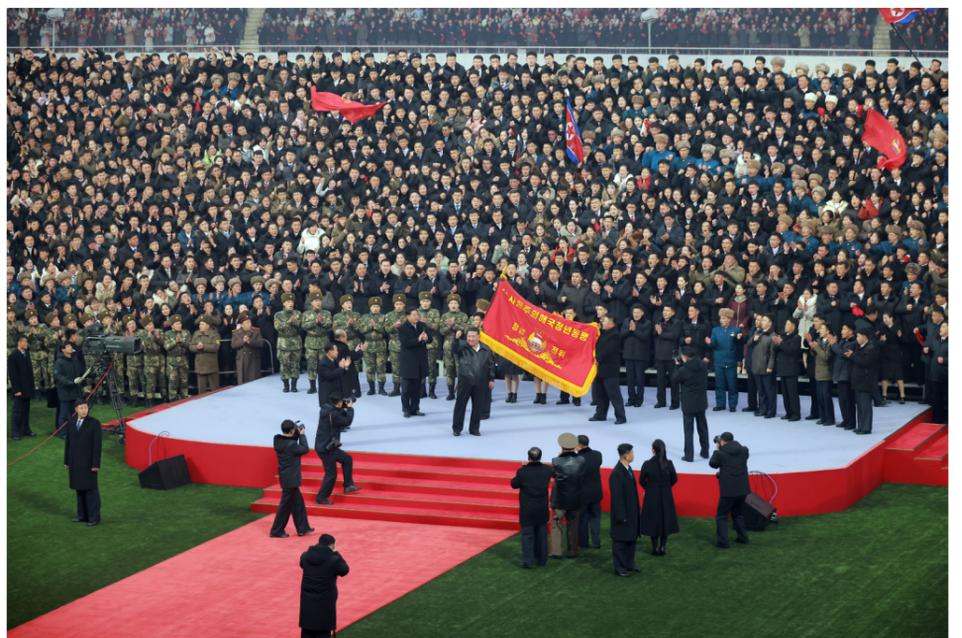




## Conference held with splendour in celebration of 80th founding anniversary of SPYL



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All the people in the DPRK are significantly greeting the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League in the course of their gigantic advance adding great vitality to the prosperous country pervaded with ardent patriotism and loyalty and soaring passion of the young vanguard in the era of Kim Jong Un.

The Juche-oriented youth organization, which has its origin in the early period of the sacred Korean revolution, was founded on the untrodden path of nation building. Since then, it has always been in its heyday along with

the DPRK's ever-victorious cause. Its proud 80-year history is run through with the miraculous victories and glory it has earned by bringing up the reliable younger generations, staunch successors to the revolution guaranteeing the future of the country and the people, and by giving full play to their great might true to the unique idea of the Workers' Party of Korea on valuing the youth and under its outstanding leadership.

The WPK and the people extend warm greetings of encouragement and congratulations to the reliable young vanguard thoroughly and purely carrying forward the lifeline of the revolution only with patriotism and loyalty at the stirring

time when the dignity and prestige of the era of changes, unprecedented in the history of development of the country, are being dynamically enhanced as never before.

A conference was held with splendour at Kim Il Sung Stadium in the capital city of Pyongyang on January 16 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the SPYL.

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.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared on the platform, all the participants, who

had the greatest pleasure to commemorate the significant founding anniversary in the presence of the fatherly Marshal whom they had longed to see even in their dreams, broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

Youth delegates presented bouquets to him, reflecting the profound reverence of millions of young people for him.

Warmly acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, he extended greetings to the young people across the country who are performing valuable feats, dedicating all their beautiful hopes and aspirations to the prosperity of the country.

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# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at a conference in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League

Young people of Korea, a source of strength and dignity of this country,

Reliable volunteers, who are devoting their beautiful youth to the patriotic struggle,

Steadfast and vigorous officials of the youth league,

Comrades,

I congratulate the young vanguard, who are attending this celebratory conference representing the most resourceful, courageous and patriotic young generation.

I feel really pleased and happy to share this significant moment of looking back on the glorious history of the youth league and foreseeing its bright future with you, brimming over with such a refreshing mettle and burning enthusiasm.

As the first national-level event in this significant year when the Ninth Congress of our Party will be held, we have arranged this large-scale gathering of young people in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the youth league.

The basic objective of this event is to greatly encourage and give wide publicity to our young people, who have always made more efforts than others in every realm of our cause, as well as to inspire them to make fresh, redoubled efforts and bring about innovations.

It is quite meaningful that the youth league, a loyal vanguard of our Party and a powerful organization of the patriotic youth, is celebrating the 80th anniversary of its founding in this grand way in the lead-up to the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Today, when it is reviewing the eye-opening struggle stages and foreseeing a new prospect of socialist construction, the whole country, together with you, is celebrating your holiday in a significant way, praising the brilliant history and exploits of the youth league.

This is an expression of its great affection for and encouragement to our young people and, at the same time, its great appreciation of the 80-year history of the youth league.

The Korean youth movement that has demonstrated its fame with heroic struggles and legendary feats will greet the glorious Party congress. Such an honourable moment is not something that comes of itself with the passage of time; it is something the youth organization that has shared its ideology and ideals with our Party and faithfully supported its cause can greet on its proud journey, I think.

Availing myself of this opportunity of celebrating the 80th anniversary of the youth league, I pay noble tribute to the glorious struggle history of the Korean youth movement that has invariably supported our revolutionary cause, and extend warm congratulations to all the young people, youth league organizations and their officials, who, with faithfulness to the Party and their country, are leaving lofty and beautiful imprints of their youth at their workplaces, military posts and school campuses.

Comrades,

It would be too much for me to recount the 80-year chronicles of the youth league as its origin and traditions are so sacred and its records of succession and development are so brilliant.

The history of the youth movement of Korea is so much honourable, and the exploits it has performed generation after generation is so much enormous.

Since it emerged in the first days of nation building



as the banner of unity of young people from all walks of life who were aspiring after a prosperous and powerful nation, the youth league has followed a protracted course while writing the most proud and glorious pages in its chronicles thanks to the faithful and patriotic aspirations cherished, and the powerful strides made, by the ranks of young people.

The flag of the youth league has served as the guide for young people, who are always full of vigour and ambitions for progress and innovation, in their struggle to advance straight ahead along the path indicated by the Party; our young people have been a source of strength for pioneering and for transformation against all manner of challenges and trials of history.

The youth league has trained its members as the reliable main force for socialist construction and national defence, leaving in the annals of history their indelible traces as the advance party and their remarkable feats as the vanguard for creation and construction.

As they were well aware that their country means their motherly embrace and the cradle of their life and wellbeing, which they should defend and look after from one generation into the next, our young people, united as one under the banner of patriotism, have made strenuous efforts against all odds to help build theirs into a prosperous country with a strong army.

In the 1950s, the members of the democratic youth league defended their country in the flames of the war, and the Chollima movement pioneers rehabilitated this land on the debris of the war; in the grim period when the destiny of socialism was at stake, your parents' generation defended their country, their social system. In this way, all the generations of our Republic have left behind legendary tales and structures, signs of their exploits, which are symbolic of their youth and which are named after their generations.

Shining on all these achievements are the feats performed by the youth league in implanting in the young people the sense of duty and obligation as befits the successors to the revolution and in firmly maintaining the tradition of purity, patriotism and loyalty of the youth movement of Korea.

The journey of our revolution has been beset with challenges and obstacles which would have been impossible to cope with even with high spirits and youthful vigour; and there has never been an interruption in the wind of temptation aimed at degenerating our younger generations. Nevertheless, the red flag held by our young people, instead of fading with the passage of time in the face of historical ups and downs, has fluttered ever higher and more strongly as it has been empowered by pure and thoroughgoing succession.

The change of generations in the ranks of young people continued along with the advance of the revolution. But as our state has the successors who have always been faithful to their mission as the vanguard class fighters and pillars of socialist construction and to the duty of the times, its mainstay has remained steadfast, and the world of love and noble virtues created by them added more beauty to our society.

In the vigorous struggle for the revolution and construction, our young people have never misspent their youth, and in those days they have grown up beyond recognition in the ideological and spiritual aspects.

The youth movement has responded to the call of the country with heroic struggles. In the proud course it has covered along with the name of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, it has united the millions of young people behind the Party more firmly and trained them into honourable builders of socialism, opening a brilliant chapter of a new era of transformations by dint of their inexhaustible strength.

We were deeply impressed by the true looks of young successors, witnessing their heightened zeal for volunteering, which swept across the country after the Eighth Congress of the Party.

In their days full of dreams and ambitions our young people are preserving the original features of young Koreans and faithfully performing their mission of successors by dedicating their precious youth to the call of the times and their country.

Among them were the young people in Nampho, who volunteered ahead of others to work in the socialist countryside. They were followed by tens of thousands of other young people in the capital and other cities who volunteered for mountain, rural and island villages and for difficult and labour-consuming sectors, invariably and steadily following the road of patriotism.

They had the right to enjoyment and must have cherished precious dreams, but they translated their laudable decisions into practice, devoting their pure conscience and great sincerity to their motherland.

If they had no warm heart desirous of the country's prosperity or firm faith in and ardent aspiration to socialism, they would not have been able to make such an admirable decision and, moreover, remain faithful to it.

This is an inspiring story which can be explained only with the noble ideological and spiritual traits of our young people.

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They are not all.

Ours is called a heroic era filled with transformations, which shines more brilliantly with the exploits performed by the hundreds of thousands of young people who volunteered to work at the sites of building new streets and other grand construction theatres in hearty response to the call of the Party.

In looking back, the revolutionary ideology and ideals of our Party have always become those of the young people themselves and the course of our state building and development has always coincided with the course of worthwhile life of the young people. But there has not been such an era as today when the young people across the country are giving full play to their might at the many places to translate the grand blueprints of the Party into brilliant reality.

Our Party appreciates the record of victories achieved and all the monumental structures set up by the young people more highly than any other successes and wealth. It is because they are permeated with the fervent affection and enthusiasm of our younger generations for their socialist country, and they reflect the unshakable pledge and will of the successors.

The annals of history of our glorious Party and country are adorned more with pages the young people are writing with their blood and sweat, and one tale about the revolutionary spirit and heroic feats of the young Koreans is being produced after another along with the numerous transformations brought about on this land. These are clear proof to the ideological and spiritual inheritance that has run through the history of the Korean youth movement as its bloodline.

In the whole course of the Korean revolution beset with unprecedented difficulties, the young people have never been a burden to their country or tarnished their revolutionary nature.

In the present world, your peer group is in the centre of the unheard-of bloody catastrophe.

Young people, steeped in extreme misanthropy, money-is-almighty poison, moral depravity and pessimism, give rise to serious social problems and heartrending tragedy of bloodshed and discord in different places. This is an undeniable reality of the present world.

It is something that we can be proud of before the world that we have trustworthy, stout young revolutionaries who, bearing in their minds the appellation of successors as the honour of youth, temper and perfect themselves by braving trials together with the Party and their motherland.

Present here are also young soldiers, who have defended the dignity and honour of their country recently in the overseas special military operations

by displaying the excellence, heroism, self-sacrificing spirit and character peculiar to their fellow people.

Not only these young soldiers but also their countless comrades-in-arms are devoting even at this moment their youth without hesitation at battlefields in the alien land in order solely to remain faithful to the order of their homeland without expecting any reward.

What they are desirous of is only the prosperity of their homeland, not any reward.

No one in the world will be ever able to find such soldiers as ours who go to battlefields expecting no reward or private interest, to fight to defend their country's honour and their self-respect and to execute in good faith the orders given to them.

It is only the Koreans, only young Korean people, who can do this, so the world is yet to understand their spiritual world.

So ordinary were our soldiers as we could see them anywhere but, having been dispatched to engage in the overseas operations, they have fully demonstrated how wonderful are the character of young Korean people, sons of the Korean people, which is unique on this planet. They have set a noble example to be respected and followed by all the young people of future generations.

Having such young people is our state's source of pride which is incomparable with anything else.

The 80-year history of struggle of the youth league is being reviewed in the light of the socialist ideals, noble patriotism, passionate sense of justice and pure spiritual world, which you and all the other young people across the country have now cherished as part of their faith and mental qualities. And this again raises the position and fame of our young Koreans on the highest level.

Linking the proud past of our state with its glorious present and building a rosier future by wonderfully preparing the next generation who will carry forward the baton of the revolution—this is the historic exploits and victory of the Korean youth movement, which cannot be compared with anything else nor be achieved by anyone else.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity, I once again extend warm tribute to the days of youth of our Republic's all generations who, by braving all sorts of hardships and trials and even sacrificing their youth and lives, have defended their motherland and, by performing noble feats and miracles, have brought prosperity to our country, as well as to the proud 80-year history of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

Comrades,

We can now talk about the invincibility of our revolution because its youth organization is strong, and our era is full of transformations because its young heroes are high in their ideals, strong in their sense of self-respect and soaring in their revolutionary

enthusiasm.

The revolutionary cause to be accomplished generation after generation still demands that the youth league and young people carry out the important mission, and the steps of succession they have made decade after decade should continue.

All the activities of the youth league, in the future, too, should be oriented to training our young people into a powerful force capable of opening up an era of transformation, and its efforts continuously developed to rally as one the millions of young people on the strength of patriotism.

Together with the Party members, all the young people should, as they have done before, form the main current of our revolution, make the gains of socialism larger and richer through a vigorous struggle, and be braver than others in aspiring after the new, stepping up the change, abolishing the backwardness and accelerating progress.

The sturdy growth of young people is one of the core aims for the state development our Party wants to attain in the present struggle, as well as a big step forward towards the future.

As we remember respectfully the days of youth of your grandparents and parents who braved all difficulties for the country and the revolution, you should ensure that the coming generations remember your worthwhile, youthful days unflinchingly.

Your motherly country has decided to confer the Order of Kim Jong Il, a highest order of our state, on the Socialist Patriotic Youth League as an expression of its greatest appreciation of the steady succession to our cause the youth league has ensured by safeguarding its traditions and remaining faithful to its sacred obligations and duty over the past 80 years.

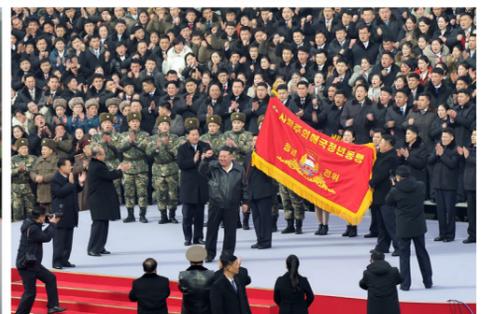
This will be a source of the greatest honour and dignity of all the young people of Korea.

Today with the expectation that our resourceful and brave young people will continue to record their shining names and feats in the glorious history of the Party and the country and firmly propel the succession and advance of our revolutionary cause in the future, too, I will pin the order of honour on the flag of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

You should vigorously advance towards a new brilliant era, which will shine thanks to your resourcefulness and great might, proudly writing pages in the annals of socialist development and loudly singing the songs of creation and struggle.

The dream of Korea, the future of Korea, is calling our young people.

For the eternal prosperity of our motherland,  
For our beautiful tomorrow, and  
For the honour of the young people of Korea,  
Let us struggle more bravely and more dynamically.  
Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!



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Present at the event were leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officials of the youth league, officials concerned, participants in the celebrations of the 80th anniversary

of the SPYL, young servicepersons and youth and students in Pyongyang.

When the conference was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the

SPYL.

Referring to the significance of celebrating the 80th anniversary of the youth league in the grand way in the lead-up to the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, he paid noble tribute to the glorious struggle history of the Korean

youth movement that has invariably supported the revolutionary cause, and extended warm congratulations to all the young people, youth league organizations and their officials, who, with faithfulness

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to the Party and their country, are leaving lofty and beautiful imprints of their youth at their workplaces, military posts and school campuses.

Since it emerged in the first days of nation building as the banner of unity of young people from all walks of life who were aspiring after a prosperous and powerful nation, the youth league has followed a protracted course while writing the most proud and glorious pages in its chronicles thanks to the faithful and patriotic aspirations cherished, and the powerful strides made, by the ranks of young people, he said, and continued:

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the order of honour on the flag of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, with the expectation that our resourceful and brave young people would continue to record their shining names and feats in the glorious history of the Party and the country and firmly propel the succession and advance of our revolutionary cause in the future, too.

Saying that the dream of Korea, the future of Korea, is calling our young people, he called for more bravely and dynamically struggling for the eternal prosperity of the motherland, our beautiful tomorrow and the honour of the young people of Korea.

In response to the ardent appeal of the great fatherly leader, the Korean youth raised rousing cheers of “Long live the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea!”

All the participants took an oath of loyalty, looking up to the fatherly Marshal.

The young people pledged to become the first death-defying corps and the first guards in devotedly protecting him, the heroes and patriots powerfully demonstrating the indomitable spirit and dignified appearance of the Korean youth in the struggle for defending the country and achieving the comprehensive national rejuvenation, and the young vanguard of the WPK and true sons and daughters of the motherland dynamically advancing straight forward following the Party only.

Kim Jong Un extended warm encouragement to the young vanguard filled with the ardent single mind to live up to his trust and the will of succession.

The venue of the conference resounded with patriotic songs arousing patriotism and enthusiasm for revolution among the younger generations, who are ensuring the steady continuity of the spirit peculiar to the indomitable Korean

people and realizing the great ideal of national prosperity in the van by dint of inexhaustible strength of self-reliance.

The young people sang the songs in praise of the times out of the ardent desire to become youth heroes glorifying the great era of Kim Jong Un, flying high the national flag of the Republic and the flag of the youth league.

Kim Jong Un conferred the Order of Kim Jong Il, the highest order of the DPRK, on the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

He fixed the order on the flag of the SPYL and awarded its certificate to the chairman of the central committee of the youth league.

Then he met exemplary young people who performed distinguished feats in defending the country and at major workplaces of socialist construction.

He highly praised them for their distinguished deeds of responding to the call of the Party with their boundless loyalty and labour achievements, regarding it as their bounden duty and the greatest honour in their life to devote themselves to the motherland.

He said that the important role and brilliant exploits of the Korean youth and the youth league in accomplishing the cause of the Party from one century into the next and from one decade into the next were, indeed, miraculous and great ones that no others could perform, noting that the young vanguard faithful to the Party has always formed a fortress around the Party leading the revolution to a great upsurge in the face of all challenges and ordeals of history.

The Party Central Committee has also planned and advanced today’s gigantic cause of fully demonstrating before the world the dignity and prestige of the country and developing the whole country in a simultaneous and successive

way, believing in none other than the young people, he said, adding it is a source of great pride of our Party, state and people and Korea’s unique power no physical strength can break to have a large contingent of the most revolutionary and patriotic youths.

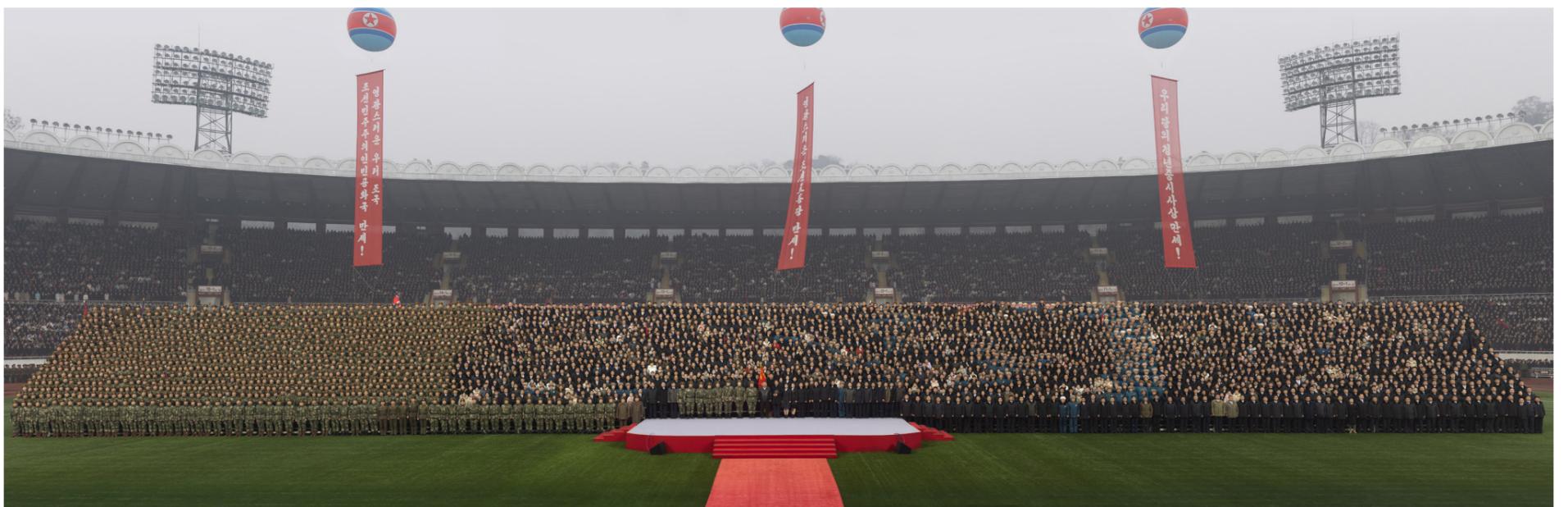
Expressing his expectations and conviction that all the participants in the event would continue to glorify their reputation as patriotic youth in the van of the general advance for building a prosperous powerful country by giving full play to their youthful wisdom, passion and tremendous strength and spirit as befits the master of Juche Korea without an equal in the world, he had a photo session with them to be recorded long in history.

When the photo session was over, the young people broke into stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” and shouted the slogan of death-defying defence again, looking up to the Marshal.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the young vanguard for a long time.

All the participants, honoured with the great fatherly leader’s warm blessings and encouragement, hardened their pledge to unite firmly as one with patriotism, fully support the socialist motherland and wage a more courageous and vigorous struggle for attaining the grand goal to be set by the Ninth Congress of the WPK and carrying forward to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Only brilliant victory and rosy future are always in store for the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and the Korean youth movement, thanks to the outstanding leadership of the great Party Central Committee which puts the young people on the glory of the times so that they can vigorously display their imposing appearance as the reliable advance group of the WPK.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides fourth-stage construction project in Hwasong area nearing completion

## He expresses satisfaction over correct implementation of the Party's decision on building the Hwasong area as a functional prototype of administrative district

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, gave field guidance over the fourth-stage construction project in the Hwasong area nearing completion on January 10.

He was accompanied by Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central

Committee of the WPK, and other senior Party and government officials.

He was greeted on the spot by Vice-Premier Kim Jong Gwan and officials of the headquarters for building 50 000 flats



demonstrate its majestic and unique appearance.

The construction of 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area, which is being pushed under the 2025 capital city construction plan decided at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, is now under way at a 99 percent level of the total project.

Kim Jong Un first looked at the layout of buildings and a general bird's-eye view of

in Pyongyang and design organs.

Thanks to his grand plan for the capital city construction and energetic guidance to turn the capital city of the DPRK into a world-class civilized city, a large

architectural group of another style different from the past and embodying a good harmony of architectural formative and artistic beauty and advanced nature has sprung up in the Hwasong area to

housing construction area in Hwasong to learn in detail about the construction project.

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Through the struggle for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, which has been pushed ahead with in the period of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, our architectural field is making remarkable progress and the potential of our state is being redoubled, he said, adding this is great progress that vividly shows the rejuvenation and development of the country along with the success of remarkable enhancement of the strategic functions and position of the capital city.

He referred to the important feature of the fact that the construction of the Hwasong area, planned and started for the solution of the housing problem in the capital city, has been converted into the one of getting ready all components and functions as a full-fledged urban administrative district.

He said that in the last two years we have put main stress on improving the rational arrangement and functions of urban components in the capital city construction and focused great attention and guidance on it, adding that the functions and appearance of the capital city are undergoing signal change accordingly and that we have formulated a theory, set a model example and achieved good results in the combination of urban formation and architectural

elements.

Expressing satisfaction over the correct implementation of the Party's decision on building the Hwasong area as a functional prototype of administrative district, he said that if the construction plan for 2026 is carried out, the Hwasong area will be the most developed area in the capital city which perfectly embodies the political, economic and cultural functions as an urban administrative district, and this will powerfully lead the construction, to be carried out across the country in the future, as textbook-like experience and standard in not only rejuvenation and history of construction of our capital city but also the field of architecture, especially the urban formation.

He expressed his view on drawing up a plan for the capital city construction to be submitted to the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

He went round Saeppeyol Street newly-built in the Hwasong area.

At his direct initiative and under his guidance, another architectural group, in which high-rise, medium- and low-storeyed apartment houses, commercial and service facilities and other public buildings are in ideal harmony, is presenting a spectacular sight in the Hwasong area, apart from the construction plan for 10 000 flats at the fourth stage.

He said that the capital city should always play a leading role in promoting the steady cultural development of the country, adding that for this purpose it is necessary to regularize the construction law in detail, build in a distinctive way standardized facilities with the functions for welfare and sports service essential to residential districts and actively develop and arrange new service types capable of satisfying the cultural needs and demands of citizens.

Going round houses in Saeppeyol Street, he expressed satisfaction.

Watching with pleasure the Hwasong area which has become a brilliant landscape of blooming socialist civilization, he said that the capital city has really changed and that the five-year-long hard-fought struggle is worthwhile. The scope and goal of our struggle are being further expanded and raised and the eye-opening changes are becoming a sure trend representing today's Korea, along with the construction projects being widely conducted on a nationwide scale, he added with pride.

He stressed that the speed of such changes should be defined as the speed of advance of the Korean revolution and it should be turned into the custom of Korean-style socialism to witness a new miracle in the season when each year ends, saying that the Hwasong area is a symbol of the times convincing us of the

bright future of our cause making a more dynamic advance and a leap forward day by day towards the goal of building a highly civilized state with a far-reaching ideal.

Saying that construction is a revolution disallowing self-congratulation or satisfaction even a moment and that architecture should be steadily oriented to new things and constantly developed as a visual expression of the contemporary ideology and cultural level, he stressed the need to steadily boost the potential capability of designing and construction work. And he set forth the important tasks that would serve as guidelines in implementing the construction policy.

He specially stressed that it is a major principle of the capital city construction policy, which the Party already clarified, to set new standards in urban management and pay close attention to cultural environmental management including greening, and indicated the orientation and ways for implementing it.

He expressed belief that the builders of the capital city would successfully complete the new streets for the people as monumental edifices of the times with their redoubled wisdom, enthusiasm and fighting spirit, cherishing the unusual honour and pride of being creators and pioneers leading a worthwhile life while writing a new history of rejuvenation and development of the country.



# Seminar on immortal leadership exploits of peerlessly great men held

KCNA

There took place a seminar for deeply grasping the immortal leadership exploits of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the peerlessly great men, recorded in the history of the Juche-oriented youth movement, at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on January 12.

Present at the seminar were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the youth league,

officials concerned, lecturers and students of Kumsong University of Politics, journalists and editors of the media and youth and students in Pyongyang.

Presented at the seminar were papers dealing with the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men who regarded the youth issue as the most important state affair and trained the new generations to be reliable successors to the revolutionary cause of Juche during their revolutionary leadership.

Speakers said that the 80-year history of the Socialist

Patriotic Youth League is a proud one shining with the peerlessly great men's idea of attaching importance to the youth and their wise leadership.

They said that the outstanding leadership of the WPK is the fundamental factor in successfully resolving the youth issue and the issue of successors to the revolution and building the one and only youth power in the world.

The 80-year history of the youth league is the one of loyalty and patriotism of the young Korean people, they noted.



A seminar on the immortal leadership exploits of the peerlessly great men recorded in the history of the Juche-oriented youth movement takes place at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on January 12.

# Photo exhibition opens to mark 80th founding anniversary of SPYL

Visitors look round the photo exhibition opened to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.



KCNA

A photo exhibition "Bringing up a large contingent of successors to the revolution and patriotic youth with great politics of attaching importance to the youth" opened with due ceremony at the Central Youth Hall on January 12 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

On display at the venue of the exhibition are the photos dealing with the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men who brought up the rising generations to be reliable successors to the revolutionary cause of Juche with their unique politics of

attaching importance to the youth.

Also on show there are the photos showing the heroic struggle and feats of the young people, who built many grand monumental edifices in different parts of the country, and the noble virtues and traits being displayed by them.

Present at the opening ceremony were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the youth league and youth and students in Pyongyang.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made an opening address.

The speaker said that the exhibition serves as an important occasion in making the young people grasp the greatness and exploits of the Party, which is writing a new history of the youth power without an equal in the world, and creditably discharge their mission and duty as the vanguard unit of the Party in the historic advance toward a new victory of the revolution.

He called upon all the officials of the youth league and the youth to advance more vigorously and courageously to greet the Ninth Congress of the WPK as the one of victors and glory, rallied closely around the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un with patriotism.

# First district of Aedo reclaimed tideland inaugurated

KCNA

The workers of the North Phyongan Provincial General Tideland Reclamation Enterprise successfully completed the construction of the first district of Aedo reclaimed tideland.

A ring road was built along the sea dikes linking Sinbong-ri, Aedo-dong and Ilhae-ri in Jongju City, and thousands of hectares of tideland turned into arable land, thus altering the country's map and laying another foundation for developing the country's agriculture and improving the people's living standards.

There took place an inauguration ceremony of the first district of Aedo reclaimed tideland in North Phyongan Province on January 14.

Present there were Ri Chol Man, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the Agricultural Commission, Kim Chol Sam, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials and employees of the Tideland Reclamation Bureau and the North Phyongan Provincial General Tideland Reclamation Enterprise.

Ri Chol Man addressed the ceremony.

He extended congratulations to all the builders and officials in the relevant sector who performed labour feats in reclaiming tideland by levelling mountains and filling up the sea in the spirit of devotedly implementing the Party's policies and the stubborn fighting spirit.

The devoted efforts of the brave conquerors of the sea who successfully completed the construction of the first district of Aedo reclaimed tideland are fully demonstrating the strength of the indomitable spirit of the Korean people who respond to the call of the Party only with devoted implementation and the spirit of advance of socialist Korea opening up a broad avenue to prosperity, racing against time, he said.

He called upon all the officials and working people to charge forward to attain the goal of reclaiming 300 000 hectares of tideland, true to the ideas and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

So Won Gil, manager of the North Phyongan Provincial General Tideland

Reclamation Enterprise, in his speech expressed the resolve to demonstrate the mettle of the Koreans

in the struggle to translate the Party's grand nature-remaking plan into reality.

At the end of the ceremony

the participants went round various places of the first district of Aedo reclaimed tideland.



The completed first district of Aedo reclaimed tideland.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Birthday spreads sent to centenarians

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent birthday spreads to Kim Sang Chun living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 16, Aedo-dong, Jongju City of North Phyongan Province, and O Pong Yon living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 10, Sinmu-ri, Samsu County of Ryanggang

Province, on their 100th birthdays.

The women centenarians, being moved by the deep love of Kim Jong Un, expressed their gratitude to him.

Officials of the committees of Jongju City and Samsu County of the Workers' Party of Korea and villagers congratulated the centenarians on their birthdays.

### Officials conduct first Friday labour

Officials of ministries and national agencies in the DPRK did the first Friday labour of the new year at farms in Pyongyang on January 9.

They held a kick-off meeting at Kim Il Sung Square and left for farms with trucks carrying manure and farm materials.

Officials of the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office, the Cabinet Secretariat, the

Agricultural Commission and the youth league central committee handed over various farm implements and materials to the Kumchon Vegetable Farm in Mangyongdae District and helped farmers in their work.

Officials of the Central Bank, the Minju Josen, the Workers' Party of Korea Publishing House, the Art and Literature Publishing House and other units carpeted farm fields with large quantities of manure in a competitive

atmosphere.

### Fishing implements factory inaugurated

The Wonsan General Fishing Implements Factory was inaugurated in Kangwon Province.

The construction of the factory furnished with production and office buildings, a hostel and welfare facilities provided another solid material and technical foundation for producing modern fishing

implements.

An inauguration ceremony was held on January 12.

Present there were Ri Chol Man, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the Agricultural Commission, Paek Song Guk, chief secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials and employees of the factory and working people in Wonsan City.



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## 80th founding anniversary of SPYL

# By administering politics of attaching importance to youth

By Pang Un Ju PT

Today, young people of the DPRK are significantly celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

The Korean youth movement has been able to adorn its 80-year history with victories and glory thanks to the politics of attaching importance to the youth pursued by the Workers' Party of Korea.

President Kim Il Sung, who started his revolutionary activities with youth work, set the youth problem as a strategic issue of the

revolution and successfully settled it.

Immediately after Korea's liberation, he saw to it that the Democratic Youth League was formed as a mass youth organization by rallying the masses of young people from all walks of life under the slogan "Patriotic youth, unite under the banner of democracy!"

Under his leadership, the Korean youth came to have a revolutionary organization which enabled them to devote their youthful strength and enthusiasm to the country and the people and perform immortal feats in the building of a new Korea, the grim

Fatherland Liberation War to drive out the aggressors and the building of the socialist society where the people are masters.

The politics of attaching importance to the youth provided and applied by the President was more successfully administered under the leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The Chairman put his heart and soul into preparing young people as reliable reserves of the Party and successors to the revolutionary cause of Juche.

He published works to illuminate the way ahead of the youth movement and

made sure that the trait of attaching importance to the youth prevailed throughout the country.

In addition, he saw to it that the youth league was renamed as required and aspired by young people and Youth Day was designated.

Thanks to his trust and love, the young people could fully demonstrate the mettle of the Korean youth in the struggle to defend socialism and the confrontation with the US also in the period of hardship in the 1990s when the country and socialist cause faced unprecedented ordeals.

The proud history of the Korean youth movement is being given steady continuity by the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

He placed great trust in young people, saying that the prosperous future will be accelerated thanks to their dynamic efforts. And he led them step by step to perform feats in the building of a powerful socialist country and highly praised the successes achieved by them.

Today, under his leadership and loving care, monumental structures shining with the appellation of "youth" are rising up one after another

across the country and the number of young heroes, young PhDs and young people of virtue is on a steady increase.

On January 2 this year, the General Secretary visited the construction site of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm to warmly congratulate and encourage the young builders greeting the new year.

The Korean youth movement, which recorded a proud history under the guidance of the President and the Chairman, will surely write a history of greater feats under his leadership.

## Monumental edifices speak volumes about feats and patriotism of young people

By Yun Ki Song PT

The young Korean people embroidered heroic epic stories of miracles and innovations in the annals of the country's prosperity.

The youth workteam movement was created in the course of fulfilling the national economic plan for 1947, the first of its kind in the country after national liberation in 1945, and the number of youth workteams increased to over 400 in 1949, with the result that the monthly production plans were overfulfilled by 50 to 100 percent.

Young people also performed brilliant feats in the post-war rehabilitation in the 1950s.

Thanks to the vigorous activities of youth restoration

parties in all parts of the country, electric furnace No. 2 was restored to its original state in less than two months at the then Kangson Steel Works and the Sunghori Cement Factory started cement production 17 days after the war. In 1954 alone, 113 youth shock brigades were organized in hundreds of reconstruction sites across the country, rehabilitating 915 coal and other mines and enterprises and 317 irrigation objects and restoring over 10 000 hectares of land.

After the national conference of young builders of socialism held in March 1958, the Phyongnam youth coalfield was developed, the Chongnyon (youth) Street sprang up in the East Pyongyang area, the first stage of the large-scale Kiyang irrigation project was

completed and the Haeju-Hasong broad-gauge railway construction project was carried out in a matter of only 75 days.

The construction of the Kanggye Youth Power Station and medium- and small-size hydroelectric power stations was completed and several railway lines were electrified including the one between Pyongyang and Sinuiju from 1961 to 1969.

In August 1977, 55 graduates of Sinanju Women's Senior Middle School (at the time) in Anju City volunteered to work at a farm and formed the first youth sub-workteam. With it as the beginning, lots of young people followed suit and organized youth sub-workteams and workteams. Youth sub-workteams organized in 1978 alone

numbered several hundred and the number of youth sub-workteams and workteams at farms increased with the passage of time.

In the 1970s young people built 34km-long new railways, electrified 111km-long railway lines, improved over 44 330 hectares of cold and damp land, removed stones from some 167 290 hectares of land, secured more than 980 pit faces, brought over 20 000 hectares of land under the plough and built 1 280 youth fish farms.

In the 1980s the High-Speed Youth Shock Brigade members built ore dressing plant No. 3 of the Komdok Mining Complex, the Grand People's Study House, the Mangyongdae Amusement Park, Pyongyang Department Store No. 1, the Changgwang Health

Complex, Changgwang Street (first stage) and many other monumental structures. From December 1983 when the construction project of northern railway line started, they stepped up the project over three times faster than before in the biting cold of the northern highlands to finish the construction of all structures in the first-stage section of the project till August 1988.

In the 1990s over 4 000 young men and women volunteered to work at difficult and labour-consuming sectors of socialist construction in less than three months after the national conference of young activists. Young people fully demonstrated their might in the main railway construction projects including the railway line between Wonsan and

Mt Kumgang and railway electrification projects and completed the Youth Hero Motorway in 700-odd days.

Young builders constructed the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station in the freezing cold of the northern highlands and finished it in October 2015 and completed Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station Unit 3 in 2016.

Many youth league officials and young people volunteered to work at major units of socialist construction after the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea. The Korean youth splendidly built Jonwi Street and a new modern rural town and fairyland villages in the lower reaches of the Amnok River in 2024 and turned out for the construction of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm in 2025.



Jonwi Street.



New houses built in the flood-hit area of North Phyongan Province.

# New history of socialist rural construction (1)

By Choe Song Jun PT

Over the past five years since the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, a new era of overall development has been ushered in, bringing about changes to the capital and the provinces simultaneously.

## Rural revolution programme in new era

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, held in December 2021, set forth the programme for the rural revolution in the new era.

The basic purpose and main content of the programme is to ultimately settle the question of farmers and agriculture and thereby eliminate the gaps between the working class and farmers and between urban and rural areas and build the people's ideal society of socialism and communism.

The programme comprehensively and concretely clarifies the guidelines that should be followed in putting the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and effecting drastic development of Korean-style socialist countryside under the slogan "Towards a new victory in socialist rural construction!"

The targets to be achieved in Korean-style rural development are to raise the level of ideological consciousness of agricultural workers, rapidly develop the agricultural productive forces and radically change the living environment in the countryside.

Only when the level of consciousness of the agricultural workers, masters of the rural revolution, is improved, can they play a pivotal and leading role in implementing the rural revolution

programme in the new era and make a positive contribution to further developing the socialist countryside.

And only when agricultural production increases, is it possible to provide the people with a stable and affluent material and cultural life, step up the rapid development of the overall national economy and turn the rural communities into rich and thriving ideal ones.

The programme specifies the issues of radically boosting agricultural productivity.

Making all rural villages of the country rich and civilized ideal socialist ones constitutes an important part of the rural revolution programme in the new era.

Under the Party's leadership to decisively change the appearance and environment of the rural areas, cement needed for rural construction is being preferentially supplied to all cities and counties, the construction of rural dwelling houses carried out before anything else and the guidance system of the Party and state over rural construction firmly established.

After setting forth the rural revolution programme in the new era, the Party took measures to implement it at the sixth and seventh plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee and other important meetings.

## Preparing farmers as masters of rural revolution

The trust and love shown by the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un for agricultural workers have been the precious nourishment and inexhaustible source of energy for training them to be rural revolutionaries and genuine patriotic farmers supporting the country with cereal production.



Agricultural workers become enjoyers of a new civilization with the construction of modern farm houses at rural villages across the country.



In the letter he sent to the participants in the Ninth Congress of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea, he said that the agricultural workers of the country are loyal and patriotic working people who have firmly defended the rural position of the revolution and supported the Party and the revolution with their cereal production while always being of one mind with the Party and throwing in their lot with socialism. And he highly praised them, saying that in the course of the victorious struggle of the Party and people through which they ushered in a new heyday of bolstering up national power amid the worst-ever ordeals, agricultural workers achieved the proud success of

increasing agricultural production almost every year by devoting their all in the major thrust area of socialist construction, regarding the Party's worries and the country's difficulties as their own.

He met meritorious labour innovators in the agricultural sector to have a photo session with them and arrange a grand banquet for them at the yard of the Party Central Committee. At a plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee he courteously proposed extending thanks in the name of the Party Central Committee to the exemplary officials, workers, scientists and technicians in the agricultural sector, who actively contributed to gathering good crop despite the unfavourable conditions, and took special measures.

Thanks to his boundless loving care and trust, agricultural workers are growing up into patriotic farmers with the confidence and will to bring about rejuvenation by their own efforts without fail on the strength of their burning love for the country and into reliable workers in charge of the implementation of

the rural revolution programme in the new era.

Even once unknown farms in the remote mountains produce solid, patriotic farmers reaping amazingly heavy crops by putting an end to the old concept that high-yielding farmers can be produced only in the flat areas.

Everywhere you can see the agricultural workers who have grown to be intelligent working people and masters of new civilization who do farming by relying on science and technology and create a beautiful life while conducting various cultural and leisure activities.

As it has become a new mode and way of life in the countryside for every agricultural worker to study and research to acquire knowledge and technical skills, farming is being definitely turned into scientific one and farmers have become intelligent workers.

Modern sci-tech diffusion bases have been built and advanced farming methods and agrotechnical products introduced in the rural communities.

The new looks of agricultural workers clearly demonstrate the validity and vitality of the rural revolution programme in the new era.



The level of scientific agricultural production rises at farms in the country.

## Vast fields realigned and networks of facilities built in thousands of hectares of reclaimed tideland in five years

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Workers' Party of Korea is organizing and conducting in a bold way the work to realign the farm fields of the country into standardized ones and bring tideland under cultivation.

At the Eighth Congress of the WPK and plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set forth the long-term goal of agricultural development for laying a firm foundation for the stable

development of agriculture while holding fast to the work to expand the area under cultivation by state efforts as a policy-oriented and strategic task and clarified the ways to attain it.

The unit in charge of land realignment set a goal to rezone paddy and dry fields in different provinces into standardized ones for mechanized farming, including land realignment and rezoning of reclaimed tideland fields in South and North Hwanghae provinces, during the period of the five-year plan and pushed ahead with the

work to achieve it.

In the first year of carrying out the tasks set forth by the Eighth Party Congress, nearly 7 000 hectares of land were realigned, including the building of networks of facilities in over 2 800 hectares of reclaimed tideland nationwide.

The Honggondo, Ryongmaedo and Ansok tidelands and fields in different cities and counties of South and North Hwanghae provinces turned into those for mechanized farming.

Amid the intensified work to expand the area under cultivation,

thousands of hectares of more land than planned were realigned in 2022 and over 8 000 hectares of land were turned into standardized fields for mechanized farming in 2023 and 2024 respectively.

As a result, over 33 500 hectares of land were realigned into such standardized fields and the building of networks of facilities in thousands of hectares of reclaimed tideland was finished throughout the country for five years until last year, laying a foundation for safer rice farming.

The officials and working people

who turned out in rezoning land with a mind to greet the Ninth Congress of the WPK with greater labour achievements are making redoubled efforts.

They are overfulfilling daily plans by steadily conducting the work to ensure full operation of machines while inventing and introducing efficient equipment.

They also arrange work in a rational way to suit seasonal conditions and soil conditions and strictly comply with the requirements of the designs, thus bringing about good results.

# Various sectors, units fulfil production plans, enthusiasm for increased production grows from beginning of new year

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## Different units in key industries carry out production plans

Many units in the key industries of the DPRK have carried out their production plans for the first ten days of January.

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex fulfilled its daily pig iron production plan at more than 130 percent after it began to tap this year.

The Posan Iron Works and the Puryong Ferroalloy Factory increased their productivity by applying rational working methods.

The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex produced hundreds of tons of more fertilizer than the plan from New Year's Day.

Technicians and workers at the Myonggan and Ponghwa chemical factories boosted production by exploring and tapping internal reserves and possibilities.

Workers at the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex

intensified the checking of the electric power system and observed the standard procedures in the operation of equipment while increasing the output of every generator.

Workers and technicians at the Suphung, Hochongang, Jangjingang and Pujonggang power stations fulfilled their responsibility and duty to meet the demands for electricity in various economic sectors.

Officials and workers in the coal-mining industry are working hard at the outpost of the self-supporting economy.

The Sunchon Area Youth Coal-mining Complex and the Tukjang Area Coal-mining Complex introduced efficient coal-mining methods and ensured close cooperation between shifts and processes to carry out their daily plans.

Workers in the machine-

building industry turned out in a drive for increased production and creation.

Mines and smelters in the mining industry are making achievements in production.

The spirit of uninterrupted

innovation and successive leap forward was displayed to the full by the officials and workers in the forestry sector.

Workers in the rail transport sector carried more freight.

growth of cement production both in quality and quantity.

The Sunchon Cement Complex is ensuring proper process-by-process engagement and checking up equipment while solving problems arising in improving the performance

of equipment.

The Chonnaeri and Sunghori cement factories have operated equipment as required by technical rules and standard operating method and introduced new technologies to register high production results.

## Cement production goes up



The Sangwon Cement Complex sends a lot of cement to construction sites.

Cement production units in the DPRK have increased production since the beginning of the year.

The Sangwon Cement Complex carried out the task for producing hundreds of thousands of more tons of cement it pledged before

the Workers' Party of Korea last year through miraculous increased production. It is now raising its daily output while taking economic and practical measures for the normal operation of equipment in every system and the

## Finishing building-materials production bases strengthened

More than 40 finishing building-materials production bases were built and over 60 similar bases updated last year, thanks to the efforts of working people across the country.

South Hwanghae Province pushed ahead with the construction of production buildings, the manufacture and installation of equipment to newly establish or expand the processes of finishing building-materials production in different parts of the province.

Different districts and counties in Pyongyang Municipality additionally installed new equipment

or updated existing production processes to produce and supply quality finishing building materials for rural housing construction.

South Hamgyong Province made substantial progress in boosting the production capacity of the Songchongang Tile Factory and other finishing building-materials production units.

North Phyongan, North Hwanghae and other provinces, too, generalized the successes and experience gained in cementing the foundations for finishing building-materials production.

## Factory steadily increases production



Synthetic leather production increases at the Phyongsong Synthetic Leather Factory. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Phyongsong Synthetic Leather Factory overfulfilled its yearly plan and produced hundreds of thousands of square metres of more synthetic leather by putting efforts into the modernization of equipment, readjustment and reinforcement and improvement of product quality.

Its technicians concentrated on the modernization of its major production facilities last year.

They remodelled the nonwoven fabric machine for heat deposition and drying furnace and made and installed an automatic blending machine of fibre, providing conditions to increase the production of

nonwoven fabric 1.5 times.

The factory installed various control devices in the main production processes. In particular, it modernized a patterning machine and printing facilities, reducing manpower needed for them by half and increasing the kinds of patterns of synthetic leather which can be used for production by over 100.

It also directed efforts to restoring the original performance of its equipment to steadily boost productivity.

Its staff office worked out a detailed plan for restoring the original performance of the equipment and organized the work accordingly to enhance the performances of various facilities as they repaired and readjusted parts and devices of the dry coating process.

As a result, it obtained good

results in the production of synthetic leather needed for the production of schoolbags, shoes, various kinds of sports goods and daily necessities.

It also developed and produced synthetic leather with a combination of various colours by relying on the advanced technology and further improved the qualitative indices of the product.

In those days enthusiasm for studying science and technology bubbled up and a mass technical innovation drive was intensified among the employees.

According to chief engineer Kang Kum Song, many products produced by his factory were highly appreciated by the visitors at several exhibitions held last year.

## More sought-after electric goods produced

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Pyongyang Automation Appliances Factory is recording high results in the production of household electric appliances.

Some products of the factory were highly praised at the light industry goods exhibition Development of Light Industry-2025 held last October.

Examining electric cookers and fans presented by the factory, visitors unanimously said that the goods, which were made by relying on its own technology and locally-available materials, looked nice and highly efficient.

The smart-looking electric cookers coming in various colours attracted many housewives as their cooking time has been relatively shortened.

Also eye-catching were high-performance electric fans with more blades and improved motors and speed reducers as compared with conventional ones.

"The factory is increasing the variety of electric appliances essentially needed for people's life and directing big efforts to improving their quality," said manager Kim Chang Won.

It is solving many problems arising in revitalizing the production and developing

new products by relying on its strong scientific and technological forces.

It is preparing its employees as scientific and technological personnel by making effective use of the well-furnished sci-tech learning space.

As a result, it established a new slide bearing production process needed for the production of fans and introduced a new joining technology to increase the production of electric irons 2.5 times.

A multifunctional rice cooker with voice command function and a multipurpose electric stove, newly developed by the factory, are appreciated by experts.



Household electric appliances are produced at the Pyongyang Automation Appliances Factory. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

# Island of science gives vibrancy to whole country



By Ri Sung Ik PT

On New Year's Day ten years ago, the inauguration ceremony of the Sci-Tech Complex was held in splendour in the presence of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The Korean people still remember how the complex was built.

In June 2014, the respected General Secretary looked round the dusty island, saying that in order to make the country leap forward by dint of science and technology and turn it into a country full

of talents in the near future, there should be a hub of sci-tech dissemination. And he named the hub to be built there "Sci-Tech Complex".

Later in February 2015, he visited the construction site despite the mid-winter cold and gave instructions on building the complex into a structure epitomizing the Workers' Party of Korea's idea of attaching importance to science and technology and impeccable in terms of architectural aesthetics and practicability and a "dear home" that all people can freely visit to acquire science and technology to their

heart's content.

The complex was successfully completed as a monumental edifice in a short span of time.

It is monumental not only because it was built in a distinctive style at an excellent place in the middle of the Taedong River.

Its composition and content are also monumental as a house of learning representing the world's science and civilization.

The multi-functional base for disseminating modern science and technology and hub of information exchange provides real-time service

to scientific research and educational institutions, factories and enterprises and households across the country. The complex keeps a comprehensive and systematic database that stores in PDF format latest sci-tech achievements in the country and advanced sci-tech data from foreign countries as well as sci-tech books published in the past.

True to the instructions of the General Secretary that the Sci-Tech Complex should not be a "pond with stagnant water" but a hub of dissemination for constantly circulating sci-tech

information and that it is not an exhibition hall but a large e-library, it was built into a place where people can go through the past and present of the science in the world and the civilization based on science and technology created by mankind and also get a glimpse into the future.

Over the past ten years since the Sci-Tech Complex was built as a great temple of learning for all people in the 21st century and a centre for disseminating latest science and technology, Mirae e-libraries and sci-tech learning spaces have been put up in different

regions and units across the country, laying a foundation for making a leap forward by dint of science. And many working people have become intelligent workers who contribute to the production and development of their factories and enterprises by implementing new technical innovation plans and creative ideas.

The Sci-Tech Complex is a house of learning conducive to making all people well versed in science and technology, and the island where it is situated is the one of science which gives vibrancy to the whole country.

## Exhibition of sci-tech achievements goes on

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The exhibition of sci-tech achievements in different sectors of the national economy-2025 is taking place at the Information Industry Hall of the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang.

The exhibition features the introduction of valuable scientific research achievements made in the drive for economic construction and the improvement of the people's living standards over the past five years and technical exchanges among the participants.

The crystal mirabilite production process based on glauberite and the paper production process using multipurpose paper machine, which were studied and introduced by the State Academy of Sciences, show the spirit of inquiry of scientists who solved technical problems arising in practice.

The elevator motor test stand and elevator winch made by lecturers and researchers

of Kim Chack University of Technology are drawing the attention of visitors.

Various kinds of cordyceps cicadicola and their extracts and nutrient solutions presented by Wonsan College of Medical Sciences are associated with the efforts of its lecturers and researchers.

The Ryongnam Dockyard established a new welding rod production process and the Port of Nampho made a 45-ton container crane. These achievements are enjoying popularity among visitors.

The Electric Power Information Institute under the Ministry of Electric Power Industry established a national integrated power control system for rationally using the country's power resources, thus contributing to accelerating the modernization of the electric power industry.

The technical team of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex provided a guarantee for increased fertilizer production by optimizing the ammonia synthesis process.

The exhibition of sci-tech achievements in different sectors of the national economy-2025 goes on at the Information Industry Hall of the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES



# Recollecting second year of implementing regional development policy

By Choe Song Jun PT

The inauguration of the Kangdong County Hospital in November 19 last year as a model of the development of regional public health was followed by that of the Kusong City Hospital, regional-industry factories and a leisure complex in Kangdong County and regional-industry factories in cities and counties including Sinyang, Rangnim, Taegwan, Jangyon, Pukchang, Cholwon and Janggang counties in succession. And a hospital and regional-industry factories were inaugurated in Ryonggang County of Nampho Municipality on December 29 for the twentieth time, resulting in the successful completion of the tasks for the second year of the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

As a result, the Korean people greeted the second

inauguration season for implementing the regional development policy of the WPK with excitement and joy last year.

"Inauguration season"

The expression is unthinkable apart from the heartfelt sincerity and noble devoted service for the good of the people of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who ushers in an era of great changes with the outlook on the people that even a star should be picked from the sky and flowers brought into bloom on the rock if it were for the happiness of the people.

The Korean people still remember January 2024 when the Tenth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was held.

In his policy speech at the meeting the respected General Secretary emphasized the need to establish a new regional development policy, whose main point is that

the Party takes charge of the construction of modern regional-industry factories in 20 counties every year as a policy task that should be carried out without fail and implements it to the letter to raise a level higher the basic material and cultural living standards of the people in all cities and counties, in other words, all people across the country, in ten years.

After the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of regional-industry factories in Songchon County for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy held on February 28 2024, the days and months continued with the devoted efforts of the General Secretary to hasten the inauguration of regional-industry factories which guarantees a new life and new civilization of the regional people.

As he has had such a noble intention to ensure that everyone who is born on this land equally leads an

abundant and civilized life under the socialist policy of the state, whether they live in the capital city or regions, in towns or rural villages, the respected General Secretary continued his field guidance, while planning for the second inauguration season already at the height of the first inauguration season.

He found himself on his field guidance tour for the people's happiness all the year round and completed the formation plans for the construction projects one after one by making tireless efforts even at night and early in the morning.

Greeting the inauguration in the year of groundbreaking and seeing the entities of happiness they had never imagined even in dreams, the Korean people felt the burning love and affection of the respected General Secretary for them with all their heart again and hardened their resolve to remain loyal to his leadership.

# With a rifle in one hand and a hammer or sickle in the other

By Ri Sung Ik PT

January 14 marked the 67th anniversary of the founding of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards.

President Kim Il Sung adhered to it as a consistent principle to realize self-defence of the country by arming all the people on the basis of the brilliant tradition established in the flames of the anti-Japanese war.

Saying that it was very important to arm all the people while strengthening the Korean People's Army in order to ensure the security of the country and people and further build up the defence capability of the country, the President saw that the former People's Self-Defence Corps was reorganized into the more developed Worker-Peasant Red Guards.

As a result, the Worker-Peasant Red Guards were founded on January 14 1959.

The President strengthened and developed the paramilitary force into a powerful revolutionary armed force, which was prepared politically, ideologically and in military technique and capable of annihilating the enemy at one blow independently in any place, whether they invaded the country from the sky, ground or sea, as well as carrying out close combined operations with the Korean People's Army.

Chairman Kim Jong Il wisely led the work of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards.

He always noted that the paramilitary force constitutes an important component part of the revolutionary armed forces together with the People's Army and laid down the guidelines for boosting the country's paramilitary force on September 7 2008.

In September 2011, he saw the parade of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards held in celebration of the 63rd founding anniversary of the DPRK and expressed his firm conviction that the red guards, which inherited the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, would as ever fulfil their mission and duty as the revolutionary armed force faithful to the revolutionary cause of Juche.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un clarified the important tasks to be tackled by the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and puts his heart and soul into making sure that the country's paramilitary force would usher in a golden age of its development.

He sent a letter to the participants in the Sixth Meeting of Active Leading Personnel of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards in August 2022 and energetically led the work of the red guards so that they could intensify their training to get themselves fully ready to cope with the aggressive moves of the enemy at any time.

In the parade of the paramilitary force held in celebration of the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK in September 2023 the parade columns fully demonstrated the pride and self-confidence of all the working people in fulfilling their sacred mission and duty on the two fronts of national defence and socialist construction and the will to take up arms in case of emergency to annihilate the enemy.

The DPRK has turned into a more impregnable fortress thanks to the Worker-Peasant Red Guards which have consolidated the all-people and nationwide defence system together with the Korean People's Army.

# Poisoning of Emperor Kojong, premeditated assassination

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The case of poisoning of Emperor Kojong is recorded as one of the violations of the sovereignty of Korea committed by the Japanese imperialists in the last century.

The Japanese imperialists poisoned the emperor because he opposed their occupation of Korea and took a firm anti-Japanese stand.

When the Japanese imperialists tried to force him to conclude the "Ulsa five-point treaty" in an attempt to seize the sovereignty of Korea in November 1905, the emperor persistently refused, saying that he could not give his royal sanction to the conclusion of the treaty even if he died for the country because it would just mean the ruin of the country.

After the Japanese imperialists eventually fabricated the treaty with oppression and tricks,

Emperor Kojong made every effort to inform the international community that it was null and void. In his letters sent to heads of state of different countries through a British journalist in January 1906, he said that he neither recognized the treaty from the outset nor gave the seal of the state. In June the following year he dispatched three emissaries to the Second International Peace Conference held in The Hague, the Netherlands, to disclose the invalidity of the treaty.

When the Japanese imperialists tried to force him to conclude another treaty in 1907 to deprive the country of the right of home administration, he refused to give the prior approval, signature and seal of the state.

Unable to realize their colonial domination over Korea with the emperor left intact, the Japanese imperialists poisoned him on

January 21 1919 and even killed two ladies-in-waiting who witnessed his death.

But the historical truth cannot be covered up.

Afterwards, data on the Japanese imperialists' poisoning of Emperor Kojong was continuously made public.

The "second declaration of independence" made and issued by the Korean provisional government in Shanghai, China, in 1921 and an article written by his son disclosed that the Japanese imperialists poisoned the emperor and tried to conceal it.

A professor of the University of Hawaii said that he thought Japan was very afraid of Emperor Kojong inciting the Koreans to the independence movement and that the circumstances show the possibility that Japan poisoned the emperor.

In 2010 the diary of the head of the audit department

of the agency of imperial household of Japan in 1919 was put on view at an international academic conference, in which he wrote that he heard Terauchi, the first governor-general of Korea, give an order to Hasegawa, commander of the Japanese forces stationed in Korea, to poison the emperor as he did not recognize the "Ulsa five-point treaty".

The atrocity of the Japanese imperialists, who did not hesitate to do anything to realize their wild ambition for colonial domination, can never be covered up even with the passage of time.

Japan, which inflicted untold misfortunes and pains on the Korean people in the last century, is still hell-bent on realizing the wild ambition for reinvasion, far from making apology and reparations for its past crimes. The reckless behaviour of Japan should be surely settled accounts with.

## BYWORD

At the end of last year, the Korean people greeted the second inauguration season in implementing the Regional Development 20x10 Policy.

In less than a year, regional-industry factories such as foodstuff,

garment and daily necessities factories were splendidly built in 20 cities and counties as planned.

The people of Kangdong County, where regional-industry factories, a leisure complex and a hospital

were built at the same time, are enjoying a new life and a new civilization, full of boundless delight and optimism.

The inauguration season on this land came into being thanks to the people-first politics of the

Workers' Party of Korea and its outlook on the people that if it is for the happiness of the people, even a star should be plucked from the sky and flowers be brought into bloom even on the rock.

## Inauguration season

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# Press statement of Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of WPK Central Committee

KCNA

Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement "The ROK authorities cannot evade their responsibility for the grave violation of our sovereignty" on January 10:

On January 10, the ROK Ministry of Defence repeatedly stressed that the recent drone infiltration was not their military operation and expressed their will to thoroughly investigate the possibility as a civilian deed. We pay attention to the announcement of such stand.

I, personally, appreciate that the ROK Ministry of Defence took a wise choice for survival when it made public its official stand never to provoke or irritate us.

If the ROK opts for provocation against us again in the future, it will never be able to deal with the terrible consequences to be entailed

by it.

The present authorities of Seoul are not entitled to treat the past case of drone infiltration into Pyongyang, committed by the former rouge Yoon regime, as other's deed.

Which regime committed the case is a matter of debate within the same family. To us, the case is a grave infringement upon the DPRK's inviolable sovereignty committed by the ROK, no matter whether Yoon or Ree did.

Fortunately, the ROK's military expressed an official stand that it was not done by itself and that it has no intention to provoke or irritate us. But a detailed explanation should be made about the actual case of a drone that crossed the southern border of our Republic from the ROK.

Now in the ROK there exists an attempt to gloss the grave border-crossing infiltration as a "civilian case", alongside

the assertion that "the drone was composed of low-cost conventional components that can be easily purchased" and "it is a type sold for recreational, commercial and industrial purposes". But the essence of the situation lies not in whether its perpetrator is the military or civilians.

We don't care whether it is a type that can be easily purchased and made or not, whether it is for military use or civilian use, whether its parts are low-cost or high-cost ones, and whether it is a military or civilian deed, as that is not the one we want to know.

Clear is just the fact that the drone from the ROK violated the airspace of our country.

It is undeniable that video data collected by the drone are related to the uranium mine and its settling pond, the former Kaesong industrial zone and our border guard posts, which they may have interest in. Furthermore,

there actually existed the flight plan and records in the drone. This requires explicit explanation.

Given their assertion that it is not a military drone, it seems that they are seeking to argue that it is not a sovereignty violation.

No matter who is the perpetrator and whether it is a deed by any civilian organization or individual, the authorities responsible for national security can never evade their responsibility for it.

The ROK military once bragged about "real-time drone detection and response system based on latest technology", "multi-layer defence system based on the cooperation between citizens, government, military and police" and "dense anti-air defence network". They are insisting they were "ignorant" of the flying object crossing the border at a low altitude after taking off in broad daylight in an area near the border

with our country. This is really unreasonable and will invite criticism from their citizens.

The ROK already earned a "reputation" for its sheer impudence and unreasonable insistence when it committed a provocation by infiltrating a drone into the sky above Pyongyang in 2024.

The ROK authorities can never evade the responsibility for infringing upon our sovereignty and would be well advised to seriously consider a dear price for it.

If they brand it as a deed of a civilian organization and then try to assert a theory that it is not an infringement upon the sovereignty, they will see a lot of UAVs flown by civilian organizations from the DPRK territory.

Anyhow, the recent drone infiltration helped us have a clearer understanding of the ROK as a group of hooligans and rubbish once again.

## Briefly

### Cameroon

#### President expresses concern over deepening global crises

The Cameroonian president warned that the crises and conflicts that are worsening all across the world constitute great threats to the existing international system in an annual ceremony held to mark the New Year on January 8.

Despite the efforts of the international community, the world is still floundering in the morass of terrorism, infringement of national sovereignty and weak will to honour international law, he said, asserting that if such a situation persists, the international system might finally collapse.

He stressed the importance of settling conflicts through dialogue and reconciliation.

### Vietnam

#### Prime minister refers to economic development

The Vietnamese prime minister mentioned the country's economic development at a government meeting on January 8.

He said that the country's GDP increased by 8.02 percent last year.

The government should focus on establishing a new economic development system based on science and technology, innovation, switch to digital economy, etc. in order to achieve economic growth from the beginning of 2026, he stressed.

### Russia

#### West warned against deploying armed forces in Ukraine

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova on January 8 warned the West against deploying armed forces in Ukraine.

As regards the fact that Britain and France agreed with the Ukrainian authorities to deploy their armed forces in Ukraine in case a cease-fire comes into effect in Ukraine, she stressed that Russia regards the deployment of their armed forces there as interference posing a direct threat to the security of Russia and other European countries.

She said that the West's sub-units and military objects to be deployed in Ukraine would be legitimate targets of the Russian armed forces.

### France, UN

#### US censured

The French president criticized the US' foreign policy on January 8.

As regards the fact that the US decided to break from 66 international organizations, he said that the US is deviating from international regulations and has become a country which can no longer be trusted.

A spokesperson for the UN, taking issue with the fact that the US is not paying the UN membership fee, warned that it may lose the right to vote at the UN General Assembly any time in the future as specified in the UN Charter.

# Press statement of permanent representative of the DPRK to the United Nations

KCNA

Kim Song, permanent representative of the DPRK to the United Nations, issued the following press statement on January 13:

Another abnormal meeting was convened in the UN arena today, undermining and sacrificing the sacred name and noble mission of the UN, a guide and absolute symbol of justice and equality.

It called into question the retaliatory blow of Russia.

The emergency meeting of the UN Security

Council convened at Ukraine's unilateral insistence never means the international support for and encouragement to the appeal of a "victim".

It is just an extension of the customary practice of the Western fault-finders who used to groundlessly slander a sovereign state for its just exercise of the right to self-defence.

Those that should be the target of denunciation and rejection are just the Kiev authorities who committed illegal military terrorist attacks on Russia

and the forces that actively patronized them.

I express serious concern and strongly denounce and reject the shameless acts of Ukraine which takes issue with Russia's legitimate measures while covering up its heinous terrorism against Russia.

The Ukrainian crisis was undeniably caused by the confrontation policy of the US and the West which have escalated NATO's eastward advance in violation of Russia's reasonable and legitimate security interests.

The responsibility for all

the incidents lies entirely with the parties that created the preconditions for them.

The terrorist act targeting the absolute sovereignty of a country can never be justified by any means, and retaliation of justice can never be demonized by any argument.

The use of military means by the armed forces of the Russian Federation is an expression of its absolute will not to tolerate threats to its national sovereignty in the slightest and a just exercise of the right to defend its legitimate rights

and interests.

The DPRK is consistent and invariable in its stand to fully support and encourage the just cause of the Russian Federation for defending the national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests.

The international community should sharpen vigilance against the West's sinister attempt to turn black into white, distort facts and invert the victim into assailant, and should make responsible efforts to defend genuine international justice, peace and stability.

# KCNA commentary on neo-militarism of Japan

From the outset of the new year, the present ultra-right ruling forces of Japan are adding a serious danger to the security environment in the region and the rest of the world, openly challenging the trend of the times and history.

A typical example is Japan's attempt to push forward with the revision of the three security-related documents including the "national security strategy" within this year.

The main contents of the three documents to be amended by Japan this time will reportedly include an increase in "defense cost", the revision of the "three non-nuclear

principles", lifting of restrictions on arms export and massive development of offensive military capabilities.

The documents related with security, totally contrary to the international law adopted to prevent the revival of militarism after the end of the Second World War and the present Japanese constitution, are in fact far beyond the scope of "exclusive defense" and they are definitely the war strategy aimed at overseas expansion as recognized by the international community.

The present regime has made "vigorous activities" since its

inauguration to realize the "cherished desire" of ultra-right political forces, including the revision of the constitution which the former regimes failed to do.

In addition, a new process schedule of the main plan for extending the operational sphere and military activities of the Self-Defense Forces even to outer space has been worked out and well over a hundred powder magazines are being newly built on the archipelago to cope with a prolonged war.

What should not be overlooked is that Japan is now trying to turn itself into a nuclear weapons state.

Amid the mounting

nuclear frenzy among the Japanese rulers arguing that Japan should possess nuclear weapons and that no option would be excluded, the prime minister officially announced at the outset of the new year that the three security-related documents would be revised within the year. This is due to the frantic reinvasion moves of the ultra-right forces trying to drive the archipelago to neo-militarism as early as possible.

The Japanese reactionaries are wickedly trying to disrupt the regional military balance and emerge as "leader of Asia" by copying the method of the "great Japanese empire",

which started overseas aggression while talking about "external threat".

Neo-militarism, obsessed with hatred for other nations, revanchism and ambition for conquest, started to raise its head in the period of the Abe regime and has rapidly gained strength in the present. This is the worst state of emergency in which peace and stability of the world can be disturbed and the destiny of mankind slashed.

Japan will only face total destruction through neo-militarism.

As history proves, the destination of militarism was a ruined Japan, not a "strong Japan".

# Top 10 players, coaches for 2025 announced

**Yu Jong Hyang**      **Song Kuk Hyang**

**Ri Suk**      **Ri Song Gum**

**O Kyong Ryong**      **Han Chong Song**

**Won Myong Gyong**      **Pang Chol Mi**      **Hong Jin Gyong**      **Han Il Ryong**      **Pak Chol Jun**      **Sa Ok Jin**      **Choe Hyong Chol**      **So Un Hak**

**Pak Song Jin**      **Kim Song Chol**

**Jong Song Hui**      **Kye Song Il**

**Pak Hyon Chol**      **Yang Chun Song**

KCNA

A meeting with sportspersons who won the international games in 2025 was held on January 9.

Present there were Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports of the DPRK, Kim Myong Gun, chairman of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, officials in the field of sports, sportspersons and others.

Sportspersons, who flew the dignified national flag of the DPRK in the sky of the world at the international games last year, made speeches.

The top ten players and coaches of the DPRK for 2025 were announced at the

meeting.

The top ten players are Yu Jong Hyang, a woman footballer of the April 25 Sports Team, Song Kuk Hyang and Ri Song Gum, women weightlifters of the April 25 Combat Sports Team, Ri Suk, a student of the weightlifting department of the combat sports faculty of Central Sports School, O Kyong Ryong, a woman wrestler of the Pyongyang Sports Club, Han Chong Song, a wrestler of the April 25 Combat Sports Team, Won Myong Gyong, a woman wrestler of the Jangsan Sports Club, Pang Chol Mi, a woman boxer of the Kumgangsan Sports Team, Hong Jin

Gyong, a Taekwon-Do player of the South Hwanghae Provincial Taekwon-Do Team, and Han Il Ryong, a marathoner of the Amnokgang Sports Club.

The top ten coaches include Pak Song Jin, a football coach of the April 25 Sports Team, Kim Song Chol, a weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team, Jong Song Hui, a teacher of the weightlifting department of the combat sports faculty and an instructor of the scientific research office of Central Sports School, Kye Song Il, a weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team, Pak Hyon Chol, head of the Sports Club of the Ministry of

External Economic Relations, Yang Chun Song, a wrestling coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team, Pak Chol Jun, a boxing coach of the Kumgangsan Sports Team, Sa Ok Jin, a Taekwon-Do coach of the Ryongaksan Taekwon-Do Team, Choe Hyong Chol, a marathon coach of the Amnokgang Sports Club, and So Un Hak, a weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team.

The top ten players and coaches were awarded the certificates and sportswear emblazoned with the letters reading "One of DPRK's Top Ten Players for 2025" and "One of DPRK's Top Ten Coaches for 2025".

## First sports day observed

KCNA

The Korean people conducted mass sports activities across the country on the first sports day of this year.

Sports games were held at commissions, ministries and national agencies.

Officials of the Agricultural Commission, the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry, the Ministry of Chemical Industry, the Ministry of Electric Power Industry and the Ministry of Machine-building Industry played ball games, including basketball and volleyball,

to show their good skills.

Those at the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Culture and the Taesongsan Guidance Bureau took part in Taekwon-Do, tennis and other games, in which they displayed their sports skills cultivated during their mass sports activities.

Working people at industrial establishments in Pyongyang were overflowing with revolutionary enthusiasm.

Workers at the Pyongyang Thermal Power Station, the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill and other units

played football, volleyball and other games. The players demonstrated their team spirit and solidarity amid the enthusiastic cheers of each team.

Universities and schools at all levels, including Kim Il Sung University, Kim Chaek University of Technology and Ryomyong Senior Middle School in Taesong District, held sports and folk games and sports and amusement games.

Various mass sports games took place in different parts of the country.

Sports and amusement

games, including football, basketball, volleyball and riding, which took place at Hamhung Stadium and South Hamgyong Provincial Sports Village, showed the enthusiasm of working people, youth and students in the industrial province.

At the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex, the Tokchon Area Coal-mining Complex, the Taean Heavy Machine Complex and other units, workers showed their high spirit in sports games.



Various mass sports activities are conducted on the first sports day. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Podok Hermitage shows Koreans' unique architecture

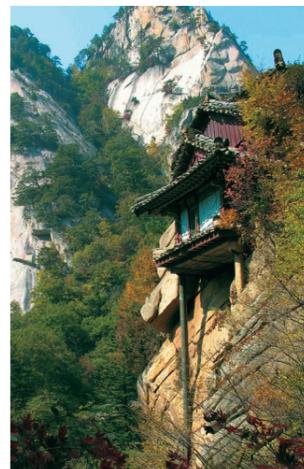
By Choe Yong Nam PT

Podok Hermitage in Inner Kumgang of Mt Kumgang is a hermit's cottage in the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910).

The hermitage, which is known to have been originally built in the period of Koguryo (277 BC-AD 668), was rebuilt in 1675. It stands halfway up a 20-odd-metre-high precipice at Punsol Pool in Manphok Valley, as if it hangs there.

It looks like a three-storey building as it was built by covering a 3.35-metre-long and 0.85-metre-wide single-storey hip-saddle roof house with gable roof and shed roof structures in layers.

The building, supported by a 7.3-metre-high narrow copper pillar, looks like a garden in the air lifted by the mists swirling round the precipice. The copper pillar



fixed in 1511 is a wooden pillar wrapped with 19 copper plates, showing the unique architecture of the Korean ancestors.

It is said that in the late 14th century a poet of Koryo (918-1392) composed a famous poem on the precipice, seeing Podok Hermitage which looked like floating in the air.

