

## Splendid celebrations held to mark 80th founding anniversary of KPA Air Force

### Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends events to congratulate and encourage all the officers and men of the heroic people's Air Force



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The Air Force of the Korean People's

Army has defended the dignity and prestige of the great Workers' Party of Korea with absolute loyalty, heroic

fighting spirit and matchless courage and firmly protected the inviolable sovereign airspace of the DPRK and the security of its people. It is celebrating its 80th founding anniversary in its history shining with victories and glory.

A celebration event took place with splendour at Kalma Airport of the 59th Hero Kil Yong Jo Flying Group of the

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 event to congratulate and encourage all the officers and men of the heroic people's Air Force.

He was accompanied by his dear daughter.

He first visited the bust of Hero Kil Yong Jo.

Recollecting with deep emotion the worthwhile life of the hero pilot who left the indelible traces of loyalty over the sky with the steadfast spirit of defending the country and the revolution, he laid a flower before the bust of the martyr and paid tribute to him.

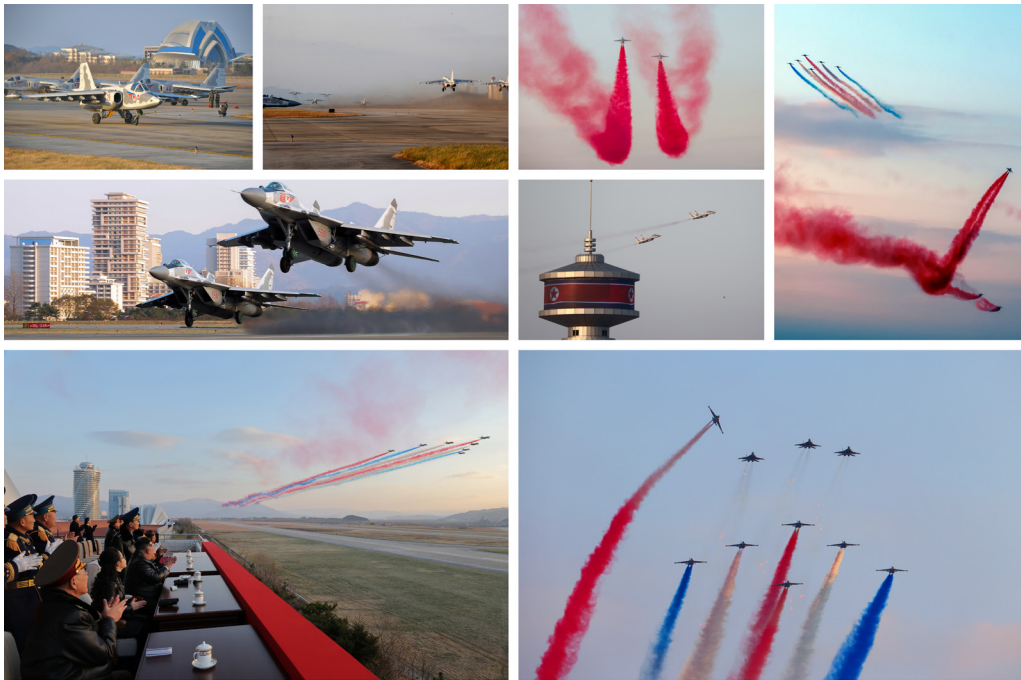
The air force base on the east coast, the venue for the celebration event, was seething with boundless excitement and

Second Air Wing on November 28 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the KPA Air Force.

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joy of the service personnel of the Air Force who would significantly celebrate in the presence of Kim Jong Un, whom they had always longed for, the historic day when the Juche-oriented air force was founded.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the airport amid the playing of welcome music, all the service personnel of the Air Force broke into enthusiastic cheers, looking up to the invincible and iron-willed commander, the great father who has ushered in a great heyday in the development of the DPRK's armed forces with his outstanding army-building idea and extraordinary military wisdom and bestowed the greatest honour that would shine forever in the militant course of the people's Air Force.

The KPA Air Force courteously greeted the Supreme Commander of the armed forces of the DPRK with the highest

respect.

He met Air Chief Marshal Kim Kwang Hyok, commander of the KPA Air Force, and Air Marshal Om Ju Ho, political commissar of the KPA Air Force, and extended warm congratulations to all the service personnel of the Air Force.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

The head of the guard of honour of the KPA Air Force made a salute.

Kim Jong Un paid militant salute to the colours of the KPA Air Force and its subordinate units shining with legendary military feats and reviewed the guard of honour of the KPA Air Force.

Commanding officers of the combined air units at all levels of the Air Force, pilots, commanding officers of arms and missile soldiers raised stormy cheers of hurrah, looking up to the Supreme Commander.

Kim Jong Un warmly congratulated them on the auspicious holiday of the

people's Air Force as he warmly waved back to them.

Leading officials of the Party and the military attended the ceremony of welcoming him.

Then he went up to the observation platform and watched the demonstration flight of the Air Force marking the Day of Airmen.

Aircraft of heroic pilots of the DPRK took off one after another with deafening sound to significantly celebrate their holiday.

He warmly encouraged the admirable girl pilots An Ok Gyong and Son Ju

Hyang, watching their demonstration flight in two-plane formation.

The pilots of the Air Force, who were making a demonstration flight in the presence of Kim Jong Un on the significant founding anniversary, displayed their skilful flying technique to the full, giving off beautiful tricolour vapour trails and setting off fireworks in the clear and blue sky of the country.

Kim Jong Un encouraged and gave warm salute to the pilots whenever they displayed different aerial combat

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manoeuvres with flexible control.

The pilots flew at low altitude over the observation platform to express their absolute loyalty to and most ardent trust in Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un met the pilots after their demonstration flight and shook hands with every one of them, praising them for demonstrating a high level of aviation capable of perfectly carrying out any combat mission.

Highly appreciating the aviation displayed by the girl pilots, he said that they are admirable comrades representing the women of the country and hoped that they would remain faithful to their duties with the honour of the Air Force and the dignity of the women of this country.

The confrontation in the sky, which

inevitably ends in one side's victory or defeat and survival or death, is a showdown in ideology and faith before being a clash between military hardware pieces and the victory in the battle is decided not by the ultra-modern fighters but by pilots armed with an indomitable spirit, he said, adding that it is the source of great strength and pride of the WPK, the DPRK and its people to have an elite air force with the overwhelming political and ideological might which is beyond compare with that of any armies of other countries. And he had a photo taken with the pilots.

Then he had a photo session with the service personnel of the KPA Air Force greeting its 80th founding anniversary.

Every honourable flight path of the people's Air Force which has made the long journey of sacred defence for the past

80 years since it was founded as the flying corps of a new Korea under the leadership of the Party was a world-startling legend, he said, adding that the legends of the invincible Air Force recorded in the high and clear sky are shining brilliantly in the history of the country as a symbol of great ideological and spiritual strength, indomitable fighting spirit and heroism of the KPA.

He affirmed that the blue sky of the country would always be peaceful and the mightiness of the Air Force would be immortal as there are the reliable service personnel of the Air Force who perform feats during their flights of loyalty, dedicating their lives without hesitation both in grim moments or peaceful days.

When the photo session was over, the sky of November reverberated with thunderous shouts of the service personnel of the Air Force chanting the slogan of death-defying defence in reflection of their immutable pledge to devote their youth and lives to Kim Jong Un, the sun of eternal life and the heaven of destiny, and for the future of the beloved motherland.

A commemorative meeting was held with splendour to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the KPA Air Force in the presence of Kim Jong Un.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, Pak Jong Chon and Jo Chun Ryong, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and other leading officials of the WPK Central Committee and the Ministry of National Defence,

commanding officers, pilots and other service personnel of the KPA Air Force and discharged air force veterans.

Kim Jong Un met the discharged generals who were specially invited to the celebrations of the Day of Airmen and highly appreciated the life of devotion and feats of the veteran generals of the Air Force who devoted their whole life to increasing the defence capability of the country's airspace.

Air Chief Marshal Kim Kwang Hyok, commander of the KPA Air Force, made a commemorative report.

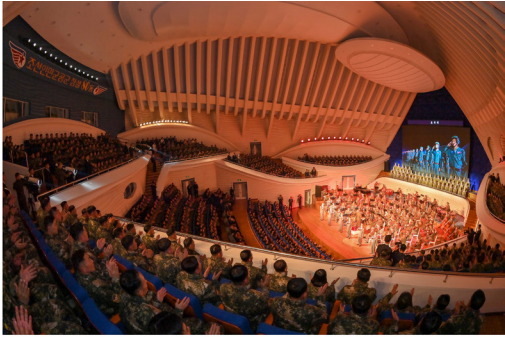
The reporter referred to the pride in the 80-year history of the air force which has grown along with the sacred history of the Party as the first service founded under the care of the great WPK and waged an honourable struggle for the country, the revolution and the people, and to the militant course of the Air Force which has developed into a core service of the KPA under the leadership of the Party.

In the great Kim Jong Un's era, our Air Force is in its greatest heyday of invincibility and development as an ever-victorious heroic service, he said, noting that thanks to the great ambition and energetic leadership of the respected Supreme Commander who puts forward the strengthening of the Air Force as a crucial requirement in building a powerful army, a new era of developing the Air Force into an elite force is being ushered in and the politico-ideological might of the Air Force and its full combat

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capability are being fully demonstrated.

He stressed that it is the greatest happiness of the service personnel of the Air Force to hold in high esteem the great brilliant commander, the great father who instils in them the revolutionary faith that is unshakable in any adversity and strong will to defend the country unto death, a courage and pluck to pierce through the clouds in countless layers and endless shower of bullets without hesitation and the wisdom and bravery for sure victory and meticulously leads them.

Saying that the most powerful group of revolutionary soldiers demonstrating their might as a strong army devotedly defending the Party Central Committee, an elite armed force—this is a valuable appellation the country and the people gave to the Air Force which has always flown along the route of loyalty for 80 years and a great honour to be preserved forever by all the officers and men of the Air Force, the reporter ardently called upon all of them to more courageously fight on for the eternal prosperity of the country and the security of the people and for the immortal prestige and glory of the KPA Air Force, true to the ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a significant speech on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the KPA Air Force.

Saying that he is pleased to attend the celebrations to recollect the proud history of the Air Force and pay tribute to its great 80-year-long journey, he extended warm congratulations to the valiant pilots significantly greeting the founding anniversary of the Air Force of the DPRK and all other service personnel of the Air Force who are now struggling for the

defence of the airspace and the wellbeing of the people.

He said that he is proud of the founding year of the Air Force which coincides with that of the Workers' Party of Korea as the numbers etched on the colours of the Air Force tell, and its reputation as the first-born service of the KPA and moreover, he cannot but feel reverence for its honourable militant flights of 80 years. He noted that no rhetoric can represent the long and glorious history in which the Air Force has covered its course since it was founded and everything of it noble and heroic.

He said: The Air Force should be counted first when we talk about a witness to the victories in the sacred campaign to defend the country in the two centuries. Among the three services of the KPA it has experienced more actual battles than other services in peacetime, not in wartime, and produced more than 130 heroes, including two double heroes, and dozens of hero units and sub-units since the first pilot hero of the KPA emerged. This fact alone clearly shows that the Air Force has always stood at the forefront of the struggle to protect the national sovereignty and interests, and that its distinguished military feats hold the most brilliant place in the course of the development of the KPA.

He expressed his deep affection for the Air Force which has always stood by him at the crucial moments that decided the destiny and future of the state and the people and guaranteed reliably security through the absolute execution without any error or mistake. He said that the missions of all the services and arms of the KPA to defend sovereignty were all heavy and they received orders with the same voice, but no other military

group was a match for the Air Force in terms of the unconditional and perfect implementation of the orders. He noted that its appellation of the first-born service and the eldest service of the KPA is the proud honour it gained not only as it was founded first in the history of building the regular armed forces of the country, but also as its service personnel performed distinguished feats by always carrying out on time without fail the duty which is more important than the ones of the other services and arms.

He said: Once ordered, our pilots never thought of their lives and their dogfight skills and the legendary tales about their air battles were the outcome of the bravery and heroism of the invulnerable pilots. Whether in the face of overwhelming military threats or in the face of the irresistible natural disasters, they have steadily performed unprecedented miracles and feats by placing the unconditional execution of orders above their one and only lives. This is the immortal characteristic of the Air Force that has been transmitted genetically.

Saying that the operating sphere of the Air Force includes the inviolable airspace, territory and waters and also the combat zones for great changes, he noted that the appellation of the Air Force will as ever shine in the vanguard of the whole army in the worthwhile struggle calling for the feats of the revolutionary army.

Noting that the Air Force will be given new strategic military assets and entrusted with a new important duty, he said that the expectations of the Party and the country for the Air Force which will play a role in the exercise of the nuclear war deterrent are very great, and that the Air Force should resolutely repulse and control all sorts of espionage acts

and possible military provocations of the enemies trying to encroach upon the sovereign airspace of the DPRK with the overwhelming spiritual strength and offensive spirit.

Saying that he firmly believes that the sky of the country will always be blue and the country will be in peace thanks to the pilots and that he extends thanks to their spirit of service of always remaining faithful to the country, he wished the heroic Air Force military feats and the pilots good health.

He announced that the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK adopted a decree on awarding the honourable Order of Kim Jong Il to the Air Force marking its 80th founding anniversary at the proposal of the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK and said that he would convey a joint congratulatory message of the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

All the participants raised enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to the respected Supreme Commander who has repeatedly shown deep love for and trust in the Air Force, glorifying its 80-year history at the zenith of dignity and honour.

He conveyed the joint congratulatory message of the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK to the KPA Air Force marking its 80th founding anniversary and conferred on it Order of Kim Jong Il, the highest order of the DPRK.

He awarded the certificate of the Order of Kim Jong Il to the commander of the Air Force and fixed the order on the colours of the KPA Air Force.

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# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects regional-industry factories nearing completion

## He stresses need for all new regional-industry factories to make perfect preparations for operation before inauguration ceremonies to be held in December

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This year has witnessed the proud epochal achievements in the regional construction, which made another leap forward in terms of modernity, economic profitability and prospective with a goal of reaching a level set higher than last year, according to the far-reaching regional development strategy of the great Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

inspected regional-industry factories in different counties nearing completion on December 3.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won and Pak Jong Chon, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee.

Comrade Kim Jong Un went round first the regional-industry factories in Sinyang County, South Phyongan Province.

He was greeted on the spot by the commanding officers of the army units involved in the construction, officials of design institutes, senior officials of the Party and power organs in Sinyang County and officials of the regional-industry factories.

He looked round the production, cultural and welfare facilities of the foodstuff, garment and daily necessities factories in



the county one by one to learn in detail about their construction and preparations for operation.

Saying that he could see the level of construction and technical equipment of the construction units has remarkably improved as compared with that of a year ago, he expressed satisfaction over the fact that lopsidedness has definitely decreased and the level of balance and specialization has increased in the whole construction process.

Noting that the evaluation of the quality of construction depends on the finishing work, he indicated the orientation and ways for the construction units at all levels to radically raise the level of specialization and elaborateness in the finishing work.

He said that there might be difficulties as healthcare facilities, leisure complexes and others are expected to be added to regional construction projects from the coming year, but the People's Army has tremendous potentiality for creditably guaranteeing the implementation of the Party's policy on regional development and will powerfully lead the regional construction revolution to steady success with its rich experience and elevated enthusiasm for struggle.

Saying that modern regional-industry factories have been built in 40 cities and counties across the country in less than two years since the regional-industry revolution started, he noted this represents the eye-opening regional changes. The rural construction and regional-industry

construction constitute a gigantic revolution geared to fundamentally improving the quality of the people's life and laying the material and technical foundations for the independent development of cities and counties, and we are right now going through the most responsible and important historic period of transition, he said.

He pointed out a series of deviations revealed in the construction of regional-industry factories and set forth some important tasks to be tackled in operating the factories, normalizing their

production and providing the residents with various conveniences.

Comrade Kim Jong Un inspected regional-industry factories in Pukchang County, South Phyongan Province.

Referring to the incompatibility between architectural and process designs in the construction of a foodstuff factory, he said that irrational changes were made in contrast to the original plan, leading to re-construction, and he attributed this to the lack of proper guidance system and functional system to rectify such deviations in time.

In order to ensure high quality in construction in conformity with the needs of modernization and standardization and

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perfectly build factories as entities directly demonstrating our style of civilization and development, it is necessary to establish a more thorough system of tripartite consultation among design, construction and operation units, put construction on a scientific and integrated basis and steadily increase the proportion of dry construction in the building of industrial facilities and encourage it, he said.

Saying that the regular production and supply of various consumer goods basic and essential for the people's life is a crucial task in carrying out the Party's policy on regional industry, he particularly emphasized the need to increase the variety of specialties preserving the features of regional areas and improve the quality of daily necessities.

He said that it is important for the whole Party and state to pay attention to the development of regional economy, organize regional products shows regularly every

year and carry out reviews and appraisals in a significant way so that regional-industry factories can develop competitively.

Saying that the People's Army was assigned the historic task of regional changes and this is an expression of the noblest trust in it of the Party, the revolution, the times and the people, he expressed expectations and belief that the officers and men of the construction units would continue to give full play to the fighting spirit and pattern of creation peculiar to the revolutionary army in the vanguard of the cause of realizing the long-cherished desire of the WPK and the regional people.

Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the Unsan Paper Mill newly built in Unsan County, South Phyongan Province.

He was greeted by Ri Kyong Chol, chief secretary of the South Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, officials concerned and officials of the factory.

He said that the paper factory, which has been built first in Unsan County of South Phyongan Province on a trial basis

according to the Party's decision on setting up in all provinces the modern paper mills capable of satisfying the relevant provincial needs, is of great significance in developing the Korean-style paper-making industry and satisfying the long-term nationwide needs.

Looking round a multipurpose paper machine, toilet-paper machine, paper container moulding machine and other production facilities which are associated with the pioneering spirit and enthusiasm for creation of Korean scientists, technicians and workers, he said that it is really laudable that several enterprises in South Phyongan Province and the Paper Engineering Institute of the State Academy of Sciences are taking the lead in solving one of the problems which the Party is concerned about most. He noted that he is particularly pleased that the Paper Engineering Institute has a clear prospective goal for developing our own paper-making method and technology, and extended praise and encouragement to the scientists and technicians of the institute.

In order to meet the demand for paper badly needed for all the fields, including science and technology, education and cultural life, it is necessary to steadily develop our own paper-making method and technology based on the raw materials in the country, he said, adding that all other provinces should more thoroughly discuss and decide on the issue of building modern paper mills within the period of the next five-year plan by drawing on the experience gained by South Phyongan Province in building a model factory.

The completion and inauguration season has come to review the results of the proud one-year creation and labour campaign which will be estimated by the people, he said, stressing that all the new regional-industry factories should make perfect preparations for their operation in a responsible manner before their inauguration ceremonies to be held in December. And he assigned some tasks concerning the promotion of the regional development policy.





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All the participants witnessed with deep emotion and joy the historic moment to be specially recorded in the history of the development of the Juche-oriented air force.

Warmly congratulating the enthusiastically cheering service personnel of the Air Force, Kim Jong Un expressed belief that all the pilots, commanding officers and other service personnel of the brave air force would glorify the proud 80-year history etched in the glorious colours with legends of continuous victory and firmly defend the dignity of the DPRK and the happiness of its people.

Then an art performance was given at the Myongsasimni Theatre to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the KPA Air Force.

Kim Jong Un enjoyed the performance together with officers and men of the Air

Force.

Put on the stage were numbers praising the feats performed by the heroic people's Air Force which has demonstrated its honour as the ranks of elite soldiers firmly armed with the ideas and will of the WPK, the ranks of strong soldiers that always win victory in every battle and the ranks of point men who make a breakthrough in socialist construction.

The audience were deeply moved by the stirring revolutionary army songs reflecting the firm will of the service personnel of the Air Force to glorify the immortal appellation of the great Kim Jong Un's Air Force and its ever-victorious history forever by setting the eternal coordinates of their life on the flight path of defending the Party Central Committee unto death.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience as it impressively represented through excellent artistic depiction the high ideological and spiritual world of the

service personnel of the KPA Air Force and their devoted service for the country and the people.

That evening the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK hosted a banquet to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the KPA Air Force.

Present there at invitation were military and political commanding officers at all levels of the KPA Air Force, pilots, other service personnel and discharged generals.

Kim Jong Un attended the banquet together with leading officials of the Central Committee of the WPK and commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence.

The venue of the banquet was wrapped in warm feelings of blood ties between the leader and the soldiers forged on the militant journey for defending the sacred sovereignty of the state and increasing the capability for defending the airspace.

The commanding officers and pilots

of the Air Force expressed thanks to Kim Jong Un who showed all kinds of loving care and accorded all privileges to the service personnel of the Air Force, spending the whole day together with them. They vowed to become the most brilliant star that defends the country and the revolution, fully demonstrating the might of the bodyguards of the Party Central Committee and the first guards of the DPRK.

The celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the KPA Air Force held with splendour in the presence of Kim Jong Un marked a significant occasion in demonstrating the unshakable faith and will of the heroic people's Air Force to steadily carry forward the glorious tradition of loyalty and feats and firmly guarantee the history of the great succession of the Juche revolution forever as befitting the first-born service of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK.

## Premier Pak inspects various sectors of national economy



Premier Pak Thae Song (centre) inspects the Pyongyang Mining Machine Factory.

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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 Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected various sectors of

the national economy.

At the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex the premier stressed the need to perform the check-up and repair of

generating equipment in a far-sighted way so as to normalize the production of electricity in winter and push ahead with the work to reinforce and perfect the heat insulation and dust collection systems of boilers and steam conduits in cooperation with scientific research units.

At the Namdok Youth Coal Mine of the Pukchang Area Youth Coal-mining Complex he met and encouraged coal miners who are bringing about good results every day through the patriotic movement for increased coal production. He underlined the need to give precedence to prospecting and tunnelling and to continue to increase

coal production by raising the operating rate of equipment in coal faces.

Acquainting himself with the operation of the Sunchon Phosphatic Fertilizer Factory and the progress made in the construction project for establishing the C1 chemical industry, he stressed the need to rationally compose the processes and systems with the main emphasis on lowering the energy consumption to the maximum and take economic and technical measures to fully display the production capacity of the existing fertilizer and chemical factories.

At the Pyongyang Mining

Machine Factory he noted that it is important for it to raise the production capacity and machining accuracy by putting spurs to the production of custom-built equipment and consolidating its scientific and technological force and production foundation and improve the quality of products.

The field consultative meetings discussed various issues including that of producing lots of efficient coal mining equipment and took appropriate measures.

Earlier, the premier went round the Advanced Science and Technology and Products Exhibition-2025.

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities marked

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A meeting took place at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on December 3 to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Present there were Jon Chol Hi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, officials concerned, disabled persons and their families and working people in Pyongyang.

Donation certificates were awarded to those who have actively supported persons with disabilities, and a video dealing with the successes made this year in ensuring the rights of the disabled in the country was shown.

Then, an art performance was given by the Korean Art Association of the Disabled to mark the occasion.

The performers

represented the cheerful and lively appearance of disabled persons.

Prior to the meeting, the participants looked round photos showing the life

of the disabled leading a happy life under the socialist system of the country.



The Korean Art Association of the Disabled gives an artistic performance to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

## Vietnamese embassy hosts photo exhibition and reception

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The Vietnamese embassy in Pyongyang hosted a photo exhibition and reception at the Taedonggang Diplomatic Club on December 3 on the occasion of the anniversaries of President Kim Il Sung's visits to Vietnam and the "Year of Friendship", the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Present there at invitation were Pak Sang Gil, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, Kim Sung Chan, president of Kim Il Sung

University who is chairman of the DPRK-Vietnam Friendship Parliamentary Group of the Supreme People's Assembly, officials concerned and members of the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang.

Le Ba Vinh, Vietnamese ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy were on hand.

The participants looked round photos dealing with the immortal exploits performed by President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for the development of the DPRK-Vietnam friendly relations.

Speeches were made at the reception.



# Happy news of inauguration released every day

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## Institute of Agricultural Science built in South Phyongan Province



South Phyongan Province has newly built the Institute of Agricultural Science. The comprehensive research base with research rooms, office building, e-library, online lecture room, hostel and all other conditions was built to lay another material and technical foundation for powerfully propelling the agricultural development of

the province. Ri Kyong Chol, chief secretary of the South Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Song Bom, chairman of the provincial people's committee, Choe Yong Song, chairman of the provincial rural economy committee, and officials of the province looked round the newly built institute.

## Construction of surface structures of Tanchon Port completed

The construction of surface structures of Tanchon Port has been successfully completed. An inauguration ceremony of the port structures was held on the spot on November 27. Present there were officials of South Hamgyong Province and the relevant field and officials, builders and employees of the General Bureau of the Tanchon Area Mining Industry. The speaker said that officials, workers and

technicians of the General Bureau of the Tanchon Area Mining Industry should further intensify the drive for increased production and make steady innovations in the production of nonferrous metal ore. A performance was given by the mobile artistic motivation team of the Tanchon Smeltery in celebration of the completion. At the end of the ceremony the participants went round the newly-built buildings.

## Schoolchildren's footwear and uniform factories inaugurated

The Pyongyang Schoolchildren's Footwear Factory was built and the Pyongyang School Uniform Factory was renovated to hold inauguration ceremonies on the spot on November 28. The completion of the factories equipped with modern production processes has laid solid foundations for supplying quality and stylish footwear and uniforms for each season to the students in the capital city on a regular basis.

Present at the ceremonies were Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials, working people and builders in the municipality and employees of the factories. Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, delivered inaugural addresses. At the end of the ceremonies the participants looked round the factories.

## General foodstuff factory renovated in Rason



Rason Municipality concluded the reconstruction and modernization project of the Rason General Foodstuff Factory, true to the noble intention of the Workers' Party of Korea. The renovation of the factory in which production processes have been automated and streamlined and hygienic safety ensured has made it possible to contribute to improving the people's dietary life by producing dozens of kinds of products, including tasty and nutritious soy sauce, bean

paste, soya bean oil, sweets and cakes. An inaugural ceremony of the Rason General Foodstuff Factory took place on November 30. Present there were Sin Yong Chol, chief secretary of the Rason Municipal Committee of the WPK, officials of the Party and power organs in the municipality and employees of the factory. Speeches were made at the ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, the participants looked round the factory.

## Pukchong County Fruit Processing Factory renovated

The Pukchong County Fruit Processing Factory has undergone renovation. The factory is furnished with hundreds of pieces of equipment and all its production lines are put on an automatic and streamlined basis. And it has an analysis room, general control room, sci-tech learning space and fruit storehouse. An inauguration ceremony took place on November 25.

Present there were Ri Jong Nam, chief secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Hyon Chol, chairman of the provincial people's committee, officials and working people of the province and the county and employees of the factory. At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round various places of the factory.

## New grain transit station built in South Phyongan Province

South Phyongan Province built a new grain transit station specializing in grain transport, storage, processing and supply. The station with grain storehouses, rice processing equipment and vehicles built in the area with favourable traffic conditions is a modern grain management base conducive to developing

the local economy and improving the people's standards of living. Ri Kyong Chol, chief secretary of the South Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Song Bom, chairman of the provincial people's committee, and officials concerned looked round the newly-built station on November 30.

## Kyongsong Tile Factory remodelled



North Hamgyong Province splendidly remodelled the Kyongsong Tile Factory. The remodelling of the factory furnished with efficient equipment needed for the production of various kinds of tiles has laid another material and technical foundation for attaining self-sufficiency in finishing building materials as required by the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and for pressing on with regional and rural construction. An inauguration ceremony

of the Kyongsong Tile Factory took place on December 3. Present there were Pak Myong Ho, chairman of the North Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, officials concerned, working people in Kyongsong County, builders and employees of the factory. At the inauguration ceremony, the speaker referred to the fact that the factory was modernized thanks to the energetic leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is devoting his all to

providing the people with more affluent and civilized living conditions.

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

## Hamhung Stadium renovated

South Hamgyong Province has renovated Hamhung Stadium. The stadium equipped with stands, a referee room, players' waiting room, medical treatment room and others enables players to hold football, basketball, volleyball, track and field, badminton and other sports games and working people, youth and students to enjoy cultural and emotional life while conducting various sports activities. Present at its inauguration ceremony held on November

30 were officials in South Hamgyong Province and the relevant field, players and coaches of the sports clubs in the province, working people in Hamhung City and employees of the stadium. Pak Hyon Chol, chairman of the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, made an inaugural address. At the end of the ceremony, the participants looked round various places of the stadium and watched different sports games of players of the Songchongang Sports Club.

## Aviation club inaugurated in South Hamgyong Province

South Hamgyong Province has newly built an aviation club. The club has a mass air sports technology dissemination office, runway, general office building, hostel and sci-tech learning space. The completion of it has made it possible to satisfactorily conduct air sports training, technical dissemination and service activities. An inaugural ceremony of the South Hamgyong Provincial Aviation Club was held on November 28. Present there were officials

in South Hamgyong Province and the relevant field, builders, working people in Hamhung City and coaches, players and employees of the aviation club. Pak Hyon Chol, chairman of the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, delivered an inaugural address. After the ceremony was over, the participants looked round the club and watched a demonstration of parachutists jumping on a mountain and players skilfully radio-controlling model planes.

## New zoo built in South Phyongan Province

South Phyongan Province has newly built the Phyongsong Zoo. The zoo covering an area of over 20 000 square metres has several animal houses and service buildings. The construction of the zoo has provided the people in the province with another base for cultural and leisure activities. The inaugural ceremony of the zoo took place on December 2.

Present there were Ri Kyong Chol, chief secretary of the South Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, builders, working people in the city and employees of the zoo. Ri Song Bom, chairman of the provincial people's committee, made an inaugural address. After the ceremony, the participants looked round various places of the zoo.

## Passenger station terminal inaugurated

A distinctive terminal of Phyongchon Passenger Station of the Pyongyang Marine Transport Company was inaugurated. The modern terminal, built on the banks of the picturesque Taedong River, has a departure hall, room for honoured disabled soldiers, nursing mothers' room, luggage room, shop and restaurant. It will offer convenience to passengers travelling to the directions of May Day Stadium and Songnim by

passenger ships. Its inaugural ceremony took place on the spot on November 28. Present there were officials of the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport and employees of the Pyongyang Marine Transport Company. Kang Jong Gwan, minister of Land and Maritime Transport, made an inaugural address. At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the terminal.



# New houses built in rural villages across country

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The Saesol Farm in Munchon City and the Roun Farm in Chonnae County of Kangwon Province have undergone big changes beyond recognition.

The completion of the houses designed to ensure modernity, cultural refinement and diversity while preserving the features of the relevant areas makes it possible for the agricultural workers there to lead a worthwhile life, fully enjoying socialist civilization.

Present at the ceremonies of moving into new houses held on the spot were officials in Kangwon Province, Munchon City and Chonnae County, builders and agricultural workers who would move into new houses.

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

Delightful performances and dance parties were given

and the villages were in a festive mood.

New houses have been built at the Ryokpho Vegetable Farm in Ryokpho District and the Oryu Vegetable Farm in Sadong District in Pyongyang Municipality.

Present at the ceremonies of moving into new houses held on the spots were officials of the Party and power organs, builders and agricultural workers in Pyongyang Municipality and Ryokpho and Sadong districts.

Speeches were made and licences for the use of houses handed over.

As congratulatory art performances and cheerful peasant dance parties were given, the farm villages were in a festive mood.

New houses have been built at the Mangum Greenhouse Farm of the North Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee and the Yonryu and Namsang farms in Pukchang County of South

Phyongan Province.

Ceremonies of moving into new houses took place on the spot.

Present there were officials of North Hwanghae and South Phyongan provinces, Sariwon City and Pukchang County, builders and agricultural workers who would move into the houses.

Congratulatory addresses were made at the ceremonies and licences for the use of houses were handed over.

As farmers began moving into new houses, dance parties were given in the villages and voices of farmers and other inhabitants expressing the gratitude to the motherly Workers' Party of Korea rang out from every house.

Beautiful villages have been built at the Jangsan Farm of Ryongchon County and the Pihwa Farm of Chonma County in North Phyongan Province.

Present at the ceremonies of moving into new houses held

on the spot were officials of the Party and power organs in the province and the counties, builders and agricultural workers.

Congratulatory addresses were delivered to be followed by other speeches.

As farmers began moving into new houses, dance parties were given to the tune of merry songs and people had photos taken against the background of their new houses, putting the villages in a festive mood.

People's happy laughter and songs rang out from every house of the wonderful villages.

New villages have been built at the Chongok Farm and the Jasan Farm in Phyongsong City of South Phyongan Province and the Phyongmun Farm and the Taean Farm in Taegwan County of North Phyongan Province, demonstrating clearly the development of the socialist countryside which is undergoing a

dramatic change.

Modern dwelling houses furnished with conditions for convenience in the residents' life while preserving well the characteristics peculiar to the countryside tell of the loving care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Ceremonies of moving into new houses were held on the spot amid the overflowing joy of agricultural workers who would move into the new homes of happiness.

Present there were Ri Kyong Chol, chief secretary of the South Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, Ri Song Bom, chairman of the South Phyongan Provincial People's Committee, officials of the Party and power organs in North Phyongan Province, Phyongsong City and Taegwan County, builders and farmers. Congratulatory addresses were made there and licences for the use of houses were handed over to be followed by speeches.

As art performances and dance parties were given to congratulate on the happy events, farm villages were in a festive mood.

Modern dwelling houses have been built at the Tongchon Farm in Cholsan County of North Phyongan Province and the Jonchang Farm in Songwon County of Jagang Province under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Congratulatory speeches were made at the meetings attended by Sin Chang Gil, chairman of the Jagang Provincial People's Committee, officials of the Party and power organs of the relevant regions, builders and agricultural workers who would move into new houses.

As art performances and joyful dance parties were given to celebrate the event, the villages were in a festive mood.

Songs and laughter of happiness were heard from every house and fireworks were set off.



Modern houses built in rural communities across the country change their appearance for the better.

## Joy and laughter on ice

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Many people come to enjoy themselves at the Chongnyu People's Open-air Ice Rink on the banks of the Taedong River in Pyongyang.

The ice rink is always full of laughter and optimism as visitors flaunt various "skills" on ice.

Before others, regular

customers who skate well are the objects of envy and admiration among visitors. Amateur skaters glide on ice at fast speed and suddenly stop or slide backward freely changing their feet one after another to pass through the people. Some of them show graceful skating movements like figure skaters.

A girl said that she acquired figure skating movements

while practising skating at the ice rink for several years. She enjoyed a pleasant feeling as she performed movements in time with the music resounding in the ice rink, she added.

Unlike the amateurs, beginners are so awkward in skating that they cause considerable mirth among the visitors.

Some of them take one

step after another like toddlers by leaning on the two hands of instructors or their assistants or by using auxiliary apparatuses, others teeter along the edge of the ice rink by holding on to the safety barrier in an effort not to fall on the ice and still others courageously try to skate by themselves but lose balance soon or collide with others to fall on the ice and

burst into laughter with great joy. All these scenes add to the pleasant mood of the ice rink.

Hwangbo Hyok, a resident of Taedonggang District in Pyongyang, said that as it was near his home, he often came to the Chongnyu People's Open-air Ice Rink with his family and whenever he came, he spent a really pleasant time there and added

that he has now become an amateur.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the ice rink several times in 2012 alone to give detailed instructions on the management and operation of the ice rink, said its staffer Kim Il Chol. "We are determined to continue to improve our service true to his intention."



# Policies for persons with disabilities pursued continuously

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The Law of the DPRK on Ensuring the Rights of the Disabled was adopted at the Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly in September 2023. Consisting of seven chapters and 75 articles, the law reflects the policy on protecting the persons with disabilities consistently followed by the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK. The law stipulates the mission of the law and the principled issues arising in ensuring the rights of the disabled, including the issue of establishing a social habit of kindly treating and helping them.

The country has long pursued the policy of protecting the disabled so that the disabled can lead a fulfilling life in all fields of social life, including exercising the rights to elect and to be elected in the elections of deputies to the people's assemblies at all levels, while holding the position as masters of the country and society. The first labour law of the DPRK enacted in 1946, the year after Korea's liberation from the Japanese military occupation, stipulates the issue of providing the disabled with living conditions. And the first organization of the disabled was established in February 1948. In the thick of the Fatherland Liberation War, a school for

honoured disabled soldiers was established under the special care of President Kim Il Sung to ensure they learned useful techniques and skills. Schools for the blind and deaf, honoured disabled soldiers' factories, workshops for light workers and sanatoria were set up across the country to actively protect persons with disabilities. In the 1990s the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled was organized and the Law of the DPRK on the Protection of the Disabled enacted. An official of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the

Disabled said: The Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly legally established once again the issue of the protection of rights of persons with disabilities by further developing it. It is of great significance in offering a legal guarantee for providing them with socio-political, economic and cultural rights more properly and establishing a social habit of helping them play the role as full members of society. Material foundations and conditions have also been fully provided for guaranteeing the health, living and development of the disabled as policies for them are extended. The rehabilitation centre for

disabled children, vocational school, art and sports associations for persons with disabilities are in operation. And schools for the deaf and dumb and the blind provide image, sound and character dialogue service according to the curriculum for the universal 12-year compulsory education. Meanwhile, it has become a social trait to take good care of persons with disabilities. On the increase are such persons of virtue, including those who have become parents of orphaned persons with disabilities, the young men and women who marry disabled persons and the donors who have long taken good care of persons with disabilities in all sincerity.

## Vocational school for the disabled

By Choe Song Jun PT

It has been more than ten years since the founding of Vocational Training School for Persons with Disabilities. The school has so far given specialized technical and skill education to persons with disabilities to help them make a positive contribution to the prosperity and development of the country as members of society. Teachers of the school are the past experienced personnel in such fields as electronics, communications, food processing and wood processing. Among them is a researcher who was highly appreciated at national exhibitions of sci-tech achievements. The school has made e-lecture plans and multimedia in various forms to suit the psychology and physical characteristics of persons with disabilities to

use them in education. In particular, teachers regularly practise sign language to upgrade the teaching methods for people with hearing impairments so as to enhance their cognitive abilities. On the basis of this, they are applying various teaching methods. "During the first lesson, I had a lot of trouble because I was unable to communicate with students with hearing impairments. But now I can understand what they want even at the expression of their eyes and at their body language," said Hyon Jin Ok, teacher of the school. The practical training courses including those for the assembly and repair of electronic devices, wood craftsmanship, hairdressing and beauty culture are good opportunities for the students to consolidate what they have learned and acquire various skills. Graduates of the school

fully display their abilities in various fields of society. Among the graduates is Kim Sung Il, a man with hearing impairments, who was awarded a technical prize and a sci-tech prize respectively at the ninth and tenth Pyongyang exhibitions of musical instruments and was acclaimed for his works at a national sculpture and craftwork festival. A musical instrument maker of the Art Association of the Disabled, he earnestly recollects teachers of the school who made sincere efforts for his development. "We must be a mother before a teacher. It is our duty to pour affection and tender feelings on the students like a mother treating all her children alike, so that they can develop into excellent persons and competent talents who will contribute to society and the collective," Ham Song Sim, principal of the school, often says to its teachers.



Persons with disabilities get specialized technical and skill education at Vocational Training School for Persons with Disabilities. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



## With warm love and care



Officials of the Ragwon IT Trading Company under the Ragwon Trading Guidance Bureau care about the work of persons with disabilities. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Pang Un Ju PT

What is most painful for the persons with hearing impairment is that they cannot properly communicate with the ordinary people. So they are afraid to join the social activities. But Kim Ji Ye, Pak Thae Wi and four other persons with hearing impairment are now working at the Ragwon IT Trading Company. They have become full-fledged skilled workers who can apply any image processing programs as skilfully as other employees and play their part for the development of the collective. "At first when we decided to admit them to the company as employees, there were some dissenting opinions. In fact, Kim Ji Ye is a daughter of our employee. We sympathized with the company officials who wanted to relieve the mental suffering of the employee who was anxious about the future of his child. But we were much worried about whether they could acquire the computer image processing technology," said Kim Il Ryong, a section chief of the company, referring to it. "That is why some people offered their opinion that

they should help them well so that they would not feel any inconvenience in life." At that time, Han Jong Sil, director of the company, said that the country adopted the law on ensuring the rights of disabled persons to protect persons with disabilities and guarantee their rights, earnestly asking the employees to help them fully exercise their rights as citizens. Soon Kim Ji Ye and Pak Thae Wi were employed by the company. But all things were not optimistic as they thought. It was not an easy job to teach the persons with hearing impairment computer skills. "At that time, too, our director said the company employed Ji Ye and Thae Wi not merely for the reason that we were sympathetic to them. We should help them even by learning sign language," said Kang Su Ryon, a technical expert of the company, recollecting those days. The employees began to learn simple sign language during their leisure time from that day. Now almost all employees of the company can communicate with the disabled persons in sign language.

Kim Ji Ye and Pak Thae Wi improved their skills day after day with the sincere assistance from the employees and today they have become innovators and skilled workers. During these years they cherished heartfelt gratitude to the socialist system of the country. They attended the art performance to mark the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung in April this year and sang the song "We Are the Happiest in the World" together with other employees in sign language, making a good impression on the audience. Ri Kum Ryong, Ji Ye's mother, said that her desire was fulfilled the day when she saw her daughter lead the social life and take the stage for performance like others under the benevolent socialist system, enjoying warm love and affection of the kindhearted people. "Our employees showed deep sincerity for Kim Ji Ye, Pak Thae Wi and other persons with hearing impairment as they were greatly moved by the law on the protection of disabled persons of the country adopted to help them fulfil their dreams and hopes," said Han Jong Sil.



# Disabled people become full members of society



**Kim Il Sun**

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December 3 is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The number of disabled people are increasing worldwide, raising different serious social issues like that of ensuring their rights.

In October 1992, the 47th session of the UN General Assembly set December 3 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and decided to conduct activities for disabled persons more actively. It aims to raise social awareness and interest in the problem of persons with disabilities, protect their rights and make them take an active part in social life, including politics,

the economy and culture.

On the occasion of the day, international organizations and different countries are organizing colourful events and activities for ensuring the equality and rights of the disabled people.

It is a consistent policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK to protect the disabled people and take good care of their life.

In the DPRK, the disabled people have the same rights as other members of society and enjoy a worthwhile life.

Education and public health services for the disabled are being improved and strengthened.

With the new education

support system for the disabled being established, a class for hearing-impaired children has recently been added at Hwawon Kindergarten No. 2 in Hwasong District, Pyongyang.

Social policies for improving the health of disabled people and providing them with a stable life are also increasing.

The rehabilitation of disabled people is conducted centring on helping them acquire physical and mental abilities for participating in social life independently.

A social climate of protecting and caring for the disabled is fostered on a high level.

It is becoming a trait of the nation to regard others' pain as their own and help and lead each other.

Many disabled people are rising to national and international fame as poets, writers, musicians and athletes.

Despite his hearing impairment,

Kim Sung Il made violins and was awarded a technical prize and a sci-tech prize at the ninth and tenth Pyongyang exhibitions of musical instruments.

Recently, DPRK players won two gold medals and one silver at the ITTF Asian Para Championships 2025 held in China.

The reality that the disabled people are fulfilling their wishes and developing their talents to their heart's content is showcased in the performances annually given by members of the art group of the Korean Art Association of the Disabled on the occasion of the National Day of Persons with Disabilities (June 18) and International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Their enthusiasm to make a positive contribution to the prosperity of the country as masters of the state and society is growing day by day.

## Japan enters dangerous stage in nuclear armament

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Recently, Japan has planned to press on with the reexamination of the "three principles of denuclearization" it has maintained since the 1960s.

As the only victim of A-bomb in the world, Japan asserted that it "hates nuclear weapons" in the past and on this pretext adopted as its policy the "three principles of denuclearization" that prohibit it from bringing in, manufacturing and possessing nuclear weapons.

But it has so far acted quite contrary to the principles.

Already in the mid-1950s Japan supported the US' "Marshall plan on atomic power" concerning the transfer of atomic power reactor. In 1955 it concluded an agreement on nuclear power with the US, drew up a nuclear weapons programme and invested large sci-tech forces and funds in developing nuclear weapons.

It also researched and developed technologies and facilities related to manufacturing nuclear weapons systematically and stockpiled plutonium continuously.

In 1969 it launched its first nuclear-powered transport ship Mutsu of 8 300 tons and acquired the technology for building nuclear-powered warships at the cost of causing leaks of radioactivity several times. In 1997 the defense institute of Japan proposed building a nuclear submarine independently in its internal research document "Long-term prediction of security environment and attitude towards defending Japan". In 2001 the defense capacity posture examination committee, the advisory organ of the head of the then Defense Agency, also discussed in strict secrecy the possibility of Japan's independent possession of nuclear submarines.

When an accident occurred at

the Fukushima nuclear power plant in 2011, media outlets and experts commented that the delay in rescue operation, the discovery of an underground tunnel in the place of accident and others tell that Japan might have set up a nuclear weapon institute there, pressed ahead with a nuclear weapon plan covertly and already manufactured nuclear weapons in secret.

Once a Japanese conservative media outlet presented the British style as a reference with regard to the possible option Japan may take to possess nuclear weapons. It said that the UK has four nuclear submarines loaded with "Trident" missiles and for Japan whose territory is narrow it is absolutely right to have nuclear submarines and submarine-launched ballistic missiles like those of the UK. Given the material and technical foundations it has laid for nuclear armament, Japan may possibly

harbour such an ambition.

It is also a clear example of Japan's ever more undisguised nuclear armament that it put one foot in AUKUS, a nuclear submarine alliance.

Now Japan has built the full capacity to manufacture, possess and use nuclear weapons. Japanese high-ranking politicians had already admitted openly that their country was able to make thousands of nuclear weapons if it wanted and had the technical capability to do so.

Japan forges ahead with nuclear armament in a desperate bid to embark on the road of overseas reinvasion with nuclear weapons.

In the past Japan was bent on aggression and war to dominate Asia without nuclear weapons. It is self-evident that if it possesses nuclear weapons, it will commit more wretched crimes again.

Japan's nuclear armament is the matter that should not be looked on with folded arms.

## Aim of Israeli invasion of Lebanon

By Choe Song Jun PT

It has been one year since a ceasefire agreement was concluded between Lebanon and Israel.

But in the period Israel has carried out attacks on Lebanon in violation of the agreement.

It launched an air raid on a car in a village in the southeastern part of Lebanon on the pretext that "terrorist activity was detected" on November 28 2024, the day after the truce took effect.

As a result, two Lebanese were injured.

Cases of Israel's violation of the ceasefire agreement number about 5 000.

Such assaults have killed civilians in Lebanon, destroyed its infrastructures and hindered

its efforts for rehabilitation and economic development.

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry recently asserted that more than 1 000 civilians have been killed or injured and the infrastructure and residential areas destroyed by the Israeli military attacks since the ceasefire agreement came into effect.

Israel's continued invasion of Lebanon in flagrant breach of the agreement is aimed at neutralizing and obliterating Hezbollah, an organization of the Lebanese patriotic forces.

Hezbollah was organized during Israel's invasion of Lebanon in the 1980s. Immediately after the Israeli troops withdrew from its southern part in 2005, Hezbollah put the area under its control and armed itself to strongly counter the aggressive

moves of Israel.

Later, it grew to be a military force that cannot be neglected in the Middle East.

For Israel, which is dreaming of realizing the ambition for domination over the region, Hezbollah is a thorn in its flesh.

That is why even after the ceasefire agreement came into effect Israel continues to make air raids for neutralizing it, fearing that it would become a force capable of seriously challenging Israel by pulling its forces together.

Israel has not yet left five areas in violation of the agreement which stipulates its complete pull-out from the occupied territories after the effectuation of the truce. This is also a revelation of its intention to realize its territorial ambition.

Not content with committing

appalling massacres aimed at exterminating the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, Israel is expanding the flames of war to the neighbouring regions including Lebanon and its atrocities are coming under denunciation and criticism from the international community.

### Briefly

#### Russia

#### President ratifies state national policy strategy by 2036

Russian President Vladimir Putin ratified the state national policy strategy of the Russian Federation by 2036 on November 25.

The strategy specifies the goals, principles and primary directions of the state national policy, the issues of implementing the national policy in the regions of the Russian Federation and the stages and priority indicators of the strategy.

It also stresses the need to maintain the historically-promoted national unity, territorial integrity and internal stability of the Russian Federation, spur its harmonious development and prosperity and strengthen the unity of the multiracial people.

#### Iran

#### Leader condemns misleading propaganda of West

Seyed Ali Khamenei, leader of Iran's Islamic revolution, censured the West for its misleading propaganda about Iran in a recent televised speech.

The mass media of the West have fabricated the rumour that the Iranian government sent a letter to the US through a third country, he said, adding that it is a downright lie and there was no such a thing at all.

He went on to say that the US is defending the crimes committed by Israel in the Near East and encouraging conflicts on a worldwide scale.

#### China

#### US urged to lift sanctions against Venezuela

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry answered a question put by a journalist as to the US' sanctions against Venezuela at a press conference on November 28.

China opposes unilateral sanctions imposed without international legal ground and outside forces' interference in the internal affairs of Venezuela on any pretext, he stressed.

He demanded the US lift illegal and unilateral sanctions and do good things for peace, stability and development of the Latin American and Caribbean regions.

The US recently decided to enforce sanctions against the president and high-ranking officials of Venezuela while interfering in the internal affairs of the country.

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## Interesting facts about DPRK's fourth World Cup victory

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup held in Morocco recently was the first of its kind to be attended by 24 teams.

It also marked the first U-17 women's world cup held in Africa.

As well as the beginning that took on some new features, the conclusion of the event was truly impressive.

The DPRK team, which became the first three-time winner of the tournament with its triumph in the last event, renewed its record again at the recent event to be the first four-time World Cup winner.

This is not the whole

story. The first goal scored by the DPRK's Kim Won Sim in the 38th second of the quarterfinal match against Japan was recorded as the fastest goal of the tournament. The DPRK team became the one that scored the largest number of goals (25 goals) in one tournament and advanced to the final for the largest number of times (5 times) in the history of the U-17 Women's World Cup.

There are also many interesting facts about the DPRK team's victory.

### Which was the 'group of death'?

When the result of the draw for group matches of the 2025

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup was published, many football experts and fans began to choose the "group of death".

However, as the overall abilities of the groups were fairly matched, it was not easy to choose one.

It was possible that Group A with Brazil and Italy, the aces from South America and Europe, and Morocco, the host country, or Group B with the DPRK, the winner of the last event, and the Netherlands, the European champion, could be selected as the "group of death".

As the tournament started and time progressed, the prediction on the "group of

death" became more and more intriguing.

At the end of the group league matches, it was four groups that respectively advanced three teams to the last 16.

They were Group A that advanced Italy, Brazil and Morocco, Group B the DPRK, Mexico and the Netherlands, Group D Canada, France and Nigeria and Group F Paraguay, Zambia and Japan.

The true form of the "group of death" started to show up in the knock-out stage.

The three teams from Group B advanced into the quarter-finals and semi-finals and, eventually, took the top three places in the

tournament.

The top three from one group was an unprecedented result in the history of the tournament.

### Clean sweep of all four individual prizes

The individual top scoring record at the U-17 Women's World Cup is eight goals.

Ri Un Sim of the DPRK scored eight goals at the 2012 event to win the Golden Boot award.

In the recent event, the country produced another top scorer.

She is No. 10 forward Yu Jong Hyang who scored eight out of the 25 goals by the DPRK team and was chosen as the player of the match for

three times.

Though she performed outstanding feats for the team, when a journalist asked who was better between her and Kim Won Sim, Yu wore a shy smile and said, "I don't know who the best player in our team is, but I think Won Sim is better than me. She is a more amazing player than I am."

The Golden Ball and Adidas Golden Boot were awarded to Yu Jong Hyang and the Silver Ball and Adidas Silver Boot to No. 15 Kim Won Sim.

It was the first time in the history of the tournament that all four weighty individual prizes were won by the DPRK players.

## 2025-2026 DPRK Premier League starts

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The 2025-2026 DPRK Premier Football League and Women's Premier Football League kicked off.

The premier leagues have brought together the men's and women's football teams at home including the April 25, Ryomyong, Sobaeksu, Amnokgang, Kigwancha, Pyongyang, Rimyongsu, Naegohyang, Wolmido and Jebi teams. They will be played in

three stages.

The Hwaepul Team beat the Sobaeksu Team 3-1 and the Ryomyong Team defeated the Rimyongsu Team 3-0 at the first stage of the premier football league held at Kim Il Sung Stadium on December 1.

At the first stage of the women's premier football league held at Sosan Football Stadium, the match between the Jebi and the Kalmaegi teams drew 1-1 and the Amnokgang beat the Rimyongsu 1-0.

## Paegam sable

By Choe Song Jun PT

The sable belonging to the weasel family is 38cm to 53cm long and a male weighs 1kg to 1.5kg and a female 0.7kg to 1kg.

It is similar in appearance to a yellow-throated marten, but it is much smaller than the latter and bigger than a weasel.

It nests under the root of a tree or fallen trees and in piles of stones and is active mainly at night.

It preys mainly on rodents, pika and other small animals and birds. It also eats wild fruits such as wild grapes, fruit of *Actinidia*

*arguta*, pine nuts and black walnuts.

A female breeds a litter of 1 to 4 younglings.

The ecological environment of the Paegam County area in Ryanggang Province is favourable for the inhabitation of sables.

It has dense

forests with Korea larch, *Abies nephrolepis*, spruce and other needle-leaf trees of the subarctic zone as the main species and a mixture of broad-leaved trees such as white birch and Erman's birch grow along some valleys.

