

## Artillery firing contest of artillery sub-units held on significant Day of Sun

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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, oversaw an artillery firing contest of artillery sub-units under the large combined units of the Korean People's Army in the western area organized on April 15, the Day of the Sun, the birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

He was greeted on the spot by No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, Kim Song Gi, director of the General Political Bureau of the KPA, and other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political commanding officers of the KPA large combined units in the western area.

The artillery firing contest was

conducted according to the contest rules set out in conformity with a simulated tactical environment.

In the contest, the artillery sub-units powerfully demonstrated the militant marksmanship they had sharpened to the full with a strong desire to complete combat preparations, and clearly showed their full war readiness.

The artillery sub-unit of the Capital City Defence Corps won the first place in the contest.

The 4th Corps of the KPA came second, the 2nd Corps third, the 8th Corps fourth and the 3rd Corps fifth.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed satisfaction over the fact that the artillery firing contest, held to mark the greatest auspicious holiday of the nation, served as an important occasion in enhancing the training enthusiasm of the artillerymen and remarkably increasing their militant might.

The positive utilization of the artillery force is the most important factor determining the victory in an operation and battle and furthermore in a war, he said, stressing that the KPA should as ever put spurs to the artillery combat readiness, true to the Party's policy of attaching importance to and strengthening the artillery and that the Party Central Committee's strategic plan for modernization of the artillery force should be thoroughly implemented within the new five-year plan for the development of national defence.

He said that it is good for army units at all levels to frequently organize training contests on national holidays like today and other major occasions, adding that the KPA should be engrossed only in the training for rounding off the combat preparations and that it is precisely the way for realizing President Kim Il Sung's

desire for building a powerful army, an expression of loyalty to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and the duty of the army.

The sub-unit which won the training contest was awarded a diploma, medal and badge.

That day, Comrade Kim Jong Un met the soldiers of the successful artillery sub-unit and appreciated their great combat capability before having a photo taken with officers and men.

The KPA commanding officers and artillerymen, blessed with the warm love and trust of the great brilliant commander on the auspicious spring holiday of April, hardened their pledge to devotedly defend the Party Central Committee and reliably safeguard the inviolable sovereignty and dignity of the glorious DPRK and the honour of the KPA with remarkable success in boosting the combat power of the artillery.

# Destroyer *Choe Hyon* conducts test-fire of weapon systems

## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the test-fire together with leading officials in the field of national defence and commanding officers of the Navy

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A test-fire of strategic cruise missiles and anti-warship missiles was conducted again within the operational efficiency test system of destroyer *Choe Hyon* of the Navy of the Korean People's Army on April 12.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, together with leading officials in the field of national defence and commanding officers of the Navy, oversaw the test-fire.



3 and 4 to be constructed and made an important conclusion.

He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the preparedness of the army's strategic action has been intensified in a qualitative way thanks to various achievements recently made in the field of defence science.

Saying that it is the Workers' Party of Korea's invariable national defence line and most important priority task to steadily and unlimitedly bolster up the powerful and reliable

The test-fire was aimed at checking the launch control system of the warship's integrated weapon command system, familiarizing the seamen with the missile firing action and confirming the accuracy and the rate of hits of the improved active anti-jamming navigation

system. Two strategic cruise missiles and three anti-warship missiles were test-fired from the destroyer.

The cruise missiles flew for between 7 869s and 7 920s and anti-warship missiles for between 1 960s and

1 973s along the trajectories set in the sky above the West Sea of Korea and hit the targets with ultra-precision accuracy.

That day, Comrade Kim Jong Un heard a report on the examined formation plan of weapon systems for destroyers Nos.

nuclear war deterrent, he clarified the important tasks to be tackled in further increasing the strategic and tactical attack capabilities, a key component of the nuclear war deterrent, and improving the rapid response posture and making it elaborate.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends educational aid fund, stipends to Korean children in Japan

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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent to the

General Association of Korean Residents in Japan the educational aid fund and stipends amounting to 316.36 million yen in Japanese currency for the democratic national education of the children of Koreans in Japan

on the occasion of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

The educational aid fund

and stipends, sent by President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for the

children of Korean residents in Japan in 172 installments so far, total 50 304 950 390 yen in Japanese currency.

# On the occasion of birth anniv of President Kim Il Sung

## Senior Party and government officials visit Kumsusan Palace of Sun



Senior Party and government officials visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on April 15 to pay homage to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on the occasion of the 114th birth anniversary of the President.

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All the people in the DPRK celebrating the auspicious Day of the Sun in the historic first year's advance for realizing the fighting programme clarified by the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea are extending eternal glory to President Kim Il Sung, the founder of socialist Korea and the great sage of the revolution.

Senior Party and government officials visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on April 15, the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Present there were Pak Thae Song and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the

Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other senior officials of the Party and the government, leading officials of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies and commanding officers of the armed forces organs.

A flower basket from Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Also placed were flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the DPRK State Affairs Commission, the SPA Standing Committee of the DPRK and the DPRK Cabinet.

The participants paid high tribute to the great leaders at their statues.

At the halls where the great leaders lie in state, the participants made deep bows to them, praying for their immortality.

All the participants pledged to demonstrate to the world the dignity and might of the DPRK by upholding with single-minded loyalty the leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un, who is dynamically ushering in an era of historic changes for the prosperity of the state and the wellbeing of the people, a period of comprehensive development of socialist construction, under the uplifted banner of the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

## Performance of Mansudae Art Troupe



The Mansudae Art Troupe gives a song and dance performance at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on April 15.

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A music and dance performance of the Mansudae Art Troupe was given at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on April 15 in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Among the audience 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 senior officials of the Party and the government,

officials of ministries and national agencies, and officials and labour innovators in Pyongyang.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

The performance began with "Nostalgia", an immortal classic masterpiece. The performers highly praised the revolutionary career of the President who performed immortal exploits for the country and the revolution, the times and history.

Listening to the songs "Long live Generalissimo Kim Il Sung" and

"The Country of the Leader", the audience cherished once again the truth that a country can be strong and its people be great only when they are guided by an outstanding leader.

Put on the stage were numbers created with light melodies and elegant rhythmic movements to show the looks of people full of joy at the new life blooming along with the ever-changing new era of comprehensive rejuvenation.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience.

## Men's football game between Jangsubong and Wolmido

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A men's football match between Jangsubong and Wolmido teams took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium on April 15, the auspicious April holiday.

Among the spectators were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior officials of the Party and the government, officials of ministries and national agencies, Pyongyang citizens and sportspeople.

When the match began, the players of both teams traded attacks and counterattacks to score, preserving their tactical intention.

The spectators exclaimed whenever players displayed



A men's football match takes place between Jangsubong and Wolmido teams at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on April 15.

spectacular scenes, applying various attacking and defensive tactics.

The Wolmido Team beat its rival 3-0 in the match.

## Evening gala and fireworks display

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There took place an evening gala of youth and students in Pyongyang and a fireworks display on April 15 in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

The evening gala began with the song "We Sing of Our Country Holding the Leader in High Esteem" at Kim Il Sung Square.

The participants showed a wave of celebration dances, extending their best wishes for immortality to President Kim Il Sung, who devoted

his all to the sacred cause for the country and the people and laid a foundation for the prosperity of all generations to come.

When "Dear Father", a hymn reflecting the reverence for the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, resounded in the sky of the capital city, the atmosphere of the evening gala was revved up.

Sound of fireworks shook the ground as if demonstrating the spirit of advance of the young vanguard.

Looking at the firework show with pleasure, the participants were convinced

that their future would be rosier and more beautiful under the wise guidance of the Workers'

Party of Korea which is translating the people's dreams and ideals into brilliant reality.



An evening gala of youth and students and a fireworks display take place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on April 15.

## Men's volleyball game

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A men's volleyball game between the April 25 and Kigwancha teams took place at the Ice Rink in Pyongyang on April 16 on the occasion of the significant April holiday.

Among the spectators were Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior officials of the Party, government and military, officials of the

Party Central Committee, ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs.

The players of both teams showed thrilling scenes by displaying their high physical and technical abilities.

The April 25 team beat the Kigwancha team 3-0 by freely applying attack and defence tactics to suit its actual conditions and playing the game with great intensity.

The spectators waved their hands to the players who showed impressive performance to congratulate them.

# On the occasion of birth anniv of President Kim Il Sung

## Kim Il Sung honour prizes conferred

KCNA

Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize were awarded to exemplary primary (sub-primary) youth league committees, officials and members of the youth league and members of the Korean Children's Union on the occasion of the

auspicious April holiday, the birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

An awarding ceremony took place at the Youth League Hall in Pyongyang on April 13.

Decrees of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK were conveyed.

Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize was conferred

on 11 primary (sub-primary) youth league committees and 17 youth league officials and members.

Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize was awarded to 106 KCU members who have distinguished themselves in study, organizational life, socio-political activities and the do-good-thing movement.

Speeches were made at the meeting.

## Week-long film show

KCNA

A week of film show opened in celebration of April 15, the 114th birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

Documentary films dealing with the immortal feats performed by President Kim Il Sung for the country and the revolution and the noble personality of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as a great man who is dedicating himself to

the overall prosperity of the DPRK and the promotion of the people's wellbeing will be screened at cinemas and cultural houses across the country during the film show.

Feature films on various themes are also to be shown.

An opening ceremony was held at the Pyongyang International Cinema House on April 9.

Present at the ceremony were Choe Chang Hak, first deputy department director

of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of ministries and national agencies, officials, creators and artistes in the film sector and other working people in Pyongyang.

At the end of the opening ceremony, the participants watched the documentary film "Our Leader Praised by All People."

Week-long film shows also opened in all provinces on the same day.

## Oratorical meeting

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An oratorical meeting was held at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on April 13 to mark the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Present there were Jon Kyong Chol, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Hyon Un Chol, minister of Culture, officials concerned, officials and working people in Pyongyang.

The performers praised the revolutionary career and exploits of President

Kim Il Sung, who devoted all his life to the country and the people, and impressively told about the personality as a great man of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is bringing earlier the future of the highly-civilized and thriving country, where the people's dreams and ideals are fully realized, with his ardent love and devotion.

They said that the President was a benevolent father who brought happiness and laughter to the people with his devotion till the last moments of his life.

They stressed that the

exciting reality, in which the capital city and regions are changing simultaneously along with the inauguration season coming round every year and a qualitative change is being made in the life of the people across the country, is the immortal scene provided by the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The performers ardently called upon all the people to fully demonstrate the spirit and mettle of the Korean people in the general advance for opening up a new phase of upsurge in comprehensive development of socialism.

## Flower Festival-2026

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The Flower Festival-2026 opened with due ceremony at the Okryu Exhibition House in Pyongyang on April 13 on the occasion of the auspicious April holiday.

The festival on the theme of "More Beautiful, More Fragrant", brought together flower research and production units in Pyongyang and local areas, universities with landscaping-related courses, some institutions, enterprises, organizations, flower fanciers and honorary members of the Korean Flower Association.

The venue of the festival is decorated with different kinds of flowers, various plant decoration sculptures and ornamental plants presented by more than 200

units and fanciers across the country.

Present at the opening ceremony were Ji Myong Jun, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee,

officials concerned, the participants in the festival and working people in Pyongyang.

Kim Son Il, minister of Urban Management, made an opening address.

At the end of the ceremony the participants went round the festival venue.



The Flower Festival-2026 opens at the Okryu Exhibition House in Pyongyang on April 13.

## National art exhibition



Visitors look round the exhibition hall at the Korea National Art Museum.

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A national art exhibition opened in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

On display at the exhibition are paintings dealing with the noble revolutionary careers of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and the immortal exploits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

There are also paintings showing the appearance of the country undergoing marvellous transformation and

the ever-growing happiness of the people in the new era of prosperity and rejuvenation opened up by the Workers' Party of Korea's people-first politics.

An opening ceremony was held at the Korea National Art Museum on April 9.

Present there were Choe Chang Hak, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and officials and creators of ministries, national agencies and the fine art sector.

Minister of Culture Hyon Un Chol made an opening

address.

The speaker declared the exhibition open, expressing belief that it would offer a significant occasion for all the officials, Party members and other working people to more deeply grasp the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men, and for injecting new confidence and vitality into the all-people general advance for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the exhibition hall.

## Fine art exhibition of veteran artists

KCNA

An exhibition of fine art works presented by aged artists opened at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on April 9.

On display at the exhibition hall are dozens of art works, including Korean paintings and oil paintings, created by aged artists in reflection of the Korean people's deep reverence for President Kim Il Sung and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.



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## Sweet and biscuit sculpture show

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The Sixth Sweet and Biscuit Sculpture Exhibition took place at the Chongnyu Restaurant in Pyongyang from April 8 to 10 on the occasion of the April holiday.

On display there were over 900 sweet and biscuit sculptures made by public catering and external service units and foodstuff factories in Pyongyang.

Sweet sculptures made by cooks of the Chongnyu Restaurant attracted special interest for their unique depictive techniques and

refined colours.

Sculptures presented by Pothonggang Hotel, Pyongyang Hotel, the Minsong Foodstuff Factory, the Kumsong Foodstuff Factory and the Kyonghung Unhasu Foodstuff Factory were also highly appreciated.

There took place a demonstration of cooks and a briefing on the sweet and biscuit

sculpture techniques.

The jury announced the results and diplomas, medals and certificates were awarded to the successful units and participants.



The Sixth Sweet and Biscuit Sculpture Exhibition takes place at the Chongnyu Restaurant in Pyongyang.

# On the occasion of birth anniv of President Kim Il Sung

## Joint national meeting of KCU organizations

KCNA

A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took place before the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on April 14 in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung.

Attending it were students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Chilgol Revolutionary School, representatives of the KCU organizations in all provinces, schoolchildren in Pyongyang and pupils to be admitted to the KCU.

Present there at invitation were Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the youth league, persons of merit and labour innovators in Pyongyang.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report.

He referred to the fact that the great Generalissimo Kim Il Sung, who created the proud tradition of the Korean children's movement in the flames of the anti-Japanese struggle, founded the KCU



A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations takes place before the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on April 14.

after the liberation of Korea and indicated the road to be followed by it and led the schoolchildren to grow up to be reliable pillars who would

shoulder the future of the country.

The history of the noble loving care of the great Generalissimo for the rising

generations invariably continues on this land under the guidance of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, he stressed.

He called upon all the schoolchildren to prepare themselves to be true young revolutionaries and patriots supporting socialist Korea,

always bearing in mind that the DPRK is strong and the beautiful hope and bright future of the new generations are guaranteed as it is led by the respected fatherly Marshal.

An admission ceremony of the KCU took place at the meeting.

Led by Ju Chang Il, the pupils joining the KCU took an admission oath.

The pupils, who joined the KCU, made the first greetings of the KCU, responding to the slogan "Let us be always ready for socialist country!"

Then, congratulatory speeches were made by Im Song Jin, section chief of Kim Il Sung University, Kim Un Hui, worker of the Rungna People's Recreation Ground Management Station, and Hong Jin Gyong, player of the South Hwanghae Provincial Taekwon-Do Team.

Congratulating the pupils who were admitted to the KCU on the occasion of the significant Day of the Sun, the speakers asked them to prepare themselves to be pillars shouldering the future of the country, always bearing in mind the pledge made before the flag of the KCU.

## Schoolchildren's art performance

KCNA

"Spring holiday is eternal thanks to the Marshal", a performance of the art group members of the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace, was given at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre on April 13 in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung.

Among the audience were Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee

of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials of the youth league, students of Mangyongdae and Chilgol revolutionary schools and other schoolchildren in Pyongyang.

A variety of numbers was staged, including song and dance "We Are the Happiest in the World" and narrative poem and song "My Country Represents

the Whole Life of the Generalissimo".

The performers highly praised the revolutionary career and exploits of President Kim Il Sung, who put forward the children as the king of the country and brought the bright future to the rising generations with his warm love and affection.

They well represented all the schoolchildren's deep reverence for the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un through an instrumental duet and

chorus, national instrument music and song and other numbers.

They also showed, through a female chorus and an

accordion and dance, the ardent desire of the younger generations to prepare themselves as reliable future pillars of socialist Korea

by firmly carrying forward the traditions of loyalty and patriotism under the uplifted flag of the Korean Children's Union.

A performance of the art group members of the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace is given at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre on April 13.



## Camping begins at children's camps

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Schoolchildren's camping began at the Songdowon International Children's Camp with due ceremony on April 15 on the occasion of the auspicious April holiday.

Present at the ceremony were Paek Song Guk, chief secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ju Mun Jin, chairman of the provincial people's committee, officials concerned, teaching staff of

the camp and campers.

The participants laid a flower basket and bouquets at the statues of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung and the great leader Generalissimo Kim Jong Il at the camp and paid tribute to them.

The camp flag was hoisted amid the sound of a bugle heralding the start of camping and the playing of the song "March of the Children's Union".

Then, a report and speeches were made there.

At the end of the

ceremony, there was a march-past of campers.

Meanwhile, camping also started at the Pihyon Children's Camp in North Phyongan Province, the Jangjasan Children's Camp, the December 6 Children's Camp in Kangwon Province, the Kyongpho Children's Camp and other camps across the country.

Officials of the relevant areas congratulated the schoolchildren on their arrival at the camps on the occasion of the significant Day of the Sun.

## Happy children's laughter on Day of Sun

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The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un sent benevolent gifts to the orphans, primary school pupils and children across the DPRK on the occasion of the auspicious April holiday.

Expressing thanks to the respected fatherly Marshal who takes care of and brings up them with love and affection, the students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary

School, Chilgol Revolutionary School and other revolutionary schools made a firm determination to always go along the road of loyalty and patriotism by carrying forward the ideas and faith of the forerunners.

Those children at baby homes, orphanages, primary and middle schools for orphans, nurseries and kindergartens and pupils at the primary schools across the country were happy to

receive various kinds of confectionery and other foodstuffs, school things and sportswear. Their happy looks added to the joy of the significant spring holiday.

Seeing the happy children, the nurses, teachers, teaching staff and parents felt gratitude to the Workers' Party of Korea and the state taking loving care of the rising generations and showing all sincerity for them.

# On the occasion of birth anniv of President Kim Il Sung

## Meetings of working people's organizations

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Workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea met at the Central Hall of Workers on April 13 in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Ri Won Jong, chairman of the GFTUK Central Committee, made a report at the meeting to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers paid the highest tribute and eternal glory to the President.

They said that human history records many famous politicians and great men but there was no such prominent leader as the President who glorified the 20th century as a century of victory in the cause of socialism, the cause of independence against imperialism.

They referred to the fact that his patriotic desire for a powerful country is being translated into brilliant reality on this land thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

They expressed the determination to demonstrate the mettle and stamina of

the heroic Korean working class in the struggle to carry through the first year's tasks for implementing the new five-year plan set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Officials and members of the women's union met at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on April 14 to celebrate the birth anniversary of the President.

A reporter and speakers noted that the President, who embarked upon the road of the revolution in his early years, performed immortal exploits for the times and history with his outstanding ideology, extraordinary leadership and noble virtues, regarding "The people are god" as his lifelong motto.

They stressed that the history of love and trust of the President, who trained the Korean women into the powerful force playing an important part in the revolution and into revolutionaries, is being given steady continuity under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The reporter and speakers expressed the will to add

glory to the patriotic exploits of the peerlessly great men for all ages and demonstrate the revolutionary stamina of the Korean women in the all-people patriotic struggle for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK under the leadership of the great Party Central Committee.

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea met on April 14 to celebrate the birth anniversary of the President.

Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, made a report to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers referred to the fact that the President, who embarked on the road of the revolution in his early years, created the immortal Juche idea to usher in a new era in which the masses of the people, who had been disregarded in history for a long time, emerged as the powerful driving force carving out their destiny independently and creatively.

They said that the wise leadership of the President, who continuously toured

farms across the country and personally taught the Juche farming method, was the driving force that enabled ordinary agricultural workers and members of the UAWK to become staunch rural revolutionaries and patriotic farmers and follow only the road of loyalty.

The President's patriotic desire for building a powerful country is now being translated into brilliant reality on this land under the wise guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, they stressed.

They called upon all the agricultural workers and members of the UAWK to thoroughly carry out the important tasks for the agricultural sector set forth at the Ninth WPK Congress by redoubling their patriotic enthusiasm and self-confidence.

The reporter and speakers expressed their determination to fulfil their responsibility and role as masters responsible for the supply of rice in the country in the ongoing grand struggle for implementing the decisions of the Party Congress.

## Dance parties of women's union officials, members

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A dance party of women's union officials and members was held at the plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on April 15 in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

The plaza was brimming with joy and excitement of the women's union officials and members greeting the significant April spring holiday. The dance party began with the song "The Day of the Sun, Spring Holiday".

With boundless reverence for the President who had devoted all his life to the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people, the participants danced to the tune of such songs as "Song of Mangyongdae" and "Mine Is Always the

Country of Kim Il Sung".

They continued dancing to the tune of songs "Our Leader Beloved of the People" and "We Like Your Embrace Best", full of confidence that their future will be brighter under the guidance of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

The atmosphere of the dance party was revved up amid the eruption of unanimous desire of the participants to glorify their lives as women revolutionaries and patriotic citizens making a tangible contribution to the prosperity of the country while steadily keeping the great socialist family's trait of loyalty and patriotism.

There took place dance parties of women's union officials and members in provincial capitals and city and county seats on the same day.

# Nation celebrates birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung



People from all walks of life visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.



Colourful art performances are given in Pyongyang and the provinces.

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All the people and service personnel in the DPRK celebrated with splendour the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

An endless stream of visitors with deep yearning flowed into the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state.

Officials, working people, service personnel, young people and schoolchildren laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the statues of the great leaders and mosaics depicting the images of the peerlessly great men on Mansu Hill

and in other parts of the country and paid tribute to them.

On the occasion of the April spring holiday, working people visited President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae to deeply grasp the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great man, who regarded "The people are god" as his motto and

made a sacred history of the people-first principle.

The national flags and visual aids were displayed at major places in the capital city and provincial, city and county seats and at institutions, industrial establishments and farms across the country.

Pupils joined the Korean Children's Union on the

significant Day of the Sun.

Colourful performances were given at theatres and other places in the capital city and the provinces.

There was a demonstration of riders of the riding club in Kanggye City.

The venues of dance parties in South Phyongan, North Hwanghae and Ryanggang provinces, Rason

Municipality and other parts of the country also brimmed with the people's joy and excitement of celebrating the Day of the Sun.

The Central Zoo and other cultural recreation grounds were full of the people's joy and happiness and public catering establishments across the country were crowded with visitors.



# Festival brimming with reverence and friendship

The 34th April Spring Friendship Art Festival is going on with splendour amid the great expectations and interest of the Korean people and the world progressives

By An Hyok Chol PT

In celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, the 34th April Spring Friendship Art Festival is going on in the DPRK amid the interest of the audience.

The festival has brought together famous art troupes, dance groups and circuses of dozens of countries and overseas Korean art troupes. They are staging hymns in praise of the Korean great men and other numbers on diverse themes.

An official of the Ministry of Culture said that the festival which originated in April 1982 has so far made a great contribution to strengthening friendship, unity and cultural exchanges among peoples of different countries and jointly developing the musical art of mankind. The international prestige and distinctive features of the festival are evidenced by

the participation in it of a total of nearly 20 000 foreigners and overseas Koreans of more than 2 090 art troupes, cultural delegations, visiting groups and supporters' organizations of many countries in the past 40-odd years, he added.

This year, too, art troupes and artistes of many countries spared no efforts for the preparation of their performances to make the festival a big success.

Russian artistes devoted themselves to perfecting their works, saying that it has been an excellent tradition for them to take part in the April Spring Friendship Art Festival.

Chinese artistes, who had sung in a lofty style of the friendship and fraternity between the DPRK and China with a long history and tradition in the previous festivals, also made great efforts for the artistic interpretation of works,

saying that they wanted to put on the stage good works reflecting the friendly feelings of the peoples of the two countries.

Such sincere efforts of the artistes of different countries are being displayed on the stage of the festival.

Russian artistes well showed their people's trust in the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who made an immortal contribution to the development of the DPRK-Russia friendly and cooperative relations, through the revolutionary hymn "Ode to General Kim Jong Un" and other numbers.

Artistes of the Chinese art troupes also put on the stage the immortal revolutionary hymn "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and other songs.

Many people who watched the performances say in excitement that they could feel deep admiration for the great

men overflowing on the stages, adding that they are filled with boundless reverence and yearning for President Kim Il Sung and the pride and self-confidence in being the people holding in high esteem the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Other foreign artistes made deep impressions by wonderfully representing the Korean songs with high artistry.

"I still remember a festival which I saw in my childhood. A foreigner earnestly sang the song 'Leader, the Night Is Far Advanced'. Though her pronunciation was not correct, I was very impressed to see her singing. I have felt such impression again at the current festival. 'Care of My Destiny' and many other Korean songs were sung by foreign artistes, who admirably represented the content of the lyrics and even the emotional sentiments reflected

in the melodies with good pronunciation. Seeing them, I could feel their passion and wanted to present bouquets to them on the stage," said a resident in Moranbong District of Pyongyang.

The artistes of Russia, China, Mongolia, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and other countries who took part in the festival also gave a beautiful artistic description of the national sentiments peculiar to their peoples and their romantic life.

The audience unanimously say that they came to have a better understanding of the life of the peoples of relevant countries and their patriotic feelings and desires to defend justice, watching performances including the dances, songs and national instrumental music widely known to the Korean people on different occasions in the past.

The festival is going on.



Scenes of performances given by foreign artistes at the 34th April Spring Friendship Art Festival.

# Premier Pak inspects tourist resort and power station under construction

KCNA

Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, made a field survey of the construction site of the Samjiyon Mountain Resort and that of the first stage of the Tanchon Power Station nearing completion.

At different places of the tourist resort, he acquainted himself with the progress of the construction project, and

called for making the most of the good construction season in conformity with the geographical features, strengthening the forces for construction and improving the operation rate of construction equipment to finish the project in time without fail.

At the construction site of the first stage of the power station, he called for solving the sci-tech problems arising in increasing the efficiency of generating equipment and reducing power loss as much as possible and for taking

foresighted measures to ensure stable growth of power generation after inauguration.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issues of stepping up the preparations for the inauguration of the first stage of the power station and making positive use of rational construction methods in the second-stage project of the power station and that for the relevant units to ensure the smooth supply of necessary equipment and materials in time, before taking necessary steps.

**Premier Pak Thae Song (second from left) makes a field survey of the construction site of the first stage of the Tanchon Power Station nearing completion.**



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Birthday spread sent to centenarian

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Kim Sok Ryo, a woman living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 52, Ponbu-dong, Sinuiju City, North Phyongan Province, on her 100th birthday.

The centenarian expressed her gratitude to the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un with excitement.

Born a fisherman's daughter before the liberation of Korea, she had been subjected to all sorts of maltreatment and contempt while undergoing sorrow of the ruined people. She could

lead a worthwhile life only after President Kim Il Sung liberated Korea and built a genuine people's country.

She is always asking her descendants to work harder to defend and add glory to the blessed socialist system.

### National foodstuff exhibition opens

The National Foodstuff Exhibition-2026 opened on April 13 under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Regional Industry.

Presented to the exhibition were condiments, confectionery, drinks, processed fruits, processed fishes, processed vegetables

and other products made by more than 100 units and the valuable research successes achieved in the food industry sector.

During the exhibition, there will be a sci-tech presentation, an experience presentation, lectures on science and technology, visits to modern foodstuff factories and the examination and registration of highly appreciated foodstuffs as the February 2 Product.

Present at the opening ceremony were Kim Chol Bom, minister of Regional Industry, officials concerned and officials and working people of the exhibitor units.

There was a speech at the ceremony.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants went round the exhibition hall.

## Russian delegation visits Pyongyang

KCNA

A delegation of Russia's independent federation of trade unions headed by Chairman Sergei Chernogayev arrived in Pyongyang on April 13.

The delegation was greeted at Pyongyang International Airport by Kim Song Ho, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, and Vladimir Topeha, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

There took place talks

between Ri Won Jong, chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, and Sergei Chernogayev, chairman of Russia's independent federation of trade unions, at the Pyongyang Assembly Hall on April 14.

The talks discussed the issues of boosting exchange and cooperation between the trade unions of the two countries in conformity with the DPRK-Russia friendly relations which have entered a new turning phase.

Present at the talks from the DPRK side were Vice-

Chairman Kim Song Ho and other officials of the Central Committee of the GFTUK, and from the Russian side members of the delegation of Russia's independent federation of trade unions and Vladimir Topeha, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

At the end of the talks, a letter of understanding on friendship and cooperation between the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and the independent federation of trade unions of Russia was signed.

# Factory more than doubles tile production scale

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

During the term of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Chollima Tile Factory expanded its production scale over two times and developed its capacity to manufacture a complete set of most of equipment needed for tile production along with the great golden age of construction.

"The key to the success made by our factory in the past five years is that it persistently implemented its readjustment and reinforcement strategy by pursuing it as the lifeline for its development," said Ri Hong Rim, manager of the factory.

Back in 2021, the first year of the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Party Congress, the construction

of 10 000 flats in the capital city and other gigantic construction projects were under way across the country and therefore tiles were in big demand everywhere. But the production capacity of the factory failed to meet such demand at that time.

The limited production capacity was a problem, but more serious problems were that import was its

only means of obtaining glaze and some other materials and equipment parts and the then world public health crisis made the production conditions more difficult.

Therefore, the factory came to the conclusion that it should readjust and reinforce its overall production process strictly on the principle of self-reliance.

Accordingly, it buckled down above all to setting up a glaze production process relying on domestic raw materials.

While studying literature, the factory officials tried to find substitute raw materials and visited technicians of the factory and different scientific research units to learn the knacks of glaze production one by one.

It built equipment for glaze production by its own efforts and made glaze in the first year.

It remodelled the production process of the floor tile workshop into the one capable of producing tiles for exterior and interior walls

and ceramic roofing tiles, thus sufficiently producing and supplying tiles needed for housing construction.

Consequently, it attained a record high in output that year since its operation beyond many people's expectations, and was selected as one of the top 10 enterprises in 2023.

Another remarkable thing in the changes made by the factory in the past five years is that it strengthened its talent forces and solved problems arising in the factory by relying entirely on them.

It pursues an ideal and ambition to become a leading building materials production base fully supplying the domestic needs for tiles and a comprehensive and advanced enterprise producing and supplying all the equipment needed for tile production.

It found the way to fully realize the ambition in attaching importance to talents and science and technology.

It built up its talent forces with promising personnel selected as managerial, technological and functional

talents.

Thanks to their active role, a 2 800-ton hydraulic press was restored to its original state to ensure normal operation, though many people had thought it was impossible to do so, and three fluidized-bed hot-blast stove, each of which is as large as a low-storey house, could be made in a matter of some months.

It has now scores of technological, functional and managerial talents who rendered meritorious service in the past five years in several aspects.

"It has established the system of designing production processes and the technology for manufacturing equipment necessary for rapidly developing the tile industry and laid the foundation for tile production. Its present reality tells us the immutable truth that nothing is impossible if we adhere to the principle of self-reliance and enlist the wisdom of talents," said Manager Ri Hong Rim.



Tiles needed for housing construction are produced at the Chollima Tile Factory.

# Regional-industry factories boost production

## Factory set to produce more foods favoured by residents

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The Hwangju County Foodstuff Factory has achieved successes in developing and producing foodstuffs peculiar to the locality and favoured by its residents.

“When our factory was inaugurated, the residents of the county were very pleased to see various kinds of condiments and confectionery produced with its own brand ‘Kindungbol (Kindung Plain)’. We are focusing on developing new products while improving the quality of products to satisfy their expectations,” said Manageress Kim Ju Ok.

The factory concentrates its efforts on improving the quality of products and expanding their varieties.

The factory puts spurs to

increasing the production of soy sauce, bean paste, oil and other condiments and improving their quality.

To this end, its officials and employees make an intensive study of scientific

and technological findings at the sci-tech learning space and pool efforts to expand and introduce them to suit the specific conditions of the factory, while putting strenuous efforts into improving the quality of

condiments in cooperation with scientists at scientific research institutions.

The factory organizes a show of products of workteams every week as part of its effort to improve the quality of foodstuffs

and produce more special products representing the region.

In the course of that, it developed lotus root jam and bread filled with lotus root jam by using lotus

roots which can be claimed to be a speciality of the county.

At present the factory produces dozens of kinds of condiments and confectionery favoured by the residents.



Condiments and confectionery are produced at the Hwangju County Foodstuff Factory to be supplied to residents. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Production expanded, quality improved

By Yun Ki Song PT

Officials and employees of the Hwangju County Daily Necessities Factory are increasing production while focusing on the improvement of the quality of products.

The factory has directed big efforts to further improving the quality of soap.

It effectively pushes ahead with the work to increase the actual yield from the oil refining process, the first process of production, and

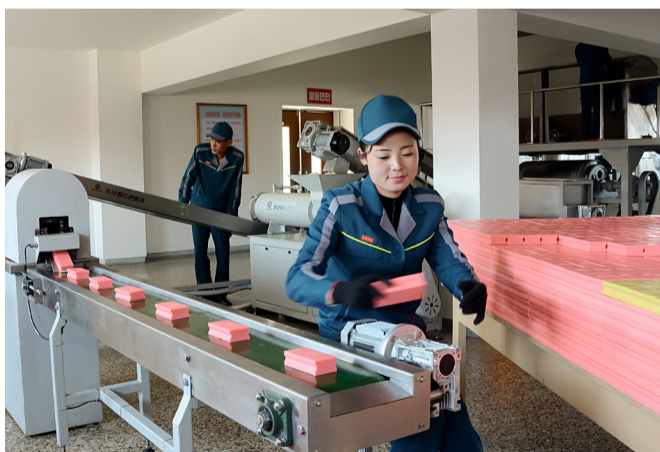
to update all qualitative indices.

It set technical innovation goals for improving the quality of soap by relying on local raw materials and has attained them one by one by enlisting the creative initiative and activity of the producer masses.

Its Hwangju-chon-brand laundry soaps with fragrances of rose, mint and lemon, soap powders, liquid soaps, shampoos, conditioners and detergents are of high quality and demand for them is on the steady rise.

Employees of the plastic and furniture workteams make steady efforts to develop new products.

The plastic workteam has developed various shapes of plastic vessels and improved their quality while producing plastic pipes and pails of different sizes. And the furniture workteam has mass-produced new types of furniture favoured by the county residents and goods needed for rural housing construction.



Soaps and furniture are produced at the Hwangju County Daily Necessities Factory. KIM YONG CHAN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Diverse and stylish

By Ri Sang Il PT

The Hwangju County Garment Factory produces clothes to meet the tastes of local people by enhancing its employees' skills.

“As spring has come, the factory is constantly receiving orders from residents and units for new clothes like jackets and suits. Accordingly, we’re increasing the indexes of clothes different in form and shape,” said Manageress Ri Yong Sun.

The factory puts much efforts into making even a single product to meet the taste of residents.

The relevant shop in the county, where the locals buy clothes, processes clothes to suit their measurements and taste.

What is important in processing clothes is the technical skill of the producers, the manageress said, adding that the factory is directing big efforts to improving the technical knowledge and skills of its employees.

Many employees of the factory are newcomers who began to work there just after its inauguration.

The factory established

a system whereby each skilled worker takes charge of a newcomer to pass on technical skills to them and technical study is done for the newcomers for 30 minutes before they start work at workteams.

And it sees to it that employees search for advanced garment production

technologies through their study in the sci-tech learning space and conducts a seminar every week.

As a result, all the employees have improved their technical knowledge and skills a level higher and the factory is producing clothes favoured by the people at will.



Clothes liked by residents are produced by improving the skills of employees at the Hwangju County Garment Factory. JO CHOL JU/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

# Immortal programme for victorious advance of socialist cause

By **Kwon Hyo Song** PT

An immortal programme for the victorious advance of the socialist cause was elucidated at the First Session of the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

In the policy speech "On the Tasks Facing the Government of the Republic at the Present Stage of Socialist Construction", the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un reviewed the work the state carried out in the 14th term of the Supreme People's Assembly to achieve remarkable success through strenuous efforts, and put forward important tasks to be tackled by the DPRK government in accelerating national prosperity and the people's well-being in keeping with the requirements of the reality in which the Korean-style socialist cause entered a new stage of development, and the ways to that end.

They constitute a definite scheme for struggle guaranteeing the successful implementation of the new five-year plan advanced at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The policy speech clarified the issue of directing primary effort to consolidating the economic foundations for proceeding to the next stage by concentrating state investment on technical modernization of the overall national economy and the issue of making sustained efforts to develop agriculture, fisheries and light industry which are directly linked with the people's living.

It also underlined the issue of correctly implementing the socialist policies for schoolchildren.

The production and supply of school uniforms for schoolchildren constitutes a policy of the Workers' Party of Korea which regards it as the primary affair that should be carried out unconditionally, not the one that is conducted under favourable conditions and that may be skipped under difficult conditions, and an eternal state policy of the DPRK.

In addition, the policy speech illuminated the issue of successfully settling the people's housing problem and expanding the construction work for constantly creating a higher level of civilization

also in the period of the new long-term plan.

The respected General Secretary said in the policy speech that the DPRK government will provide the solid foundations for development in 100 cities and counties by persistently and perfectly pushing ahead with the construction project related to the regional development policy in the new era during the long-term plan, while consolidating the successes achieved in the course of implementing the policy.

As the Party adopted and promoted the Regional Development 20x10 Policy, foodstuff, daily necessities, clothes and other regional-industry factories were wonderfully built in 20 cities and counties each year in the past two years.

The policy speech also specified all tasks to be carried out by all sectors of the national economy, including the matter of improving economic guidance and management, the matter of drastically enhancing the quality of products and the matter of taking economic and practical measures necessary for establishing

discipline and order in the external economic sector and spurring foreign trade.

Besides, it clearly indicated the tasks to be carried out by the government at present and the ways to that end, such as the tasks facing the fields of science, education and public health to steadily increase sci-tech capabilities and develop the socialist culture and the matter of more strictly establishing the socialist way of life and moral discipline throughout society.

All the state policies have always been translated into reality irrespective of conditions, which has further strengthened the people's confidence in the government. As the Korean people have clearly realized the advantages of socialist policies through their actual life, they have enthusiastically supported every state policy whenever new one has been put forward, and turned out for their implementation.

Since they received the General Secretary's policy speech, they have stepped up socialist construction, full of the belief in a happier life and optimism about a more beautiful future.

## Rural change essential for regional transformation

Progress and changes clearly marking out the past and present have been made in the countryside of our country since the struggle to implement the programme for the rural revolution in the new era started on a full scale.

The effort to radically improve the countryside has been stepped up, leading to the construction of a large number of modern rural houses in all cities and counties and changes in all domains including the grain production structure, agricultural mechanization, irrigation system, farming method, stockbreeding and vegetable production.

It is an important principle the Workers' Party of Korea is adhering to at present to reduce the gap and eliminate imbalance between the towns and the countryside, to accelerate the building of rich and civilized society where all the regions develop simultaneously and, in particular, to give priority to improving the regional and rural living environment.

Agriculture is an important sector in the regional economy, and a large percentage of the population in the country are engaged in agriculture. Therefore, to change the rural communities is of great significance in letting them build up their own forces and potentials strong enough to achieve steady and sustainable development of their regions.

To raise the level of ideological awareness of agricultural workers and their cultural and technical level is an important undertaking for preparing them to be responsible for transforming their villages and areas.

When agricultural workers acquire a high level of ideological consciousness, study and search to acquire knowledge and technical skills and radically change their lifestyle, the rural revolutionary forces will be

strengthened and regional development further accelerates.

To rapidly increase agricultural productivity is essential for revitalizing the regional economy so as to improve the material life of local people.

Only when agriculture is developed rapidly can regional-industry factories be fully provided with raw materials and the purchasing power of agricultural workers be increased to give full play to the vitality of the regional development policy for improving the material life of the regional people.

When agricultural production is put on a scientific, IT and intensive basis and the material and technical foundations of the countryside are steadily consolidated to bring about the sustainable development of agricultural production, a new era of development of the socialist countryside can be ushered in and the economic links between regional industry and agriculture be strengthened to revitalize and develop the regional economy.

To radically change the appearance and environment of rural communities is an important political work to usher in an era in which regions undergo changes.

It is an ideal result of our Party's regional development policy to radically improve the environment for cultural life of regional people and thereby make the whole country uniform in cultural level.

When we change the living conditions and cultural environment in all rural communities across the country and step up the construction of civilized society in that course, we can thoroughly implement the regional development policy whose important goal is to decisively reduce the difference between urban and rural areas in cultural level.

**Pak Yong Il**, deputy department director of the Agricultural Commission

## Rural revolution programme in new era brings about sweeping change in rural areas

By **Kim Hak Chol** PT

A great change brought about in the rural areas by the programme for a rural revolution in the new era is one of the greatest feats achieved by the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Solving the rural problem properly is a strategic issue which should be settled without fail in the whole course of building socialism and communism.

Therefore, the WPK clarified the programme for the rural revolution in the new era at the historic Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The programme sets it as the main task to get all agricultural workers ready to be rural revolutionaries,

achieve the sustainable growth of agricultural production and transform the appearance and environment of the countryside by powerfully expediting the three revolutions.

The WPK has persistently forged ahead with projects for implementing the rural revolution programme in the new era over the past five years.

The agricultural workers showed remarkably growing enthusiasm for production and the structure of grain production of the country was definitely changed into the one focusing on rice and wheat farming.

The irrigation project to perfect the country's irrigation system was set as its top-priority task and undertaken with a blitz, with the result that the irrigation

system was perfected in hundreds of thousands of hectares of paddy and dry fields and the desalination project of Lagoon Kangnyong and the Chongchon River-Phyongnam irrigation waterway and Hwangju Kindung waterway projects were completed, providing a solid guarantee for the farms, which had been seriously affected by water shortage every year, to overcome the whims of the weather and steadily produce high grain yield.

A scientific guidance and management system for agricultural production was established across the country and up-to-date information technologies were widely introduced into it.

Many agricultural science research units were renovated, agricultural

production was put on a more scientific, IT and intensive basis and agricultural workers became eager to apply advanced farming methods and agricultural sci-tech products.

In addition, lots of farm machine production units were upgraded and modernized and the proportion of farm work done by machines grew markedly.

With the large-scale construction projects of farmhouses having been undertaken nationwide, modern houses for more than 113 000 families were newly built in over 1 860 rural villages at 500-odd farms across the country in the past four years and agricultural workers celebrated the happy events of moving into new houses all the year round.

### BYWORD

*'The people are god', single-minded unity and self-reliance*

The Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government made lots of achievements under the banner of "The people are god", single-minded unity and self-reliance over the past five years.

"The people are god" reflects the permanent demand for strictly maintaining the Party's revolutionary traits of making devoted service for the people, the starting point and invariable principle in

its building and activities, while single-minded unity and self-reliance embody in a concentrated way the ideological and theoretical viewpoint and political requirements concerning the lifeline and motive

force of the Korean revolution.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed the need to invariably uphold the three ideals at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea too.

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# Israel gets more undisguised in bloody massacre

By Choe Song Jun PT

Israel is committing appalling massacres of innocent people more undisguisedly in different parts of the Middle East under the patronage and manipulation of the US.

Recently, the Israeli parliament adopted a "murderous bill" targeting the Palestinians. A "death penalty law" against the Palestinians waging a war of resistance against the "existence of the State of Israel", the law is not applicable to Israelis who kill the Palestinians. Accordingly, the courts can sentence to death without the prosecution's demand

for death penalty and there is no need for a unanimous decision of judges.

In a word, it is aimed at branding the Palestinians' resistance in the West Bank as "terrorism" and encouraging Israelis to freely kill them at any time under the signboard of "anti-terrorism".

Several countries are becoming increasingly critical of Israel's drive to introduce the system of capital punishment.

The Swiss Foreign Ministry expressed its stand that it opposes the system as it does not conform to human dignity and right to existence. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry denounced it as the dangerous and

unprecedented deterioration of situation and an obvious violation of international law including the human rights convention and Geneva Convention.

Now the Israeli murderers are not only hell-bent on exterminating Palestinians but also detaining and mercilessly killing journalists.

The Foreign Press Association, representing dozens of media persons active in the Palestinian autonomous region, strongly criticized Israel for recently detaining CNN correspondents in the West Bank occupied by Israel. Saying that though the reporters who covered the situation in the area showed

their ID cards, Israeli soldiers committed violence against them and confiscated and damaged their cameras, the association condemned such misbehaviour as revealing deep hostility towards the media and being intolerable in any situation.

Israel, however, killed Lebanese TV reporters again in a recent military attack on the southern part of Lebanon and shamelessly announced that the deceased were the "terrorists of Hezbollah" who were active under the signboard of "journalists".

In this regard, the Russian Foreign Ministry said that Israel's killings of journalists should be

thoroughly investigated, adding that the civilian vehicles the journalists were aboard bore the clear marks of "press" on them and the international community should not accept Israel's logic to justify the killing of journalists on the pretext of the struggle against terrorism.

Lebanon is now preparing to bring a lawsuit against Israel's repeated attacks on journalists that occurred in its southern region to the relevant international organization.

It is a clear violation of international law to target civilians and journalists in the disputed area and murderers will surely have to pay dearly for it.



Palestinian women wait for their dear ones killed in a bloody Israeli massacre (far left) and buildings are destroyed in a Lebanese city by Israel's indiscriminate air raid (left).

## 'Our Power, Our Planet'



Choe Tong Hyok, PhD, associate professor and deputy institute director of the Faculty of Global Environment Science of Kim Il Sung University

April 22 is Earth Day. The theme of this year's Earth Day is "Our Power, Our Planet". To protect the Earth we live on and maintain a clean ecological environment is not limited to a certain country or certain nation but a vital issue that the whole mankind living on the planet should be concerned about and that everyone should solve by their joint efforts.

However, human activities for economic growth have caused serious environmental problems such as global warming, ozone depletion, air and water pollution, and resource depletion.

Untimely maximum temperature is observed in different countries.

Expressing concern over the rise in temperature, meteorologists asserted that frequent sultry weather is

expected to set in in the future due to the accelerated global warming. On the Internet there is a prediction that this year and next year might be the hottest ones in history if El Nino occurs.

Forest fires occurring frequently due to persistent high temperature and drought, exhaust gases from vehicles, smoke from thermal power plants and factories and sandstorms are factors that increase air pollution.

Plastic pollution has also had a tremendous impact on the environment. The total amount of plastic goods produced in the world from 1950 to 2016 reached 8.3 billion tons, 6.3 billion tons of which were reduced to waste, and it will reportedly increase up to 12 billion tons by 2050.

The marine environment is also seriously affected. All

sorts of pollutants, including industrial waste water, domestic sewage and plastic waste, are flowing into the sea, destroying the marine ecosystem. Now, sea level is rising continuously due to global warming.

The problems of water shortage, farmland loss and waste disposal are still serious.

Therefore, many countries around the world are focusing on the development and utilization of renewable energy resources in order to make the ecological environment cleaner and meet the increasing demand for energy.

Natural energy has positively been developed in our country, too.

Solar power stations have been built across the country to make effective use of solar energy and many units have ensured the supply of heating

and domestic water by using solar water heaters.

Ryomyong Street, which is called energy-saving and green street, uses geothermal energy to provide heating and the utility rate of solar energy accounts for a large proportion of electricity consumption.

Power production based on biomass energy and wind power is actively under way and the construction of tidal power stations is progressing apace.

Different regions of the country are directing big efforts to radically increasing the capacity to purify sewage and treat waste and eliminating the sources of all kinds of pollution while ensuring clean environment by using advanced dust-collecting and purifying devices.

Mountains across the country are turning into "gold and treasure mountains" as nationwide

efforts are further intensified to turn mountains into useful ones.

Offshore farms and fishery stations are actively creating artificial coral reefs and raising and releasing young fish into the sea and offshore farms are being built in such a way as to protect the marine ecological environment.

Meanwhile, research for protecting the marine environment is pushed ahead with while the marine ecology reserves are well managed.

Our country is also conducting the work to boost exchanges and cooperation with international organizations including the United Nations Environment Programme.

It is a common duty of mankind to positively protect and preserve the ecological environment of the Earth and hand it down to posterity.

## Briefly

### Russia

#### President appreciates achievements in space field

Russian President Vladimir Putin referred to the achievements made in the field of outer space in a business meeting with the general manager of the state-run Roskosmos company on April 11.

He congratulated all cosmonauts and all the persons which are related to space activities on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's space flight.

Last year Russia brought about positive results in the field of space, he said, adding that the space field is developing with confidence.

### Brazil

#### President censures US

The Brazilian president criticized the US for threatening the world at an event held on April 10.

Saying that the US ruler is threatening everyone in the world, he emphasized that the Brazilians want peace, not war.

The Brazilian government opposes intervention in disputes and will channel primary efforts into the social, economic and cultural development of the country, he added.

### China

#### Japan criticized for moves toward 'neo-militarism'

A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China at a press conference on April 7 denounced Japan's reckless moves toward "neo-militarism".

Japan is trying to amend the "three principles of defense equipment transfer" to the effect that the export of lethal weapons is approved in principle and weapons can be exported to the countries in conflict. Answering a question of a journalist as to this, the spokesman said that all the signs show that the Japanese right-wing forces are turning their security policy into an offensive and expansive one.

He strongly demanded Japan seriously reflect on its history of militaristic aggression, act prudently in the sphere of military security and stop going along the wrong way.

### Ukraine

#### Official laments loss of ability to produce military hardware

The chief of the Ukrainian presidential office recently admitted that Ukraine has lost the ability to produce such military technical equipment as tank and missile by itself.

Nothing in the components including all the current defence means and drones is Ukrainian-made one and Ukraine has lost the ability to produce any guided system and cannot produce even a single tank by itself.

Deploring that his country stopped the production of them by itself 20 years ago, he complained that the West, however, does not sell it specific parts and equipment necessary for the production of military technical equipment.

# Kim Kwang Myong wins gold medal at Asian Wrestling Championships

KCNA

**D**PRK player Kim Kwang Myong won a gold medal at the 2026 Asian Wrestling Championships held in Kyrgyzstan.

In the 61kg category of freestyle wrestling, Kim defeated his Mongolian opponent 10-0 in the preliminary match, Turkmenian rival 11-0 in the quarter-finals and Uzbek player 3-0 in the semi-finals.

In the final match held on

April 12, he beat his Indian rival 13-10.

Ri Se Ung, Kim Son Hyang and Mun Hyon Gyong of the DPRK came second respectively in the Greco-Roman 60kg category and the women's 50kg and 62kg categories to win silver medals.

Meanwhile, An Kum Byol, Won Un Gyong and Hwang Hyo Sun finished runners-up respectively in the women's boxing 51kg, 60kg and 65kg categories at the 2026 Asian Boxing Championships held in Mongolia.



DPRK wrestler Kim Kwang Myong celebrates his win in the 61kg category of freestyle wrestling at the 2026 Asian Wrestling Championships held in Kyrgyzstan.



## Contest gets fiercer with growing zeal for sports

By Kim Hak Chol PT

**T**he national inter-provincial mass sports contest-2026 which kicked off in March is going on amid public expectations and interest.

### Increased scale

The contest is the largest mass sports event organized in the DPRK.

It is now taking place in Pyongyang, Sariwon City of North Hwanghae

Province and other parts of the country. Players selected from provinces and municipalities are competing in basketball, table tennis, tennis, badminton, Taekwon-Do and other events.

Choe Yong Il, a staffer of the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports, said that the current contest has an increased scale in terms of participants as compared with the past events and that not only university students but also senior middle school

students are taking part in it.

The fact that the contest is being held as part of the 2026 Spring National Sports Festival is further arousing the participants' competitive spirit and enthusiasm, he said.

### Impressive matches, distinguished players

Many matches of different sporting events left a deep impression on the spectators.

The women's basketball group league match between Nampho Municipality and Kangwon Province and the match for deciding the fifth and sixth placers between the South Phyongan and North Hamgyong provincial teams went into extra time.

The match between South Phyongan and North Hwanghae provinces, which ended in 34-33, was recorded as the one with the smallest score margin in the women's basketball event.

Players of the Pyongyang municipal and South Phyongan, North Phyongan, South Hwanghae, Jagang, South Hamgyong and North Hamgyong provincial teams were highly acclaimed for three-point shots and nice dribbling skills.

Among them is a student of Sinsongchon Senior Middle School in Songchon County, South Phyongan Province. Though she is the youngest participant in the contest, she ran up and down the court for the honour of the province and scored many points in

each match.

The fiercest match in the tennis competition was the men's singles between North Hamgyong and North Phyongan provinces.

A player of the South Phyongan provincial team, who took part in the tennis mixed doubles as the oldest player in the event, also left a deep impression on the spectators.

### Leading teams

The Pyongyang municipal team has triumphed successively in various events to retain the leading position in the rankings.

They took the first place in the basketball, tennis, table tennis and badminton events. As to the secret of their success, a player of the team said that sport has become an important part of their life as they did a lot of sport in their leisure time and on holidays and that they raised their level of sporting skills while participating in a variety of mass sports games organized at their sectors and units.

The South Hamgyong provincial team, which is runner-up to the Pyongyang municipal team in the basketball, table tennis and tennis events, has also cut a prominent figure in the contest.

The North Hwanghae provincial team came first in the Taekwon-Do event which was divided into team pattern, combined power breaking and other categories.



A scene from the basketball game between South Hwanghae provincial and Rason municipal teams. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Myogil statue in Mt Kungang



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**T**he Myogil statue is located in Mt Kungang, one of the famous mountains in the DPRK. It is also called the Mahayon Myogil statue.

As a statue of a Buddhist image carved on a precipice of the mountain in the period of Koryo Kingdom (918-1392), it is 15m high and 9.4m wide. The face is 3.1m high and 2.6m wide and the eyes, ears, hands and feet are 1m, 1.5m, 3m and 3.2m long respectively.

As one of the biggest and excellent Buddhist images carved in relief on rocks in the country, the statue is so large in scale and unusual in representation as to draw

the attention of people.

It depicts comfortably cross-legged Amitabha with the right hand held up and the left one held down. The Buddha's smiling face with long eyebrows, narrow eyes, unusually long and large drooping ears and plump cheeks, the short and thick neck and the clothes with draperies hanging over the shoulders are common to statues of Amitabha in the period of Koryo.

The statue ensures proper ratio of height to width of the seated Buddha and the face feels delicate and soft.

A stone lantern stands before the statue.

The statue is well preserved as one of the cultural heritage elements showing the talents of the Korean ancestors.

