches and instructors, who are making devoted efforts for the woman footballers, on the occasion of the March 8 International Women's Day.

After a demonstration of dribbling and technical moves of girl students of Pyongyang International Football School, the participants spent a

pleasant time, playing a football match and other sports and amusement games, divided into *Hong* (red) and *Chong* (blue) teams.



Participants in the AFC Women's Football Day event pose for a photo. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

