

Inauguration ceremony of Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at Overseas Military Operations solemnly held



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A magnificent memorial museum of combat feats was erected in the best place of the capital city to praise the great heroic spirit of the brave Korean People's Army soldiers who participated in the overseas military operations to create the legend of miraculous victory unprecedented in history with ardent patriotism and loyalty by defending the sacred prestige and dignity of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The immortal edifice, which will convey forever the ideological and spiritual superiority, mass heroism and unrivalled bravery which are peculiar to the KPA and which were displayed in the special military operations to liberate Kursk Region of the fraternal Russian Federation

with the sacred mission and duty, is a symbol of the most righteous people and the strongest army of the DPRK and a great monument injecting eternal vitality to the development of the DPRK-Russia relations which were forged and are consolidated at the cost of blood.

Comrade Kim Jong Un has put on the apex of glory the fine sons of the country who performed immortal feats for the times and history and the younger generations with their noble self-sacrifices and heroic military services. He energetically led the whole construction process of the memorial museum from the design to the construction work, the arrangement of contents of combat feats and the creation of symbolic memorials so that the names and images of the war martyrs could shine forever as a group of

eternal stars.

The monumental edifice, which shows through the highest architecture and lofty artistic portrayal the traces of life the officers and soldiers of KPA overseas operations units left in battlefields, their brilliant military achievements and their passionate pulsation and noble soul, is associated with the boundless sincerity, reverence and noble moral obligation of our Party and government and our people and KPA service personnel for the brave war soldiers, and it represents the heroism of our times and the invincibility of our cause.

An inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations was solemnly held on April 26 on the occasion of the first anniversary of the conclusion

of the operations to liberate Kursk of the Russian Federation.

Pervading the ceremony venue were deep respect for and remembrance of the heroic war soldiers who had been unfailingly faithful to the orders of the country and dedicated their lives without hesitation for the dignity and honour of our great state.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, Jo Chun Ryong, No Kwang Chol and other senior Party, government and military officials, commanders of the KPA large combined units, officers and men of the

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overseas operations units and engineering unit, the bereaved families of the fallen fighters, leading officials of ministries and national agencies, the soldier-builders and creators who contributed to the construction of the museum, students of revolutionary schools, youth and students and citizens of Pyongyang.

Attending the ceremony were also Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma, Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence, and other members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation and staff members of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived

at the venue, all the participants broke into cheers of deep emotion, looking up to him, a peerlessly illustrious commander and great father who has trained the KPA into a politically and ideologically strong army without parallel in the world and into an invincible revolutionary army winning every battle and gives immortality to the heroic soldiers with his noblest love and obligation.

He met brigade and battalion commanders of the overseas military operations units who participated in the inauguration ceremony of the museum.

He gave warm militant encouragement to all the commanding officers of the overseas operations units who fully demonstrated the outstanding fighting

spirit and bravery peculiar to the KPA through skilful command of battles and made contributions to glorifying the mightiness and inviolable authority of our state.

Looking up to him embracing each of the reliable commanding officers who braved the raging flames of fierce battles in the van and giving them warm paternal affection, the participants greeted him with enthusiastic applause.

The national anthems of the Russian Federation and the DPRK were played.

Comrade Kim Jong Un made a significant speech in commemoration of the inauguration.

Expressing the deep emotion he felt at the inauguration ceremony of the museum

which was erected according to the wish of all the KPA service personnel and the ardent desire and sincerity of the people across the country, he extended heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Party and the government to the officers and soldiers of the construction units at all levels, officials and creative workers of the relevant units who devoted unsparing efforts and wisdom for the construction of the museum.

He referred to the strategic significance of the operations for liberating Kursk, in which the armies of the DPRK and Russia faithful to the ideal of justice fought shoulder to shoulder in the same

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trench for peace and sovereignty, and to the matchless bravery, mass heroism, indomitable fighting spirit and noble self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the Korean people's fine sons in the bloody battles to set examples of militant friendship.

He said that the overseas military operations of the KPA were unheard-of activities conducted by the service personnel who upheld the order of the Party and the country with their voluntary conscience and moral rights, the most sincere and beautiful men who burned their hearts with pure, strong loyalty and overcame the extreme limits with its infinite viability, adding that

today's inauguration ceremony will be recorded in a page of history as the one that has injected absolute immutability into the state's inviolable dignity and prestige.

He affirmed that the museum will shine in the world and the martyrs will live forever in those brilliant rays along with the history of defence written with the sacred sense of mission and fortitude. Sincerely hoping that the precious lives of the great soldiers will shine forever, he declared the museum open.

All the participants kept in mind with great emotion that the noble spirit and mettle of the martyrs would be immortal commanding the respect of all generations to come, thanks to the benevolent care of

the great leader ensuring that the images and names of the martyrs, who dedicated their lives to the sacred war of justice, are etched in golden letters on the immortal monument.

Then, Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, read out a letter sent by Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation, to the participants in the inauguration ceremony.

In the letter, President Putin extended congratulations on the inauguration in Pyongyang on the occasion of the first anniversary of the liberation of Kursk and expressed his sincere gratitude and high respect to those who participated in the operations to liberate Kursk and the

fallen heroes, saying that the unparalleled feats of the KPA service personnel who achieved immortal glory by displaying outstanding bravery and genuine self-sacrificing spirit while fighting shoulder to shoulder with their Russian comrades-in-arms, will be kept forever in the minds of all the Russian citizens.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, cut the inauguration tape.

A large number of white balloons flew up, reflecting the noble reverence for the heroic self-sacrifice and great feats of the

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fine sons of the Korean people.

A ceremony of burying the remains of the fallen fighters in the overseas military operations was solemnly held.

Our precious officers and soldiers, whom we did not want to send and moreover lose, finally came into the warm embrace of the motherland they had so longed for and wanted to return even at their last moments, No Kwang Chol said, adding that their noble desires and trust as well as their undying feats will be preserved forever by the unanimous will and steady struggle of all the service personnel and people.

Comrade Kim Jong Un covered with earth the remains of martyr Kim Son Chol, repressing his pain of loss and regret of not being able to bring back to life the genuine patriots and brave and passionate revolutionary soldiers who sacrificed themselves unhesitatingly upon the call of the country.

The guard of honour of the KPA covered the remains of the martyrs with earth, praying for the repose of the departed spirit of the great sons of the Korean people and for the immortality of the most genuine soldiers and men.

Comrade Kim Jong Un recollected with reverence the heroic deaths of the brave soldiers who devoted their precious lives to the dignity and honour of the great motherland in the military operations.

Amid the playing of music "Song about the Motherland", the historic moments passed to convey the world of noble love and obligation of the great father who, as the heaven of destiny embracing the stars of loyalty, gives the everlasting pulse of life to the martyrs who failed to return and even takes care of the destiny and future of their bereaved families.

The bereaved families shed tears of deep emotion, looking up to Comrade Kim Jong Un who deeply grieved over the young heroes, who dedicated their lives while expecting neither

compensation nor reward but wishing for only the prosperity of the country, though he ensured that the house of immortality pulsating with their soul and breath, which cannot be faded with the passage of time, was erected beside the homes where the bereaved families had just started to lead a happy life amid the respect and blessing of the whole country.

Comrade Kim Jong Un paid once again high respect to the bereaved families who are strongly overcoming the sorrow over the loss of their dearest ones, regarding the noble life and honourable deaths of their beloved sons and husbands as admirable and glorious ones.

A volley of rifles was fired for the dead, in reflection of the noble respect for the brave soldiers who showed through their admirable patriotic deeds how the KPA soldiers should live for the Party and the country and what they should leave for the country and put invincibility of heroic Korea onto a higher level.

A wreath in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the Monument to the Korean People's Army Martyrs in the Special Military Operations.

Wreaths were laid in the name of the speaker of the State Duma and the minister of Defence of the Russian Federation.

Also placed were wreaths in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK and the Central Military Commission of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, the DPRK Cabinet, the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and the three services of the KPA.

All the participants observed a moment's silence in memory of the martyrs, the admirable sons of the Korean people who created a new history of great victory and legend of indomitable heroic feats, to be immortal along with the country, the revolution and all generations to come, in the sacred war for defending justice, dignity and peace.

Comrade Kim Jong Un went round the

museum together with major members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation, and senior Party, government and military officials.

He laid a flower before the memorial wall where the martyrs, who demonstrated the great appellation of the strong and the glory of victors with their loyalty to the Party and the country, ardent patriotism and mass heroism peculiar to the KPA, are shining as immortal stars, and paid high tribute to them.

Also laid there were flowers presented by members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation, senior Party, government and military officials, the bereaved families of the fallen fighters and other participants in the ceremony.

Comrade Kim Jong Un looked round with deep emotion the photos and exhibits showing the boundless loyalty to the order of the country, the spirit of ardent patriotism and the indomitable mettle with which they braved even death, regarding it as glory, to defend the honour of the strong, which all the generations of the DPRK should keep forever and carry forward.

He visited a room where the remains are enshrined and laid a flower before them.

He affirmed that although the dignified figures of the martyrs reliably standing in the front ranks of the KPA cannot be seen again, the soul and spirit of them, the defenders of the high and noble honour of the country, will serve as the symbol of the heroism of the Korean people and the banner of the mightiness of the KPA and powerfully encourage the victorious advance of the peoples of the DPRK and Russia struggling for the common cause of independence and justice.

He went to the room of visitor's book and wrote:

"The soul of the martyrs will be eternal along with the great honour they defended although their lives are buried with the earth with which they fought in their chests.

"The Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations

is dedicated to the admirable sons—officers and soldiers of this country—as the platform of honour.

"Kim Jong Un
"April 26, 2026"

Speaker of the State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin and Minister of Defence Andrei Belousov of the Russian Federation made entries in the visitor's book.

Comrade Kim Jong Un looked round the exhibition hall of captured weapons at the memorial museum.

He expressed belief that the museum wishing for the immortality of the martyrs, who defended the dignity and safety of the fraternal people at the cost of their precious blood, proved the solidity of the militant friendship between the DPRK and Russia and the fraternal relations of alliance between their peoples and exalted the dignity, honour, pride and glory of the present generation to be admired by all generations to come, would shine forever as the house of national treasure of Juche Korea and the monument to the great alliance embodying the strong will and great strength of the peoples of the two countries aspiring after justice and peace.

Looking round the sanctuary of education in patriotism associated with the feats of the heroes who made a dash in response to the order of the country and resounding with the echo of their beautiful life left by them at their last moments, all the participants hardened their firm will to build a prosperous country, the most powerful country in the world, which the martyrs desired so ardently, always remembering their noble soul and ambition.

The burning soul of the martyrs will be immortal with the prestige and eternal prosperity of the DPRK, to be strong for all ages, along with the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations symbolizing the greatness of the Korean people and bearing witness to the era of Kim Jong Un, the most heroic era of the DPRK.



Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations



Officers and combatants of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army, who are here by accomplishing a sacred mission and earning invaluable honour,

Officers and soldiers of the People's Army,
Bereaved family members of the martyrs,
Citizens of Pyongyang,

Soldier-builders, officials and creative workers, who have wonderfully completed this important and responsible construction project,

Members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation on a visit to Pyongyang to share this significant moment with us, as well as dear friends,

Comrades,

Today we are holding the ceremony of inaugurating the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations that will tell forever the heroic feats and ennobling spirit of the proud sons of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who sacrificed their precious lives in the sacred battles for justice and dignity.

Our motherland has built a monument in the capital city, which the combatants so dearly cherished in their hearts and always respected, to honour their precious lives and soul, and is greeting the moment of embracing them.

Everyone of this country has waited for this day.

As the bereaved family members, seeing here from a stone's throw away, have waited for the day when their beloved ones would be embraced, the comrades-in-arms of the martyrs, all the officers and soldiers of our army and all the people of our country have longed to see the place where they will lay flowers to wish for the martyrs' immortality, appreciating with infinite ennobling feelings the heroic and precious features of our army they did not fully realize in the past.

Thanks to this ardent wish and sincerity, this museum, where the martyrs will live forever as true and proud

sons of their country, has been built.

Thus has been achieved my wish to bring back all our officers and soldiers, who dedicated their precious lives too early, cover their bodies in the national flag and bury them in their motherland, the wish of other officers and soldiers of our army, as their comrades-in-arms who performed military service with them while braving the hail of bullets and gunfire, to pay their warm respect to them and the wish of all other people, as citizens of this country, to offer gratitude and honour to their defenders.

On behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, I extend heartfelt thanks to the officers and soldiers of the construction units of the army at all levels and officials and creative workers of the relevant units, who have devoted unsparing efforts and wisdom for the construction of this museum in reflection of the earnest wish of all the people of the country and the officers and soldiers of the entire army to add lustre to the precious lives of the martyrs for all eternity.

I offer my thanks to the dear comrades of the delegation of the Russian Federation who are here with the feelings of warm tribute and solemn obligation from the people of the fraternal country.

Comrades,

Today marks the first anniversary of the end of the operations for liberating Kursk.

The soldiers of Korea and Russia, who are faithful to the ideal of justice, fought in the same trench shoulder to shoulder to defend peace and national sovereignty, and achieved a result decisive in checking the resurrection of fascism and frustrating the hegemonic forces' ambition for a war.

The operations were military activities conducted in one region in a few months, but the strategic significance of the result is very great.

Justice and injustice have always co-existed in the

whole history of mankind, and the confrontation between them has been acute all the time. But there has been no such a situation as that of today in which the forces of domination and tyranny attempt to destroy the desire for national sovereignty and freedom, after they emerged brazenly on this planet as the most shameless and aggressive ultra-rightist reactionary alliance, discarding any sleazy mask or veneer.

In the rigorous and crucial years when the undoubted demand of a country and a nation for its rights to political self-determination and development and the implementation of its obligations have become the target of tyranny, the armies of the DPRK and Russia demonstrated the strength of justice through their bloody struggle, fully aware of the noblest duties they have assumed for their countries and mankind.

The soldiers of the two countries have clearly proved that there does exist in the world a tremendous might capable of overturning the society of evils created by imperialism, by dint of the hearts afire with justice and death-defying strength, and that the tyranny of injustice can never conquer mankind.

In the course of this, the fine sons of the two countries have set examples of true friendship and dedicated their precious blood for the common aim.

There will be neither more sacred contribution nor more correct expression of obligation than sacrificing one's life.

In the sacred war to wipe out the Ukrainian armed invaders who blatantly violated the sovereignty and security of the Russian Federation, our fraternal country, and liberate the Kursk region, the overseas operations units of our Korean People's Army won the priceless victory by displaying matchless bravery, mass heroism, indomitable fighting spirit and noble self-sacrificing spirit.

Thanks to the valiant struggle of the Korean People's Army that repulsed and wiped out the aggressors, shoulder to shoulder with the Russian army, the hegemonic attempt and military adventure pursued by the United States and the West were frustrated.

Standing before us are the war heroes, who should line up here most honourably, with the national flag of dignity and glory in their hands, full of indomitable soul and faith which did not burn even in the flames.

Now everyone knows full well for what they dedicated their youth on the alien battlefields.

But it is scarcely known how each of them fell in what circumstances, for what they wished at the last moment of their lives and what requests they left.

To our remorse, we could not portray every detail of their last moments here.

Probably there will be no museum in the world which can exhibit such loftiness, purity and beauty without regret.

Our soldiers who had been inconspicuous, plain and simple in ordinary days demonstrated their merits most clearly in battles.

The powerful resistance and undaunted offensive they persevered with against all odds and to their death, their trait of not giving up executing the orders till the last moment of their lives, their matchless self-sacrificing spirit of bravely facing death and their heroic choice at the moment of life and death—all these were so unprecedented and legendary that they struck us with wonder before striking the world with wonder and that even the wartime generation would admire.

Every one of those ennobling sacrifices became a valuable stepping stone in the hard-fought battles for our army to hasten the day of liberation.

The symbolic monument at this museum is not a portrayal of a specific martyr; it represents the soldiers of the Korean People's Army, every one of whom is brave, and all the martyrs, who are heroes epitomizing the spirit and mettle of Koreans.

The world of a hero does not find expression in any distinguished feat alone, and heroic behaviour does not come out of any spontaneous impulse.

The fierce battles in the Kursk region were an extension and part of the service by our army for the Party, the revolution, the homeland and the people.

Their deaths were also a moment of the service.

They were all loyalists, patriots and genuine men no matter where they were killed and how.

They must have never imagined they might leave their country even once. They must have taken arms pledging to become a handful of dirt of their homeland when they had to die. However, they unhesitatingly went to the battle sites in a foreign country where their bodies could not be retrieved if they were killed. And when crossing the border they hardened their resolve to execute the orders at the cost of their lives, far from thinking about their native homes, parents, wives and children that became far away. This is too lofty to explain merely with the soldiers' sense of obligation.

As the photos and relics on display here in this museum show, none of them, though they were in an alien country, forgot the Party nor lived separated from the embrace of their homeland even for a moment.

The national flag they would look up to with a solemn feeling before charge while praying for the safety and prosperity of Pyongyang and swearing to defend the homeland, the pouch of soil from the homeland each of them kept in his chest as a reminder of its warmth, the letters they wrote requesting to believe that they would remain honourable before their homeland which had given life to them, as well as before their parents, wives and children, even though they could not return home alive, the letters of pledge that they would implement the orders at the cost of their lives and the blood-stained letters they wrote applying for admittance to the Workers' Party of Korea—these tell many stories about their praiseworthy choices and heroic deaths.

As they could not live separated from their country and they were inseparably bound with it in destiny, they did not expect any compensation, though they performed distinguished feats, nor any reward for their self-sacrifice through self-blasting.

They left only the request for carrying out the order given by the Party, as they fell in action shedding blood, and prayed only for their country's prosperity shouting "Long live Pyongyang!" as they died a heroic death.

What desire, if any, they had was to remain remembered by the Party and the country and, even if

they failed to be remembered, they had no greater pride and happiness, if they could feel the self-satisfaction that they accomplished their combat missions given by the Party and the pride that they dedicated their all to the motherland.

Their final moments lasted for some minutes or some seconds, but that brief moment clearly highlighted their pure loyalty to the Party and the country and their maxim of true service.

The self-sacrifice expecting no compensation and the devotion expecting no reward—this will be the definition of the height of loyalty of our army.

Such pure-hearted loyalty comprises the root of extraordinary heroism, the sacred oath, the will to punish the enemy and the personality of the strong who regard even death as their honour.

As they were so loyal to the Party and the country, they could have the undying courage and the strength of charge far surpassing the law of human physiology, opt for their last that the world still fails to understand and display the scenes of laying down their lives for their comrades-in-arms.

The overseas military operations of our army were unheard-of activities conducted by the service personnel who upheld the order of the Party and the country not only according to the military discipline and morals of obedience and execution but also with their voluntary conscience and moral rights, the most sincere and beautiful men who burned their hearts with pure, strong loyalty and overcame the extreme limits with its infinite viability.

There was neither distinction between arms, duties, ages and military ranks nor difference between Party members and youth league members in their spiritual strength and feats.

The participants in the military operations lived in the world of heroes before becoming heroes after death and in the noble spiritual world of Party members before becoming Party members.

Not only the heroes who unhesitatingly opted for self-blasting, suicide attack, in order to defend the great honour, but also those who fell in the vanguard of charges and those who writhed in frustration at the failure to fulfil their duties as soldiers who were given orders, rather than in pain in their bodies torn by bullets and shells, cannot but be called the soldiers faithful to the Party, patriots.

It is said that for soldiers in battlefields, nothing is more honourable than feats and victories, but what is more sublime and valuable is the pure conscience dedicated to their Party and country and firm faith in them.

Our combatants knew that after they fell in action, their dead bodies might be left at the mercy of the wind blowing through the snow-covered forests in the alien land. However, they sacrificed their lives as they believed that their greatest honour was to contribute to implementing the orders and add to the prestige of their great country. If one tries to measure such an ideological feeling, both pure and beautiful, only with the yardstick of certain exploits, one will be underrating so many admirable soldiers' true feelings of love, tears and priceless sacrifices.

They are sons of our Party and our country, who, though fighting at the other end of the earth, could identify the roots of their lives only with such feelings of love and loyalty.

That is why we honour such intense loyalty to the Party and the country and the noble sacrificing spirit stemming from the loyalty—rather than any outstanding military exploits or feats—as symbols of our army's

fighting efficiency and our country's heroism.

The memorial wall in this museum can be called an emblem of immortality for the martyrs who, though dead and gone, will live forever as shining examples for their fellow countrymen.

Glorifying the imperishable lives of the martyrs and their unchangeable soul, the stars on the memorial wall shine brightly day and night, and they will teach people the truth of immortality and help them understand the position and significance of this museum.

This museum is a colossal fortress in which the souls of these loyalists and their hearts burning with patriotism rest, as the whole world can see.

As a decoration dedicated to this land by our admirable sons, such a museum could not be set up even at a cost of millions of tons of gold.

As time passes, this museum will continue to bring the heroes closer to all the coming generations of our Republic, and our army's successors will warmly embrace the combatants, adding one page after another to the history of patriotism and loyalty lest their sacrifices be brought to naught.

The country supported by patriotic and loyal defenders will remain powerful and great for all ages.

Today's inauguration ceremony will be recorded in a page of history as a sacred event that has injected absolute immutability into our state's inviolable dignity and prestige.

Comrades,

In this museum we have recorded a new chapter in the history of DPRK-Russia friendship that was written in blood, the history of justice that was achieved at the cost of blood.

This symbolizes the steadfastness of succession and our will.

Our future is certain.

In order to defend national sovereignty and interests in the current rapidly-changing times, we should keep turning into a formidable rival to the enemy and we should unite and grow stronger to become formidable.

As I have mentioned on several occasions, we should develop ours into a genuine, devoted and powerful stronghold, always coping in united efforts with any crises irrespective of the time and place of their occurrence and of any change in the rules of war.

Peoples of the two countries aspiring after independence, dignity, peace and prosperity are desirous of this, and the history of fidelity and unity written in blood indicates this.

As that immortal group sculpture of the soldiers of the two countries shows, the times expect us to be always ready, to be able to devote ourselves and to be resolute like them.

In front of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations born with our history of resolution, history of justice and obligation, we get firmer in our determination towards the future.

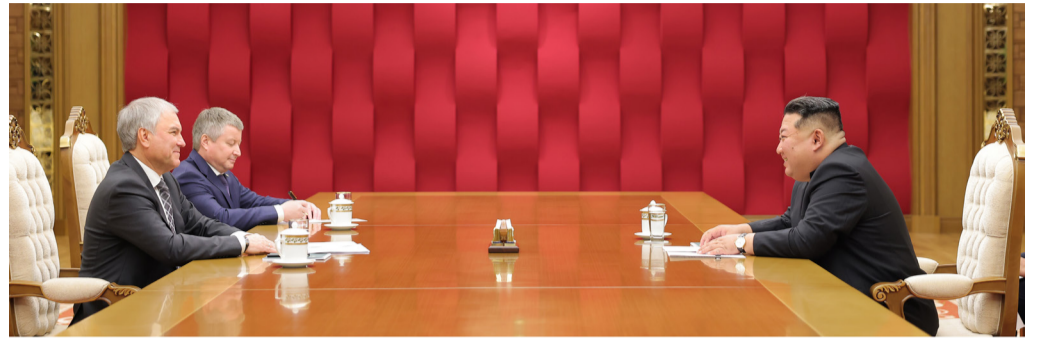
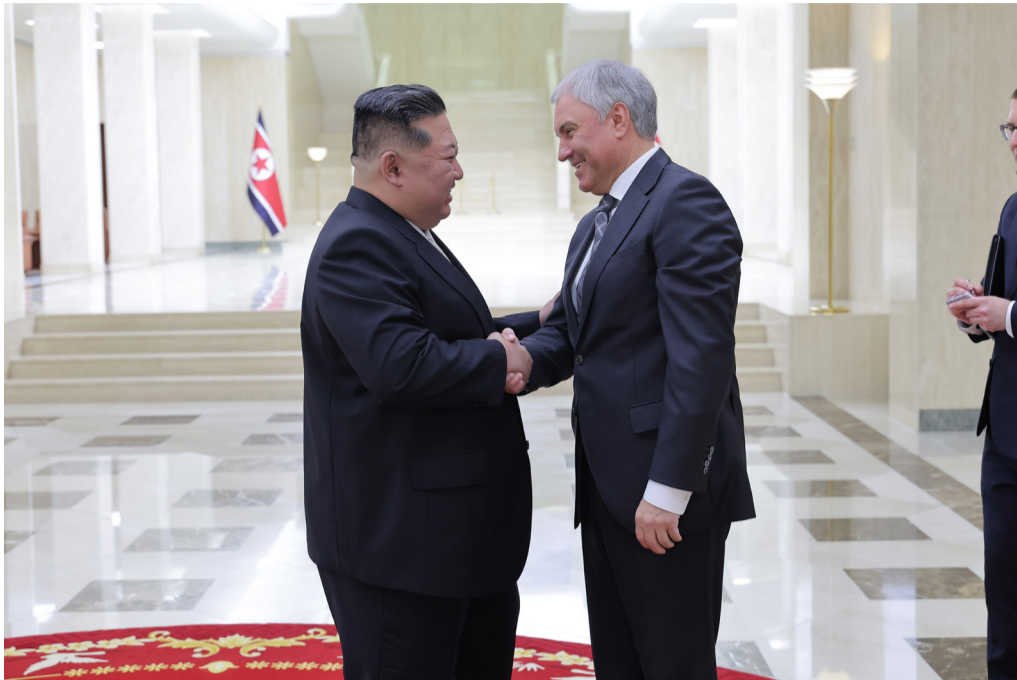
Comrades,

Our army will continue to fight bravely for the dignity and honour of its motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Along with the history of defence we are writing with the sacred sense of mission and fortitude, this museum will shine in the world and the martyrs will live forever in the brilliant rays.

Sincerely hoping that the precious lives of our people's proud sons, great soldiers, will shine forever, I declare the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations open.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets speaker of State Duma of Russian Federation



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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on April 26 met Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, on a visit to the DPRK to attend the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

He warmly greeted Vyacheslav Volodin and had a friendly talk.

Volodin courteously conveyed the best congratulations and wishes from Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin,

President of the Russian Federation, to Comrade Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks for it and asked Volodin to convey his warm greetings to the esteemed Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

Warmly welcoming the official delegation of the Russian Federation to the DPRK, he highly appreciated that it is an expression of the stand and will of the Russian leadership to attach importance to and consolidate the relations of alliance between the two countries that Comrade President Putin sent a high-level delegation led by Vyacheslav Volodin to the inauguration ceremony of

the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

It was a historic event proving the mightiness and firmness of the DPRK-Russia alliance that the armies and peoples of the two countries fought shoulder to shoulder and won victory in the operations for liberating Kursk, he noted, adding that the current visit of the Russian official delegation would serve as an important occasion in boosting the feelings of friendship and unity between the peoples of the two countries to a new high level.

Vyacheslav Volodin said that it was his honour to take part in the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military

Operations today and express his heartfelt thanks once again to the Korean soldiers, who died in the sacred struggle to liberate the Russian territory from the Ukrainian Nazis, and to their bereaved families. And he stressed that the Russian people would always remember the feats of the Korean people and soldiers who provided fraternal assistance to liberating Kursk.

The talk reaffirmed the will to develop the DPRK-Russia relations in a comprehensive way in line with the spirit of the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership and thus promote the national interests of the two countries and the wellbeing of the two peoples.

The talk proceeded in a warm and trustworthy atmosphere.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets Russian defence minister



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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on April 26 met

Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, on a visit to the DPRK to attend the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

He gladly received the Russian defence

minister and had a warm and friendly talk with him.

Andrei Belousov courteously conveyed the warm greetings from Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed

deep thanks for it and asked Andrei Belousov to convey his comradely greetings to the esteemed Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

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Memorial concert given for martyrs at overseas military operations



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A memorial concert “Stars of the Motherland” for the war martyrs, fine sons of the glorious Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, was held outside the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations, built as a monumental edifice in the great era, on the evening of April 26.

The venue of the concert, where a group sculpture of heroic Korean People’s Army soldiers involved in the special military operations is standing imposingly portraying the political and ideological mightiness peculiar to the army, was wrapped in an atmosphere of mourning the heroic soldiers cherished deep in the minds of the country and the people as eternal stars.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, attended the memorial concert, together with leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officers and men of the overseas operations units, bereaved families of the martyrs and other participants in the inauguration ceremony.

Present there were Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma, Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence, and other members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation and staff members of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

Put on the stage of the concert, which began with orchestral music “Morning Star” and narrative poem “Immortality”, were hymns depicting deep respect for and recollection of the combatants in the overseas military operations and famous songs on patriotism.

The performers paid the highest tribute to the proud sons in the era of Kim Jong Un, combat heroes, who created an immortal legend of the strong army at the cost of their lives by demonstrating to the full the excellence and bravery of their homeland and fellow people through their indomitable heroic struggle in the overseas special military operations, true to the order of the country, and returned to the motherland they longed for even in their dreams.

Watching the numbers representing the days and months when life or death was decided in a moment and which were filled with missions and

decisive battles, blood and tears, and indignation and revenge, and pathetic scenes of death-defying hand-to-hand fights and heroic suicide explosions the young soldiers chose without hesitation, the audience keenly felt with painful resentment and grim resolution what a dear price the soldiers had paid for the dignity and immortal fame of the strong.

The audience were deeply moved by the emotional scenes showing the lights from the window of the Party Central Committee that never went off, wishing for the safety of the soldiers in the alien battlefield, and the world of parental love and agony of the great father who repressed hard the great pain of loss upon receiving every sad news and wrapped the fallen soldiers in the sacred national flag to glorify their precious lives shining like stars though they fell down, to epically prove why the Koreans and the Korean People’s Army are strong and ever-victorious.

The audience enthusiastically sang with the performers “Eternal Respect,” “Only Victory” and other famous songs that arouse the strong will to cherish the immutable truth of patriotic loyalty and immortality, taught by the shining names,

images and heroic lives that will never be covered with moss even though time passes, and build without fail a thriving country, the world’s most powerful country desired by the martyrs.

Also put on the stage were Russian famous songs.

The memorial night was heated by the bitter sorrow and heartache being jointly overcome on the road for justice and peace and the militant friendship and unique feelings that have laid foundations for the eternal development of the DPRK-Russia friendship.

The concert ended with the playing of national anthems of the DPRK and the Russian Federation.

Flights of the KPA Air Force flew over Saeppyol Street, setting off fireworks out of respect for the representatives of the precious honour of the country.

The memorial concert wishing that the passionate pulse and spirit of the great heroic soldiers, who defended the dignity and honour of the motherland at the cost of their lives, embodying the absolute strength of Korea and symbolizing its people’s mightiness and justice, would be eternal as the breath of the country and its army and people, left a lingering effect on the audience.



Dinner given for official delegation of Russian Federation



KCNA

The State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea hosted a dinner on April 26 in welcome of Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma, Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence, and other members of the official

delegation of the Russian Federation who participated in the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

The respected Comrade 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, was present at the dinner.

Present there at invitation were members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Topcha, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang, Alexei Bartusov, defence attaché, and other staff members of the embassy.

Leading officials of the WPK Central

Committee and members of the DPRK State Affairs Commission were on hand.

At the dinner, Jo Yong Won made an important speech in welcome of the official delegation of the Russian Federation.

The dinner proceeded in a friendly and cordial atmosphere.

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Warmly welcoming Defence Minister Belousov's visit to Pyongyang at a meaningful time, he said that just one year ago the units of the Korean People's Army and the Russian armed forces waged a joint struggle to annihilate the armed gangs, who invaded the border area of the Russian Federation, and achieved brilliant war results in liberating Kursk. And he expressed his pleasure to do the sacred undertaking to perpetuate

the history of the joint struggle, together with the Russian friends, on the occasion of the liberation day.

Saying that Defence Minister Belousov's visit to the DPRK on behalf of the military leadership of the Russian Federation further enhances the political significance of the inauguration of the memorial museum of combat feats, he expressed thanks to the Russian leadership for its sincerity for the development of the relations of alliance between the DPRK and Russia.

Defence Minister Belousov expressed his pleasure to take part in the historic inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations, saying that the matchless heroism and bravery displayed by the excellent sons of the DPRK will remain forever in the history of militant friendship between the armies of the two countries.

Exchanged at the talk were broad views and opinions on the issues of mutual concern including the daily-aggravating

international and regional situations. And the talk discussed a series of issues for further consolidating and developing the political and military cooperation and assistance between the two countries.

The DPRK government will as ever fully support the policy of the Russian Federation to defend the national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests, Comrade Kim Jong Un said, expressing the belief that the Russian army and people would surely win the just sacred war.

Letter to respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and participants in inauguration ceremony of Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at Overseas Military Operations from Russian President

KCNA

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and the participants in the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations received a letter from Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation.

The letter is as follows:

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, Dear friends,

I extend my heartfelt greetings to you on the occasion of the

inauguration of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations in Pyongyang.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, On the first anniversary of the liberation of Kursk land from the aggressors, I express my deep thanks to you and to all the comrades who made a contribution to carrying out this large-scale plan in the shortest possible time.

The militant friendship between Russia and the DPRK has a glorious history.

At the end of World War II, the Soviet Army, together with the Korean patriots, provided assistance in freeing your country from Japan's colonial rule and defending the independence of the DPRK in the fight against foreign aggressors in the 1950s.

Today, when the enemies occupied some parts of Kursk, Pyongyang helped us resolutely without hesitation.

The Korean soldiers, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Russian comrades-in-arms,

displayed their extraordinary bravery and genuine devotion and glorified themselves with immortal honour.

Their unrivalled feats will remain forever in the hearts of all Russian citizens.

This museum, which is being inaugurated with splendour today, has a mission to convey long the Korean People's Army soldiers' heroism and their sacrifices to the common victory.

This museum will undoubtedly be a clear symbol of the friendship

and solidarity between the peoples of our two countries.

I am convinced that we will continue to strengthen the comprehensive strategic partnership between the Russian Federation and the DPRK by joint efforts.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the brave Korean soldiers who participated in the operations to liberate Kursk Region, and pay tribute to the memory of the heroes who devoted their lives.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un pays congratulatory visit to combined unit under KPA Mechanized Infantry Division in western area



General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid a congratulatory visit to a combined unit under the KPA Mechanized Infantry Division in a western area on April 25, the founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, and encouraged its officers and men.

the combined unit, all its officers and men broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" with the highest respect for him, an iron-willed brilliant commander who is ushering in a new era of building a rich country with a strong army in which the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered with arms and its steady advance are reliably guaranteed by the greatest military strength.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK including Minister No Kwang Chol and the military and political commanding officers of the KPA Mechanized Infantry Division in a western area and its combined units.

Officers presented fragrant bouquets to him, reflecting the unanimous reverence of all the service personnel for him.

He laid a bouquet at the monument to field guidance of President Kim Il Sung in the unit and paid tribute to him.

He visited the revolutionary museum after looking round with deep emotion the monument to the sacred exploits the peerlessly great men had performed while leading the army and the monument inscribed with a poem dedicated to their exploits.

He said that the mechanized group with a sacred name and its subordinate units are the glorious ranks that were organized thanks to the deep trust of President Kim Il Sung who hoped that they would lead the whole army in reliably defending the Party and the revolution, the country and the people by carrying forward the brilliant traditions of the anti-Japanese war. The proud history of the anti-Japanese guerrillas who won only victories is reflected in the names of the units, he added.

KCNA

The elite combat ranks, who are consolidating in every way their matchless war capabilities in the vanguard of building a strong army while powerfully demonstrating the name of

a unit symbolic of the heroic Korean People's Army which has creditably carried forward the revolutionary spirit of Paektu and the tradition of invincibility, greeted the moment of glory which would shine forever in its history.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

been eager to see even in their dreams in the days of the honourable military service, on the significant day when the DPRK's revolutionary armed forces made the first historic stride by taking up arms of self-reliance.

When he arrived at the headquarters of

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Firing contest of mortarmen under KPA large combined units held to mark significant April 25

KCNA

A firing contest of mortarmen of light infantry units under the large combined units at all levels of the Korean People's Army took place on April 25, the 94th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, oversaw the firing contest.

Among the viewers were 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, other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political commanding officers of the KPA large combined units.

The firing contest was conducted in the way of judging the combat methods for the sub-units to rapidly conquer the



natural and artificial interception lines, manoeuvre and fan out to destroy different targets within a set time and then hide and get away from the place according to their tactical missions.

Powerfully demonstrated in the contest were the high combat effectiveness and power in the use of mortars by shock troops of the light infantry units at all levels and their full combat readiness.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the results of the contest.

He extended warm encouragement to the units participating in the mortar firing contest, who significantly commemorated the birthday of the KPRA, an especially significant holiday for the DPRK and its revolutionary armed forces, with the proud success in the training for perfecting

the combat preparedness, and to other officers and men of the entire army. He highly appreciated that the enthusiasm for effecting a revolution in the training to enhance the combat efficiency is nowadays growing stronger in army units at all levels.

The mortar sub-unit under a combined unit of the 11th Corps of the KPA won the first place in the firing contest.

The 2nd Corps of the KPA came second, the 91st Corps third, the 1st Corps fourth, the 4th Corps fifth and the 5th Corps sixth.

Comrade Kim Jong Un said that combat drills should be organized and conducted with the main emphasis on

bolstering up in every way the combat capability to completely destroy the enemy by thoroughly embodying the WPK's military strategic ideas and all the requirements of the Juche-oriented war tactics. And he gave detailed instructions on holding training contests among units at all levels and among sub-units of special arms of the entire army in a more intensive and competitive way.



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The combined unit is situated in the historic place where the slogan of defending the Party Central Committee unto death was put up for the first time in the entire army and the Red Flag Company Movement started, he noted, saying this is the first place where the faith of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK to preserve and carry forward the ideological lineage took roots.

It is our Party's invariable idea of building a strong army and its outlook on

war that making soldiers ideologically elite is a treasured sword for invincibility, he said, stating that only the army strong in ideology, always aware of its lineage and origin, can resolutely contain and crush any formidable enemy.

He stressed that the combined unit, intensively associated with the immortal history of guidance of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il over the Party's army, should be a model of the entire army in conducting the political and ideological work for soldiers

and perfecting combat preparedness in conformity with its characteristics and position, and clarified the tasks to this end.

Comrade Kim Jong Un had a photograph, to be recorded forever in the army-building history, taken with all the officers and men of the brigade significantly greeting the founding anniversary of the KPRA.

That day, he saw sports games with the service personnel of the unit.

The service personnel were full of boundless joy, pride and excitement

as they significantly spent the holiday in the presence of the Supreme Commander.

All the officers and men, who had the highest honour of meeting Comrade Kim Jong Un at their unit and receiving his great affection on the significant day when the DPRK's revolutionary armed forces took historic root, made a vow of conviction to creditably carry forward the sacred mission, ideal and indomitable fighting spirit of the army-founding generation and thus add brilliance to the KPA's glorious history of invincibility.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoys concert marking 80th founding anniversary of Central Military Band of Ministry of National Defence



KCNA

The respected Comrade 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, enjoyed a concert in commemoration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence on April 28.

Since it made its debut in the opening ceremony of the Pyongyang Institute, founded as a base for training military and political cadres of the country after Korea's liberation, the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence has made proud achievements in the history of the strengthening and development of the heroic Korean People's Army, upholding the Party and the country and powerfully encouraging the whole army to victory by dint of the revolutionary military music pulsating with the breath of the times and the spirit of the powerful army.

Among the audience were No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Kim Song Gi, director of the

General Political Bureau of the KPA, other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, officials of the WPK Central Committee, ministries, national agencies and institutions and enterprises in Pyongyang, creative workers and artistes of military and civilian art troupes and service personnel.

The concert began with the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK. The performers played the stirring melodies of the revolutionary military music filled with the militant spirit to highly extol the course of development of the heroic KPA, which has defended the vigorous lifeblood of the ever-victorious Juche revolution and reliably guaranteed the invincibility and mightiness of the DPRK under the leadership of the WPK.

The concert was acclaimed by the audience as it impressively showed the noble ideological and spiritual world and the will of loyalty of all the service personnel to add eternal lustre to the honour of the KPA, which has always remained faithful to the order of the country and its sacred appellation as the army of the Party and the people and

created tales of legendary victories and miracles.

Comrade Kim Jong Un congratulated the performers on their successful performance, expressing his satisfaction with the excellent concert pulsating with the revolutionary character and militant spirit of the KPA.

He said that the brilliant history of the KPA is clearly associated with the feats of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence which has displayed the tremendous might incomparable with any military hardware by encouraging the brave and heroic army by dint of revolutionary military music from one decade to the next and from one century to the next. He fervently said that he has always paid respect to the military band as a group of soldiers representing the revolutionary army, rather than as an art troupe.

He highly appreciated that the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence is the face of the state and symbol of the KPA, noting that wherever its military music resounded, there were the stirring scenes in which matchless valour was demonstrated and

epoch-making changes were brought about.

He stressed that the creative workers and instrumentalists of the military band should have boundless loyalty to the Party, the country and the people and great artistic skills and encourage the advance of the KPA by dint of revolutionary military music. And he had a photo taken with all the creative workers, instrumentalists and officials, expressing his expectations and belief that the military band would always remain faithful to its most honourable mission.

The members of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence extended their boundless gratitude to Comrade Kim Jong Un who has placed great trust on it and given it warm blessings, while glorifying its honourable 80-year history of following the Party, and made a firm determination to usher in a new heyday in the development of revolutionary military music by powerfully spurring the vigorous historic advance of the army and the people for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK by dint of the loud thunder of military music.

Russian state commendations conferred on officers and soldiers of overseas operations unit of KPA

KCNA

According to a presidential decree of the Russian Federation, Order of Bravery was conferred on the officers and combatants of the overseas operations unit of the Korean People's Army who made distinguished contributions to liberating the territory of the Russian Federation from the military occupation by the Ukrainian neo-Nazi forces.

An award ceremony took place in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on April 26.

Present there were Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, and his party on a visit to the DPRK to take part in the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial

Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations, and Alexei Bartusov, military attaché of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Kim Jong Gyu, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, and officials of the Ministry of National Defence attended the ceremony together with participants in the overseas military operations.

Andrei Belousov conferred the Order of Bravery on the officers and combatants of the overseas operations unit and made a speech.

Saying that he commended the Korean service personnel who are boundlessly faithful to their country and made

a great contribution to the liberation of Kursk Region upon authorization of Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, he expressed reverence for the true heroes of the present times, the pride of the DPRK armed forces.

He said that the Korean soldiers are always brave, courageous and determined to become invincible walls thwarting any threat, adding that all of them are carrying forward the glorious tradition and valour of their legendary ancestors.

He said that the state commendation was not merely a commendation to their speciality as soldiers but a reward for their noble spirit of carrying out the tasks with devotion and saving

Russian state commendations are conferred on officers and combatants of the overseas operations unit of the Korean People's Army in Pyongyang on April 26.



their comrades-in-arms while overcoming arduous battles, sleepless nights and heavy mental and physical oppression.

Saying that the bravery and determination of the service personnel of the KPA greatly contributed to achieving common successes, he

expressed deep thanks in the name of all the Russian people.

Andrei Belousov handed over to No Kwang Chol the state commendations of the Russian Federation for the martyrs who performed heroic feats in the battles for liberating Kursk

Region and the presidential decree.

No Kwang Chol expressed thanks to the Russian government for highly appreciating the combat feats of the participants in the overseas military operations of the Korean People's Army.

DPRK Ministry of National Defence gives dinner parties

KCNA

The Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave dinner parties for the bereaved families of martyrs on the evening of April 26 on the occasion of the inauguration of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

Present there were senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government including 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 commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence together with the bereaved families of the Korean People's Army martyrs in the special military operations.

Speeches were made at the parties.

The speakers offered deep condolences to the bereaved families of the KPA martyrs in the special military operations who dedicated their precious and noble lives to defending the inviolable dignity and honour of the state.

They noted that Comrade Kim Jong Un has made great painstaking efforts to glorify forever the lofty soul and valuable feats of the martyrs who unhesitatingly dedicated their youth and precious lives to the mightiness and rosy future of the country and to ease the pains of their bereaved families.

They said that the life of the heroes has come to shine long as the stars of the

country under the loving care of the great father who kept all the martyrs, who created a true example of the heroic spirit of the times, in his heart rather than the ground and made indefatigable efforts to build an immortal memorial museum and erect an unheard-of wall of immortality with stars reflecting the expression of the eyes and looks of the martyrs who had been pure and brave till their last moments.

The martyrs will always be with us in our struggle and life, teaching the truth of genuine life and invincibility, the speakers said, adding that the everlasting military feats they performed at the cost of their blood and lives, shouting hurrah for the leader, the country and Pyongyang, and the loyalty and noble self-sacrificing spirit they fully displayed in the flames of battles, would serve as an eternal nutrient for our people, service personnel and posterity to redouble their patriotic enthusiasm and strength of indomitable spirit.

They hoped that all the bereaved families of the martyrs would lead a happy and worthwhile life under the special care of the Party and the government while winning the respect of all the people across the country.

All the bereaved families made a firm determination to devote themselves to the prosperity of the beloved country so earnestly desired by the martyrs, cherishing deep in mind the warm love and benevolence of Comrade Kim Jong Un who adds glory to the life and feats of the martyrs at the peak of immortality.

Official delegation of Russian Federation visits Pyongyang



Jo Yong Won, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, meets Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse on April 25.

KCNA

An official delegation of the Russian Federation led by Speaker of the State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin arrived in Pyongyang on April 25 at the invitation of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the Ministry of National Defence to attend an inaugural ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

The national flags of the DPRK and the Russian Federation fluttered at the flagstaves of Pyongyang International Airport and a guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the apron before the terminal.

Jo Yong Won, chairman of the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, warmly greeted Vyacheslav Volodin.

The delegation was greeted by Kim Jong Gyu, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Vladimir Topeha, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang, and staff members of the embassy.

There was a meeting between Jo Yong Won and Vyacheslav Volodin at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse on April 25.

Jo Yong Won said that the dispatch of a high-level delegation to the inaugural ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations by the leadership of the Russian Federation is a manifestation of sincere support and reverence of all the Russian people for the Korean people who are recollecting in humble reverence the shining lives of the war martyrs of the overseas military operations units and praying for their immortality, and expressed the stand to boost the bilateral relations true to the noble intention of the top leaders of the two countries.

Vyacheslav Volodin expressed his sincere thanks to Comrade Kim Jong Un and all the Korean people who rendered support to expel the Ukrainian neo-Nazi occupiers from Kursk Region, stressing that Russia will never forget the feats of the DPRK's heroic officers and soldiers

who sacrificed their lives in the operations for liberating the region.

The meeting exchanged opinions on the issues arising in further boosting the exchanges and cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries and matters of mutual concern and reaffirmed the will of both sides to thoroughly implement the agreements reached at the historic DPRK-Russia Pyongyang summit.

The DPRK Supreme People's Assembly hosted a reception to welcome the official delegation of the Russian Federation at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse that evening.

The official delegation of the Russian Federation laid a wreath at the Liberation Tower on April 25.

The honour guards of the Korean People's Army lined up at the Liberation Tower.

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

A wreath in the name of the speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation was

laid at the Liberation Tower amid the playing of the wreath-laying music.

The participants observed a moment's silence in memory of the fallen soldiers of the Soviet Army who devoted their precious lives to the sacred war for Korea's liberation before being briefed on the tower.

The Russian official delegation visited the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum on April 26.

The delegation members went round various halls of the museum, being briefed on the fact that the army and people of the DPRK defeated the US imperialists and honourably defended the freedom and independence of the country and the gains of the revolution under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious and iron-willed commander and outstanding military strategist.

The official delegation of the Russian Federation left Pyongyang for home on April 27 after attending the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations at the invitation of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

The national flags of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation fluttered at the flagstaves of Pyongyang International Airport and the honour guards of the Korean People's Army lined up at the apron before the terminal.

Jo Yong Won cordially said goodbye to Vyacheslav Volodin.

Premier Pak inspects farms

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 farms in South Phyongan Province and North and South Hwanghae provinces.

He learned in detail about the growth of winter wheat and barley and discussed measures for minimizing the drought damage at farms in Mundok, Phyongwon and Sukchon counties of South Phyongan Province, Sinchon, Thaethan, Ongjin,

Pacchon, Kangnyong and Pyoksong counties of South Hwanghae Province and Phyongsan, Singye and Suan counties of North Hwanghae Province.

He called upon officials and agricultural workers to draw up workable plans and unyieldingly carry them out, bearing in mind that only when this year's severe drought is surmounted, can the guarantee be provided to reap a good harvest of crops including the first crops.

He also called for finding all the water resources and making effective use of them and reinforcing and

perfecting the irrigation systems and, at the same time, mobilizing all the watering means and equipment, including motors, sprinklers and small water pumps. And he underlined the need to actively introduce scientific farming methods, including the spraying of various kinds of nutrient adjuvants and growth regulators as required by technical regulations, so as to ensure the safe growth of crops.

Learning in detail about the preparations for rice farming, the premier referred to the issue of steadily expanding the areas under rice seedling cultivation, the

issue of decisively increasing the proportion of work done by machines in rice-transplanting and the issue of pushing ahead with various farm works according to foresighted plans.

Earlier, the premier visited the fifth stage-construction site in the Hwasong area to discuss the issue of correctly carrying out the projects according to schedules on the principle of giving priority to improving quality and the issue of making the relevant sectors and units provide equipment and materials needed for the construction in time, and took relevant measures.

Secretary of WPK Central Committee meets congratulatory groups of overseas Korean youths

KCNA

Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, had a talk in a compatriotic atmosphere with the congratulatory group of the Korean Youth League in Japan and the congratulatory group of the Association of Young Korean Nationals in

China on their visits to the homeland to attend the Eleventh Congress of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League at the Pyongyang Assembly Hall on April 26.

Present there were Mun Chol, chairman of the SPYL Central Committee, officials of the youth league and officials concerned.

34th April Spring Friendship Art Festival closes

KCNA

The 34th April Spring Friendship Art Festival which opened on the occasion of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung came to a close.

The participants in the festival put on the stage the songs praising the immortal exploits of the peerlessly

great men who made great contributions to carving out the destiny of the masses of the people and accomplishing the cause of global independence.

The festival was a significant occasion for instilling into the minds of the Korean people the great pride and honour of holding the peerlessly great men in high esteem.

National festival of science and technology opens

KCNA

The 39th National Festival of Science and Technology opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on April 28 under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

The festival on the theme of "Science and Technology, Guarantee for Implementing the New Five-Year Plan" brought together officials,

scientists and technicians from over 590 units who were nominated by the commissions, ministries and national agencies and highly appreciated at provincial (municipal) sci-tech festivals.

The festival will be held, divided into dozens of panels including the metallurgical, chemical, electric power and machine-building industries. The achievements, made in the course of conducting an intensive search campaign for the development of the

country's economy and the improvement of the people's living standards, are displayed in the form of products, models and moving exhibits.

During the festival there will be a sci-tech seminar, presentation, technical lecture and exchanges of new technical products.

Present at the opening ceremony were Kim Sung Du, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned and working

people.

Kim Song Bin, chairman of the State Commission of Science and Technology, made an opening address.

He called upon all the participants to make positive efforts to expand their scientific and technological insight and provide a reliable scientific and technological guarantee for carrying out the new long-term plan while actively sharing and exchanging the successes and experience during the festival.

Middle school graduates continue to volunteer for military service

By To Kyong Chol PT

The enthusiasm for joining the Korean People's Army is now growing among the graduates of senior middle schools.

According to information available, more than 400 classes volunteered for service in the KPA in group across the country and many other graduates joined the ranks of volunteers.

In Pyongyang, more than 20 classes including a class of Panwol Senior Middle School in Taedonggang District volunteered to join the army.

They said that it is their natural duty and obligation of the younger generation to perform proud feats for national defence in the prime of their life, though there are many jobs through which they can fulfil their dreams and desires.

In North Phyongan Province, hundreds of graduates from over 40 classes vowed to serve the army in the frontline areas of national defence.

All graduates of Hadan senior middle schools Nos

1 and 2 in Sinuiju City, who had spent the days of learning in Pyongyang they had never dreamed of after their villages were hit by a flash flood two years ago, pledged themselves to firmly defend the country and native villages with arms, bearing in mind the benevolence of the Workers' Party of Korea which ensured that the disaster-stricken island where they lived was developed into an ideal farm town in the new era.

Over 1 000 graduates from 50-odd classes in North Phyongan and North Hwanghae provinces respectively volunteered to join the KPA.

Graduates from middle schools for orphans across the country also applied to join the army.

Those of Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans, who presented bouquets to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un on a visit to the Pyongyang Orphanage on January 1 more than ten years ago, expressed their resolve to unsparingly devote their youth to defending the precious motherland.

Ri Se Hyon, a graduate of

Konguk Senior Middle School in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, enthusiastically volunteered for service in the army though he received an affiliation letter from Kim Il Sung University. He realized how precious his country was in his school days when he studied to his heart's content and acquired broad knowledge, enjoying the benefits of the country, he said, adding that when his classmates who had studied together volunteered to join the army, he wrote his name on the list of volunteers without hesitation.

Jong Kwang Song, who was a teacher in charge of 3-1 class

of Sinhyang Senior Middle School in Sunam District of Chongjin City, always felt unhappy because he thought he had failed to serve the army for national defence which he, as a youth of the country, should have done. So he passionately applied to join the KPA with his students who volunteered for service in the army.

The graduates of senior middle schools across the country, who volunteered for service in the army, are now full of burning enthusiasm to make their youth, the most precious period of life, honourable with arms in hands.



Graduates of senior middle schools hold a meeting to volunteer to serve the army.

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Top ten enterprises for 2025 selected

The top ten enterprises for 2025 were selected in the DPRK. They include the Sangwon Cement Complex (mother factory), the Komdok Mining Complex, the Anju Insulating Material Factory, the Pyongyang Hosiery Factory, the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine, the Kyongru Lighting Apparatus Trading Company, the Pyongyang Bag Factory, the Rason Hyesong Comprehensive Development Station, the Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory and the Thosong Pharmaceutical Factory.

They overfulfilled their tasks through drives for increased production and economy of loyalty and patriotism with a single mind to repay the great trust and expectations of the Workers' Party of Korea with practical successes.

National schoolchildren's art festival opens

The 61st National Schoolchildren's Art Festival opened with due ceremony at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on April 27.

The festival will be held,

divided into categories of solo, chorus, instrumental solo, solo dance and group dance.

Attending the opening ceremony were officials concerned and schoolchildren.

South Hamgyong Provincial Riding Club inaugurated

The South Hamgyong Provincial Riding Club has been newly built.

The service centre with a riding knowledge dissemination room, horse-riding track and basic training ground will help the working people, youth and students in the province train their physical strength and enjoy a cultural and emotional life to their heart's content.

Its inauguration ceremony took place on the spot on April 26.

Present there were Ri Jong Nam, chief secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials and people in the province and employees of the riding club.

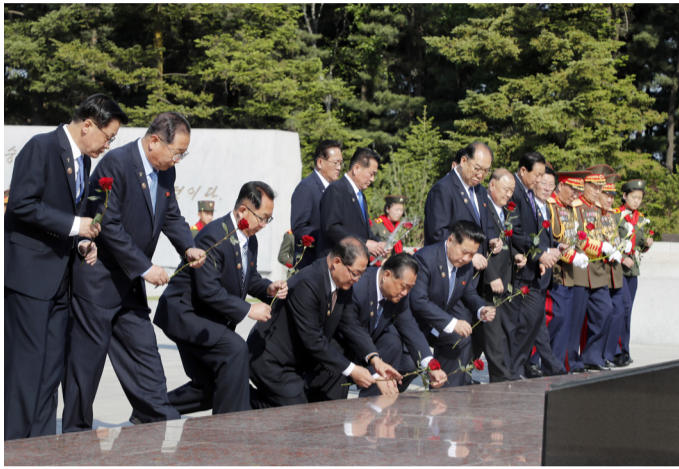
There was a speech at the ceremony.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants looked round various places of the club.

On the occasion of 94th KPRA anniversary

Floral tribute paid at Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong

Senior Party, government and military officials lay flowers at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong on April 25.



KCNA

On the occasion of the significant April 25, the whole country paid respects to the first generation of the revolution who handed down to the descendants of this land the precious ideological and spiritual treasures that will never be changed.

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, Ri Hi Yong and Sin Yong Il, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other senior Party, government and military

officials, and officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and the armed forces organs visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong on April 25 to pay floral tribute to anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs.

The children of the anti-Japanese revolutionary and patriotic martyrs, teaching staff and students of revolutionary schools were also seen among the visitors.

All the participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the revolutionary martyrs who devoted their precious lives to the sacred cause of

liberating Korea and bringing happiness to the people.

Then the participants looked round the cemetery.

The participants laid flowers before the busts of the martyrs and paid high tribute to them, solemnly recollecting the undying feats of the revolutionary forerunners, who created the history of heroic struggle against the imperialist tyranny with self-reliance by holding in high esteem President Kim Il Sung as the centre of unity and leadership and laid the cornerstone for building a rich country with a strong army by establishing the precious tradition of invincibility.

Senior Party and government officials visit Korean Revolution Museum

KCNA

Senior Party and government officials visited the Korean Revolution Museum on April 25, the 94th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

The visitors went round several rooms of the Hall for the Period of Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle at the museum, being briefed on the fact that President Kim Il Sung led the Korean people's anti-Japanese struggle to a shining victory under the uplifted banner of independence and self-reliance and thus achieved the historic cause of national

liberation.

They recollected the exploits of the President, who clarified the line of armed struggle as well as the steadfast idea of independence that the Korean revolution should be carried out by the Korean people themselves and founded the revolutionary armed forces of Juche type to foster the indomitable spirit and build up powerful strength for defeating the imperialist tyranny.

Looking at the photos of the peerlessly great man and historical relics and data preserved in each room, they grasped the noble fighting spirit of the anti-Japanese

revolutionary fighters who pioneered and advanced the revolution with blood, true to the ideas and leadership of the President, holding him in high esteem as the centre of leadership and unity.

All the visitors hardened their will to remain faithful to the ideas and leadership of the great Party Central Committee, bearing deeper in their mind the immutable truth that a guarantee for the bright future of the revolutionary cause of Juche and the steady advance of Korean-style socialism lies in firmly preserving and carrying forward the revolutionary traditions of Paektu.

Senior Party and government officials visit the Korean Revolution Museum on April 25.



Nation celebrates founding anniversary of KPRA

KCNA

The people and service personnel in the DPRK significantly celebrated the 94th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

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.

At the palace plaza, the visitors paid the highest tribute to the great leaders who set an epoch-making example in building the revolutionary armed forces of Juche type.

The people, service personnel, youth and schoolchildren visited the

statues of the great leaders and mosaics depicting the peerlessly great men in different parts of the country to pay floral tribute to them.

Many officials, working people, youth and students made a study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu to deeply grasp the steadfast revolutionary spirit of the forerunners who devoted their youth and lives to the sacred war for national liberation while waging the long bloody anti-Japanese war.

People of all social strata visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong to pay high respect to the revolutionary martyrs who created the great traditions of the Korean revolution shining with the

history of succession and performed undying feats in the sacred struggle for the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people.

A constant stream of successors flowed to the revolutionary battle sites and the revolutionary sites across the country.

A football match between the Kalmaegi Team of the Navy and the Jebi Team of the Air Force of the Korean People's Army took place on April 25.

The match was so keen during the whole play because of the high competitive spirit of the players of the two teams, with the honour of their services forming twin pillars of the KPA on their shoulders, and enthusiastic cheering.

The two teams tied 2-2 in

the first and second halves of the match and the Kalmaegi Team of the Navy beat the Jebi Team of the Air Force in the 11-metre penalty shoot-out.

Celebration performances were given in the capital city and local areas.

The Ensemble of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK gave a music and dance performance at the Ponghwa Art Theatre.

Among the audience were Kim Sung Du, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, service personnel, teaching staff and students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Chilgol Revolutionary School and Pyongyang citizens.

The performance began with the solemn playing

of the national anthem of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Put on the stage were colourful numbers including songs of the anti-Japanese guerrillas reminiscent of the bloody traces of the revolutionary forerunners who defeated the Japanese imperialists under the uplifted banner of self-reliant independence, true to the ideology and leadership of President Kim Il Sung, and the everlasting history of resistance, and songs of the revolutionary army that reverberated in every forefront line for defending the country.

Also staged were a series of numbers representing in their words and melodies the pride of all the service personnel and the people who have

firmly carried forward the proud history and tradition of the Korean revolution recorded with victory and glory from one century into the next by holding the ideology and leadership of the Central Committee of the great Workers' Party of Korea with single-minded efforts.

Dance parties of youth and students and women's union members in different parts of the country revved up the festive atmosphere.

That day, public catering establishments in Pyongyang and other parts of the country and cultural and leisure facilities such as the Central Zoo, the Natural History Museum and the Munsu Water Park were crowded with visitors enjoying a pleasant time.



People across the country enjoy themselves conducting cultural and leisure activities on the holiday.

Eleventh Congress of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League held

KCNA

The Eleventh Congress of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League took place in Pyongyang from April 28 to 30.

The congress reviewed in a comprehensive way the work of the youth league during the period under review and discussed the practical tasks and ways for concentrating the great strength of the army of youth for the implementation of the programme of the struggle of the Workers' Party of Korea and thus further consolidating it as a powerful driving force for the overall prosperity and development of socialism.

Present there were delegates elected by youth league organizations at all levels.

The congress was observed by relevant officials of the Party and armed forces organs, ministries, national agencies and the sector of education for youth and children.

The platform was occupied by Kim Jae Ryong and Ri Il Hwan, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Ju Chang Il, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Song Gi, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, members of the Executive Committee of the SPYL Central Committee, chairpersons of the provincial youth league committees, exemplary youth league officials and members, officials in charge of youth work in the field of armed forces and service personnel.

The congress elected the presidium and secretariat.

The agenda items discussed at the congress are as follows:

1. Review of the work of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League

2. On the revision of the Rules of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League

3. Election of the central leadership of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League

Kim Jae Ryong conveyed a congratulatory message to the participants in the Eleventh Congress and all other young people across the country.

Mun Chol, chairman of the SPYL Central Committee, made a report on the first agenda item.

He said that the Korean young people have grown to be performers of creations and feats and the vanguard fighters of the revolution in the struggle for ushering in a new era of overall national rejuvenation, flying high the sacred flag of the youth league.

He referred to the precious successes made in the course of orienting the youth league work to making all the young people the patriotic youth who staunchly defend socialism and devote themselves to the struggle for socialist construction.

He pointed to the heroic feats performed by the young service personnel with their blood, lives and sweat at the outposts of defence of the country, the

revolution and the people and in major worksites of socialist construction true to the Party's orders and instructions in the past five years.

The young service personnel, who regard the Party's orders as their absolute missions and unconditionally realize the Party's desires, fully displayed their honour as reliable revolutionary soldiers and hardcore youth not only in defending the country's existence and the people's health from the global health crisis but also in the gigantic creation campaigns such as the accomplishment of the historic cause of regional transformation and the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang Municipality, he said.

He reviewed the achievements made in the ideological education of young people and the enhancement of the activity of the youth league organizations during the period under review.

Saying that the youth league organizations will steadily develop only when they thoroughly overcome the shortcomings and deviations in line with the requirements of the times while consolidating the

successes and experience, the reporter comprehensively analyzed and reviewed the shortcomings revealed in the work of the youth league in the period under review and their causes and the ways for overcoming them on the basis of the data on the actual situation of the youth league organizations at all levels.

He ardently called on everyone to courageously advance forward, redoubling the firm faith and will, for the eternal dignity and glory of the DPRK and for the brilliant hope of youth and bright future as befitting the young vanguard in the great era of Kim Jong Un.

Speeches were made on the first agenda item.

Introduced in the speeches were excellent experiences gained in educating and training young people into reliable revolutionary soldiers and hardcore youth of the WPK, regarding the ideas and leadership of the Party Central Committee as the lifeline, and in training them to be honourable pathfinders of socialist construction and actual patriots by closely combining the organization of and guidance over the youth league organizational and ideological life with the implementation of the

revolutionary tasks.

The speakers expressed their resolve to bring about fresh innovations in the youth league work, strictly analyzing the shortcomings and their causes in the work of the youth league during the period under review.

The congress discussed the second agenda item "On the revision of the Rules of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League".

There was a report on the revision of the youth league rules.

The reporter outlined the contents of the rules to be revised and supplemented in conformity with the new tasks facing the youth league and the principles of building the youth league.

He said that the rules to be revised reflected the practical requirements for making the youth league the elite militant reserves of the WPK and enhancing its organizing ability, unity and activity, before submitting them for deliberation at the congress.

A decision on the revision of the rules was adopted with unanimous approval.

The congress discussed the "Election of the central leadership of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League" as the third agenda item.

First, the SPYL Central Committee was elected.

All the candidates for the members and alternate members of the SPYL Central Committee were elected as its members and alternate members with the unanimous approval of the delegates.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eleventh Central Committee of the SPYL was held.

Ju Chang Il, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, announced the decision of the First Plenary Meeting of the eleventh term.

The Executive Committee of the SPYL Central Committee was elected.

Paek Un Chol was elected as chairman of the SPYL Central Committee and Kim Ju Hyok, Pak Myong Jin,

Wang Chol U, Kim Song Il, Ri Myong Hyok and Kim Song Il were elected as its vice-chairmen.

The Organizing Committee of the SPYL Central Committee was formed.

The chairperson, vice-chairpersons and members of the Central Inspection Commission of the SPYL were elected.

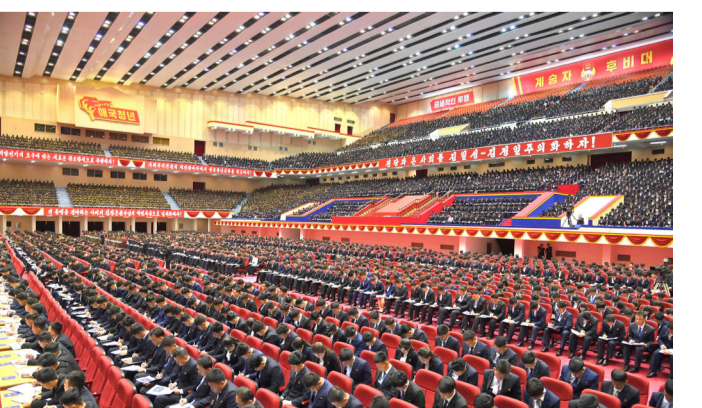
Department directors of the SPYL Central Committee were appointed.

The congress elected a committee for drafting the decision of the congress with members of the newly elected eleventh-term central leadership of the youth league, and the committee deliberated on the creative and constructive opinions offered by the delegates and supplemented the draft decision with them.

The decision of the Eleventh Congress of the SPYL was adopted with the unanimous approval of the delegates.

A letter of pledge to the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un was adopted amid all the delegates' enthusiasm for single-hearted loyalty.

The congress ended with the chorus "We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives".



The Eleventh Congress of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League takes place in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, from April 28 to 30.

Congratulatory message to participants in Eleventh SPYL Congress and youth across the country

KCNA

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea sent a congratulatory message to the participants in the Eleventh Congress of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and all other youths across the country on April 28.

The message said that through its eleventh congress, the youth league, the ranks of successors loyal to the leadership of the Party, is going to review its proud course of implementing the Party's line and policies in the past five years and make a new milestone in its struggle and advance aimed to carry out the decisions of the Ninth WPK Congress.

The past five years, when new miracles and bold innovations were brought about under the leadership of the Party Central Committee to glorify the immortal appellation of patriotic youth, were worthwhile and glorious years that witnessed an unprecedented heyday in the 80-year history of the youth league under the leadership of the Party, the message said, and went on:

The young people have always taken an active part

and played a courageous role in implementing the most important and difficult tasks of the struggle for historic transformation organized and waged by the Party, and the flag of the youth league fluttered in the sites of gigantic struggle for building monumental edifices of the times, the workplaces pulsating with the spirit of leap forward.

The young service personnel displayed the revolutionary spirit of executing the order of the Party and the extraordinary creative traits in the course of their honourable service to firmly defend national sovereignty and peace and increase the people's wealth and the sound of their laughter. These serve as a source of great strength that inspires all the people, especially young men and women, across the country to give steady play to their ideological and spiritual power and fighting capacity.

In particular, the young soldiers involved in the overseas military operations became bombs and flames for annihilating enemies to defend the honour of the country, clearly demonstrated to the whole world the heroism and indomitable mettle of the

Korean youth, who grew up under the care of the Party, and raised the mass heroism of the Korean people to a new level.

The fervent patriotic spirit and mettle of the youth, who are demonstrating the mightiness and dignity of the state and injecting boundless vitality into the struggle for its overall prosperity, have been fully manifested in the grand political and cultural festivals and the revolutionary mass movements for promoting economic construction and the improvement of the people's standard of living, the communist traits of helping and leading one another forward in difficult times and the admirable images of those sportspersons flying the flag of the DPRK in the international arena.

The young people in the new era have linked their precious youthful days to the cause of the Party and the state, registered on their personal accounts of youth their strenuous efforts for loyalty and patriotism and performed feats and created praiseworthy episodes to be written in the application for their accession to the Party. Their worthwhile struggle is recorded as a new page

in the history of the youth movement along with the honourable Order of Kim Jong Il shining on the flag of the youth league.

Now that the Party and revolution are facing new struggle tasks and starting to implement them, the Party's expectations for the youth and youth league organizations across the country are very great, the message stressed, and continued:

The present era requires the youth league to invariably demonstrate its reputation as the vanguard of patriotism in the historic advance to lead the successes of having opened up a new era of upsurge for national development to a greater result.

The main task facing the youth league at present is to concentrate efforts on steadily giving fuller play to the revolutionary spirit and patriotic enthusiasm of the young people so that the organizations and members of the youth league at all levels can play an active role in the van in carrying out the new five-year plan, thus making the next five years an era of more powerfully vitalizing the Korean youth movement.

The youth league should

direct all its efforts to educating and training all the young people to be ardent patriots who set it as their lifelong aim to realize the Party's ideal and find the worth and happiness of youth in attaining it.

It should inspire the youths to keep in their hearts the strong and pure spirit of the young people of the preceding generations, who laid the foundations for national prosperity with valuable feats in their youthful days, and of the war martyrs of the overseas operations units who devoted their youth to the implementation of the order of the Party and the country, thus making all the young people in our era unanimously desire to lead the same patriotic and heroic life as theirs.

The spiritual and moral growth of young people is one of the important goals the WPK intends to attain in the struggle of a new stage for building a powerful socialist country.

The youth league should encourage the Korean youth to steadily give full play to their ideological, spiritual and moral superiority by placing the moral training of young people high on its agenda and intensifying

education and control to make its members possess a correct outlook on morality.

The steel-like fighting efficiency of the youth league is part of the national power, and only when the youth league intensifies the organizational life, can it guarantee such efficiency and remain faithful to its historic mission.

The youth league should concentrate its guidance on enhancing the role of the Korean Children's Union organizations in conformity with the actual conditions in which its ranks have expanded, so as to prepare all the KCU members across the country to become reliable future pillars who love the country and value their organizations and the collective.

In the message the WPK Central Committee expressed firm belief that the SPYL would more powerfully demonstrate its dignity and fighting efficiency as a youth organization of the Party, with the congress as a watershed, and creditably discharge the sacred duty assigned by the country and revolution, the times and history in the struggle for a new phase of transformation.

Evening gala and torchlight procession held

KCNA

An evening gala and torchlight procession of youth and students "Always Following the Party Central Committee" took place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on the evening of April 30.

Kim Jac Ryong and Ri Il Hwan, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Ju Chang Il, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Song Gi, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, officials of the central committee of the youth league and exemplary officials and members of the youth league were on the platform.

The participants in the 11th Congress of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, youth and students in Pyongyang, the congratulatory group of the Korean Youth League in Japan, the congratulatory group of the Association of Korean Young Nationals in China and the home-visiting group of graduating-class

students of Korea University of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan took the reserved seats for invited guests and other seats.

The song "O Party, It's Thanks to Your Care" resounded forth and fireworks were splendidly displayed in the nocturnal sky over the square. A sea of cheerful dances unfolded to significantly commemorate the grand meeting of young people.

The atmosphere was further revved up with fireworks set off in succession amid various changes of formations, colourful folk dances and gymnastic dances.

As the all-people hymn "Dear Father" resounded, the square was filled with boundless reverence for the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who brings up the young people to be heroes of the times with warm love and affection, while implementing the great programme of attaching importance to the youth on this land.

All the participants danced, enthusiastically singing the hymn, full of great honour and happiness of glorifying their youth under the care of the great father.

The song "We Are Koreans" resounded across the square and fireworks were displayed

to beautifully decorate the end of the evening gala.

Then the torchlight procession started.

Amid the solemn melody of the revolutionary hymn "Ode to General Kim Jong Un", the columns of torchlights depicting the letters "Young Vanguard" entered the square followed by those depicting the august name of the respected fatherly Marshal.

The column showing

letters "First Death-defying Corps" marched past the square where the shape of a torchlight was formed to represent the vigorous spirit of the youth of the great Kim Jong Un's era who would advance in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for the prosperity and development of the dignified DPRK, holding high loyalty and patriotism to the Party and the revolution

as a token of their faith and banner of creation and feats.

The emblem of the Workers' Party of Korea and the letters "Youth League" and "Always Following the Party Central Committee" depicted in the square fully showed the iron faith and will of the young vanguard to advance along the road of the cause of Juche to the last, holding higher the torch of revolution under the

guidance of the great WPK which guarantees the destiny and future of all the young people across the country.

Fireworks shone in beautiful lights in the sky over the square which echoed with the shouts of slogans reflecting the resolve of all the participants to become the young vanguard boundlessly faithful to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.



An evening gala and torchlight procession of youth and students "Always Following the Party Central Committee" takes place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on the evening of April 30.



National meeting held to mark 136th May Day

KCNA

A national meeting took place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on May 1 in commemoration of the 136th May Day, the international holiday of the working people all over the world.

It was attended by Pak Thae Song, Ri Il Hwan, An Kum Chol and other senior officials of the Party and the government, officials of ministries, national agencies and the institutions and industrial establishments in Pyongyang.

Present there at invitation were members of the foreign diplomatic missions in Pyongyang and home-visiting overseas Koreans.

Pak Thae Song, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, delivered a report.

Upon authorization of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK, he extended warm congratulations to the working class, agricultural workers, intellectuals and other working people across the country celebrating May Day.



A national meeting takes place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on May 1 in commemoration of the 136th May Day.

Day.

It is a source of great pride and honour of the working people of Juche Korea to dynamically strive for the prosperity and development of the socialist country, faithfully upholding the ideas and leadership of the great Workers' Party of Korea, he said.

He referred to the fact that the great dignity and honour of the Korean working people and their original features of loyalty and patriotism which have been steadily carried forward generation after generation and decade after decade, have reached the noblest stage in the glorious era when the respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un has been held in high esteem, the new era of comprehensive development.

The noble mentality and revolutionary spirit of the Korean working people faithfully supporting the Party and the country were fully displayed in the years of pioneering

the era of comprehensive development of socialism, he said.

The proud reality of today, in which the courageous spirit of socialist Korea and the potentiality of its self-supporting economy are being clearly demonstrated despite manifold difficulties, is the brilliant fruit of the

outstanding leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, he noted.

He stressed the need for all the working people to deeply cherish the idea and spirit of the historic Ninth Congress of the WPK and give full play to the stamina and mettle of the heroic Korean working people once again in the general advance for carrying out the new five-year plan.

The DPRK government will as ever make responsible efforts to defend the rights and interests of the working masses, regarding the WPK's ideal of the people-first principle as the invariable guidelines, and successfully fulfil its mission and role in building a new world, just and peaceful, he stated.

The premier called on all the people to make more strenuous efforts for the prosperity of the beloved country and the victorious advance of the socialist cause, following the road of victory led by the great Party Central Committee.

The national meeting ended with the playing of the song "Internationale".

Senior Party and government officials celebrate May Day with working people

KCNA

The whole country was full of joy and optimism marking

May Day, the international holiday of all working people throughout the world.

Senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea

and the government visited factories and enterprises across the country on May 1 to significantly celebrate May Day together with working people.

Senior officials of the Party and government including Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials of the Party and government organs at all levels visited the Sangwon Cement Complex, Chollima Steel Complex, Pyongyang Thermal Power Station, Chonsong Youth Coal Mine of the Sunchon Area Youth Coal-mining Complex, Taean Heavy Machine Complex, Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex, Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm, Pyongyang Construction Commission and State Academy of Sciences to congratulate the working people on the holiday.

The Party and government officials met and gave pep talks to labour innovators who are making a vigorous drive for setting new standards and records at their workplaces.

They asked the innovators to continue to glorify their honour as models and pioneers of the collective in the future, too.

They had a pleasant time with the working people watching their sports and amusement games.



Senior Party and government officials visit factories and enterprises on May 1 to congratulate the working people.

Korean people celebrate May Day

KCNA

All the people across the DPRK significantly celebrated May Day.

Streets, villages and industrial establishments and farms full of enthusiasm for increased production in Pyongyang, provinces, cities and counties overflowed with joy and optimism of the patriotic working people, including workers, farmers and intellectuals, who had a good time playing colourful sports and amusement games.

At the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, visitors solemnly recollected the sacred careers of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who built on this land a socialist state whose master is the people and glorified the dignity and honour of the working masses on the highest level.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the statues of the President and the Chairman on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and other places and mosaics depicting the peerlessly great men to lay flower baskets, bouquets and flowers before paying tribute to them.

At the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations, working people from all walks of life looked round photos and relics of the martyrs and the materials on their feats on display.

Officials of Party and government organs throughout the country significantly celebrated May Day together with the working people.

They congratulated the workers on achieving innovative successes day by day by unsparingly devoting themselves to successfully carrying out

the tasks for the first year in implementing the new five-year plan set forth by the Workers' Party of Korea.

Colourful performances were given at theatres and outdoor stages in the capital city and other parts of the country, revving up the atmosphere of the holiday.

That day, public catering facilities in the capital and the provinces provided a variety of holiday services and recreation grounds, including the Central Zoo and the Natural History Museum, were crowded with people spending a pleasant time.



Performances are given at theatres on May 1.



Young people a source of strength and pride of the country

By Pang Un Ju PT

In a country which makes a revolution, it is a source of strength and pride for the state to have reliable successors and reserves.

It is because only when the younger generation who will take up the baton of the revolution are fully prepared, can the lifeline of the revolution be carried forward invariably despite the passage of time and the change of generations.

The Korean young people who support the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea most faithfully are a source of strength of the DPRK.

The WPK saw the youth issue as a crucial one related to the success of the revolution and the existence of the state, always attached importance to the youth work and put forward young people as the most vigorous unit and main force of society.

The Korean young people demonstrated their might as the revolutionary vanguard in the sacred war for national liberation, the building of a new society, the fierce Fatherland Liberation War and the postwar reconstruction and

grew up to be the patriotic youth fully displaying their wisdom and courage in the campaign to defend socialism and the building of a prosperous and powerful country. This is the brilliant fruit of the unique politics of attaching importance to young people, politics of love for and trust in them administered by the WPK.

The youth of the country uphold the Party's intention before anyone else and perform feats every day in difficult and labour-consuming workplaces.

Thanks to the reliable young people who absolutely support the Party's decisions and regard them as their revolutionary duty, the grand plan for comprehensive national rejuvenation unveiled by the Party is being translated into a brilliant reality.

The WPK has set an ambitious goal of overall development in the difficult economic situation of the country and advances to achieve it because it is determined to turn the dream and ideal of the young people into reality and firmly believes in their inexhaustible strength.

Therefore, young people have become a strong support and strength on

which the WPK leans at all times and an advance unit in socialist construction it always trusts and puts forward.

It is the faith and will of the Korean young people to become patriotic youth who staunchly defend socialism and devote themselves to socialist construction.

They are now working miracles and making innovations at their workplaces for the overall development of socialist construction in the face of severe difficulties. They undertake difficult and uphill tasks and make breakthroughs, setting new standards and new records and performing feats in the flames of various mass movements including the youth shock brigade movement and the youth sub-workteam and workteam movements.

They also fully display the admirable traits of devoting themselves to the organization, the collective and their comrades and unsparingly dedicate their precious youth to the dignity and honour of the country.

It is a source of greatest pride of the DPRK to have such patriotic young people.

A country adding lustre to working people's life

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The DPRK is a country that adds glory to labour innovators and persons of merit who have contributed to the prosperity of the country with diligent labour.

Among those who had the honour of having a photo taken with the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un on the morning of New Year's Day in 2022 was a female high-yield farmer in Kangnam County. After meeting the General Secretary at the Fourth National Conference of Activists in the Agricultural Sector, she voluntarily took charge of the cold and damp paddy fields with poor yield and reaped a good harvest there. The country awarded her the title of heroine and invited her to the celebrations of the 73rd founding anniversary of the DPRK.

Employees of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill still remember May Day of over 10 years ago.

In the run-up to May Day in 2014, the General Secretary inspected the newly-built hostel of employees of the mill. That day, looking round its interior and exterior, he expressed satisfaction and

proposed holding a grand banquet for the workers at the hostel in celebration of upcoming May Day. As a result, a grand banquet was held for the workers at the mill on May Day.

There is Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District on the picturesque banks of the Pothong River in Pyongyang.

All the owners of the houses are labour innovators and persons of merit.

The Ko Kyong Chandel Hero Workteam of the Komdok Mining Complex is well known throughout the country. In a congratulatory message sent to the workteam after it overfulfilled its yearly plan for mineral production in 2017, the General Secretary said that what the Workers' Party of Korea believes in is not any mysterious divine power, but the spiritual strength of the great people who support the Party and the leader with single-hearted and pure loyalty, and that the Party steps up the building of a powerful socialist country by relying on the revolutionary spirit and creativity of the Korean working class best in the world.

The workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex, who made miraculous successes in the cement production in 2015, received a

congratulatory message from the General Secretary and attended a grand ceremony of awarding Party and state commendations on the spot. It was a special event that well over a thousand employees of a complex were awarded such commendations at the same time on the same day, and what was more surprising was that the two winners of the title of Labour Hero, the highest honour for the DPRK citizens, among them were ordinary workteam leaders.

After participating in the New Year celebrations in 2026, Pak Song Il, section chief of the Paper Engineering Institute of the State Academy of Sciences, said that he had only tried to fulfil his duty as a scientist. And Jo Hyok Chol, who has worked at the Sangwon Cement Complex for decades, said that he had only displayed his sense of responsibility to carry out his assignment for increased cement production.

The Korean working people unanimously say that they follow and support the WPK and the socialist country with all their soul, calling them their mother, because the Party and the country make their life fulfilling and give them greatest dignity and honour.

'One Million More Midwives'



Kim Nam Il, senior fellow of the Population Centre

May 5 is International Day of the Midwife.

Midwives are health workers who provide essential reproductive, maternal and newborn health service. They play a very important role in informing pregnant women and nursing mothers of essential knowledge of healthcare, including the healthcare methods before, during and after childbirth and breastfeeding for the

newborn, and in providing them with high-quality medical service.

Yet globally, there are not enough midwives, and many of the existing midwives are unable to work to their full scope of practice.

A recently published international research study lays out new global evidence that clearly shows the scale of the challenge. The findings confirm that without urgent investment in midwifery

education, employment, regulation and leadership, many countries will face severe workforce shortages in the healthcare sector for the women and newborn. These gaps translate directly into poorer outcomes for them and place unnecessary strain on the already stretched health system.

According to the study, to solve such problems, it is needed to improve midwifery education, ensure that midwives are fairly paid and actively involve them in medical service and, by doing so, it will be possible to decrease maternal and

newborn deaths and improve medical service conditions and environment. Investment in midwives is one of the smartest investments the health sector can make.

At present, it is said that at least one million more midwives are needed worldwide to meet the healthcare needs and create practical conditions and opportunities for radically improving the quality of care.

Therefore, the International Confederation of Midwives set the theme for International Day of the Midwife 2026 as "One Million More Midwives" and

appealed to all governments and policy-makers in the world to make joint efforts.

To this end, it is important to increase investment in midwives, regarding them as vital healthcare providers, and formulate and enforce policies to enable them to deliver safe care to the women and newborn.

In the DPRK, where human life is valued most, state measures have constantly been taken to protect women's health.

It sees to it that the ranks of midwives are steadily strengthened and their qualifications and abilities improved so that all of them can provide active medical

service with love for and devotion to people.

While giving preferential treatment to midwives, it ensures they have influence over relevant decisions and collaborate equitably with other professionals in taking measures for improving the quality of care.

Thanks to the sincere devotion of competent midwives and other health workers, pregnant women and nursing mothers enjoy high-quality medical benefits at the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and other hospitals equipped with modern medical facilities.

The country also keeps increasing investment in the health workers and sector.

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Our-state-first principle

The our-state-first principle is the pride in and self-esteem for the socialist motherland and the strong will to boost the overall national strength to the highest level.

All the Korean working people are stepping up

socialist construction by relying on their own strength with the pride in and self-esteem for the Korean-style socialist system which gives top priority to and absolutizes the demands and interests of the people and in which everything serves them.

They devote their all to the prosperity of the country, placing the state affairs above their family affairs, and vigorously conduct the revolutionary mass movements, the socialist patriotic movements.

Remarkable progress is

being made in all fields of socialist construction, thanks to the high revolutionary consciousness and will to make an uninterrupted leap forward and increase the overall national strength to the top level without resting on their laurels.

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Sea Chilbo in the morning



Successful units and players

-At 2026 Spring National Sports Festival-

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The 2026 Spring National Sports Festival came to an end.

In the second-division table tennis event which drew much interest of amateurs, the Rimyongsu

team and the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex team took the first place respectively in the men's and women's team events. The Pyongyang and Amnokgang teams won the men's and women's singles respectively.

In the diving event which

was divided into more than 10 categories drew men and women players from the Sobaeksu Team, the Ministry of Fisheries Sports Club and other teams. Sobaeksu players won golds in almost all categories.

Especially, Jo Jin Mi of the team, who cut a conspicuous

figure at the 33rd Olympic Games and the World Aquatics Diving World Cup 2025, took the first place in the women's 10 metre platform individual and synchronized events.

The appearance of Asian champions in the acrobatic gymnastics event, divided into senior and junior levels, attracted the attention of spectators.

Ryu Il Chon of the Ryesonggang Sports Club and Ro Hye Song of the Ministry of Commerce Sports Club, who won three gold medals at the 14th Asian acrobatic gymnastics championships held last year, took the first place in the mixed doubles by performing movements of high degrees of difficulty and fine artistic representation.

Meanwhile, players of the Kigwancha Sports Club won gold medals in all the categories of the rhythmic gymnastics event and took the first place in team standings. The Defence Sports Club of the Ministry of National Defence and the Sports Club of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill came first respectively in the men's and women's tennis team events.

In the recent sports festival, thirty players set new national records in weightlifting, shooting, track and field and other events and Pyongyang Municipality came first in the total standings of the National Inter-provincial Games-2026.



Scenes of competitions of different events at the 2026 Spring National Sports Festival.

Newly registered living monument

Rungnado ginkgo



An old ginkgo tree grows on picturesque Rungna Islet.

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Rungnado ginkgo grows on picturesque Rungna Islet in the Taedong River in Pyongyang.

The tree, which has grown for hundreds of years, does not fruit as it is a staminate one.

The tree is 4.4 metres round at the root neck and stretches out its first branches at the height of about two metres. Upwards, 20-odd thick branches spread out to form a broom-shaped crown.

The tree is 23 metres tall,

and the crown is 22 metres wide from east to west and 21 metres from north to south. It is imposing as it has a great growing force as compared to other ginkgo trees.

The tree growing on the islet in the Taedong River which meanders around Moran Hill, a pride of Pyongyang, adds beauty to the islet.

The tree growing on the plain islet has recently been registered as a living monument as it is of great ornamental value and significance in solving academic problems.

