

# Performance given to celebrate New Year



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The hopeful New Year 2026 has come to the country dynamically advancing toward the grand goal of eternal prosperity for the comprehensive development of socialism and the promotion of the people's wellbeing under the leadership of the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea.

All the people seeing off a significant year of victory and transformation, specially recorded in the history of the country, are filled with their absolute trust in and ardent reverence for the great WPK.

An art performance for celebrating the

New Year 2026 was given with splendour at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, adding great joy to the whole country ahead of the new year's journey to be more vigorous and gigantic.

Prior to the performance, there was a Taekwon-Do demonstration showing the wisdom and bravery of the Korean people.

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

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium amid the playing of welcome music,

all the audience and performers paid boundless respects and eternal honour to him, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution and the benevolent father of the people who is developing our socialist state into an eternal flower garden of all blessings for the people and ushering in the future of a powerful country that will be prosperous forever.

Kim Jong Un waved back to the enthusiastically cheering masses and extended warm greetings to the beloved people across the country.

Among the audience were 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, officials of ministries and national agencies, labour innovators and meritorious persons, officers and soldiers of overseas operations units and families of their commanding officers, officers and men of the Korean People's Army, teaching staff and students of revolutionary schools, builders involved in the capital city construction and citizens of Pyongyang.

Overseas compatriots staying in the socialist homeland enjoyed the performance.

The national flag of the DPRK was hoisted.

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All the audience paid high tribute to the sacred national flag with a resolve to make genuine contribution to the prosperity of the country by devoting their patriotic enthusiasm, wisdom and sincere sweat.

The performance began with the songs “We Love Our Country” and “The Glorious Motherland”.

Put on the stage were such famous songs as patriotic songs reflecting the intense love of all the people for the country demonstrating its dignity and glory all over the world along with the great era of Kim Jong Un.

Through jubilant songs and dances, the performers showed the true features of powerful Korea, the country of the people which guarantees the independent life and genuine happiness and dynamically advances along the road of self-respect and prosperity, overcoming all challenges of history.

The pictures showing the brilliant honour and unforgettable memories, which the citizens and proud sons and daughters of the country sharing their breath and destiny with the country recorded in the history of 2025, touched the heartstrings of the audience.

The venue of the performance turned into a scene of excitement and enthusiasm with the song “We Are Koreans” pulsating with the patriotic desire of all

the people to steadily carry forward the vigorous advance toward great victory and glory with the revolutionary spirit of self-sustenance and indomitable courage.

When the emotion-charged countdown for seeing 2025 off ended to signal the start of the new year, celebration torch was kindled and spectacular fireworks were set off.

Lovely children presented bouquets of fragrant flowers to Kim Jong Un and paid New Year greetings to him.

The atmosphere of the performance was revved up amid the playing of the light melody of the song “Snow Falls on New Year’s Day”.

Kim Jong Un made a speech to celebrate the New Year.

He extended militant salute to the working people in all sectors, including the industrial and devoted agricultural workers and intellectuals, and other people across the country, who are greeting the meaningful moment of the new year with high dignity and hopes, the generals and other officers and soldiers of our heroic army, who are greeting the new year filled with the pride in having glorified the previous year with invaluable feats and with a pledge of sacred service, and to the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units, who will be greeting the new year in the far-away alien land with deep yearning for their homeland. He also extended warm greetings to the overseas

compatriots, who are devoting themselves to the patriotic work for the development and prosperity of their motherland.

Referring to the precious successes and phenomenal changes of 2025 which boosted the strength and dignity of our country with so fervent hopes and dear efforts, he said that this is certainly an honour that has resulted from our ideals and faith, our strength and strenuous efforts, and at the same time, it is clear proof that we are following the right path.

He affirmed with pride that 2025 was a year, in which we saw in our mind’s eye the future of our state that will grow more powerful and beautiful thanks to the affection, wisdom and sweat of our excellent people.

He ardently called for uniting more firmly on the strength of patriotism and advancing more vigorously and courageously towards the new future to be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party. And he proposed that all the participants raise a cheer to express warm affection for, and infinite dignity and pride in, our state.

All the participants shouted hurrah for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, their great motherland.

The people, greatly honoured with the warm blessing and encouragement from the benevolent father in happiness and confident about the brighter and rosier

future of the country, were all excited and broke into enthusiastic cheers.

As the performance went on, new songs reflecting the ardent wishes for the New Year and the pledge to wage a strenuous struggle for greater victory decorated the New Year celebration stage.

The performance culminated with the song “Fly Forever, National Flag” reflecting the ardent patriotic will of all the people to fly higher in the sky of the century the sacred national flag which all the people have defended and glorified as their lives along with the glorious history of the DPRK.

At the end of the performance, enthusiastic cheers burst out again and fireworks were set off to beautifully adorn the night sky over the capital city.

Warmly waving back to the cheering crowds, Kim Jong Un wished love and happiness at all families across the country in the New Year.

The New Year celebration performance, which signaled the grand start of 2026 promising the steady prosperity of the country and eternal happiness of the people, marked a significant occasion redoubling the uplifted spirit and confidence in victory of all the people across the country in their struggle to dynamically accelerate the general advance of the new year according to the bright blueprint to be unfolded by the Ninth Congress of the WPK.





# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at New Year celebration

*The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech at a New Year celebration.*

*The full text of his speech is as follows:*

Dear Pyongyang citizens,

Labour innovators and meritorious persons, who are invited to this meaningful new year celebration as representatives of our industrious and patriotic working people,

Faithful and courageous officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army,

Our students and

artistes, who are adding more to the air of festivity of this night,

Comrades,

Happy New Year.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I extend new year greetings to the working people in all sectors, including the industrial and devoted agricultural workers and intellectuals, and other people across the country, who are greeting this meaningful moment at their workplaces, posts and streets, in their villages and houses, with high dignity and hopes.

And I send congratulations to the generals and other officers and soldiers of our heroic army, who are greeting the new year filled with the pride in having glorified the previous year with invaluable feats and with a pledge of sacred service. My militant salute goes to the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units, who will be greeting the new year in the far-away alien land with deep yearning for their homeland.

I also convey warm greetings to the overseas compatriots, who are devoting themselves to the patriotic work for the development and prosperity of their motherland.

Comrades,

We have just seen off the unforgettable year 2025 with deep emotion.

It was a year filled with so fervent hopes and dear efforts.

We can feel proud that we boosted the strength and dignity of our country that year.

We rounded off everything perfectly, writing great events in every page of the year.

The civilization of the capital city transformed the regions, the transformation of the regions gave a spur to the development of the capital city, and all the regions, sectors and units across the country made progress in a competitive, balanced and simultaneous way. In this way, the historic cause aspiring to overall



development of socialist construction has successfully passed its first stage.

Certainly, this is an honour that has resulted from our ideals and faith, our strength and strenuous efforts, and at the same time, it is clear proof that we are following the right path.

The year 2025 was a golden period of epochal significance and transformation that added value to the precious lives of our excellent people and their children, and it was a year, in which we saw in our mind's eye the future of our state that will grow more powerful and beautiful thanks to their affection, wisdom and sweat.

I really appreciate everyone in this country for having worked hard all year round.

Last year, too, the service personnel of the People's Army, who have always stood in the vanguard of our cause, went against heavy odds to lead the drive for creation and transformation and achieve amazing successes; they won precious victory even at the cost of their lives, thereby creating a heroic age to be revered by the coming generations.

We will always remember that the glory of this night has been brought by the ennobling sacrifice and exploits of the great sons of our country, and in the annals of our eternal victory, we will etch their names and images as ever-shining stars.

We entered the year 2025 with a heavy heart as we were confronted with huge tasks; what we believed in was nothing but our people's patriotism and loyalty, and they were the real driving force that propelled our unprecedented struggle throughout the year.

So trustworthy were the workers at the Sangwon Cement Complex, who raised the torch of increased production ahead of others true to the Party's intentions, so commendable were the agricultural workers, who reaped a bumper harvest by tilling

their fields by the sweat of their brow in a display of patriotism, and really admirable were our young women footballers, who had the national flag of our Republic hoisted by winning international competitions.

All our people, irrespective of job or workplace – be it deep pit, construction site of a power station, school or scientific research institute –, gave full play to their self-respect, resourcefulness, strength and enthusiasm befitting Koreans, and they thus filled the pages of the

chronicle for the great year with sincerity for the development and prosperity of their country.

Only a great people can write such a great chronicle for the times and history.

As this great people throw in their lot with the country and find their greatest honour and joy of life in devoting themselves to its victory and glory, our Party is invincible and our socialism is ever-prosperous.

I will never exchange for anything else the dignity and glory of living for our great people and waging the revolution for them, and live up to the expectations of all the people in the new year, too, by always remaining faithful to the socialism of their choice, to the sacred ideal of the people-first principle and to the dignity, rights and interests of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Comrades,

The year 2026 began a few minutes before.

A more strenuous struggle and a greater victory are awaiting us.

Let us all make another start full of confidence.

There is no dream we cannot fulfil as we have the confidence and will to live and prosper with dignity and the fighting mettle and creative strength we have assiduously cultivated and fostered.

Let us all unite more firmly on the strength of patriotism and advance more vigorously and courageously towards the new future to be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party.

I sincerely hope that love, harmony, delight and happiness will brim over at all the families across the country in the new year.

Dear comrades,

I propose that we all raise a cheer once again to express our warm affection for, and infinite dignity and pride in, our state.

Long live our great country, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photo session with families of commanding officers of overseas operations units



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Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on January 1  
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the

met with families of commanding officers of the overseas operations units who participated in the New Year celebrations for 2026.

The families of commanding officers of the overseas operations units, who came to see Kim Jong Un whom they had longed for even in their dreams, extended their greetings of best wishes to him repeatedly showing special love and affection with parental care of being more concerned of children further apart.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that he all the more missed the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units who would place their minds on this celebration venue, praying for the eternal prosperity of their country and happiness of their families at battlefields of alien land, at this meaningful moment when the whole country greets the hopeful new

year after seeing the old year out with precious memories and pride.

He said that the commanding officers of the overseas operations units would greet the new year in the overseas operational area, yearning for their beloved families even at this moment, and will redouble their strength and courage while missing even in their dreams their families who are eagerly waiting for them to return home safe and sound.

He said that the commanding officers would probably be very pleased to hear the news about our meeting and see our photo on the battlefields and proposed to wish for the beloved people to return home safe after discharging their mission. Then he had a meaningful photo taken with all the families of commanding officers of the overseas operations units.

# Banquet given for labour innovators and meritorious persons in celebration of New Year



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The New Year banquet was given at the Mokran House on December 31 for labour innovators and meritorious persons who contributed to glorifying the significant 2025 as a year of great turn that makes a new watershed in the history of growth and development of the DPRK.

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 banquet.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the venue of the banquet, all the participants extended their thanks to the great father for inviting ordinary officials and working people, who did nothing great but remained faithful to their mission

and duty for the citizens of the DPRK, having a photo session with them and bestowing the high pride and honour of being the representatives of 2025, the year of victory and glory.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, other leading officials of the Party and the government, labour innovators and meritorious persons.

Kim Jong Un made a significant speech.

He expressed his impression of sitting together with labour innovators representing our great people, all the beloved people of the country, to see the busy and successful year 2025 out and start a new struggle record of 2026, extending warm thanks to the labour innovators, meritorious persons and all other people for their patriotic efforts

and devotion to all the successes of this year.

He said that our labour innovators and meritorious persons are possessed of excellent qualities and mettle of the Korean people, the strongest, most assiduous and most resourceful in the world, and today's place is glorious as there are those days in which they devoted their all, while burning their minds with patriotic loyalty, to making our country greater and our progress faster.

Saying that there are many labour innovators and meritorious persons like them in the country and this is the most important secret and pride that makes our Party, our state and our system always strong and steadily developing, he affirmed that as the great people are waging a grand struggle for creation with the great line of struggle, we are

getting closer to our far-reaching ideal and will surely grow stronger and change faster.

The first and foremost thing is that we have redoubled our confidence and strength, which can never be easily gained by anything, he said, extending warm New Year greetings to the participants in the banquet, and through them, to all the citizens in the whole regions of the country.

He wished all the participants good health and more worthwhile and valuable successes in the future and proposed a toast to harmony, happiness and laughter at all the families across the country.

All the participants pledged to perform proud feats to be recorded in the name of the present times and as the appearance of the present generation in the new struggle of 2026 that will bring greater glory and prosperity to our great state and people.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun

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All the people across the DPRK are paying the highest respect to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, eternal leaders of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and its people and great sages of the revolution, greeting the hope-filled New Year with the great pride of having successfully concluded the historic struggle of 2025 for the overall development of socialist construction, rallying closely around the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on January 1 on the occasion of the New Year 2026.

He was accompanied by leading officials of the Party and the government and senior officials of the



Party Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and ministries.

Also accompanying him were commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

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

Comrade Kim Jong Un, together with other visitors, paid high tribute to the statues of the great leaders.

At the halls of immortality where the President and the Chairman lie in state, he paid New Year greetings to them.

All the visitors made a firm pledge to fulfil their responsibility and duty in the vanguard of accomplishing the sacred cause for the eternal prosperity and development of the great DPRK and the promotion of the people's wellbeing by supporting the ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un with single-minded loyalty.

# Photo session provided for schoolchildren participating in New Year performance



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On New Year's Day warm affection was shown for children by the benevolent father who represents the bright smile of them, the hope and future of the DPRK, as the image of Korean-style socialism.

The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un on January 1 met with the schoolchildren participating in the New Year performance in 2026 and warmly wished them bright future.

The venue of the photo session was filled with the schoolchildren's deep emotion and joy of meeting the fatherly Marshal, whom they had longed to see even in their dreams, on New Year's Day, the happiest day in the world.

When he arrived at the venue, members of the Korean Children's Union presented fragrant bouquets to him in reflection of the deep thanks and New Year greetings of all the schoolchildren across the country.

Acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers,

he extended warm greetings to all the schoolchildren across the country greeting the New Year.

He met the KCU members who exalted the honour of the country with gold medals and set examples in the study, organizational life and good-conduct movement.

He wished the schoolchildren, who grow up into intelligent and courageous persons as they dream of demonstrating the honour of Korea and acquire practical knowledge to add more lustre to the country, a rosy future.

He said that the looks of the upright and gallant successors and reserves, who love the socialist country most and will develop it to be the best country in the world, and their brisk footsteps are just the power and valiant spirit of vibrant Korea, and had a photo taken with those schoolchildren participating in the New Year performance, hoping that they would sing to their heart's content of



their great ambition, will of succession, budding ideals and surging passion.

He met with the leading members of an art troupe of Korean schoolchildren in Japan who visited their socialist homeland, and called upon them to train the rising generations of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan to be the reliable pillars who would carry forward the baton of the patriotic cause.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits construction site of Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm to encourage young builders

## He makes congratulatory speech to builders of greenhouse farm



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the construction site of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm on January 2 to congratulate and encourage all the young vanguard members and soldier-builders who greeted the significant New Year in the struggle to glorify the Ninth

Congress of the WPK with proud labour achievements.

He was accompanied by leading officials of the WPK Central Committee and the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

The young builders, who met Kim Jong Un, whom they had been longing to see so much, on the second morning of the New Year as if in a dream, were filled with great excitement and joy.

When he got off his private train, all the young builders enthusiastically cheered with great reverence for him who had started his leadership in the significant New Year at their construction site to give them warm parental blessing.

He greatly encouraged the young people, officers and soldiers who added glory to the noble name of their generation for the times and history out of boundless patriotism, loyalty and indomitable

pioneering spirit and through a heroic struggle, deeming the Party's regional development plan and decision a supreme order.

Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech.

He said that he had rushed there right after the national events in Pyongyang were over to start the year 2026 together with the young vanguard members and

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# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's congratulatory speech to young people and soldier-builders engaged in construction of Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm



Comrades, young people and officers and soldiers, I have come here just after the national celebration to share the beginning of 2026 with you, who are greeting the new year while working at the northwestern tip of the country.

I have many things to do, but I have come here with the thought that I have to make a warm congratulatory and rallying speech to you, who are greeting the new year, working hard here far away from your families and dear homes.

Comrades, I warmly congratulate you on greeting the new year 2026.

You deserve congratulations extended by the whole country.

You have really done a great thing.

I offer thanks to you for your efforts, with which you are erecting a monumental edifice of the times on a northwestern border of the country with your youthful strength and vigour; and greeting the new year, I convey to you salutation in the name of the Central Committee of our Party, the government of our Republic and all our people.

I really feel pleased and encouraged to see the ranks of our young people, who all look sturdier and more stalwart in the new year.

You look more dignified and manly than the columns standing in array for a military parade.

I really feel proud of you, who have turned out for this grand construction project, to which the Party and the state attach importance, and completely transformed this island, which was afflicted by a disaster, into an ideal country town in the new era within 500-odd days. I want to make a boast of you before the world.

With your spectacular feats, you have added brilliance to your glorious fame and etched the appearance of the Korean youth in the most stirring decade of our era.

I feel the real value of and always thankful for waging the revolution together with the ranks of the hot-blooded youth who are faithful and courageous all the time in supporting and implementing the plans and determination of our Party, together with the powerful artists of creation who are writing a new chapter of history of transformation through an

unyielding pioneering struggle for the future.

I have made frequent visits to the construction site of this farm and today, at the outset of the new year, I have come here again not only because what you have done is enormous and important.

But it is because, with the gigantic construction struggle to transform this part of the country progressing further, I have felt it more valuable and laudable than anything else that our young people and soldier-builders are growing beyond recognition day after day.

You may also feel surprised at, and proud of, yourselves.

You are living your days of precious youth in the period of unprecedented transformation in our state's development history. In these days you have chosen it to be worthwhile in your youth to experience hardship and training instead of enjoyment and comfort, and have cultivated a passionate spirit and strong will to learn how to overcome difficulties, how to make innovations and how to love your country. The days constitute the most valuable wealth in your life that cannot be bartered for a mountain of gold.

Witnessing the soaring spirit of our young people and seeing every creation associated with the passion and sincerity of our young generation, our people are picturing in their mind their motherland that will prosper forever; and seeing your vigorous growth, they are assured that our style of socialism is being succeeded.

For our Party responsible for the future of the country, this is a source of great happiness and satisfaction, and it is quite natural for me to call on you, our young patriots, first in the new year, to congratulate and encourage you.

Comrades, Before long, the large-scale greenhouse farm permeated with your sweat and efforts will greet the moment when it will be dedicated as a token of loyalty to the glorious congress of the motherly Party.

And you will leave again for the theatres of gigantic creation at the call of the Party and country.

But the imprints you have left and the exploits you have performed will live long on this miraculous island, which encapsulates the level of development of your motherland that prospers day after day, and

your proud creation and growth will be recorded in your autobiographies and the annals of history of the youth movement of our country.

I have no doubt that all the young vanguard and soldier-builders will further raise your indomitable spirit to present this greenhouse farm to the times as a model structure in the era of comprehensive rejuvenation of the state.

On the inauguration day, let us all pose without fail for a photo as souvenir in this place of transformation.

I am convinced that the hope-filled new year 2026 you opened with the priceless successes associated with your intense devotion will also become more glorious and livelier thanks to your burning passion, tremendous courage and wonderful creations.

On the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture, where you made your imposing departure, the Ninth Congress of the Party will greet our laudable young people.

Young vanguard and soldier-builders, who are brave pioneers of a new era,

Two days ago, Pyongyang raised a cheer in chorus for our state.

With a youthful vigour, let us also raise a cheer louder than that in Pyongyang in reflection of our infinite respect and affection for our mother Korea so that it can reverberate in Pyongyang and all other parts of the country and through the earth.

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious motherland that will prosper forever!

Comrades, I extend new year greetings to you once again.

Let us all meet again on the inauguration day in good health with pride and dignity.



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soldier-builders greeting the New Year in the northwestern tip of the country

far away from their families and beloved homes, and extended warm greetings of encouragement to them on behalf of the Party Central Committee, the

government of the DPRK and all the people.

Saying that the young builders came to the grand construction site, to which the

Party and the state attach importance, so as to transform the island area, which had

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# National flag-raising and oath-taking ceremony held to mark Constitution Day



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A national flag-raising and oath-taking ceremony took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on December 27 to mark Constitution Day of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, amid the struggle of the year 2025 for the country's comprehensive prosperity and development, which has resulted in signal successes, and patriotic enthusiasm of all the people soaring remarkably to greet the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as a congress of victors, a glorious congress.

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 commemorative event.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and other leading officials of the Party and the government, officials of the Party Central Committee, senior officials of the Cabinet, ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs, officials of judicial and public prosecutors offices and those of government organs in

Korea, which have firmly defended the country's and the people's dignity and honour and ushered in an era of great transformation by holding fast to the genuine people's code of laws, the great political manifesto, as a powerful weapon for the state development and invariably embodying its noble principles and ideals.

The glorious national flag was hoisted.

The venue was full of ardent desire to devote all wisdom and enthusiasm to the glorious and worthwhile struggle for the prosperity of the country in the stirring era, when the great ambition

Pyongyang.

The guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the venue for the commemorative ceremony.

A ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK took place.

Members of the guard of honour of the KPA solemnly escorted the national flag of the DPRK into the venue for the ceremony.

All the participants paid high tribute to the sacred national flag associated with the history of heroic struggle and the brave spirit of Juche

and strong aspiration to lead the whole world by dint of the iron will fostered by the truth are being translated into reality.

Comrade Kim Jong Un made a commemorative oath to mark Constitution Day of the DPRK.

Led by the head of state, the participants solemnly vowed before the national flag to strive with heart and soul to glorify forever the greatness and beauty of the country by always remaining infinitely faithful to promoting the people's wellbeing and the growth and development of the state, thoroughly safeguarding the Constitution of the Republic, strictly fulfilling their legal obligations, firmly defending the socialist ideals and system and staying loyal to their beloved motherland as persons responsible for defending the sovereignty of the DPRK and the interests of the Korean people and serving the state and the people.

All the participants were full of enthusiasm to legally and firmly guarantee the comprehensive rejuvenation and development of our state by applying the original ideas of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un on establishing the people-first law, and fully discharge their responsibility and duty entrusted by the people on the forefront of implementing the sacred historic cause of building up the country into a socialist paradise, where the ideals of the people have been realized, and into an invincible fortress, which no one in the world would dare to belittle.

# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets with labour innovators and meritorious persons



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met and had a photo session with labour innovators and meritorious persons invited to the celebrations of Constitution Day of the DPRK and the

New Year at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on December 27 2025.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the venue for the photo session, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" shook the place.

All the participants were greatly excited to meet him on the platform of dream-like



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# Inauguration ceremony of hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County held with splendour

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The second year's tasks of the gigantic regional development policy, decided and powerfully led by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to turn all cities and counties of the country into regional bases of the socialist state in a balanced and simultaneous way, have been successfully carried out along with the completion of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County.

Under the WPK's grand policy on regional development, light-industry bases were wonderfully built in twenty cities and counties this year, following last year, and modern hospitals, leisure complexes and offshore farms commissioned in several cities and counties.

This proud reality adding more delight to the era of great changes through practical successes is a precious fruition of the noble people-first idea of Comrade Kim Jong Un, who set it as a historic task that the Party should boldly undertake and

surely implement to provide all the people across the country with the happiest life and who has pushed forward with it through powerful leadership practice.

An inauguration ceremony of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County of Nampho

Municipality was held with splendour on December 29, marking the end of the inauguration season in the year 2025.

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.

All the participants extended the highest respect to Kim Jong Un, the great master of creation who is bringing about entities for prosperity on this land every year without fail with his ardent love for the people.

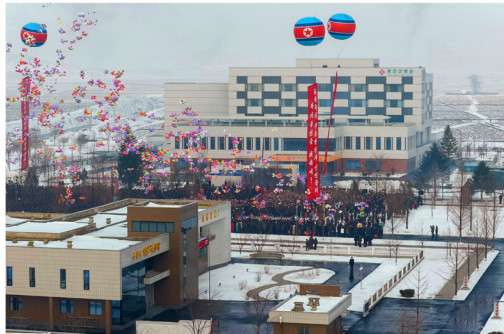
Present at the inauguration ceremony were leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs and other members of the central leadership of the Party, officials concerned, officials and working people of Nampho Municipality and Ryonggang County, soldier-builders and employees of the hospital and factories.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee,

addressed the ceremony.

The speaker warmly congratulated the county people on receiving the modern hospital and light-industry factories on the same day and at the same time in

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happiness with great pride and honour of being the labour innovators and meritorious persons representing the victorious and glorious year of 2025.

Kim Jong Un expressed thanks to their patriotic devotion for making contributions to glorifying significant 2025 as a year of great turn to be specially recorded in the history of the strengthening and development of the DPRK by dedicating

their pure conscience to the rejuvenation and prosperity of the country, and gave them warm encouragement.

Our country gets rich and powerful and our cause makes a dynamic advance without a moment's stagnation, thanks to the sung and unsung patriots who devote their diligent and sincere efforts to work at their workplaces and posts, placing their obligations above the rights of citizens granted by the Constitution of the DPRK, he said.

Saying that the great patriotic enthusiasm

of the people is what the Party and the government firmly believe in and rely on above anything else in the historic struggle for the overall development of socialist construction, he expressed expectations and conviction that the participants would continue to creditably play their role as the pacesetters and standard-bearers of the times, and had a photo session with them.

That day, he met the women footballers and coaches who took the first place in the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World

Cup, and had a photo taken with them, wishing them great success in the future.

When the photo session was over, the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers again.

The labour innovators and meritorious persons solemnly vowed to firmly trust and follow the WPK alone single-mindedly and devote their whole life to the prosperity of the DPRK, regarding the great love and trust shown by him as their eternal lifeblood.



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2025, the first year of the public health revolution in the new era and the second year of implementing the Regional Development 20×10 Policy.

He extended warm thanks to the commanding officers and soldiers of the regional construction regiment of the 3rd Corps for having perfectly completed the projects for the regional construction

people the aim of the country’s regional revolution and the source of strength of its uninterrupted advance, he said, referring to the great painstaking efforts and devoted leadership of Kim Jong Un who has dedicated himself to carrying out the construction plan which is more wide-ranging and profound than last year.

Indeed, our growing ideal and self-confidence and the dynamic advance of the regional revolution are the true picture of

revolutionary activities, he stressed.

True to the long-cherished desire of the Party Central Committee to make the regional people well off as soon as possible, we should simultaneously build more structures next year than this year, including modern light-industry factories, hospitals and leisure complexes, in 20 cities and counties and make greater progress and a leap forward in their qualitative aspect, he said, calling

efforts will bring earlier the future of prosperity when all the people across the country lead a happy life, the speaker said, expressing the belief that such achievements as today’s proud success demonstrating the truthfulness of the Party’s policy and the might of Korean-style socialism would be steadily made in the hope-filled New Year 2026.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.



policy as desired by the Party, true to the inherent duty of the Korean People’s Army always faithful to the call of the country and the people.

The entities of transformation which have sprung up in all parts of the country, ranging from its northern tip to its southern end and inland and coastal areas, are associated with impressive stories telling

socialist Korea displayed by the seasoned and strong leadership of Kim Jong Un, who possesses the transparent outlook on the revolution that Party policies are the will, demand and interests of the people and regards the ardent patriotic will and the absolute standard that the abundant life led by the people is just national power as the supreme principle in all his

upon all the officials to fulfil their responsibility and duty in the creation and construction for the promotion of the people’s wellbeing by regarding as the absolute standard Kim Jong Un’s policy on regional construction, which they engraved in their mind once again in this inauguration season.

Our extraordinary will and our dynamic

The participants burst into enthusiastic cheers out of the absolute trust in and boundless reverence for him who saw to it that assets of prosperity were built in their locality and personally attended the significant inauguration ceremony at the end of the year, adding to their pleasure

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# Unsan Paper Mill inaugurated in South Phyongan Province

KCNA

At the time when the cheers for inaugurations celebrating the steady success in implementing the regional development policy are ringing out, stirring up the whole country in 2025, a modern paper mill was built in South Phyongan Province to greet the auspicious moment of inauguration, opening up another new field in putting the regional industry on an advanced basis.

The paper mill, which has been built in Unsan County of

South Phyongan Province as a model one according to the Workers' Party of Korea's decision to build a paper production base in each province to satisfy its demand, will mass-produce



paper for writing, packing and toilet and other paper products.

The paper mill, built in Unsan County of South Phyongan Province, was inaugurated with due ceremony on

December 28 2025.

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

inauguration ceremony.

All the participants paid the highest tribute to him who came with warm blessings regarding the creations that would contribute to improving the people's wellbeing as the most precious wealth.

Present at the ceremony were leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs and other members of the central leadership of the Party, officials of ministries, national agencies, South Phyongan Province and Unsan County, working people, employees of

the mill and scientists and technicians of the State Academy of Sciences.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central

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and happiness.

Lovely children presented him with bunches of flowers in reflection of the unanimous gratitude of the people of Ryonggang County.

He sincerely hoped that the county people who greeted the auspicious event of meaningful inauguration would lead a happy life in their local area good to live in.

He met commanding officers of the construction unit that built the splendid hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County to highly appraise their loyalty to the Party and the country, and sent warm militant salute to all the soldier-builders.

Then he looked around the Ryonggang County Hospital.

In the course of implementing the expanded regional development policy this year, including the construction of

standard regional hospitals in Kangdong County, Kusong City and Ryonggang County, we have made another march for the victorious advance of the sacred cause aimed at practical change of the whole country and accumulated precious successes and experience for putting the regional construction on a definite development stage, he said.

Making the hard-won precious creations serve as powerful engine for the development of socialist public health is a heavy and responsible revolutionary task whose fulfilment is as important as their construction, he said, indicating important tasks to be tackled in operation and medical service at the regional hospitals to be built in cities and counties across the country with this year as the starting point.

He said that all the medical workers of the county hospital should carry out their inherent mission of taking responsible care of the health of the residents with a high level

of medical service and sincere devotion, mindful of the intention of the Party placing the lives and safety of the people and the promotion of their health above all else.

He noted that the inauguration of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County has marked the successful conclusion of the construction of model hospitals and leisure complexes and regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties planned for this year and opened up a new phase for further hastening the comprehensive development of socialist construction by relying on the absolute support and patriotic zeal of the people, and declared with pride that the year 2025 would be recorded as a historic year that proved more vividly the validity and vitality of the regional development policy in reality.

He expressed the firm belief that all the officers and men of the regional construction regiments at all levels of the large combined units of the KPA would give

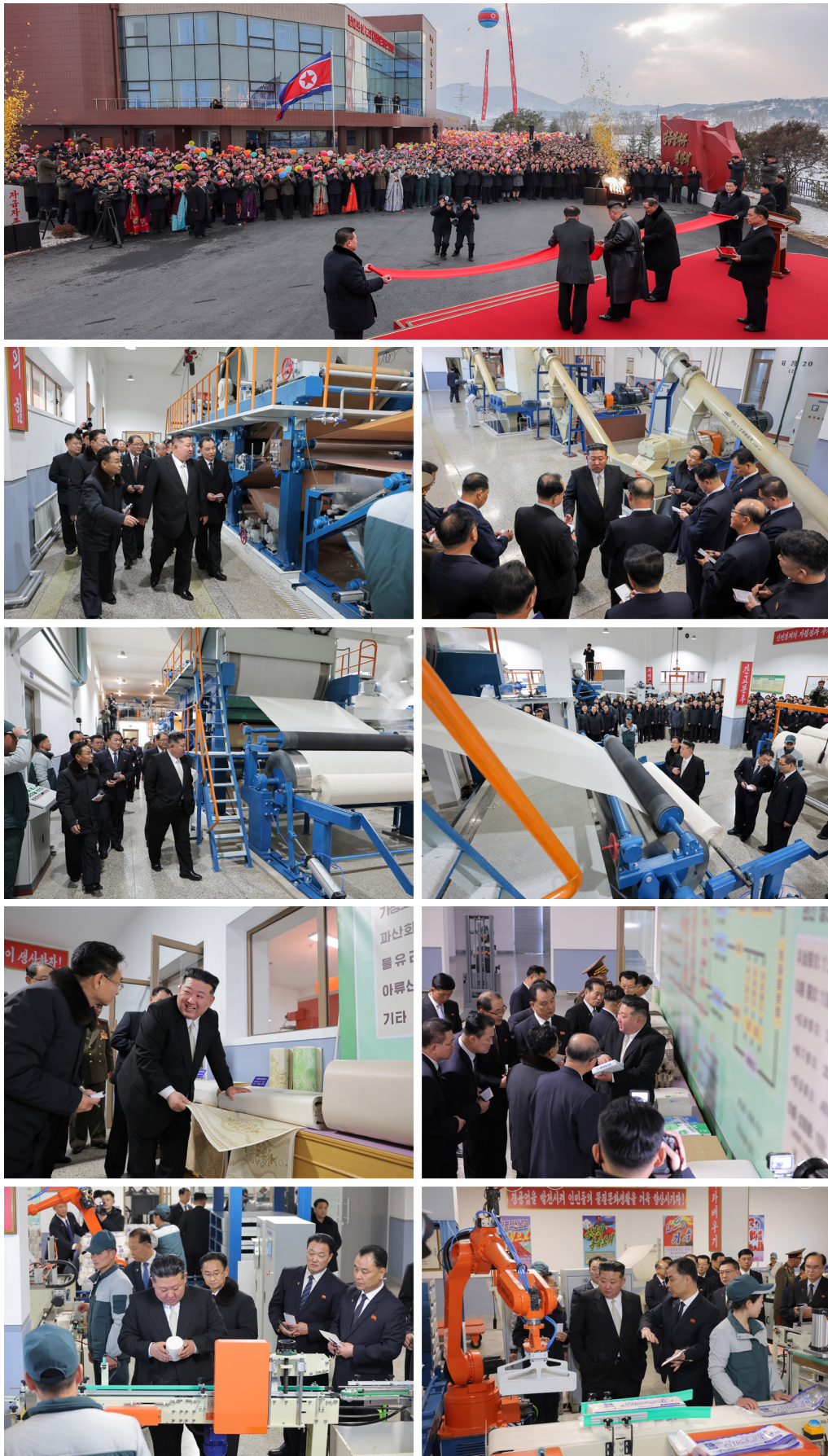
fuller play to the indomitable revolutionary spirit and creative mettle peculiar to the KPA, which remains absolutely loyal to the order of the Party and is dedicated to realizing its long-cherished desire, and perform as ever signal feats in the theatres of regional construction for the cause of the Party and the happy life of the people.

Leading officials of the Party and the government went round the newly-built hospital and foodstuff, daily necessities and garment factories, together with other participants in the inauguration ceremony.

The inauguration ceremony marked another occasion that further cemented the belief in the bright future of socialist Korea which will prosper forever along with the victorious fruition of the regional development policy which has powerfully been carried on year on year thanks to the unique state-building ideas of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un and under his wise leadership.







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Committee of the WPK, delivered an inaugural address.

He warmly congratulated the scientists and technicians, builders of the province and workers of different enterprises who successfully built the mill of weighty significance in developing the paper industry of Korean style and satisfying the country's long-term demand for paper.

He said that under the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un, who gave detailed guidance over the design and formation plans of the structure and sent a sci-tech force so as to ensure the specialization and functionality as a paper producer, the construction of the Unsan Paper Mill had been pushed forward with confidence from the beginning and it took

on a full appearance as a comprehensive production base.

He noted that Kim Jong Un visited the mill ahead of its inauguration to encourage and highly praise the scientists and technicians who contributed to the development of the paper industry of the country and stressed the need to steadily develop the papermaking method and technology of Korean style, adding that his instructions served as an important guideline that put the paper industry on a definite development stage.

He said that the officials and working people in the province, entrusted with a task for building a paper mill by the Party, dynamically launched a collective innovation movement to finish the construction work in a qualitative way and make and install a

lot of equipment, thus creating a model for the whole country in implementing the Party's policy on developing the regions and improving the people's living standards under the uplifted banner of self-reliance. He also noted that the Korean scientists and technicians achieved proud successes in establishing a new paper production technology, to which the Party attaches importance, with an extraordinary pioneering spirit and enthusiasm for creation.

The speaker called for continuously making strenuous efforts to successfully carry out the regional revolution that is most urgent in improving the people's standards of living and realizing the comprehensive development of the state, saying that the regional development is a sacred undertaking to steadily transform our life and environment into a high stage of modernity and progressiveness.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

He met officials, scientists and technicians of the State Academy of Sciences who took part in the inauguration ceremony, and encouraged them who made a great contribution to the development of the country's paper industry by keeping the WPK's spirit of self-dependence and self-sustenance as an element of their faith.

He went round the Unsan Paper Mill.

He appreciated that the paper-manufacturing technology, capable of turning out various products with several kinds of woods and locally available raw materials, was introduced and a new mill of great economic efficiency and profitability was completed to provide a

model experience for other provinces to build paper mills by themselves.

He said that the decision of the Party Central Committee to establish a paper industry in each province is the one embodying the principle of optimization in construction and correctly reflecting the present situation and economic potential of the regional areas.

We should pursue the clear goal and purposefulness in the development of our-style papermaking method and technology based on locally available raw materials in meeting the demand for paper essential in all fields of science and technology, education and cultural life, he noted, stressing the need for the mill to ensure the efficiency and sustained growth of production and fully guarantee the quality of products by managing equipment, manpower and technology in a responsible manner.

He clarified the principled issues to be adhered to in the construction of paper mills to be expanded and promoted on a nationwide scale on the basis of the experience gained in the construction and operation of the Unsan Paper Mill.

He highly praised the scientists and technicians of the Paper Engineering Institute of the State Academy of Sciences for greeting the Ninth Congress of the WPK with proud successes.

Going round the mill, the participants in the inauguration ceremony keenly felt the painstaking efforts of the great father, who is putting his heart and soul into implementing the regional development policy for fulfilling the long-cherished desire of the people, and were convinced of the hope-filled future of the country to be further prosperous under his benevolent care.





# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees long-range strategic cruise missile launching drill



KCNA

A long-range strategic cruise missile launching drill was staged on the West Sea of Korea on December 28 2025.

The drill was aimed at checking the counter-offensive response posture and combat capability of long-range missile sub-units, making missile soldiers proficient in manoeuvres and procedures of fulfilling firing missions, and inspecting the reliability of the relevant strategic weapon system.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, oversaw the strategic cruise missile launching drill.

The strategic cruise missiles flew along the flight path set in the sky above the West Sea of Korea for 10 199s and

10 203s to hit the target.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction, saying that the result of the drill is the practical verification and clear demonstration of the absolute reliability and combat efficiency of the country's strategic counterattack capability.

He stressed that checking the reliability and rapid reactions of the components of the DPRK's nuclear deterrent on a regular basis and steadily demonstrating its might are just a responsible exercise of the right to self-defence and war deterrence under the present situation in which the country is exposed to various security threats.

He affirmed that the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government would as ever devote all efforts to the unlimited and sustained development of the state nuclear combat forces.

# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at major munitions industry enterprise



KCNA

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 a major munitions industry enterprise on December 28 2025 to learn about the production of weapons and other combat equipment.

He was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Jang Chang Ha, general director of the Missile Administration of the DPRK, and the relevant officials of the munitions industry department of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Comrade Kim Jong Un learned about the production of multiple rocket launchers to be deployed in major units

of the Korean People's Army according to the decision of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

He repeatedly praised the upbeat revolutionary attitude of the workers of the enterprise, who are waging a labour struggle to attain the goal of producing the multiple rocket launcher system set by the Party while increasing production every day in high spirits.

Stressing once again the importance of the weapon system being produced by the enterprise, he encouraged the workers in their production campaign.

The multiple rocket launcher system, which will be a main strike means of the KPA, will completely change the composition of our artillery forces, he said, noting that the enterprise plays a pivotal role in implementing the Party's military strategic policy on modernizing and reinforcing long-range artillery pieces. And he expressed satisfaction, saying that the weapon system, which

will be used in large numbers and in a concentrated way in military operations, is a super-powerful weapon system as it can annihilate the enemy through sudden and precise strike with high accuracy and devastating power and can also be used as a strategic attack means. It is really a laudable success that we are producing with our own efforts and technology the world's only operational and tactical weapon system with the greatest military effect at will to meet the demand, he added.

He also referred to the prospective modernization project of the enterprise.

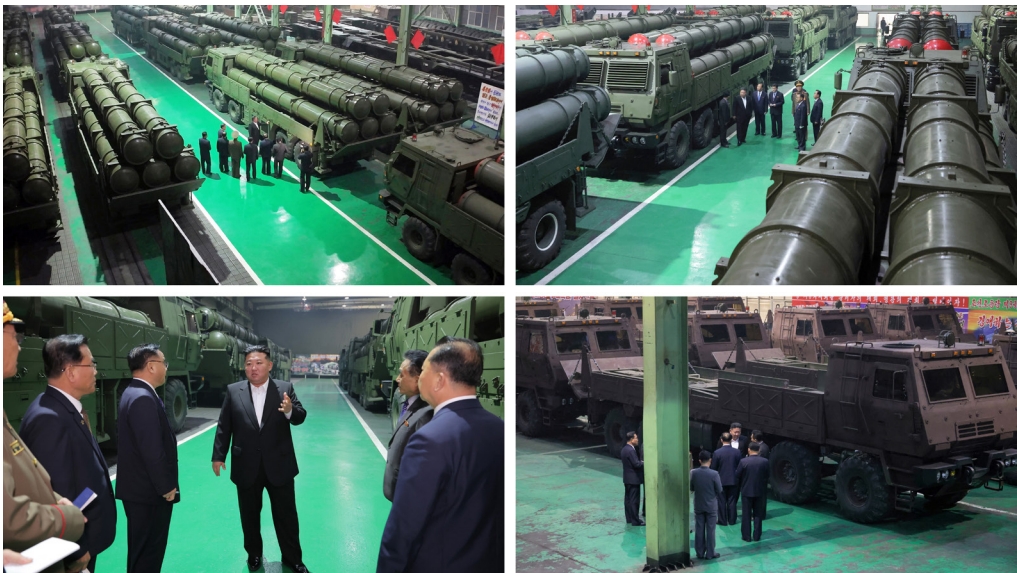
He said that we should bring about a revolution in upgrading the artillery weapon system and, to this end, it is necessary to provide the enterprise with remarkable production capacity by further perfecting its production structure and improving the technical foundations of its production lines in particular and thus fully guarantee materially and technically the

successful attainment of the munitions production goals to be set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

He stressed the need for the overall munitions industry field as well as this enterprise to constantly push ahead with the establishment of an advanced industrial structure, steady expansion of production capacity and innovative technological upgrading capable of producing more weapons and other combat equipment in conformity with the development-oriented requirements of the defence science and industry in the present era and the goal of modernizing our army and its demand.

He ardently called for building on the successes achieved this year to attain greater successes through strenuous efforts in the struggle for bolstering up the defence capabilities in 2026.

His field guidance of the day serves as a new milestone in increasing the country's war deterrent in a practical way.





# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends New Year’s message to officers and soldiers of overseas operations units

KCNA

*The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a congratulatory message to the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units on December 31, 2025 on the occasion of the new year.*

*The full text of the message is as follows:*

To the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units, who are greeting the new year

My beloved comrades-in-arms – generals, officers and soldiers – who are greeting the new year in the overseas operations area,

On behalf of our Party and state and in reflection of the tender feelings of our people, the

officers and soldiers of the entire army, and your parents, wives and children, I send new year greetings to all the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units.

As the whole country is enveloped in a festive atmosphere of greeting the new year, I all the more miss you, who are fighting bravely on the battlefields in the alien land even at this moment, true to the order of your homeland.

Though you are now far away from your homeland, our Party and people always think of you first, the proud sons of our country.

2025, the year we are seeing off with great pride and dignity,

is shining more brilliantly thanks to the imperishable honour you have defended at the cost of your blood and lives.

All of you have safeguarded heroically the dignity and honour of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

You have demonstrated to the full with what determination and fortitude one should carry out the order of the Party and the country. You are a source of the greatest strength and pride and a strong pillar of our Party and state.

The coming year 2026 will be another year of the great DPRK along with the remarkable feats you will perform on the overseas battlefields.

I really miss you all.

I hope that I will have a warm reunion with you, all officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units, as early as possible.

Your homeland is eagerly looking forward to your return home.

It is my greatest wish that all of you will return to your homeland in good health.

I request you all to pay special attention to your safety, mindful of my wish.

And be always brave.

For the fraternal Russian people,

For the mettle and characteristics of our people, for the spirit and dignity of the Korean people and for the

immortal honour of our state,

And for the undying fame of our army,

Be brave.

Behind you are Pyongyang and Moscow.

Thanks to your self-sacrificing and devoted struggle, the militant fraternity and friendship and invincible alliance between our country and Russia grow firmer.

All officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units,

As I, together with your parents, wives and children, and all other people, look forward to the day when all of you will return home safely after accomplishing your mission, I once again send you New Year greetings and warm militant salute.

# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends greetings to chairman of Chongryon Central Standing Committee

KCNA

*The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a congratulatory message to Ho Jong Man, chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon), on January 1.*

*The message said:*

Seeing in the new year 2026, I extend my warm congratulations and compatriotic greetings to you and all other officials of

Chongryon, as well as to other Korean compatriots in Japan.

Last year Chongryon, together with the fellow people in the homeland, celebrated in splendour the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the 80th anniversary of national liberation, and on the occasion of its 70th founding anniversary, it also made remarkable progress in writing another greater chapter of the history and tradition of the movement of Koreans in Japan, as it deeply cherished the

ennobling spirit of patriotism and historic achievements of its founder generation.

I extend my heartfelt thanks and encouragement to Chongryon officials and other Korean compatriots in Japan for having left sacred imprints of patriotic efforts throughout the year while strenuously coping with innumerable challenges and ordeals in the foreign land.

The new year is a historic one when the Ninth Congress of our Party is to be held. For

Chongryon, it is a year of a fresh turning point and transformation, in which it should, at its 26th Congress, advance a clear target and strategy for a new struggle period up to its 80th founding anniversary and take a vigorous step forward towards successfully implementing its patriotic tasks for the first year of the period.

I am fully convinced that Chongryon officials and other Korean compatriots in Japan will, in the new year, too, make substantial progress in carrying

out their overall patriotic tasks, including those to be tackled in defending their rights and interests and in bringing up the younger generation, so as to write a glorious page which will shine forever in the history of the movement of Koreans in Japan.

I wish that in the hope-filled new year, our dear children and students in Japan will grow up to be lively, cheerful and upright, and all Chongryon officials and families of our compatriots live happily.

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severely been hit by natural disaster, into an ideal farming town in the new era in more than 500 days, he noted that during those days they opted for hardship and self-cultivation, instead of enjoyment and comfort, regarding it as a worthwhile choice of their youth, and cultivated the strong will and enthusiastic spirit of being able to overcome difficulties, make innovations and do patriotic work, and this is a valuable asset of a lifetime that cannot be bartered for anything.

Witnessing the great strength of the youth and every structure associated with the passion and sincerity of our younger generation, our people picture the eternal prosperity of their country, he said, adding that seeing them growing up to be robust, the people get convinced of the continuity of Korean-style socialism. He noted that there is no such younger generation as the Korean youth in the world and this is something very pleasant and satisfactory for the WPK responsible for the future destiny of the country.

Saying that it would be not long before the large greenhouse farm would be presented as a gift of loyalty to the glorious congress of the motherly Party, he noted that he would have a picture taken with them in the transformed area

on the day of its inauguration and the Ninth Congress of the WPK would greet the proud young people in the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture where they had started their courageous advance.

He proposed that the young vanguard and soldier-builders, brave pioneers of new generation, give cheers of “Hurrah!” in chorus in reflection of their boundless respect and love for the motherland with the vigorous stamina of youth to make their cheers heard in Pyongyang and all other parts of the country and even deep in the centre of the earth.

All the young builders shouted aloud “Hurrah!” for the DPRK, the glorious motherland of all the people, which will prosper forever.

Kim Jong Un met and warmly encouraged the labour innovators.

All the participants made enthusiastic cheers as a token of their boundless gratitude to the tender-hearted father.

He warmly waved back to them for a long while, as he expressed expectations and belief that the young builders, who are giving full play to the revolutionary spirit and pattern of creation peculiar to the Korean People’s Army and the heroic stamina and fighting spirit peculiar to the Korean youth in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for the comprehensive development of the country, would

more bravely and dynamically fight for the great and noble ideal of the DPRK and its bright future.

All the young vanguard members and soldier-builders loudly chanted slogans calling for devotedly defending the Party Central Committee and implementing the Party’s policies, looking up with overwhelming emotion to Kim Jong Un, who most highly appreciates the life of youth dedicated to the prosperity of the country and their feats and encourages them to wage a dynamic struggle and achieve a great victory.

That day he looked round the area of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm nearing completion.

The huge construction project and assembly of greenhouse equipment have been completed perfectly and the arrangement of the environs including tree planting is now progressing apace at the final stage.

Kim Jong Un recalled with deep emotion the days when he came up with a new regional development plan and pushed ahead with it to establish a large greenhouse farm on the banks of the Amnok River where a new life of socialism had settled after eradication of the aftermath of a natural disaster, and feasted his eyes on the precious asset of the country.

Through the construction of the Sinuiju

Combined Greenhouse Farm, we have more deeply realized the truthfulness and great power of self-sustenance and self-determination and come to more clearly observe the level of the working spirit and creativity we have firmly cemented and cultivated, he said, expressing his firm will to more ambitiously plan the undertakings for the promotion of the wellbeing of the people across the country and radical transformation of the regions and strenuously implement them.

Highly appreciating the patriotic zeal and devoted efforts of young builders who have created a new legend of gigantic transformation, breathing the same breath as and keeping pace with the Party, he referred to the issues of successfully finishing the arrangement of the environs of the farm and a series of tasks to be tackled in its operation and management in the future and gave an instruction as regards its inauguration ceremony.

His field guidance at the construction site of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm will be etched as a historic visit that instilled redoubled strength and courage into all the people, KPA service personnel and the youth across the country who are making steady progress with gigantic creation and transformation in order to greet the Ninth Congress of the Party with brilliant victories and glory.



# Nation celebrates New Year 2026

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

KCNA

Greeting the significant New Year 2026, all the Korean people pay the highest tribute and best wishes for immortality to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

On the first morning of the New Year, officials, working people, service personnel, youth and schoolchildren paid high tribute to the President and the Chairman at their statues in all parts of the country.

Flower baskets in the name of Party, power and armed forces organs, social

organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces, and institutions and industrial establishments at all levels and universities in Pyongyang and bouquets were placed at the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.

Lots of people made bows at the statues of the great leaders.

Flower baskets in the name of KPA and PSF units, institutions and industrial establishments and bouquets were placed at the statues of the peerlessly great men in different parts

People from all walks of life pay tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.



of Pyongyang, including Kim Il Sung University and the Mansudae Art Studio.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and schoolchildren leaders in their residential areas to pay tribute to the statues of the great them.

## National flag-hoisting ceremony held to mark New Year

KCNA

The hope-filled New Year 2026 has come, encouraging all the people of the DPRK to turn out in the vigorous advance towards a new great

victory.

A national flag-hoisting ceremony took place at Kim Il Sung Square in the capital city of Pyongyang on January 1 2026.

At 00:00 sharp, a bell

rang to signal the start of the New Year and melodies of the immortal revolutionary hymns "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and "Song of General Kim Jong Il" resounded in the sky over the

capital city.

A worker, farmer, intellectual and student courteously hoisted up the national flag amid the playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

The crowds of people paid high tribute to the sacred national flag fluttering in the sky to display the independent dignity and indomitable spirit of the state and the rosy future of

the people.

Gorgeous fireworks were set off in the nocturnal sky over the capital city, adding pleasure to the people greeting the New Year 2026.



The national flag of the DPRK is hoisted at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang at 00:00 on January 1.

## Evening gala of youth and students held

KCNA

Youth and students had an evening gala at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang at night on December 31 2025 on the occasion of the New Year 2026.

When the song "Cheers of the People" resounded in the night sky of the square, a delightful and optimistic dance party began.

Through the dance party, the participants paid the highest

glory to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a new stirring era of overall development in which the people's dreams and ideals come true with his extraordinary political ability and outstanding and seasoned leadership.

The participants danced to the tune of songs "Song of Youth" and "Let's Love Our Country". Their faces were full of determination to always march straight forward and add lustre to

the precious name of the patriotic youth on the road of following the guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The evening gala clearly demonstrated the revolutionary spirit of the young vanguard across the country to glorify the precious name of youth in the new year's journey which will adorn a glorious page of history on the road of development of the DPRK, beautifully decorating the night of New Year's Eve.



Youth and students have an evening gala at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on New Year's Eve.



# Schoolchildren give performance to mark New Year 2026

KCNA

The schoolchildren's New Year performance in 2026 "My Country Is the Best" was given on January 1.

The performance was seen by officials of Party, power and armed forces organs, ministries, national agencies, labour innovators, meritorious persons, teachers and students of revolutionary

schools and working people and schoolchildren in Pyongyang.

Overseas Koreans staying in the DPRK also saw the performance.

Put on the stage were colourful numbers showing the appearance of schoolchildren growing up to be fervent young revolutionaries and patriots of socialist Korea under

the warm care of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

The performers offered New Year greetings to the fatherly Marshal who takes warm care of all children and provides them with only the greatest happiness as the benevolent father of the large socialist family and their meticulous parent in reflection of the unanimous

feelings of all schoolchildren across the country.

Also put on the stage amid the enthusiastic applause were colourful numbers including songs and dances, real-story telling and music and dance tale reflecting the dreams, ideals and passionate enthusiasm of schoolchildren who are preparing themselves to be masters of a thriving and powerful state with great

pride in acquiring ample knowledge, impeccable morality and strong physique under the benefits of the socialist education system.

The real-story telling "Father's gold-star medal" demonstrated the burning enthusiasm for succession of the students of the Mangyongdae and Chilgol revolutionary schools to prepare themselves to be

the true sons and daughters of the revolution, the core of the cause of Juche, who support and follow only the Workers' Party of Korea by steadily carrying on the soul and spirit of loyalty of their parents.

The music and dance tale "We grow up in the embrace of the Marshal", which impressively depicted the looks of the Korean schoolchildren in Japan who are growing up to be upright successors to the patriotic cause of Chongryon (General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) under the leadership of the respected Marshal, was acclaimed by the audience.

The performance gave people fuller confidence that the country's days and months will be filled with happy laughter of children forever thanks to the embrace of benevolent love of the respected fatherly Marshal and that an immensely rosy future is in store for the country, ending with the epilogue "How nice the new year will be".



Schoolchildren give a New Year performance in 2026 "My Country Is the Best" on January 1.

## New Year's Day celebrated across country

KCNA

All the people across the DPRK significantly greeted the hope-filled New Year 2026.

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state, was visited by an endless stream of people on the first morning of the new year.

The visitors paid high tribute to the peerlessly

great men at the plaza of the palace.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and other statues and mosaics depicting the peerlessly great men across the country to lay flower baskets, bouquets and flowers and pay homage to them.

Children and pupils of primary schools across

the country received gifts associated with the loving care of the motherly Workers' Party of Korea on the occasion of the new year.

A performance was given by artistes of the National Acrobatic Troupe at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre.

A one-act play "The person I find" was put on stage at the National Theatre to add to the festive mood of Pyongyang citizens.

Schoolchildren in Pyongyang gave a New Year performance to sing of the joy of greeting the New Year which will be filled with more happiness thanks to the guidance of the great fatherly leader.

Performances were also given in South Phyongan, North Hwanghae, North Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces and Nampho Municipality. Sports and amusement games of officials, working people,

youth and students in South Hamgyong Province were held at the provincial sports village and Hamhung Stadium.

New Year performances were given by children in North Phyongan, South Hwanghae and Kangwon provinces, Kaesong Municipality and other parts of the country.

Cultural recreation grounds for the people, including the Central Zoo, Natural History Museum

and Munsu Water Park, were crowded with working people, students and children.

Graceful illuminations in different parts of the capital city splendidly decorated the night of New Year's Day.

The happy looks of people skating and sleighing in the open-air ice rink adorned with dazzling lighting in the central part of Pyongyang added ecstasy to the night view of the holiday.



People across the country celebrate New Year's Day with colourful events and leisure activities.





# In celebration of 14th anniversary of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's assumption of supreme commandship of DPRK armed forces

KCNA

A meeting of workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) took place at the Central Hall of Workers on December 29 2025 in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's assumption of the supreme commandship of the armed forces of the DPRK.

Present there were officials of the Central Committee of the GFTUK and officials and members of the trade union and workers in Pyongyang.

A report was made at the meeting to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers said that the past ten-odd years when the DPRK dynamically stepped up the overall development of Korean-style socialism, demonstrating the dignity and might of Juche Korea to the world by holding Kim Jong Un at the top post of the armed forces of the DPRK, were proud days when they cherished once again the immutable truth of history that a country can be developed into a powerful one and happiness

of all generations to come guaranteed only when it is led by a great leader.

They referred to the fact that the absolute weapons of Juche Korea were born one after another and the dignity and might of the DPRK were fully demonstrated all over the world thanks to the patriotic devotion of Kim Jong Un, who made sure that the policy of the state nuclear force was legalized and energetically led the struggle to steadily increase the nuclear capability for self-defence.

The reporter and speakers expressed their resolve to fully demonstrate the spirit and mettle of the heroic working class of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il in the present struggle for the glorious Party Congress, saying that only victory will always be in store for the country thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea (UAWK) gave a performance at the Academy of Agricultural Sciences on December 29 in celebration of the 14th

anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's assumption of the supreme commandship of the armed forces of the DPRK.

Among the audience were Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the Central Committee of the UAWK, officials concerned, officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

The performers sang of the boundless honour and happiness of holding in high esteem the peerlessly illustrious commander who developed the armed forces of the DPRK into the elite combat ranks which have the matchless military muscle with his extraordinary leadership ability in order to demonstrate the dignity and might of the country all over the world.

The atmosphere of the performance was revved up when female chorus, female solo and other numbers were performed in reflection of the happy looks of agricultural workers enjoying all blessings in their thriving areas along with the new era of change ushered in by the Workers' Party of Korea.

The performance, which showed the iron will of the officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers to make a genuine contribution to consolidating the military muscle of the country by reaping high yield every year, ended with poem and choruses "We Are Koreans" and "Dear Father".

Dance parties of youth and students took place across the DPRK on December 30 to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un's assumption of the supreme commandship of the armed forces of the DPRK.

The dance parties held in different parts of Pyongyang, including the plaza of the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium, began with the song "Let's Support Our Supreme Commander with Arms".

The participants danced, extending the highest glory to the peerlessly illustrious commander who provided a powerful military guarantee for making the people enjoy happiness forever free from disaster of war while taking the dangerous road to the frontlines in the vanguard.

The faces of the participants

dancing to the tune of songs of youth and struggle were full of the high pride of fulfilling their mission and duty as young vanguard on the worthwhile road for bolstering up the defence capabilities and ensuring the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism.

They enthusiastically danced to the tune of such songs as "Who Ever Taught Me?" and "Let's Love Our Country" with their ardent desire to firmly defend the country and reliably uphold it, regarding the national defence as the most vivid expression of patriotism and as their sacred duty.

"We Will Devote Our Youth to the Country", "The Masters of This Land Tell" and other songs resounded one after another, in reflection of the high spirit of the young vanguard in our era who are always faithful to the call of the country and are bringing youthful days into full bloom at the places to which the Party calls.

Dance parties of youth and students were also held in provincial capitals on the same day.

A dance party of women's

union officials and members was held at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph in Pyongyang on December 30 to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's assumption of the supreme commandship of the armed forces of the DPRK.

Amid the playing of the song "Glory to General Kim Jong Un", the participants displayed dances of celebration with their deep reverence for the respected General Secretary, who ushered in the greatest heyday of bolstering up the national defence capabilities with his outstanding military idea and extraordinary commanding art to glorify the dignity and might of the DPRK all over the world.

The dance party ended with the song "We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives", which showed the spiritual world of the Korean women who will add unbounded vitality to the ranks of general advance toward the glorious Party Congress by single-heartedly upholding the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

## On occasion of Constitution Day of DPRK



A ceremony of awarding the title of model law-observance unit takes place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on December 27.

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A lecture was given at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on December 26 2025 to mark the 53rd anniversary of the enactment of the DPRK Constitution.

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

Hong Chol Hwa, a director of the Academy of Social Sciences, gave a lecture titled "On the immortal exploits performed by the peerlessly great men for the

development of the DPRK Constitution".

Hong explained the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men who provided and developed the Juche-oriented political charter with outstanding ideas and leadership.

President Kim Il Sung made sure that the most people-oriented and revolutionary constitution embodying the Juche idea was worked out and thus laid a powerful legal foundation for the eternal prosperity of the state and

people, he noted, and went on:

Chairman Kim Jong Il made the Constitution of the DPRK serve as a powerful weapon dynamically promoting the revolution and construction.

The DPRK Constitution provided by Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il is further developing under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The lecturer stressed that the DPRK Constitution, which has steadily developed

under the care of the peerlessly great men, is precious wealth of the dignified DPRK, adding that it will as ever creditably discharge its historic mission as a legal weapon for guaranteeing the victory in building a powerful socialist country.

A ceremony of awarding the title of model law-observance unit to the units exemplary in socialist law observance took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on December 27 to mark the Constitution Day of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, made a speech.

He stressed the need for all regions and units to strengthen the socialist law-abiding climate, regarding the WPK's people-first political idea as an absolute guideline, and thus fully demonstrate the advantages and might of the state and social system where the laws defend the people and the latter observe the former.

A decree of the SPA Standing Committee of the DPRK on awarding the title of model law-observance unit to the units exemplary in socialist law observance was conveyed and commendations

given to the Anju 121 Paper Mill, the National Acrobatic Troupe, the North Hwanghae Provincial Posts and Telecommunications Management Bureau, the Jedo Farm in Unchon County, Jaeryong College of Agriculture and other units.

A men's ice hockey match was held at the Ice Rink on December 27 in celebration of the significant Constitution Day of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Top-notch players of the Taesongsan Sports Club and the Pyongyang Railway Bureau Sports Club took part in the match.

Among the spectators were leading officials of the Party and the government, officials of ministries and national agencies, commanding

officers of the armed forces organs, labour innovators and meritorious persons invited to the celebrations of the Constitution Day and the New Year, players and coaches who proved successful in last year's international games, officials in the sports field, and Pyongyang citizens.

Prior to the match, there was a figure skating demonstration.

Then the men's ice hockey match was held between the above-said two teams which are the country's leading rivals in winter sports events.

The spectators cheered whenever the players displayed strenuous perseverance, quick actions, high skills and the spirit of close cooperation.

The Pyongyang Railway Bureau team won the match.



A men's ice hockey match is held at the Ice Rink in Pyongyang on December 27.



# Regional-industry factories and leisure complex inaugurated



In Kaepung District of Kaesong Municipality.

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People in Kaepung District of Kaesong Municipality greeted the moment of a significantly auspicious event.

An inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kaepung District for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy took place on December 26 2025.

Present there were Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, officials and working people in Kaesong Municipality and Kaepung District, soldier-builders and employees of the regional-industry factories and leisure complex.

Pak Thae Song addressed the ceremony.

He congratulated the people in Kaepung District

on the completion of new factories and multi-functional base for leisure activities.

He extended thanks to the soldiers of the construction regiment who built excellent edifices for national prosperity and the people's wellbeing, regarding the trust of the Workers' Party of Korea that made them become the vanguard of the struggle for regional development as the greatest honour.

The premier called upon all the officials and working people to more vigorously work for the sure implementation of the WPK's policy on regional development and for comprehensive national rejuvenation, true to the ideology and leadership of the Party Central Committee.

Ri Yong Il, chief secretary

of the Kaepung District Committee of the WPK, in his speech said that today's eye-opening reality, whereby the cherished desire, pictured as a future ideal, has come true, is a striking demonstration of the steadfast will and executive power of the great Party Central Committee leading the historic cause of regional development to steady successes, and an inspiring auspicious event heralding continuous progress and bigger successes.

The premier cut the inauguration tape with the masters of the new workplaces.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the fashionable leisure complex and regional-industry factories.

A colourful performance was given and put on its stage

were songs full of patriotic enthusiasm.

In Yomju County, a northwestern coastal area of the DPRK, modern regional-industry factories have been built as a solid foundation for improving the people's standard of living.

An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories in Yomju County was held with splendour on December 26.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, officials and working people in North Phyongan Province and Yomju County and employees of regional-industry factories and officers and men of the construction regiment.

Choe Ryong Hae addressed the ceremony.

The speaker warmly congratulated the county people on celebrating the inauguration of the new factories while picturing the future of their hometown to be more civilized and richer.

He referred to the energetic guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who has worked heart and soul to ensure that the projects for building regional-industry factories make fresher progress in all aspects than last year, including design and construction, and successfully complete them in the year when their construction began.

In his speech, Kim Hyon Chol, chief secretary of the Yomju County Committee of the WPK, extended deep gratitude to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who has always worked heart

and soul to lead the historic groundbreaking ceremony to the inauguration ceremony of joy, shouldering all burdens so as to realize the regional people's long-cherished desires.

Choe Ryong Hae, together with the masters of the new workplaces, cut the inauguration tape.

Fireworks were let off with many balloons rising up into the sky.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants looked round the foodstuff factory, garment factory, daily necessities factory and seafood processing factory, equipped with modern production lines.

An art performance was given to celebrate the inauguration of regional-industry factories in the county.



In Yomju County of North Phyongan Province.





# Nation presses on with regional development policy

By Pak Song Min PT

The Regional Development 20x10 Policy of the Workers' Party of Korea aims at building modern regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties every year and, at the same time, building modern public health facilities, leisure complexes and grain storage stations in ten years, thus achieving the simultaneous, balanced and rapid development of the whole country.

With the inauguration ceremony of the Kangdong County Hospital on November 19 last year as the starting point, there were similar ceremonies of foodstuff, daily necessities and garment factories in succession in the other cities and counties, including Sinyang, Puryong, Rangnim and Taegwan counties and City of Sinpho.

In particular, the Kangdong people's joy grew as they came to have a modern hospital, regional-industry factories which are modern, profitable and promising and a leisure complex, which will

promote their civilized cultural life, at the same time in less than a year.

An advanced medical service base was built in Kusong City, which the locals had never imagined.

The eye-opening reality, in which construction projects are completed in the year when their groundbreaking ceremonies were held, demonstrating the vigorous advance of regions, is attributable to the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un's ardent love for the people and his outstanding leadership.

It is his cherished desire to make sure that anyone who is born on this land would lead an affluent and civilized life thanks to the socialist policy, whether they live in the capital city or regions and in towns or remote mountain villages.

At major meetings of the Party and the state, the General Secretary indicated the tasks and ways for raising regional construction onto a higher level. Then he saw to

it that materials and equipment needed for regional construction were provided on a preferential basis and visited construction sites in different parts of the country to energetically lead the work to make fresh progress in design and construction.

At the groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of the hospital and leisure complex in Kangdong County, he made a stirring speech before digging the first spadeful of earth for groundbreaking. And he visited the relevant construction sites and that of Kusong City Hospital several times to learn in detail about the progress in the projects and give important instructions.

He also visited the construction sites of regional-industry factories in Sinyang and Pukchang counties of South Phyongan Province and in other regions to give instructions not only for the successful progress in the projects but also for the direction of their future operation, revitalization of production and development.

Indeed, the vigorous advance of regions is the fruition of his extraordinary leadership.

Looking round the foodstuff factory and leisure complex in Kangdong County which was inaugurated with splendour on December 15 last year, he said that to make a leap forward in the regional areas and provide the people with precious entities of rejuvenation and civilization is a sacred undertaking which the WPK serving the people should unconditionally and consistently push ahead without a moment's stagnation or delay.

At the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Sinpho City, he expressed once again the will and determination of the Party to set higher goal of regional development and take longer strides for progress to persistently attain it without an inch of deflection.

His journey of devotion to the people has thus led to their happiness and the rosy future of a prosperous country.

## Groundbreaking means inauguration

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The phrase "Groundbreaking means inauguration" was coined in the DPRK as lots of edifices for the well-being of the people are inaugurated in the year when the relevant groundbreaking starts.

Regional-industry factories in Songchon County, the first result of the Workers' Party of Korea's Regional Development 20x10 Policy, were built ten months after the relevant groundbreaking, the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, a new model base for shallow-sea culture, several months after the relevant groundbreaking, and the Ragwon County Offshore Farm and fishermen's modern residential area which comprehends all elements and features of socialist civilization completed only a little over 190 days after the relevant groundbreaking.

In November last year, the Kangdong County Hospital was inaugurated only a little over 280 days after the relevant groundbreaking.

The inauguration of entities for the rejuvenation and development of the DPRK and well-being of the people in the years when there takes place the relevant groundbreaking manifests the speed of change and advance, that of the country, which shows the acceleration of its advance.

# 2025 a year of unity and cooperation for anti-imperialist independent forces

By Choe Song Jun PT

The present reality, in which the world peace and stability are being disturbed due to the ever-growing moves of the dominationists to realize their ambition to hold hegemony, demands more urgently the unity and cooperation of the independent forces.

The recent foreign ministers' meeting of the Non-aligned Movement held in Uganda discussed as an important agenda item the issue of strengthening unity and cooperation among countries aspiring after independence and justice.

The heads of the delegations of the NAM member states in their speeches at the meeting emphasized the need for the NAM member states to

unite as one and fulfil their responsibilities and role in establishing a just, fair and equal international order, struggle against unilateral sanctions against developing countries and actively maintain multilateralism. They unanimously noted that all countries should remain faithful to the Bandung principle, the UN Charter and international law, whose main points are the defence of sovereignty and territorial integrity, promotion of equality, mutual respect, non-interference in others' internal affairs, promotion of mutual interests and cooperation and respect for justice and international obligations, and strictly observe them.

Not only the NAM member states but also representatives of the

observer countries of the movement participating in the meeting voiced their demand that they should aspire after independence and justice and defend the interests of the developing countries on the strength of unity and cooperation.

Last year bilateral and multilateral cooperation and exchanges were enhanced among different countries.

Russia is pushing ahead with the construction projects of nuclear power plants and providing technical services in several countries. The memorandum of understanding, finally signed by the contracting parities of Rosatom state-owned nuclear power company of Russia and the energy ministry of Niger, specified the content of cooperation in the fields of

power generation, nuclear medicine and education.

Russia also adopted the documents on collaboration for the construction of nuclear power infrastructure for peaceful purposes with Egypt and Burkina Faso.

Early last year Pakistan and Bangladesh agreed to set up a joint business council for the development of trade between the two countries.

Cambodia and Singapore decided to expand cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, agriculture and others and Tunisia and Oman in various fields, including security, public health and education.

India and Qatar agreed to double the amount of bilateral trade in the next five years and are implementing the agreement, while Indonesia and Saudi Arabia

are strengthening cooperation in various fields such as clean energy, petrochemical industry, pharmaceutical production and development of medical technology.

Meanwhile, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and other central Asian countries are intensifying cooperation in the fields of trade, transport, agriculture, environmental protection, processing industries, science and technology, resource development and others.

Cooperation among African countries is very noticeable.

It is the common understanding of African countries today that as they have limitless development potentials such as rapid population growth, extensive land under plough, abundant minerals and vast renewable energy resources, they can support and promote sustainable development

by their own efforts and to this end they should foster cooperation and unity.

The second African climate summit held in Ethiopia stressed the need for the whole African continent to unite and play an active role in tackling global challenges.

African countries are now strengthening cooperation and promoting development in a wide range of fields. They actively speed up integration, while widely encouraging economic exchanges within the already established frameworks, such as the African continental free trade area and the south African development community, and enhance bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

The international efforts to achieve sustainable economic growth through multilateral collaboration and cooperation have been stepped up with each passing day.

## BYWORD

Self-sustenance and self-determination means devising one's way to live by one's own determination and efforts without relying on others.

The DPRK's history of socialist construction is the annals of self-existence and self-support in which it has defended the Juche

character and overcome all difficulties by dint of self-reliance.

The Workers' Party of Korea has solved all the problems arising in the revolution and construction independently and creatively in conformity

with the Korean people's will and to suit the actual conditions of the country.

As the Party rejected flunkysm and dogmatism and carved an original path for socialist construction, departing from the established

theories and existing mode, a socialist state was built on this land, the one which thoroughly applied the principles of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence.

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## Happy New Year



Marking the New Year 2026, the Editorial Board of The Pyongyang Times extends warm greetings to all readers, who have got familiar with our newspaper.

Last year, too, we carried news of the DPRK and introduced the characteristic features of socialist Korea and the history and tradition of our country.

The Korean people accelerated their advance to achieve the comprehensive development of socialism and their self-sustaining capacity doubled.

Proud successes welcomed and acclaimed by the people were made in succession.

Major industrial sectors of the national economy fulfilled their production plans in a responsible manner and the agricultural sector achieved successes, while many major construction projects were completed successfully, with the result that economic development goals were attained.

Particularly, proud results were obtained in realizing the ideals and well-being of the people and the simultaneous development of the state was achieved as the projects specified in the more expanded and advanced regional development policy were launched and completed within last year.

2025 was, indeed, a year of historic turn when the Korean people confidently crossed the finishing line in the implementation of the five-year plan in the spirit of dynamic advance for comprehensive development and charged the motive power for vigorously going over to a new stage.

In the New Year, too, they will make greater strides and strive to build a peaceful and happy society. Through The Pyongyang Times you will come to know about their devoted and creative efforts and amazing successes achieved through such exertions.

Greeting the New Year 2026 when a new journey for independent development and progress, peace and security starts, we wish you good health and success and your families harmony.

