

# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun



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All the people including service personnel across the DPRK are paying the highest tribute to Chairman Kim Jong Il with boundless yearning and intense loyalty, reverentially looking back on the sacred revolutionary career and eternal exploits of the peerlessly great man, who set it as his lifelong cause to build on this land a country which will always be powerful and prosperous and devoted his all to its realization, on the occasion of the 14th

anniversary of his demise.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun at 00:00 on December 17, the greatest memorial day for our Party, state and people.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and other senior officials of the Party, government and

armed forces organs and officials of the WPK Central Committee, leading officials of the Cabinet, commissions, ministries and national agencies and the commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and the large combined units of the Korean People's Army.

Flower baskets were laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Un, together with the participants, bowed before the statues as an expression of noble respects to the

great leaders.

At the hall of immortality, where the Chairman is preserved in his lifetime appearance, Kim Jong Un, together with the participants, paid high tribute to him, praying for his immortality.

The participants made a firm pledge to remain true, with their wholehearted loyalty, to the ideology and leadership of Kim Jong Un who is glorifying the patriotic exploits of Kim Jong Il by ushering in a new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation.

## Inaugural ceremony of Kusong City Hospital held with splendour

### Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cuts the inauguration tape of the Kusong City Hospital

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The Workers' Party of Korea is powerfully carrying on the regional-industry revolution and the public health revolution, regarding the people's security and the promotion of their wellbeing as the foremost state affair, and the entities of prosperity are being erected one after another on this land thanks to its transparent outlook on the people and its spirit of unconditionally serving them.

When the whole country is experiencing the stirring changes and rejoicing at the

news of the brilliant completion of the second year's task for implementing the Regional Development 20x10 Policy aimed at bringing earlier the wonderful future of the building of an ideal socialist society, Kusong City of North Phyongan Province greeted the day of inaugurating a base for advanced medical service conducive to the promotion of the health of its local people.

The Kusong City Hospital, which has been built thanks to the firm will of Comrade Kim Jong Un to make substantial changes in the regions in order

to provide the people across the country with more civilized and happier living conditions and enable them to enjoy the benefits of modern healthcare and under his direct guidance, is another proud result brought about in the new era of regional development.

The inaugural ceremony of the Kusong City Hospital for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy took place with splendour on December 13.

The venue of the ceremony overflowed with the boundless pride and self-confidence of the builders, who are

devotedly working to realize the long-cherished desire of the Party Central Committee, and the great emotion and delight of the people in the city, who would enjoy the benefits of advanced medical service earlier than others under the solicitous care of the Party.

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 ceremony.

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When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the ceremony, all the participants raised stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” shaking the sky and the earth.

They extended their warmest gratitude to Kim Jong Un, looking up to him who is making great devoted efforts with incessant thinking and brain-racking to open up as soon as possible an era of prosperity, when all the people across the country lead an affluent

and civilized life, subordinating all the state affairs to the people’s wellbeing.

Present at the ceremony were the participants in the 13th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, builders and officials of the Party and power organs and public health institutions and working people in North Phyongan Province and Kusong City.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central

Committee, delivered an inaugural address.

Upon authorization of the Party Central Committee, he extended warm thanks to the designers, builders, officials of the relevant fields and other working people who have realized with perfect creative practice the Party’s long-cherished desire to provide all the people in Kusong City with a wonderful hospital in which the people-oriented character of socialist

public health is genuinely embodied.

He also warmly congratulated the citizens of Kusong City who would lead a more civilized life with the completion of the modern hospital and medical workers and other employees of the hospital who became the masters of the new workplace.

He referred to the fact that in the wake of the completion of the Kangdong County Hospital which showed the perfect and new appearance of a regional hospital for the first time, the Kusong City Hospital has been successfully built based on the plan and principles of the WPK on the hospital construction in the new era.

He stressed that the wise leadership of the WPK to lay new foundations for public health in the regions has already brought about world-level changes in different parts of the country in the first year and, in this course, the principle and methodology of the construction of hospitals to be built in all other cities and counties have been confirmed and the foundations have been laid for vigorously pushing ahead with the modernization of public health with

sufficient capability for and confidence in it.

Saying that the days when such good fruition cheered by the people in line with the demand of the times has been made are associated with the great dedication of the great father, he referred with emotion to the devoted efforts made by Kim Jong Un who has laid foundations for building up the public health capabilities one by one, prioritizing it as a sacred cause for protecting the lives and health of the people.

He stressed that the modern hospitals built

in different parts of the country are a valuable result of the people-first politics that can be achieved only by the WPK and the state which subordinate everything of the state and social life to the promotion of the people’s health and wellbeing.

Noting that when the tasks of the public health revolution are resolutely and persistently carried out by taking larger steps forward after the present dynamic first step, our public health would clearly represent the genuine image of socialist Korea, he ardently called on everyone to devote the patriotic wisdom and passion with the firm faith in the validity and vitality of the WPK’s policies and thus bring earlier the future of a prosperous and powerful country full of laughter and happiness of the people.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape of the Kusong City Hospital.

Fireworks went off and a large number of balloons floated up over the venue of the ceremony to be specially recorded



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in the dynamic course of making the public health revolution in the new era, beautifully decorating the sky in meaningful December.

All the participants raised enthusiastic cheers with the unbounded pride of holding in high esteem the great leader, who takes loving care of all the people across the country with ardent affection, taking them to his arms and showing them love continuously, as the father of the large socialist family and the boundless reverence for him.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the participants in the ceremony, wishing the local people happiness and their families good health.

He went round various places of the hospital.

He said that the Kusong City Hospital is another precious creation which shows the will of the Party to change and strengthen the regions and the steady development to be achieved by the overall public health of the DPRK and, at the same time, makes the meaning of 2025, the first year of the public health revolution, clearer.

Recalling that the December Plenary Meeting of the WPK decided to build modern hospitals in 20 cities and counties

simultaneously from next year on the basis of the experience gained in building regional hospitals into model ones this year, he said that it stands out as a pressing issue to put the ranks of medical workers on an advanced level as early as possible and that the talent issue is fundamental to the public health revolution. He added that, to this end, it arises as an important task to radically reform the state medical education system in conformity with the reality of the country and take a revolutionary measure for training specialists in the public health sector.

He stressed the need to push ahead with the work of improving the clinical and technical level and academic qualifications of medical workers in a tactical and offensive manner and indicated the important tasks to be tackled by the state.

He also underlined the need to make guidelines and provide a scientific and technological guarantee so that modern medical facilities and equipment can be managed and operated properly.

Saying that the issue related to the operation of hospital is also an important political one for defending the Party's policies and the people's trust in the Party, he stressed that the Kusong City Hospital, one of the model units in the modernization of public health, should

create a good exemplary experience for the development of regional public health in the course of its operation, too.

Saying that another perfect hospital has been built and its construction is flawlessly successful, he highly appreciated the efforts of the builders who proved the vitality of the Party's policy on the development of public health with devoted labour struggle.

Regarding the construction of the city and county hospitals as an essential and most important task for implementing the regional development policy and powerfully pushing ahead with it are the most right option that our Party and state fully responsible for the lives and health of the people should not delay even a moment nor have any right to put off and the way they should surely take, he said, expressing his firm determination and will to build modern hospitals in 20 cities and counties every year and thus build solid foundations for the country's public health in the near future.

He stressed that leading cadres and senior officials at all levels including members of the central leadership of the Party should buckle down to implementing the regional development policy with the viewpoint that everything starts from now on and develop all cities

and counties across the country in a balanced, accelerated and qualitative way so that every step of the present day would lead to a substantial and comprehensive change in the regional areas and to the realization of the far-reaching ideal of national rejuvenation.

Going round the hospital furnished with modern medical facilities and excellent conditions for medical service, the participants in the ceremony keenly realized the greatness, truth and tremendous vitality of the original ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un who is ensuring the acceleration of the building of a highly civilized and prospering state through new qualitative changes in regional areas.

The inaugural ceremony of the Kusong City Hospital, which has meaningfully adorned the first year of the historic public health revolution, marked a significant occasion for giving full play to the soaring spirit and enthusiasm of all the people across the country, who are striving with one mind to successfully round off the first-stage struggle for pioneering and transformation towards the comprehensive development of socialism and to greet the Ninth Congress of the WPK as a congress of victors, a glorious congress.





# Inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories and leisure complex held with splendour in Kangdong County

## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cuts the inauguration tape

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The Workers' Party of Korea is accelerating the accomplishment of the epoch-making cause of reconstructing the regional economy on completely new foundations, while taking steps towards the comprehensive prosperity of Korean-style socialism in a responsible manner. Kangdong County greeted the day of inaugurating its regional-industry factories and leisure complex, adding to the joy of the second inauguration season in



They are significantly decorating the closing days of the historic year 2025, demonstrating the definite trend of irreversible change and development.

An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kangdong County for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy was held with splendour on December 15.

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

implementing the regional development policy which has come unfailingly thanks to the Party's guidance.

The modern light industry factories and multifunctional bases for cultural life have been built in 20 cities and counties where thrilling blasts went off in groundbreaking ceremonies in reflection of the great joy, redoubled self-confidence and soaring spirit brought by the creative struggle in the first year of regional transformation.

Korea, attended the ceremony.

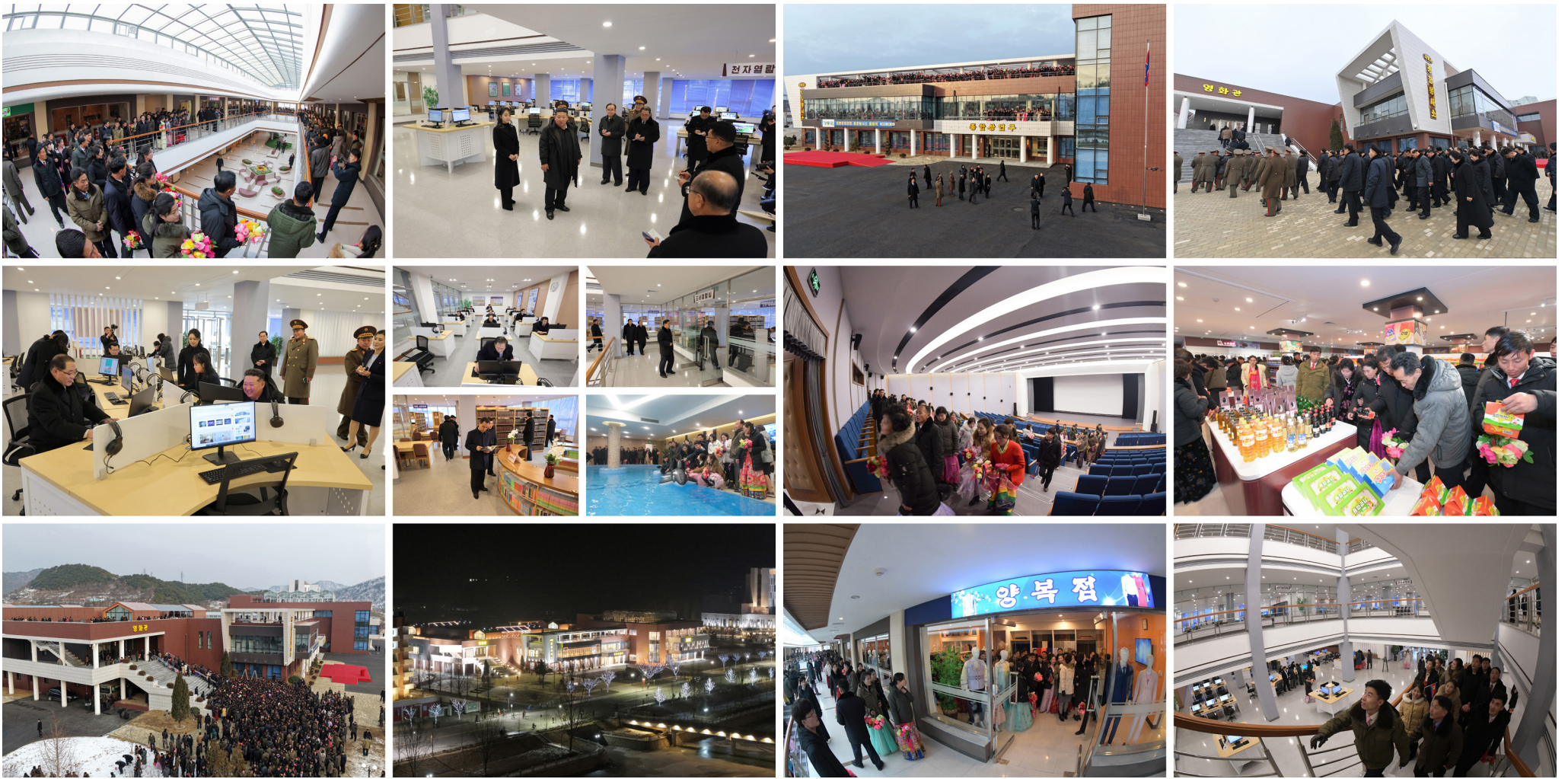
When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the ceremony, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

They extended the highest respect and glory to Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a great heyday of changes, when the outcomes of the gigantic revolution dearly

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settle in the people's life racing against time, after setting the implementation of the regional development policy in the new era as a solemn oath and pledge the WPK made before the country and the people.

Present at the ceremony were senior officials of the Party, government and military organs, members of the Party central leadership in Pyongyang, chief secretaries of the provincial Party committees, officials of the Party and power organs in Pyongyang and Kangdong County, working people and officers and men of the construction units.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, delivered an inaugural address.

The speaker said with excitement that

another splendid inauguration ceremony was being held in Kangdong County, where the start of the grand construction in 2025 was declared and the first modern regional hospital was built.

He said that those factories and leisure complex are the precious assets brought by the energetic leadership of Kim Jong Un who dug the first spadeful of earth to signal the start of the projects at the groundbreaking ceremony and visited the construction sites on several occasions to guide them step by step. And he warmly congratulated the people of Kangdong County who would enjoy a new beautiful and civilized life under the warm blessing of the great father.

He also extended warm thanks and encouragement to the soldier-builders, who successfully carried out the projects for the regional development policy, always remembering the great trust of

the Party which made them stand in the vanguard of the struggle for regional development, and the officials and workers in the relevant sector, who made positive contributions to the construction with a high sense of responsibility for implementing the Party's decision.

It is the consistent goal of Comrade Kim Jong Un's policy on regional construction to make a nonstop leap forward with the passage of years in promoting the people's wellbeing and to orient and expand this undertaking to the direction of providing them with all the elements necessary for promoting regional development and improving the people's living standards, he said. He referred to the fact that Kim Jong Un energetically led the construction of the light industry factories and leisure complexes conducive to the improvement of the local people's material life and their moral and cultural

growth so that they would be perfectly built as a symbol of Korean-style civilization and development.

He stressed that the eye-opening changes in Kangdong County, where a modern hospital, regional-industry factories and a leisure complex have been built at the same time in less than a year, would tell forever of the greatness and tremendous vitality of the Party's regional development policy along with the happy looks of the people enjoying a civilized and abundant life.

The epoch-making cause of fundamentally transforming the regional areas is just entering a track of overall expansion and upswing amid the successive yearly groundbreaking and inauguration ceremonies, the speaker said, ardently calling upon everyone

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to think and act in accordance with the great patriotic will of Kim Jong Un and devote wisdom, strength and enthusiasm to the rejuvenation and prosperity of the country.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

A large number of balloons floated up and fireworks went off in the sky over the venue of the inauguration ceremony overflowing with great delight and emotion of the residents in Kangdong County who were significantly celebrating another auspicious event, to be specially recorded in the development history of the county, having the benevolent father of the large socialist family in their locality once again.

All the participants extended their boundless gratitude to the great artist of creation and construction and the

outstanding leader of the people who is glorifying the annals of great changes for regional development in the new era.

Kim Jong Un went round the Kangdong County Foodstuff Factory and Leisure Complex.

Expressing his surging emotion of witnessing the worthwhile struggle aimed at great changes across the country undergoing another proud process amid the full support of the people, he said that to achieve a leap forward in the regional areas and provide the people with precious entities of rejuvenation and civilization is a sacred undertaking which our Party serving the people should unconditionally and consistently push ahead without a moment's stagnation or delay.

The true value of the regional-industry revolution should be verified not only in creating material wealth but also in remoulding the ideological consciousness of officials and working people in

keeping with the demand of the new era, he said, adding that the spirit and fighting principle of upholding the Party's policies should remain unchanged, but the goal and sphere of creation should be steadily updated and elevated.

Saying that the regional people are the beneficiaries and enjoyers of the regional development policy in the new era, he stressed the need to invariably preserve and glorify the original features of Korean-style socialism where the Party policies are mapped out for the people and the people enjoy happiness to their heart's content thanks to the policies.

As the valuable successes and experience increase and the people's dreams and ideals grow higher, our Party will lead to constant upswing and expansion the era of dynamic struggle going beyond all precedents and limits in terms of the speed of advance and changes for national rejuvenation and the breadth

and depth of innovation and creation with its stronger will and strenuous efforts, he stressed.

The participants in the inauguration ceremony went round the factories embodying modernity, economic profitability and prospectiveness to suit the actual conditions of the area and the leisure complex which will promote civilized cultural life, delightedly sharing with each other impressions on new life, new civilization and new wellbeing brought by the policy of the WPK.

The grand inauguration of the regional-industry factories and the leisure complex in Kangdong County serves as another significant occasion in greatly increasing the joy and patriotic enthusiasm of the people across the country who are advancing towards the Ninth Congress of the WPK amid firework display celebrating the successes in implementing the regional development revolution.





# Regional-industry factories in Jangyon County inaugurated with splendour

## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends ceremony



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The people's laughter rings out endlessly along with the creations of the era which spring up in different parts of the DPRK to demonstrate its power of courageous advance toward the comprehensive development of socialist construction and its eye-opening transformations. It further highlights the truthfulness and vitality of the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Regional-industry factories newly built according to the Regional Development 20x10 Policy were inaugurated with a splendid ceremony in Jangyon County on December 18.

The venue for the inauguration ceremony was filled with boundless gratitude for and absolute trust in Comrade Kim Jong Un who opened up a bright prospect for building an ideal socialist society, where all the people across the country enjoy a new richer, happier and highly civilized life, and is translating it into present reality with persistent efforts.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended

the ceremony.

When he arrived at the venue, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

They extended the highest respect to the outstanding leader of the revolution and the benevolent father of the people, who is adorning every year on this land with gigantic changes as he works day and night with burning love for and devotion to the people.

Present at the ceremony were leading officials of the WPK Central Committee, chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and large combined units of the Korean People's Army, officials and working people of South Hwanghae Province and Jangyon County and soldier-builders.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, addressed the ceremony.

The speaker said that the auspicious inauguration season brilliantly adorning the year 2025, throughout which an era of regional transformation has been opened up dynamically, also came to Jangyon

County and warmly congratulated all the people in the county on holding in the presence of Kim Jong Un a significant ceremony of inaugurating the new light industry factories assuring them of their hometown's happy future.

He also extended thanks to the soldier-builders and officials, workers, scientists and technicians in the relevant sectors who added a new page of fresh transformation to the sacred history of regional development through an indomitable offensive struggle.

Saying that the strong current of the great era is rapidly transforming the whole country, he noted that modern hospitals, leisure complexes and other entities of transformation that can match those in the capital city are being erected in cities and counties of the regions

and that this reality represents an eye-opening change brought about by the noble intention and tireless efforts of Kim Jong Un to give fuller play to the advantages of their state system guided by the people-first principle in the actual life of the people through thoroughgoing and substantial implementation of the regional development strategy.

Recalling that Kim Jong Un indicated the concrete orientation, tasks and methodologies for successfully carrying out the gigantic revolutionary undertaking to eliminate the centuries-old backwardness of the regions and realize the cherished desire of the regional people and has made sure that the yearly construction processes become leaps

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forward to a higher stage, the speaker said that under his outstanding leadership, the regions accounting for one-tenth of the country came to have solid foundations for independent development last year and those making up one-fifth this year already.

New structures, including a modern hospital and leisure complex, will also be built in Jangyon County in the future as part of the efforts for implementing the regional development policy expanding year by year, he said, adding that the county should carefully manage the assets of civilization provided by the new era, push ahead with the undertakings for the development of the area on the basis of them and thus make more significant progress in improving the living standards of the county people.

He ardently called for waging a more dynamic struggle for the steady implementation of the regional development policy and for the future of the country which will be highly civilized and rejuvenated by remaining loyal to the ideology and leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un cut the inaugural tape. At the venue of the inauguration ceremony, where an impressive sight to

be eternally recorded in the history of the country along with the new era of regional development unfolded, fireworks of celebration went off and a large number of balloons went up to beautifully decorate the sky over the county.

All the participants raised enthusiastic cheers, so excited by the great honour of celebrating with splendour the day of inauguration in the presence of Kim Jong Un whom they had longed to see even in dreams.

A sweet child presented a bouquet of fragrant flowers to him in reflection of the county people's unanimous reverence for him.

He met some working people participating in the ceremony and shook hands with them one by one, warmly wishing the local people a happy future.

He went round the regional-industry factories.

While undergoing the process of significant change in the second-year struggle for bringing about a radical transformation in the regions and improving the living standards of the people across the country, we further hardened the belief that when we strenuously explore the path toward development and prosperity in our own way and make courageous efforts under the uplifted banner of self-reliance, there

will be no unachievable ideal and a socialist paradise can be surely built on this land, he said, and continued:

It is the cherished desire of our Party and the main goal of its regional development policy to turn all cities and counties of the country into self-sufficient and well-off areas by firmly consolidating the foundations for regional development and radically improving the material and cultural living standards of the local people.

Tasting products of the county foodstuff factory, including wheat paste and sauce, he expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the factory attaches great importance to the quality of products.

It is really spectacular to see the regional foodstuff factory producing beer with the local brand through an advanced beer production line, he praised, saying that it is the correct implementation of the Party policies and the further development of them to increase the indices of production conducive to improving the material life of the residents in the county with raw materials abundant in the area and turn out excellent products.

The taste and quality of products depend on the sincerity and skills of their producers, he said, referring to the need to draw up the guidelines on the detailed quality indices and standard operation for every process, ranging from the sorting of raw materials to the shipment of products, and establishing a system of strictly observing them. At the same time, it is necessary to organize a brisk competition for developing new products and improving quality among the newly-built regional-industry factories in order to create and promote the atmosphere of advancing and developing all together, he noted.

Saying that it is noticeable that progress has been made in a different fashion this year, as compared to last

year, in terms of architectural design, technical aspects of construction and indices of products, he noted that if we make strenuous efforts to attain the far-reaching ideal and high goal, the vitality of the regional development policy will increase with each passing year. And he assigned a series of important tasks to be tackled in building regional-industry factories next year and promoting the independence of provinces, cities and counties.

Highly appreciating the steadfast patriotic loyalty of all officers and men of the 124th regiments at different levels of the Korean People's Army, he expressed expectation and belief that they would perfectly carry out the further expanded projects for implementing the regional development policy on the basis of the potentials and experience they gained through the construction projects of last year and this year.

He earnestly asked the officials of Jangyon County and employees of the regional-industry factories to keep the production going at a high rate, mindful that to make the county people well-off is just the way to repay the benevolence of the Party.

Seeing the county residents being delighted with various kinds of condiments, confectionery, daily necessities and clothes bearing the local brands, the leading officials more keenly realized that Kim Jong Un's every devoted effort leads to the happiness of people and the bright future of the prospering country.

The successive inauguration of regional-industry factories, the precious fruition of the people-first politics of the great WPK, is strongly encouraging the people across the country going all out in the patriotic advance for creation toward the glorious Party Congress with firm confidence in their cause and ideal.





# On occasion of 14th anniv of Chairman Kim Jong Il's demise

## Chairman Kim Jong Il remembered across nation

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All the people across the country honoured the memory of Chairman Kim Jong Il in humblest reverence on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his demise.

An endless stream of visitors 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.

The people entered the plaza of the palace with humble reverence and bowed to the portraits of smiling Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il

who devoted themselves to the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the statues of the President and the Chairman and the mosaics depicting their images on Mansu Hill and in other parts of the country to lay flower baskets, bouquets and flowers before them.

Officials, Party members and other working people, service personnel, youth and students across the country watched documentary films "Eternal Sun of the People", "General Kim Jong Il, Peerless Patriot" 6 and "Developing

Our Party into an Invincible Revolutionary Party" at their workplaces, guard posts and homes.

At every post of the Korean People's Army, the service personnel pledged to glorify the revolutionary exploits of the Chairman who led the Korean revolution only to victory with the might of Songun and to remain loyal to the cause of the leader, the cause of the Party.

Working people, youth and students gathered to tell and hear stories of the noble career and exploits of the peerlessly great man in different parts of the country.

## Floral tribute paid to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il

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Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students laid flower baskets and bouquets before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in different parts of the country on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the demise of the Chairman.

Placed at the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill were flower

baskets in the name of the Party, power and armed forces organs, social organizations, ministries and national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army (KPA) and the Public Security Forces (PSF) and institutions, enterprises and factories at all levels and universities in Pyongyang, and bouquets as well.

The visitors paid homage to the President and the Chairman at their statues.

Flower baskets in the name of units of the

KPA and the PSF and institutions and enterprises were laid before the statues of the great leaders in various parts of Pyongyang, including Kim Il Sung University and the Mansudae Art Studio.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students across the country visited the statues of the peerlessly great men in their residential areas to pay high tribute to them.

## Noble virtues of Chairman Kim Jong Il lauded

### Youth and students



A young man and woman praise the undying exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il at a meeting of telling stories about the Chairman's noble virtues held at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on December 15.

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Youth and students got together at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on December 15 to tell stories about the noble virtues of Chairman Kim Jong Il on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his demise.

Present there were officials of the youth league and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The performers referred to the immortal exploits of the Chairman who always paid close attention to the youth affairs and brought up the young people to be successors to the revolution with his benevolence throughout his revolutionary leadership.

They told about the loving

care of the Chairman who presented the flag of the youth league bearing the noble image of President Kim Il Sung to the youth at the conference of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea and had a photo session with the participants in January 1996.

The audience recollected the noble life of the popular leader, hearing the song "Endless Is Our Yearning".

The performers extended boundless thanks to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who brings up the young people to be genuine patriots and heroes glorifying the dignity and honour of the country and puts them forward, taking care of their destiny and future.

the fact that the Chairman set a noble example in managing equipment and improving technical control during his practice at the Pyongyang Textile Machine Factory in the days when he was conducting revolutionary activities at Kim Il Sung University.

Some other storytellers said that they could never forget the image of the tender-hearted Chairman

who expressed his great satisfaction during his field guidance at the Central Tree Nursery under the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection which turned into a modern tree nursery.

Among the audience were officials of the Central Committee of the GFTUK and officials and members of the GFTUK and workers in Pyongyang.



Workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea gather at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on December 15 to tell stories about the noble virtues of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

### Women's union members

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Officials and members of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea (SWUK) held a meeting at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on December 16 to tell about the noble virtues of Chairman Kim Jong Il on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his demise.

Present there were Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the SWUK, officials concerned and officials of the women's union and its members in Pyongyang.

At the meeting the speakers said that the noble revolutionary career of Kim Jong Il who laid an eternal foundation for the

prosperity of the socialist country and happiness of all generations to come with his outstanding ideas and gigantic revolutionary practice is a history of warm love and boundless devotion.

They highly praised the undying ideo-theoretical exploits of Kim Jong Il who formulated the revolutionary idea of President Kim Il Sung as Kimilsungism and set the modelling of the whole society on Kimilsungism as the supreme programme of the Workers' Party of Korea.

They said about the noble life of the Chairman who made ceaseless journeys for the people by train with his iron will and superhuman energy till the last period of his life.

### Agricultural workers

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Officials of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea (UAWK) and agricultural workers held a meeting to hear about the noble virtues of Chairman Kim Jong Il on December 16 on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his demise.

Present there were officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers in Pyongyang.

The speakers told with deep emotion about the loving care for the people shown by Kim Jong Il who walked along the rugged roads between farm fields till the last period of his revolutionary career to solve the food problem of the people.

They highly praised the immortal feats of the Chairman who always found himself among agricultural workers,

paid close attention to the issue of supplying vegetables to the citizens of Pyongyang and took measures for it without taking a rest on holidays for the happiness of the people.

They noted that he was the benevolent father and the great teacher of the DPRK people as he showed deep loving care and benevolence for the agricultural workers, devoting himself to improving the people's diet.

They called upon all the agricultural workers to become the genuine patriotic farmers, saying that a new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation is being ushered in on this land under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who continues the journey of devoted service for the people's wellbeing to translate the patriotic desire of Chairman Kim Jong Il into reality.

### Schoolchildren

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Schoolchildren gathered at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace in Pyongyang on December 16 to tell stories about the noble virtues of Chairman Kim Jong Il on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his demise.

The storytellers praised the undying exploits of Kim Jong Il who brightly illuminated the road ahead of the Korean Children's Union (KCU) in each period of the developing revolution and trained the schoolchildren to be stalwart successors and reserves of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

They said that in his middle school days he instilled into schoolchildren the firm faith in President Kim Il Sung and led them

to be true sons and daughters and reliable pillars of the country firmly trusting and following him.

They noted that though the Chairman took naps and ate rice-balls on his constant journeys for the revolutionary leadership, he spared nothing for the students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, adding that his loving care and benevolence are kept in the school's history and in the hearts of the children of revolutionary martyrs.

They said that the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un is the benevolent father of all the KCU members across the country as he devotes his all to bringing bright smile and happiness to schoolchildren by putting forward the work for younger generations as the foremost state affair, the most important affair.

### Workers, trade union members

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Workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) met at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on December 15 to hear stories of Chairman Kim Jong Il's noble virtues on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his demise.

The storytellers praised the immortal revolutionary career and exploits of the Chairman who regarded it as his lifelong cause to build a powerful and prosperous people's country on this land and made a long patriotic journey for the people with his iron will and indefatigable energy.

They told the audience about



# Nation celebrates inauguration of regional-industry factories with jubilation

Regional-industry factories newly built in Sinyang, Rangnim, Taegwan, Puryong, Hwangju, Pukchang, Cholwon and Janggang counties



In Sinyang County, South Phyongan Province.

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The country has greeted the second inauguration season of the implementation of the regional development policy the great Workers' Party of Korea forges ahead with confidence.

An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories in Sinyang County took place on December 15.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Song Bom, chairman of the South

Phyongan People's officials and working people in the province and Sinyang County and employees of the factories.

Jo Yong Won addressed the ceremony.

Then, Kim Kwang Chol,

Provincial Committee,

chief secretary of the Sinyang County Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

Jo Yong Won cut the inauguration tape, together with the working people who will lead a worthwhile and civilized working life at the new factories.

Rangnim County greeted the moments of celebrating the inauguration of regional-industry factories.

An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories was held on December 15.

Present there were Pak

Jong Chon, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Sin Chang Gil, chairman of the Jagang Provincial People's Committee, officials of the Party and power organs and working

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In Rangnim County, Jagang Province.





In Taegwan County, North Phyongan Province.



In Puryong County, North Hamgyong Province.

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people in the province and county and employees of the factories.

Pak Jong Chon made an inauguration address.

Ri Yong Il, chief secretary of the Rangnim County Committee of the WPK,

made a speech.

Pak Jong Chon cut the inauguration tape with the employees of the factories.

An inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Taegwan County was held on December 15.

Attending it were Jo

Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Choe Yong Man, chairman of the North Phyongan Provincial People's Committee, officials and working people in the province and county, employees of the factories and soldier-builders.

Jo Chun Ryong addressed the ceremony.

Ri Myong Jin, chief secretary of the Taegwan County Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

Jo Chun Ryong cut the inauguration tape together with owners of the new factories.

An inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Puryong County took place on December 15.

Present there were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Pak Myong Ho, chairman of the

North Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, officials of the Party and power organs and working people in the province and the county and employees of the factories.

Ju Chang Il addressed the

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In Hwangju County, North Hwanghae Province.







In Pukchang County, South Phyongan Province.



In Cholwon County, Kangwon Province.



In Janggang County, Jagang Province.



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ceremony.

Then, Ma Myong Hak, chief secretary of the Puryong County Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

Ju Chang Il, together with officials and employees of the new factories, cut the inauguration tape, amid cheers of all the participants.

An inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Hwangju County took place on December 16.

Present at the ceremony were leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, members of

the central leadership body of the Party in Pyongyang Municipality, chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK, officials of North Hwanghae Province and Hwangju County, working people and service personnel of the construction units.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, addressed the ceremony.

Jo Yong Won and Ri Il Hwan, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, and No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, cut the inauguration tape.

After the inauguration ceremony, leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs went round the regional-industry factories together with the participants.

An inaugural ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Pukchang County took place on December 18.

Present at the ceremony were Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, Ri Song Bom, chairman of the South Phyongan Provincial People's Committee, and other officials and working people in the province and the county, soldier-builders and employees of the factories.

Pak Thae Song made an inaugural address.

Kim Chang Hyok, chief secretary of the Pukchang County Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

The premier cut the tape of inauguration with officials and employees of the regional-industry factories.

An inaugural ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Cholwon County was held on December 18.

Present at the ceremony were O Su Yong, general economic policy adviser of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials and working people in Kangwon Province and the county, soldier-

builders and employees of the factories.

O Su Yong made an inaugural address.

Then, Kim Hi Un, chief secretary of the Cholwon County Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

O Su Yong cut the inauguration tape with the owners of the new workplaces provided under the loving care of the Party.

An inaugural ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Janggang County took place on December 18.

Present at the ceremony were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and

Sin Chang Gil, chairman of the Jagang Provincial People's Committee.

Ju Chang Il made an inaugural address.

Then Pak Won Chol, chief secretary of the Janggang County Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

Ju Chang Il cut the tape of inauguration with the working people.

At the end of the inaugural ceremonies held in various counties the participants looked round the factories.

Art performances were given and there were firework displays to celebrate the inauguration of regional-industry factories.



# New houses built in different rural villages



Rural communities are given a total facelift as new dwelling houses are built.

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Modern houses have been built at the Munyang and Phyongam farms in Koksan County of North Hwanghae Province and the Ryongpho and Jaktong farms in

Poptong County of Kangwon Province.

Ceremonies of moving into new houses were held on the spot.

Congratulatory addresses were made at the ceremonies attended by officials of the

Party and power organs, builders and agricultural workers in the relevant areas. Then, licences for the use of houses were handed over.

The farmers began moving into new houses as congratulatory art

performances and cheerful dance parties were given and villages were in a festive mood.

Officials visited the families of agricultural workers to congratulate them. New villages have been

built in South Hamgyong Province one after another, adding pleasure to agricultural workers.

The modern houses of different and special designs built at the Inda Farm in Yonggwang County and the Tangu Branch of the Ryongjon Fruit Farm in Pukchong County are associated with the warm loving care of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is devoting himself to the agricultural workers.

The ceremonies for moving into new houses were held on the spot respectively.

At the ceremonies attended by officials of the Party and power organs in South Hamgyong Province, Yonggwang County and Pukchong County, builders and agricultural workers, the speakers warmly congratulated the agricultural workers who would move into the new houses.

Licences for the use of new houses were handed over to be followed by speeches.

There also took place the meetings for year-end account settlement and

income distribution.

Officials visited the families of the farmers who received new houses and income distributions to congratulate them.

Modern houses have also been built at Majon and Nacho farms in Hamhung City and the Paeksang Farm in Pujon County of South Hamgyong Province.

Addresses were delivered at the ceremonies of moving into new houses attended by officials of the Party and power organs in South Hamgyong Province and the relevant areas, builders and agricultural workers. Then licences for the use of houses were handed over to be followed by speeches.

As the agricultural workers began moving into the new houses, their happy laughter and songs resounded and the villages were in a festive mood amid cheerful dance parties.

Officials congratulated the agricultural workers who became the owners of new dwellings and gave them daily necessities, sharing joy with them.

## Scientific farming brings about high yields

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

This year, a lot of farms, workteams and sub-workteams have produced high yields by raising a strong wind of scientific farming in rural areas across the DPRK.

South Phyongan Province planted 80 percent of its paddy fields with nutrient cold-bed rice seedlings.

Having proven through last year's farming that the cultivating of nutrient cold-bed rice seedlings is a superior method for high yielding which is highly profitable in many ways, officials of the province dynamically pushed ahead with it this year.

As a result, the province finished rice-transplanting qualitatively in the best season despite unfavourable weather conditions while saving a lot of labour and materials for making seedbeds.

A large number of farms, workteams, sub-workteams and farmers that became high-yielding ones in the province this year say in unison that their successes are unthinkable apart from the introduction of nutrient cold-bed rice seedlings.

All other regions of the country raised rice seedlings on a large scale in the greenhouses for growing rice seedlings to guarantee increased grain production from the stage of rice-transplanting.

Kangnam County built a double-slope inter-connected glass greenhouse covering over 4 600 square metres and arch-style vinyl greenhouses covering 1 400 square metres

each in a short span of time to put the growing of rice seedlings on a scientific, modern and IT basis, thus reducing seedbed area to 1/54 and labour force to 1/17 as compared to previously.

This year most of cities and counties across the country have introduced this method to increase the per-hectare paddy rice yields.

Several farms including the Tokjang Farm in Jongju City of North Phyongan Province have increased the grain output by introducing electrical pulse water treatment devices.

The farms benefited greatly from using the water treated with the devices, which reportedly helped hasten the growth period of paddy rice, markedly increase the number of productive tillers, prevent damage from blight and harmful insects and

bring about good harvests unthinkable in the past.

Scientific farming methods resulted in high yields in wheat farming, too.

Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, introduced the Korean-style new method of wheat transplanting, thus harvesting over 6 tons of wheat per hectare on average and overfulfilling its wheat production plan by 95 percent.

All the farms in the district were honoured with the title of high-yielding farm, the number of high-yielding workteams and sub-workteams increased 1.8 and 1.6 times respectively as compared with last year and that of high-yielding farmers nearly three times.

The groups for promoting scientific farming have intensified their activities.

In the first half of the

year, members of the groups working in all parts of the country took a number of sci-tech measures to improve crop growth in wheat and barley fields so as to produce high yields and solved the sci-tech problems arising in sowing rice and maize seeds and manuring and cultivating them in a scientific way and in finishing rice-transplanting qualitatively in the right season.

Proactive efforts were made to produce high and stable yields by manuring and cultivating crops in the latter half of their growth and conducting the work to thoroughly cope with disastrous abnormal weather in a scientific way.

Members of the scientific farming promotion groups dispatched to South Hwanghae Province directed efforts to

manuring and cultivating rice seedlings in a scientific way on the basis of the surveys of their growth and intensified sci-tech guidance to make sure that fertilizer was applied according to varieties, the types of rice seedlings and the number of bunches per phyong in keeping with their growth and weather conditions.

Those of similar groups sent to South Hamgyong Province conducted research to comprehensively find

out the effect of treating wheat and barley seeds with the seed-coating material "Phungnyonmo-1" and phytosine, a bioactive substance, and the characteristics of seed cultivation technology and to properly distribute varieties for early-ripening crops farming next year and solved the sci-tech problems arising in introducing mud snail-based organic farming in large areas of paddy fields.



Farms across the country produce high yields by introducing advanced farming techniques including the raising of healthy rice seedlings in greenhouses.



# To defend destiny of country and people

By Choe Song Jun PT

On December 24 1991, the Korean people held the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il in high esteem as supreme commander of the Korean People's Army.

The 20 years of his revolutionary activities since he assumed the heavy responsibility of the KPA Supreme Commander are shining as the chronicle of the great brilliant commander who strengthened and developed the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK and firmly defended the destiny of the country and people.

He imbued officers and men of the KPA with the truth that the army emerges victorious if it holds fast to the ideology, and if it fails to do so, it collapses, and developed the KPA into an army strong in idea and faith that reliably defends the destiny of the country and people.

With the unwavering faith that the independent dignity and peace of the country and the victory of socialism hinge on the arms, he continued his high-intensity forced march for building up the combat capability of the People's Army, saying that he had to go not only to frontline areas surrounded with barbed wires but also to rougher and more dangerous places if there were his soldiers.

He continuously made field inspection tours to the outposts for defending the country, including Chol Pass, Mt Osong, Height 351, Height 1211, Panmunjom and Cho Island.

Wherever he went, he instilled a-match-for-a-hundred courage into the soldiers and taught them outstanding strategies and tactics for defeating any formidable enemy. When he arrived at a post at early dawn, he waited a long time until sunrise lest he should

wake up the soldiers from a sound sleep and, while looking round barracks, he estimated the temperature in the soldiers' quarters and examined the company's living conditions, showing warm love and affection to the soldiers.

He directed primary efforts to developing the country's defence industry, with the firm belief that it is possible to reliably guarantee the security of the country and the victorious advance of the revolution only when the KPA is fully prepared politically, ideologically, strategically and tactically and its arms and equipment are improved continuously as required by modern warfare.

He put forward the line of economic construction in the Songun era and directed his thinking and efforts to implementing the Juche-orientation and modernization of the defence industry of the country. Under

his leadership, the DPRK's defence industry became able to produce military equipment of any kind at will and the revolutionary armed forces of the country developed into an ever-victorious army equipped with modern offensive and defensive means.

Thanks to the powerful self-defence capabilities built up by the leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il, the Korean people have been able to lead a stable life free from war and dynamically advance along the road of independence and socialism despite the touch-and-go situations created by the imperialists' undisguised moves to isolate and stifle the DPRK and war drills.

The exploits of the Chairman who provided the invincible military muscle guaranteeing the sovereignty and destiny of the country and people will shine for all ages.

## Era of transformations

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Just as the seasons in nature come around without fail every year, the season of moving into new houses and of inauguration has come round every year in the DPRK in recent years.

Ten thousand flats have been constructed in the capital city without fail every year, a mountain-gorge town showed up in the Komdok area and new dwelling houses are being built in rural areas across the country in the new era of rural development.

Large greenhouse farms conducive to improving the people's living standards were built one after another in Jungphyong, Ryonpho and Kangdong areas, the world-level centres for cultural life including the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area sprang up and Pyongyang General Hospital was completed in October this year to open as the first entity of the public health revolution launched by the Workers' Party of Korea.

Changes are also taking place in the living standards of the regional people.

Regional-industry factories were built in 20 cities and counties as modernly as those in the capital as the first entities of the implementation of the Regional Development 20x10 Policy and are being run smoothly. And the Sinpho city and Ragwon county offshore farms rose up to promote the development of their regions by making effective use of local resources.

Most recently, Kangdong County Hospital was inaugurated as the first entity of modern regional hospitals, heralding the second inauguration season in the implementation of the regional development policy.

In December, the concluding month of this year, the Kusong City Hospital was inaugurated in North Phyongan Province, regional-industry factories and a leisure complex

in Kangdong County of Pyongyang and regional-industry factories in the counties of Sinyang, Rangnim, Taegwan, Puryong and Hwangju.

The new era of transformations unfolding beyond what the people have ever dreamed of and desired is the one brought about by the cherished desire of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

His heart's desire is the realization of the people's dreams and ideals and the promotion of their peace and well-being.

He is very delighted when the people are pleased and feels very sad when they are in distress, and he willingly shoulders every burden for them. That is why he has so many wishes for the good of them.

Among his wishes are the one to make the people live in modern and civilized houses and the one to produce and sufficiently supply various kinds of fresh vegetables to the people all the year round.

Thanks to his warm affection, old people's homes, baby homes, orphanages and primary and middle schools for orphans were wonderfully built across the country. And all the children of the country are supplied with dairy products and all the students are provided with everything necessary from school uniforms to bags, school things and shoes.

The great change of regional rejuvenation is also his desire for the good of regional people.

He personally examined lots of designs and formation plans and attended groundbreaking ceremonies to encourage builders with his impassioned speeches. And he continues to visit remote and rough construction sites and pay close attention to every detail lest there should be any shortcoming.

His endless thinking and long journeys of field guidance have created the world of happiness resounding with the people's laughter.

## For the people, by relying on masses of people

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The 80-year ruling history of the Workers' Party of Korea is unthinkable apart from the appellation of people.

The people-first principle upheld by the WPK embodies the Juche-oriented revolutionary philosophy, which identifies the people as the most precious and powerful being in the world, and reflects the thoroughgoing stand of the Party and the government, which endlessly love the people and are determined to satisfy their demands and serve their interests to the full.

That is why the Party came up with the slogan "Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!"

As the Party regards the people as the mainstay of the country and the roots of life and the devoted service for the good of them as its mode of existence, all its lines and policies and every state activity are consistent with the spirit of serving the people.

The Party regards them as its own flesh and blood and protects their life and destiny to the last.

When the country was faced with the top epidemic crisis amid the global public health crisis, the

respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un went through every document related to the state epidemic prevention work.

In those days, he unhesitatingly visited the pharmacies in the capital city where a touch of the malignant disease still lingered on.

Heart-warming stories emerged in the course of the struggle to protect the people's lives and property from natural disasters and are still told at present.

Flood victims in Taechong-ri of Unpha County, North Hwanghae Province, were provided with lodgings in the office building of the county Party committee, while the county officials worked in tents. And residents of flood-hit areas in North Hwanghae, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces were brought to the capital city of Pyongyang to let them enjoy all happiness and comforts.

The WPK makes sure that structures for the happiness of the people continue to be built despite extreme difficulties.

Modern streets and dwelling houses including wonderful farmhouses have been built across the country to be provided to working people and such modern bases for cultural and leisure activities as the Munsu Water

Park, Mirim Riding Club, Masikryong Ski Resort, Yangdok Hot Spring Resort and Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area have been set up to enable the people to enjoy advanced civilization to their heart's content.

The Party spares nothing for the well-being of the people.

It even withdrew service personnel from a military base to build the Jungphyong Greenhouse Farm for the locals in North Hamgyong Province. It also ensured that large-scale greenhouse farms were built in the Ryonpho area and Pyongyang's Kangdong area.

Modern medical service facilities were built in the Munsu area of Pyongyang for promoting the people's health. Especially, the Pyongyang General Hospital was inaugurated in October this year.

At state expense all the children across the country are provided with dairy products and other nutritious foods and schoolchildren with everything needed such as uniforms, bags, school things and shoes.

At present, the WPK is ushering in a new era of the overall development of socialism as it presses on with the implementation of

the regional development policy.

Every area of the countryside is being transformed into a modern socialist rural community by getting rid of centuries-old backwardness. Regional-industry factories were set up in 20 cities and counties as the first entities of the regional development policy and offshore farms built in Sinpho City and Ragwon County for stepping up the development of local areas through the effective use of local resources.

The Party has led the revolution and construction to victory with a firm belief in the masses of the people, the motive force of the revolution, and by fully relying on them.

The victories and successes the Korean people have achieved have not come by any mysterious divine power, but they are a precious fruit of the leadership of the Party that has steered the revolution by believing in the people and relying on them and a valuable outcome of their patriotic devotion.

For the people and by relying on the masses of the people, the WPK will continuously advance the socialist cause towards victory by braving all sorts of difficulties and challenges.

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