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The First Enlarged Meeting of the Ninth Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea was held on July 9.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the meeting.

Present there were members of the WPK Central Military Commission and, as observers, major commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, military and political commanding officers of the large combined units at all levels of the Korean People's Army and officials of relevant departments of the

WPK Central Committee.

The meeting discussed important political and military tasks for bolstering up the politico-ideological and military technical might of the People's Army and bringing about a qualitative change in strengthening the combat readiness of the army units at all levels since the strategic orientation, goals and policies for building the armed forces to reflect the present military and political situation and the requirements of the times were set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK.

Saying that the prestige, honour and destiny of socialist Korea are unthinkable apart from the powerful defence capabilities, Comrade Kim Jong Un

stated that the security and peace of the country and the people cannot be defended with the will alone and that only when we build the strong army and control all and contain threats with its powerful strength, can we achieve the true peace.

The People's Army should invariably play a leading and core role not only in defending socialism but also in the struggle for

comprehensive development of the state, he stressed, saying that the far-reaching plan for and confidence in the future struggle are based on the absolute trust in our army.

He declared that it is our Party's steadfast policy on building a powerful army to turn the People's Army into a strong army united in one mind sharing the ideas and intention with the Party Central Committee and to develop it into invincible armed forces by steadily strengthening its politico-ideological mightiness and spiritual-moral and military technical superiority.

Stressing the need to thoroughly put the People's Army on a field warfare and modern basis and enhance its actual war capability, he advanced the

important tasks facing the army units at all levels.

The meeting decided on the issue for upgrading the technical infrastructure of combat systems, bolstering up the nuclear force both in quality and quantity and pushing ahead with the plan for standardizing, specializing and modernizing military bases in a far-sighted way. And it confirmed the specific orientation and ways for bringing about a substantial change in the training sector and putting constant spurs to the revolution in military education.

The meeting suggested tasks and ways for expanding in a many-sided way the functions and missions of the General Bureau of Reconnaissance and Intelligence, which plays a pivotal role in controlling the potential enemies' threats and gathering key information, and enhancing its capability of military reconnaissance and intelligence activities in a radical way.

The meeting also confirmed the direction of activities of the People's Army and its detailed tasks to accelerate the construction of modern naval bases and the technical updating for expanding the capacity of shipyards at all levels in keeping with the start of signal transformation in our Navy's position and role and to accomplish the great historic cause for completely remodelling the coal-mining areas across the country. And it discussed a structural measure for implementing them and a proposal for mobilizing troops.

Saying it is the greatest trust and honour given by the times and the revolution to

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# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance to construction projects for regional development policy in Ragwon County

## He clarifies important tasks arising in completion of the construction and operation of objects



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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance to the construction projects for the regional development policy in Ragwon County of South Hamgyong Province on July 3.

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

This year, modern regional-industry factories, an advanced public health facility and a multi-functional leisure complex, which will contribute to the development of the regional economy and the promotion of the inhabitants' health and their material and cultural life, are being built in Ragwon County, which is undergoing a radical change into the fairyland like its name along with the new era of regional change opened up by

the Party, under the third year's plan for implementing the regional development policy.

The construction of regional-industry factories, hospital and leisure complex in Ragwon County is now progressing at 67.5 percent, 47 percent and 54 percent of the total construction projects respectively, thanks to the soldier-builders who are leaving traces of worthwhile creation and feats day by day to uphold the cherished desire of the Party Central Committee with honourable fruits of patriotic devotion and efforts.

First, Comrade Kim Jong Un gave field guidance at the construction sites of regional-industry factories in Sepho-ri, Ragwon County.

He was greeted on the spot by Ri Jong Nam, chief secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the WPK, and commanding officers of the construction units involved in the construction projects for the regional development policy in Ragwon County.

He went round foodstuff factory, daily necessities factory and garment factory

under construction to learn in detail about the construction.

Praising the fact that the quality of construction for all the architectural spaces and elements is being ensured on a high level, he said with great satisfaction that the specialization and technical equipment level of construction units have been certainly improved to a higher stage than last year and the environment around the construction site has been arranged in a clean way.

Saying that the construction quality and speed have been improved in the overall construction projects for the regional development policy as a result of the sustained efforts made to increase the proportion of mechanization in construction and strengthen the ranks of skilled workers, Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed the need to continue to reinforce construction equipment and, at the same time, make effective judgment on technical skill rating for the builders and properly evaluate according to it.

Enjoying a bird's-eye view of the area of Sepho-ri showing the traction and vitality

of the Party's regional development policy, he said with pleasure that this was a shabby place when he made up his mind to build the Ragwon County Offshore Farm but there sprang up an advanced offshore farm and an ideal modern fishing village. He added that the construction of modern regional-industry factories and a greenhouse farm is turning the area into an industrial zone.

Acquainting himself with the operation of the offshore farm in the county, he said that since a good asset has been provided to lay foundations for the improved material and cultural life of its residents and independent economic development, the county Party committee and the county people's committee should hold fast to the main link and carry out all the tasks in a responsible manner and thus turn the county into a place good to live in with its own characteristics as a coastal area while creating and leading the civilization in the new era. He advanced detailed tasks and ways to do so.

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# Destroyer *Kang Kon* has performance test of its weapon systems



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The destroyer *Kang Kon* on July 3 conducted a test-fire of strategic cruise missiles and a test of major weapon systems such as naval artillery, automatic machine guns and electronic warfare means under its plan to assess and test the performance of its combat systems.

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

Among the spectators were Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Pak Jong Chon, advisor to the Ministry of National Defence, Pak Kwang Sop, commander of the Navy, Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences, and Kim Kwang Il, minister of Shipbuilding Industry, and other leading officials in the field of national defence and warship building industries.

The relevant tests were part of a process



for examining and confirming the ability to apply various kinds of weapon systems on board the destroyer in combat.

Prior to the tests, Comrade Kim Jong Un heard from members of the weapon systems assessment group detailed reports on the stepwise plan to examine and test the performance of weapon systems on board the warship.

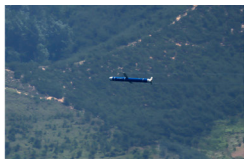
Then there took place the inspection of the warship's target-detecting and information-processing capability and combined firepower system and the test-fires aimed to assess the performance of warship artillery and automatic machine guns in accordance with the plan to assess and test the performance of weapon systems.

They were followed by the launch

of strategic cruise missiles from the destroyer.

Noting that the combat power and creditability of anti-warship, anti-submarine and anti-aircraft weapon systems and strategic offensive weapon systems on board the destroyer *Kang Kon* are being verified in a responsible manner, Comrade Kim Jong Un said that it is enough to have confidence in potential for the development of naval combat system of our own style in view of the recent trend of development of our weapon systems and this provides a great possibility to bring about a change in the readiness posture of our army's strategic action.

He clarified the tasks to be carried out by stages in developing various surface



and underwater combat systems and deploying them in the waters for military action under the crucial strategic idea of our Party for national defence.

Noting that it is necessary for us to further speed up the projects to maintain and steadily expand the reliable war deterrent and capability to fight a war, he affirmed that we will demonstrate through more obvious actions our political will and determination to have an absolute power.

Recalling again the fact that the Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK adopted a decision to build each naval fleet base into a hub of naval command, culture and combat capability and expand the capacity of the shipyards at all levels,

he expressed his determination to take national steps to build up our Navy which plays an important role in defending the maritime sovereignty of the country and exercising the war deterrent.

He encouraged the warship and weapon system research institutes to achieve greater success in their efforts to implement the Party Central Committee's idea and line of building a powerful army, deeply mindful of their historic mission.

He gave an instruction to complete the trial process of the destroyer in a responsible manner and commission it for the Navy within two months.

That day he convened an important consultative meeting for the development of the warship building industry.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun on greatest memorial day of our Party, state and people

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On the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of the demise of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, all the people and service personnel of the DPRK are filled with boundless yearning and reverence for him, the peerlessly great sage who built our Party and state into the genuine Party and country for the people and laid the eternal foundation of Korean-style socialism winning victories with independence in politics, self-support in the economy and self-reliance in national defence, regarding it as his lifelong motto to believe in the people as in Heaven and build a rich country with a strong army.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Kumsusan Palace of



the Sun at 00:00 on July 8, the greatest memorial day of our Party, state and people.

Accompanying him were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau

of the WPK Central Committee and other senior officials of the Party and the government, officials of the WPK Central Committee, leading officials of the Standing Committee of the Supreme

the new era for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and for the eternal dignity and glory of our Party, state and people.

People's Assembly, the Cabinet, commissions and ministries, and commanding officers of the armed forces organs.

Flower baskets were laid at the statues of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, together with the participants, paid high tribute to them at the statues.

At the halls where the great leaders lie in state, Comrade Kim Jong Un made deep bows to them, praying for their immortality.

All the participants hardened their solemn will to more resolutely and courageously work in the vanguard of the gigantic struggle for transformation in

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the People's Army that it is entrusted with the important projects, decisive of the state development and existence, Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed that the whole army should be inspired to turn out for proving once again before history that it is the trait and fighting mettle peculiar to our army to make greater and more vigorous stride of loyalty and feats as the struggle front becomes wider and larger.

Comrade Kim Jong Un signed seven written orders on the important military measures discussed and decided at the Party Central Military Commission.

The meeting conveyed the directive of the WPK Central Military Commission on the immediate military structural measure.

The meeting dealt with the organizational matter of dismissing, transferring and newly appointing leading officers for key posts of the People's Army.

The important military measures, discussed and decided at the First Enlarged Meeting of the Ninth Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, serve as a significant practical step for giving great impetus to the struggle for implementing the WPK's line of building a powerful army on turning the DPRK's armed forces into the strongest one in the world and remarkably enhancing the combat power, activity and leading role of our army in defending socialism and in all spheres of socialist construction.

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He also called for making the struggle for the implementation of the Party's regional development policy an important political occasion for cultivating the working spirit and voluntary revolutionary consciousness of all the residents who are determined to carve out their future by themselves.

He then looked round the hospital and leisure complex being built in the township of Ragwon County.

Learning about the construction, he highly praised the soldier-builders for thoroughly ensuring the quality of construction, being aware that every structure will be associated with the leadership feats of the Party and conscience of the service personnel.

Although structures have the same purposes, their characteristics should be preserved according to their locations - mountainous, coastal and flat areas - with new things applied steadily and they should harmonize with surrounding natural landscape, he said, adding that this is an important requirement of the Party's regional construction policy. And he stressed that the whole construction sector should have a proper understanding of this and create a new standard and a new record every year and steadily renew them.

Since new hospitals, leisure complexes and regional-industry factories have to be built in 20 cities and counties every year, it is needed to supply sufficient material and technical means for designing

and building and steadily develop the builders' activeness and creativity so that all the structures can be successfully built to fully embody the Party's idea on architectural aesthetics and meet the architectural engineering requirements, he said.

Saying that the important significance of construction work is being more highlighted in bringing all-people struggle for the overall development of socialism to a steady upsurge at present, he unveiled a plan to further accelerate the regional transformation by expanding and deepening the regional development policy in a gigantic way in the future.

The epoch-making changes in local areas at which even we admire are historic miracles that can be created only by our army, he said, adding that the entire Party, the whole country and all the people should give full play to the spirit of assisting the army with sincerity.

He called upon construction units at all levels to put constant efforts into the political and ideological education so as to firmly prepare all the soldier-builders to be staunch defenders and implementers of the Party's policies and make them fully display their excellent political awareness and morality and patriotism in the fields of socialist construction.

He clarified the important tasks arising in the completion of the construction and the operation of objects, including the issue of strictly meeting the requirements of the method of construction at the finishing work and

intensifying supervision, the issue of conducting the designs for afforestation well and giving precedence to the afforestation and greening in time, the issue of building up the county's own construction forces and directing primary efforts to improving urban management including the provision of domestic water for inhabitants and the removal of sewage, the issue of preparing the ranks of medical workers to run modern hospitals without any deviation, the issue of taking responsible measures for the supply of raw materials to regional-industry factories and the issue of paying deeper attention to the living conditions of soldier-builders.

He expressed expectation and belief that all the soldier-builders involved in the construction projects for the regional development policy would invariably remain faithful to their honourable duty and vanguard role, with the awareness that they are the core and engine leading the comprehensive development of socialism, and thus glorify the first year of implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK as a year of proud victory in which regional areas are making another leap forward in their transformation.

Encouraged by the field guidance and the greatest trust of Comrade Kim Jong Un, all the soldier-builders pledged to uphold the Party's policy on regional development with good results at the level required by the new era of comprehensive development.



# On occasion of 32nd anniversary of demise of President Kim Il Sung

## DPRK people pay highest tribute to President Kim Il Sung

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All the people in the DPRK paid the highest tribute to the memory of President Kim Il Sung, the great sage of the revolution and founder of dignified socialist Korea, on the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of his demise.

On July 8, the greatest memorial day of the Party, state and people, the national flags were hoisted at half-mast at institutions and industrial establishments at all levels, farms, universities and all other units across the country.

Working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun with their deep reverence for President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and paid high tribute to the great sages of the revolution.



People from all walks of life visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay homage to President Kim Il Sung on July 8.

Many people laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers in the best wishes for immortality at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in different parts of the country as well as the mosaics depicting the peerlessly great men.

Officials, Party members, working people, service personnel, youth and students across the country watched documentary films "Our Leader Praised by All People", "Fatherly Leader among Agricultural Workers" and "Brilliant History of Victory Achieved by Self-Reliance" at their workplaces, posts and homes.

Meetings were held in different parts of the country to tell stories about virtues and exploits of President Kim Il Sung.

## Nation lauds noble virtues and exploits of great leader

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### Schoolchildren



Schoolchildren held a meeting at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on July 6 to tell stories about the noble virtues of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung on the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of his demise.

At the meeting the performers highly praised the immortal revolutionary career and exploits of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung.

They noted that more than 50 years ago, the great Generalissimo visited the then Taedongmun Primary School on the first school opening day when the universal compulsory eleven-year education was introduced in the DPRK and acquainted himself with the

pupils' preparations for study, adding that he even worried about a pupil's wound and took a measure to treat him.

They said that the great Generalissimo visited Mangyongdae Revolutionary School to make a congratulatory speech on the day of its opening ceremony and always showed parental affection to the students.

They told about the benevolence of the great Generalissimo who chose the site of a school after the liberation of the country and named it "Samhung Middle School" which means that it brings up talented students who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong and thus makes the country prosper.

### Young people and students

Youth and students in the DPRK met at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on July 7 to tell stories about the noble virtues of President Kim Il Sung on the same occasion.

The meeting heard the recitation of a narrative poem "Great Torrent of Yearning" reflecting the deep yearning

for the President who had always attached importance to the youth work and made painstaking efforts to train the younger generation into successors to the revolution and pillars of the country in the whole period of his revolutionary leadership.

Recalling the glorious days when they attended the Eighth

Congress of the then League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea, performers said that they could never forget the benevolent image of the President who personally attended the congress and had a photo taken with the youth delegates.

They noted that the President wrote and sent letters "Kim Chaek University of Technology" for its tablet and made devoted and painstaking efforts to provide

more modern educational conditions till the last moments of his great life.

They expressed the resolve to devote their loyalty and patriotic enthusiasm to the prosperity of the country, saying that the greatest trust and love shown by the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un are the nourishment that has trained the Korean youths to be heroes of the times and performers of feats.

### Workers and trade union members

Workers and trade union members in the DPRK met at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on July 7 to tell stories about the noble virtues of President Kim Il Sung on the same occasion.

The meeting heard a reading of the full-length novel "Immortality" of the cycle of novels "Immortal History" dealing with the immortal exploits of the President who regarded "The people are god" as his motto and devoted his all to the country and the people till the last moments of his revolutionary career.

The performers recalled that after the liberation of Korea, he saw to it that the dangerous electric arc furnace was blown up, saying that the

workers' lives could not be replaced with steel however important it may be.

They stressed that the undying feats of the President, who had continued the days of devotion for the people's happiness, would be immortal.

They expressed the resolution to repay with loyalty the great benevolence they have received generation after generation, saying that the history of love for the people of the President, who laid an eternal foundation for the prosperity of all generations to come on this land with his outstanding ideology and energetic leadership, continues under the guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

### Agricultural workers

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea met to tell stories about the noble virtues of President Kim Il Sung on July 7 on the same occasion.

At the meeting, the performers talked about the noble revolutionary career and immortal exploits of the President who made ceaseless efforts while walking along the roads

of farms and fields for the country's agricultural development and the happy and affluent life of agricultural workers.

The patriotic desire of the President is being translated into a brilliant reality in the new era of socialist rural development ushered in by the Workers' Party of Korea, they said, ardently calling upon all the agricultural workers to thoroughly implement the Party's agricultural policy and thus fulfill their duty as masters responsible for the granary of

the country.

The meeting ended with the song "We Will Follow You with Single Mind". The meeting showed the iron will of the agricultural workers and UAWK members to achieve proud successes of rich harvest in the first year's farming for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK with redoubled confidence and strenuous efforts by upholding the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un with single-minded loyalty.

### Women's union members



Women's union officials and members in the DPRK met at the Hall of Women on July 7 to tell stories about the noble virtues of President Kim Il Sung on the same occasion.

At the meeting, the speakers talked about the personality of the President as the great man who performed undying feats before the country and its people, the times and history with his outstanding ideas and leadership and noble virtues.

They noted that the President made a long journey of devotion for the people all his life, regarding it as his motto to believe in them as in Heaven.

The President trained people, who had covered different paths of life and led a life full of ups and downs, into genuine persons with his ardent humanity and boundless magnanimity, they said, adding that all the people in the country could grow up to be patriots and heroes under his benevolent care.

They expressed their determination to prepare themselves as true women revolutionaries and ardent patriots glorifying the revolutionary career and immortal exploits of the President for all ages and faithfully upholding the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.



# First half-yearly economic plans fulfilled in different sectors and units

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Thanks to the devoted efforts of all the officials and working people who are all out in the socialist patriotic movement, the revolutionary mass movement, the first half-yearly national economic plans were successfully carried out at different sectors

and units of the national economy. Officials and workers of the sectors of metallurgical and chemical industries, the two pillars of the self-supporting economy, boosted production. A campaign for increased production was conducted at different units of the coal industry sector and a

vigorous struggle was waged for putting the production of electricity on a normal basis in the electric power industry sector. Officials and workers of the machine-building industry sector carried out their plan for the first half of the year through a resolute struggle. Workers of the mining industry sector made

successes in the production of nonferrous metals. The freight transport plan of the Ministry of Railways for the first half of the year was fulfilled. Workers of the forestry sector successfully carried out their timber production plan for the first half of the year. The building-materials

industry sector steadily created new standards, new records, injecting vitality into major construction projects. The light industry sector, which plays an important role in improving the people's standard of living, seethed with the struggle to carry out the Party's decision. The Ministry of Fisheries overfulfilled its first half-

yearly plan for seafood production. Officials and working people across the country are putting spurs to the struggle for increased production in order to become honourable victors in the struggle of this year, the first year for attaining the new long-term goals set forth by the historic Party Congress.



Iron and steel production is boosted at the Chollima Steel Complex.



The production of custom-built equipment is accelerated at the Taean Heavy Machine Complex.

## Small yet important factory

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory in Chollima District of Nampho Municipality is a small unit. But it produces a large quantity of products including plastic pipes of different sizes, vinyl hoses, raincoats and tents every year, making a great contribution to the economic development of the country and the improvement of the people's living standards. In the past, it was producing vinyl sheets for farming by using plastic waste. However, the vinyl sheets were in high demand in the agricultural sector only at a certain season.

So the factory newly set up a process for producing vinyl chloride resin products and drastically increased the variety of products including raincoats, life jackets and toys for children to keep constant link between production and consumption. It has steadily raised the level of recycling. While paying further attention to the improvement of the quality of products as well as the quantitative growth of production, the factory directs efforts into research to produce vinyl

sheets and products of different uses from plastic waste. Its employees have taken an active part in the research into and introduction of new technologies. The vigorous mass technical innovation movement in the factory has produced tens of technical innovations and inventions, such as the blast-type plastic waste recycling machine and the PVC compound raw material moulding machine, which led to high production results and high quality of products. The products made by the factory were highly appreciated at various exhibitions and

shows including the national exhibition of building materials in each province-2023, the national exhibition of sci-tech successes in the field of furniture and finishing building materials-2024, the national exhibition of August 3 consumer goods-2024, the children's goods exhibition at the Pyongyang Children's Department Store and the light industrial goods exhibition "Development of Light Industry-2025". The factory, which has steadily developed new technologies and pushed ahead with recycling, was selected as one of the top ten enterprises for 2025.



Vinyl chloride products of different sizes are produced at the Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Drive for increased production and economy gains momentum

By Kim Il Jin PT

The drive for increased production and economy is briskly going on in the economic sectors. Recently, the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex has held fast to it as an important way for increased production and economy to reduce production costs to make more effective use of raw and other materials and steadily increase the efficiency of production. The complex has channelled efforts into updating technical and economic indexes to increase fertilizer production every month while saving a great deal of coal. It has also upgraded the operating method of a gas generator to improve per-hour productivity with less raw materials and fuel. The Pukchang Thermal Power Complex provided sci-tech guarantees for

recycling fly ash, including the development of a technology for using waste oil as the raw material for flotation reagent. The introduction of such technologies for recycling fly ash makes it possible to use the ash, which occupied a large area to impede production and environmental protection, to obtain burned coal of high utility and raw materials for producing building materials, thus getting considerable benefits while saving in no small measure the expense which had been spent on processing fly ash. The Ryongdae Youth Coal Mine remodelled the muck-carrying system into an energy-saving one to increase the mucking capacity 2.5 times while lowering power consumption by half as compared to the previous system and the load of the system to one tenth. The Songyo Knitwear

Factory refashioned an electric boiler into an active electric boiler and introduced a distilled water returning device to save much electricity and bring about progress in raising the quality of products. The introduction of the active electric boiler helps generate steam 20 minutes earlier than before and reduce the time of dyeing knitwear almost by half. And the introduction of the distilled water returning device makes it possible to lengthen the repair cycle of the boiler, thus saving time, manpower, electricity and water in production and improving the quality of products. Many other factories and enterprises have systematically lowered the norms of materials consumption per unit while turning their economic foundations into labour-, energy- and land-saving and cost-effective ones.



# Research findings prove effective in practice

By Ri Sang Il PT

The Natural Energy Institute of the State Academy of Sciences developed and introduced a high-voltage pulse electric-field water treatment device.

Using the change of the physical and chemical properties of water passing through a high-voltage pulse electric field, it prevents and removes fouling, prevents corrosion and acts as disinfectant.

In the process of studying the best water treatment methods that have widely been developed and used worldwide, the researchers of the institute set a goal to develop a new water treatment device and intensified relevant field introduction for years in order to make such a device that is easy to use and low in failure rate and consumes less electricity.

Thus they successfully solved the problems of electrode insulation and pulse power, major hindrances to the development of the device, and completed it as a highly efficient one.

The researchers scientifically confirmed that

the use of the device causes neither compound nor deposit in water for a certain period of time as it enhances the electrical polarity of water.

Application technology products developed by the high-tech products development company of Sinuiju Teachers Training College by using air ionization technology are attracting public attention.

Among the products is a monolithic multifunctional fuel economizer based on air ionization technology and nanotechnology, which can save fuel, increase the lifespan of heat engines and reduce the exhaust gas.

The company overcame the deviations in the introduction of the device into field by inventing and applying a new method of making it in such a way as to improve its performance and be simple to install while reducing the cost and failure rate. The device with high efficiency and a long lifespan was introduced into many units and drew the attention of visitors at the exhibition of sci-tech achievements in different sectors of the national economy-2025.

A high-concentration air

anion generator, which is conducive to promoting people's health and protecting environment, is also popular with the units that have introduced it.

The device, which is capable of generating especially a large quantity of air anions, produces good effects in purifying and disinfecting air, purifying harmful gas and treating different diseases.

The researchers succeeded in developing the product by researching and completing in a Korean way a high-pressure generator and control unit that can produce large amounts of air anions and ozone of moderate concentrations.

The technical group of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex established a technique of raising the separation efficiency and increasing the production of ammonia by rationally remodelling the structure of the ammonia condensation and separation tower.

The technical group held dozens of rounds of discussions to explore a new structural mode of the tower capable of raising the separation efficiency of ammonia and complete its design.

# 'Hwanggumyolmae' in wide use

By To Kyong Chol PT

Agricultural workers are widely using the agricultural sci-tech service program "Hwanggumyolmae (golden fruit)".

The program enables users to read agricultural sci-tech data and receive question-and-answer service on sci-tech problems arising in farming in real time on the basis of the mobile communications network, and therefore it is called a close companion of scientific farming or guide to high yield.

The question-and-answer service of the program has so far been used tens of thousands of times, which shows well the growing enthusiasm of rural communities across the country for scientific farming.

The Koby Farm in Sonchon County came to know through the service what kind of fertilizer and how much of it is needed and when it should be applied according to the growth of young rice plants and introduced it into practice. As a result, the farm could grow healthy rice seedlings and transplant them in the right time despite unfavourable weather conditions. All the agricultural workers of the farm have become



Farmers have access to "Hwanggumyolmae (golden fruit)", an agricultural sci-tech service program, in real time. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

enthusiastic users of the program, thus carrying out all farm operations, including paddy rice cultivation and weeding, in a scientific way.

Workteam No. 2 of the Inpho Farm in Songnim City has acquired more advanced farming methods and techniques, including data on growth forecast, science and techniques, achievements, common knowledge and technical experience, through the program and achieved solutions to the technical problems arising in farming through its question-and-answer service, thus applying them to practice.

Pak Ok Byol, leader of

workteam No. 6 of the Taejong Farm of the South Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee, said, "Last year, when rice bacterial leaf blight occurred in some fields belonging to the workteam, we could improve the nutritive conditions of the paddy rice by using 'Jongsori (sound of bell) 1' and phytosine after acquiring technical data through 'Hwanggumyolmae'. And when some ears of paddy rice sprouted due to heavy rain in autumn, we could take agro-technical measures in time by using multi-element mineral fertilizer and calcium hydroxide thanks to the program."

# Capital city decorated with flowers



Workers cultivate the flower bed in the street at the Hwasong District Floricultural Station. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Yun Ki Song PT

Streets of Pyongyang have been decorated with flowers.

People are quite pleased to see cineraria, petunia, Viola tricolor and other beautiful flowers in full bloom on streets and in different places of the city.

Such scenes are associated with efforts of employees of floricultural stations of all districts.

With the pride in beautifying the capital city and with attachment to their jobs, they are devoting their sincerity to the cultivation of flowers.

Those of the Mangyongdae District Floricultural Station, who presented distinctive decorations depicting natural landscape

at the Flower Festival-2026 held in April to give pleasure to people, have grown different species of young flowering plants and are transplanting them in flower beds and flowerpot stands according to their blooming periods.

Similar stations in Central District and Sosong District selected young flowering plants of species with long blooming period and high ornamental value and have managed their nutrition scientifically and technologically.

The Pothonggang District Floricultural Station is tending young flowering plants well by putting in efforts to ensure their growth conditions and intensifying the monitoring of harmful insects while conspicuously

decorating different places of the district.

The employees of the Moranbong District Floricultural Station have decorated flower beds and flowerpot stands around the Arch of Triumph and other places with different flowers and tended them with great care, thus changing the appearance of the relevant street for the better day after day.

Thanks to the efforts of the working people of such stations who have chosen right places for the cultivation of flowers according to temperature conditions and are applying nutrient solution and fertilizer properly, the capital city is turning into a city in a park with all sorts of flowers in full bloom.

# Improved urban management and ecological environment in Pyongyang

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Pyongyang Municipality has achieved marked successes in improving urban management and protecting ecological environment.

It has so far paved more than 201 300 square metres of roads, carried out river improvement in the section of about 60 kilometres, created new landscapes and repaired houses and public buildings this year.

Road and river improvement projects were pushed forward on a large scale.

Central and Songyo

districts paved roads and painted lines along the roads by focusing on ensuring their safety and modernity, and Sadong and Hyongjesan districts newly paved the roads in the suburbs.

More than 40 000 square metres of sideways were also repaired.

Projects were carried out to dredge the Jangsan River, build retaining walls along the banks, arrange a fishing site and install new garden lamps and stone benches on its promenade, change the rails of Ryonghung and Pipha bridges to provide convenience and cultural

resting places for the working people.

Sunan District completed the river improvement project in dozens of kilometres long sections during the spring general mobilization movement for land administration this year.

With the programme for turning Pyongyang into a city in a park going full steam ahead, Sosong and Mangyongdae districts created beautiful landscapes with good species of trees and ornamental flowers and Taesong District improved the landscapes of the parks in the district.



The renovated riverside road in Songyo District.





Students bring their dreams and hopes into full bloom at Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Ri Sung Ik PT

## School built under paternal love

A playground covered with green artificial turf is cosily surrounded by a school building, a gym and dormitories resounding with loud voices of reading and happy laughter of students. This is Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans.

Ten years have passed since it was built.

“We heartily recall the untiring efforts of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who put his heart and soul into building our school into the best home of happiness for parentless children in the world, whenever we look up to his image on the photos hanging on the walls in several places of the school,” said Principal Kim Un.

It was his determination and will to become their true father and bring them up into hardcore members and reliable pillars of the country.

So he cared so much about the construction of the school, thinking deeply to consider every line and dot of its layout and picturing in his mind the day when loud voices of reading and singing would ring out from it.

On July 2 2016, he visited the newly-built school and said with satisfaction that it was really spacious, all classrooms were multifunctional and informatized and furnished with various kinds of good-looking and handy school fixtures and the school was well equipped with laboratories and practice rooms where students can consolidate knowledge they learned and theoretical basis.

And he gave instructions on how to improve the

quality of education in line with the requirements of the new era and the world trend of educational development, fully supply foodstuffs, school things and daily necessities to the school and promote the work for sharing the successes and experience gained in the education of students and operation of the school between primary and middle schools for orphans across the country and generalizing them.

He spread a blanket and measured its length to see if it fitted the children’s height in a room of the dormitory and acquainted himself with the daily supply of foods for students before stressing the need to improve hygienic management at the mess hall.

After looking round each place of the school, he said with great satisfaction that as the parentless children were provided with an excellent school, he was so pleased that he felt as if he had picked a star from the sky and another of his wishes to make them grow up with nothing to envy in the world was fulfilled.

Several days later, the children moved into the new school and then were provided with various kinds of foodstuffs sent by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Over the past ten years many students have grown up into reliable pillars and competent talents of the country, singing at the top of their voices that their father is Marshal Kim Jong Un and their home is the embrace of the Workers’ Party of Korea, at the home of happiness built under his paternal care.

## Informatization realized on high level

Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans is provided with advanced educational conditions and environment.

Three years ago the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who pays close attention to steady innovation and development of the educational sector, sent many apparatuses needed for informatization of teaching at the school.

According to Jong Hyon Chol, deputy principal of the school, the school, with those apparatuses, realized a Wi-Fi-based informatization system and developed a support and management system involving teaching and extracurricular study guidance, self-study of students, management of educational resources and environment and other activities.

Later, the school added to the system an AI technology-based intelligence evaluation support system to apply a scientific educational method according to the detailed analysis and evaluation of the students’ aptitudes and temperament, thus further improving the scientific level of education.

It makes educational evaluation index management

on a scientific basis by using AI technology, and conducts the evaluation of teachers by gathering the students’ evaluation of the teachers’ abilities, teaching penetrance, lesson results and educational discipline so as to take relevant measures.

Amid the soaring zeal for improving their qualifications to raise the level of teaching, over ten teachers have won academic degrees and dozens of others the title of October 8 Model Teacher.

The students read reference materials anytime and anywhere through the study service system using the network, and widen their knowledge with the help of the teachers.

Thanks to the introduction of an intelligent question-and-answer and teaching inspecting systems, the quality of teaching has been raised, and the students’ academic performance further improved.

Recently, the school has made progress in its informatization by updating the extracurricular hobby group operation support system.

The school was honoured with a model unit of informatization in 2022 and 2025.

distinctive bookcases, desks and chairs placed in the sunny rooms.

Every year, they receive new clothes, shoes, bags and other school things, confectionery and fruits of every season from the state.

In the dormitory, extracurricular teachers take care of students’ life devoting motherly affections to them. They sign on their homework books instead of their mothers and wash and mend their clothes so that they always look neat and clean.

The doctors of the school pay special attention to their health lest they should get ill.

The cooks make delicious foods for them at every meal according to the nutrition norms and prepare birthday spreads on their birthdays.

That is why they call Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans their sweet home.

“The teachers of the school are working with genuine sincerity to raise the students competently true to the instructions of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un that the orphans should grow up to be famous scientists, athletes, artists, soldiers and even heroes,” said principal Kim Un.

During the lessons and extracurricular group activities, the teachers carefully watch the children to discover their innate gifts and talents.

Under the guidance of Sim Hak Song, chief of the natural science department, Kim Yun Hyok and Jo Yong Won who have special interest in physics and great creativity ranked high in the national exhibitions of juvenile sci-fi models and creations held last year and

this year.

Kim built a model “universal deep-sea fishery base” which can contribute to the development of the nation’s fishing industry and Jo a model “underground farming” which can increase grain production by doing farming irrespective of seasons while saving land.

“I used to draw pictures in blank spaces of my notebook just for fun. My teacher saw them by chance and put me in the fine art group saying that I have a talent for art,” said Yu Song, a junior first-year student.

His sketches depicting their happy life are popular among the students.

Jang So Yon, who is now a student of Pyongyang Teachers Training College, wrote a child-poem “Bellied wardrobe” in her days at Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans reflecting her pleasure of receiving new clothes every season under the loving care of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un. It is said to be one of the favourite poems of students of the school even now.

So far, the school has won first places at several national school contests and sports games of middle schools for orphans and has been highly appreciated at national sculpture and craftwork festivals and calligraphy festivals.

As the orphaned children grew up receiving more love of the Party than others, they have a strong determination to return the favours, said the principal, proudly adding that all graduates of the school are adding brilliance to their youth at the posts for national defence, universities and colleges and major sites of socialist construction.

## Children grow at home of happiness

Thanks to the boundless love of the Workers’ Party of Korea, the students at Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans are growing up to be pillars of the country.

The dormitory of the school, the cosy home of orphaned children, is lavishly equipped for their cultured life and welfare with soft bedding, wardrobes filled with clothes for all seasons,



# Treasure house of plants

## Central Botanical Garden

By Kim Hyon PT

The Central Botanical Garden is situated at the foot of Mt Taesong in Pyongyang.

It is a base for scientific research, education and cultural activities dedicated to educating working people and youth and students in patriotism, disseminating botanical knowledge and providing them with cultural

recreation, as well as the research into acclimatizing valuable plant resources from different countries and regions of the world and widely spreading them.

President Kim Il Sung worked heart and soul to build the Central Botanical Garden even in the days of leading the fierce Fatherland Liberation War (June 1950-July 1953) and the postwar reconstruction. He

personally chose the site of the botanical garden in Mt Taesong and indicated the purpose, mission, orientation and methods of its construction.

Thanks to the guidance of the President, the construction was pushed forward under the support of all people, and the botanical garden was founded in April 1959.

The garden consists of 17

sections including the gift plant section, gift fruit tree section, plant classification section Nos. 1 and 2, edible fruit section, aromatic plant section, indigenous plant section, acclimatization section, rosarium and herb garden.

The gift plant section, gift fruit tree section and plant museum house plants sent by President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il

and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and many plants presented to them by overseas Koreans and foreigners.

According to Jon Kwang Il, an official of the Central Botanical Garden, the garden has almost all the trees, flowers and ground-cover plants growing in the country and among them are living monuments like *Sabina chinensis* var. *Horizontalis*

on Mt Taesong.

Over 65 000 trees of over 1 400 species, nearly 50 species of aromatic plants and more than 40 varieties of roses are growing in the garden.

It has several research bases, including the plant genetic resources institute and Kangdong plant research institute, as well as the herbarium and the dried flower workshop.

It also issues a periodical.



Many working people and schoolchildren visit the Central Botanical Garden. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Plant resources on increase

By Kim Hyon PT

The Central Botanical Garden pays much attention to increasing the plant resources.

Its plant management department made a detailed survey of the plants unavailable there or known as endangered species on the basis of their success in creating unique landscapes in its different plant sections in the past.

Tens of rare and endangered species of trees and over a dozen species of medicinal herbs were collected from different regions, including

Ryanggang, North and South Hamgyong and Kangwon provinces, to be rooted in the botanical garden.

Besides, the botanical garden cultivates trees needed for creating economic and oil-bearing forests across the country according to the Workers' Party of Korea's regional development policy.

It also breeds and cultivates flowering plants of high ornamental value needed for decorating streets and villages and spreads them.

In the course of this, it has put plant cultivation methods on a more scientific footing.

For example, it chose

rose varieties fit for soilless cultivation and scientifically clarified the methods of making and applying nutrient solutions according to varieties and solved technical problems arising in making *Lilium hybridum* and roses bloom in winter.

In addition, it newly bred a variety of petunia which is brighter in flower colour and smaller in height to be good for flower beds than the local breed and whose flowers are 2-3cm bigger than those of the latter, registered it as a national variety and introduced it in different parts of the country.



# Towards new innovative goals

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held in June discussed measures for carrying out the technological and cultural upgrading of the coal-mining industry as an important strategic task in the period of the new long-term plan and adopted a relevant decision.

The issue of eliminating the centuries-old backwardness remaining in the coal-mining industry in the era, when the whole country is undergoing changes and advancing, is a strategic task of weighty significance not only in successfully fulfilling the new five-year plan but also in carrying out the next medium- and long-term plans for the prospective development of the national economy.

Efforts were directed to the technical rehabilitation, reinforcement and development in all sectors of the national economy during the eighth

term of the Party Central Committee. As a result, material and technical foundations for the growth of production were consolidated, providing a possibility of simultaneously boosting the overall economy.

In particular, the metal and chemical industries established production systems relying on locally-abundant materials, boosting production.

New dwelling houses were built in succession in the capital and provinces along with the construction of regional-industry factories every year, thus increasing demand for electricity.

The reality raises the technological upgrading of the coal-mining industry as an urgent issue since coal is not only a major power source for industries but also a valuable raw material for the modern chemical industry.

The transformation of coal-mining villages across the country is as gigantic and huge a task as that of rural dwelling houses across the country, and

it is a new realm which plays an important part in the course of achieving not only regional development but also the long-term development of the country.

That's why the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un said at the 13th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee held in December last year that the industrial development and independent economic development of the country are unthinkable without improving the living environment and cultured way of life of the coal-mining villages and remoulding the people's understanding of the coal front. Saying that various undertakings have been carried on in different areas at an accelerating pace to eliminate the gap between towns and the countryside in recent years, he noted that the additional forming of another new front for the transformation of the coal-mining areas is an important task facing us at present for the long-term

development of the country.

However, it does not mean only the houses for miners' families will be built in coal-mining villages.

The Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Party Central Committee discussed an issue of building dwelling houses for all the residents in the villages, resulting in a plan of building dwelling houses several times more than originally expected.

It is really a gigantic task to transform all the coal-mining villages across the country.

This reflects the will of the WPK to make all the people across the country live happily with nothing to envy in the world by ushering in a new era of overall prosperity earlier and simultaneously.

The bright future of the country is approaching thanks to the wise leadership of the respected General Secretary who sets forth far-reaching ideals and goals for the people in succession and continues the journey of devoted, selfless efforts for them without a moment's standstill.

# DPRK-China ties get stronger on common road of socialism

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

July 11 marks the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

On July 11 1961, President Kim Il Sung signed the treaty, a firm legal guarantee for everlastingly consolidating and developing the DPRK-China friendly and cooperative ties, together with Premier Zhou Enlai.

The treaty served as an important milestone in strengthening the strategic cooperation between the two countries and as a driving force for the struggle of the Korean and Chinese peoples for socialism.

Since the conclusion of the treaty, the two countries have dynamically pushed forward the common cause of socialism and the development of the friendly relations.

In the spirit of the treaty based on the principles of complete equality, respect for sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs, the parties and peoples of the two countries have made great progress in socialist construction, closely cooperating in various fields, including politics, economy and culture, and contributed greatly to ensuring peace and security in the region and the rest of the world.

The present international political situation in which global peace and security are constantly threatened due to the reckless military adventure and hegemony-seeking policy of the hostile forces further emphasizes the significance of the treaty.

The global security environment is becoming more and more critical. The aggressor forces are getting ever more frantic in their military moves and offensive in the Asia-Pacific region challenging the trend of the times. The hostile forces are persistently trying to check the development of the DPRK and China and undermine the bilateral friendship and unity. However, the DPRK-

China relations are demonstrating their durability and invincibility despite the harsh circumstances thanks to the tradition of friendship established and consolidated through the common struggle.

It is the steadfast stand of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government to steadily develop the DPRK-China friendly relations with an admirable history and tradition.

Even under the complicated international situation, the two countries are waging a dynamic struggle to defend socialism, their common cause, while intensifying the strategic and tactical cooperation under the special care and wise leadership of the leaders of the two parties and two countries.

In recent years, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the WPK and President of the State Affairs of the DPRK, had several meetings with Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, which served as epoch-making events that put the traditional DPRK-China friendship on a new high stage and developed it steadily.

Last June, the top leaders of the two parties and two countries deepened their revolutionary friendship and comradely ties through the historic Pyongyang summit and clarified at home and abroad their firm will to develop the traditional DPRK-China friendly relations into the most powerful and strategic model relations between the socialist states.

According to the noble intention of the top leaders of the two parties and two countries, the peoples of the two countries are making positive efforts to develop the DPRK-China friendly relations on a new level by constantly displaying the spirit of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

# Society for Rallying Comrades first party organization

Pak Ju Gwang

A thick tree, too, grows from a seed.

The first organization of the Workers' Party of Korea, which has written its proud 80-odd-year ruling history, was the Society for Rallying Comrades formed 96 years ago. It was formed in 1930 by Comrade Kim Il Sung who embarked on the road of the anti-Japanese struggle.

In the 1920s there existed the Communist Party of Korea, but its high-ranking figures were absorbed in factional strife and wandered about begging for the approval of the Comintern, doing nothing to build up the party.

Eventually, the party could not put down roots among the masses and withstand

the Japanese imperialists' suppression and was removed from the list of communist parties by the Comintern.

Seeing through the serious defects and limitations in the early communist movement in Korea, Comrade Kim Il Sung decided to found a new-type party and made all-out efforts to grope a way to that end.

He found a way out with constant thinking: it was not to hastily proclaim the party central committee from the lessons of the preceding communist movement, but to steadily lay the organizational and ideological foundations for party founding and, on this basis, found a party capable of playing the role of the general staff of the Korean revolution both in name and in reality.

He conducted energetic

activities to provide the core unit and mass foundation of the Korean revolution for several years, advanced an original party-founding line at the historic Kalun meeting (June 30-July 2 1930) and formed the first party organization of Juche type, the Society for Rallying Comrades, on July 3.

Its name reflected the ambition and will of Comrade Kim Il Sung who took the first step of the revolution by winning over comrades and was determined to develop the revolution and achieve its final victory by continuing to find and rally comrades who could throw in their lot with him.

Looking back on the day with deep emotion, President Kim Il Sung wrote in his reminiscences *With the Century*:

# Korean Revolutionary Army first revolutionary armed organization

By An Hyok Chol PT

At the historic Kalun meeting (June 30-July 2 1930), Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the line of organizing and waging an armed struggle against the Japanese imperialists. To this end, he formed the Korean Revolutionary Army, a temporary political and paramilitary organization.

He founded the Korean Revolutionary Army though he planned to form a standing

revolutionary armed force within a year or two. His intention was to prepare for the building of a large guerrilla force through its operations. It was important to lay the mass foundation for an armed struggle and gain experience in the course of the political and military activities of the KRA.

He led the preparations for forming the KRA with the main emphasis put on selecting young people as recruits for the army and acquiring weapons.

After the preparations,

he convened a meeting of cadres of the Party and the Young Communist League on July 6 1930 to declare the formation of the KRA, the first revolutionary armed organization of the Korean revolutionaries.

At the inaugural ceremony, he made the historic speech, "On the Mission and Basic Tasks of the Korean Revolutionary Army" and gave the KRA soldiers weapons and red ribbons stamped with the name of the army.

The ceremony was held in a small school playground, but its significance was really great.

In accordance with the line of armed struggle put forward by him, the KRA was divided into many groups to be dispatched to various areas and conducted military and political activities.

As a result, preparations for the anti-Japanese armed struggle were staged on a full scale and a solid foundation was laid for building a new-type standing revolutionary armed force in less than two years.

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# Anti-imperialist independence aspiration and desire of mankind

By Choe Song Jun PT

The world is now in an age of extreme confusion and radical change.

The danger of outbreak and expansion of war is increasing in different parts of the world due to the threat and blackmail, interference in others' internal affairs and nuclear war moves by the dominationist forces to realize their wild ambition for world domination.

Even under the situation in which global peace and security are seriously threatened, the advance of mankind toward building a fair and just new world has gained speed.

Anti-imperialist independence is the aspiration and desire of mankind.

It is the main trend of the present international situation that many countries expand multilateral and mutual cooperation with other

countries and work to build a multi-polar world while rejecting foreign domination and interference and achieving independent development.

Recently, positive moves have taken place in Africa to strengthen the unity and solidarity among the continental countries, defend their sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity and achieve peace, stability and prosperity. Armed troops and military bases of the US and other Western countries are being driven out of Niger, Chad, Senegal and other countries in succession.

A great deal of energy has been directed to newly changing the continent by the efforts of Africans themselves with the AU as the centre.

Multilateral cooperation organizations, including BRICS, the Eurasian Economic Union, the

Shanghai Cooperation Organization and ASEAN, have also enhanced their role year after year to cope with the challenges of the world by concerted efforts and establish a fair international economic order.

All countries are required to put in efforts to bolster up their defence capability in order to dynamically advance along the road of independence against imperialism.

The US and its followers, whose physiology is aggression and war, regard their strength as all-powerful and mercilessly trample underfoot those countries which do not obey but challenge their domination order.

It is a bitter lesson taught by history and reality including the past Iraqi war and Libyan crisis and the present Middle East situation that if a country is weak, it is impossible for it to defend the national sovereignty and

dignity and the destiny of its people.

Therefore, Russia, China, Laos and other countries are firmly standing against the aggression and military threats by the US and other Western countries and their followers, while attaching importance to building up their defence capabilities.

Peace has been firmly defended over the past several decades on the Korean peninsula where a touch-and-go situation has been created which could lead to an outbreak of war at any moment. It is attributable to the self-defensive military capabilities of the DPRK which has steadily boosted its war deterrent both in quality and quantity to cope with the US' moves to launch a war and firmly defended the destiny of the country and people.

Anti-imperialist independence precisely means justice and strength.

## Japan's overseas aggression is not fiction but reality

KCNA

Japan, keen on bolstering up its military capabilities for overseas aggression, has shown another dangerous behaviour, raising serious concern from the region and international community.

Shortly ago, the Japanese government began examining a plan to develop and introduce on a full scale an unmanned submarine capable of attacking a warship under the pretext of "tightened defense system in the Pacific Ocean".

The submarine Japan seeks to possess is said to be capable of sailing a long distance for a long time with torpedoes or mines loaded.

If this plan is realized, Japan will have a condition to hide invisible "re-aggression monsters".

In other words, Japan seeks to hide such attack means as unmanned submarines near the shores of the DPRK and other neighbouring countries and make preemptive strikes on the warships of its enemy countries in contingency and thus escalate the flames of aggression.

This is a grave situation showing that Japan has openly withdrawn from

the oft-repeated "exclusive defense".

In fact, Japan's military muscle has rapidly evolved into a form of attack and aggression, not "defense", in recent years.

It has mass-produced long-range missiles which can be launched from different spheres, including ground, submarine and warship-launched ones, and stepped up the research and development of new-type ballistic missiles with a range of 3 000km. It is also speeding up the introduction of two kinds of foreign-made missiles including US-made cruise missile Tomahawk.

In March, Japan deployed upgraded versions of type 12 surface-to-ship guided missiles with drastic increase in range and type 25 high-speed gliding projectiles flying at supersonic speed at high altitude in Kumamoto and Shizuoka prefectures respectively for the first time in the country. Recently, it deployed the launcher of type 12 surface-to-ship guided missiles and a reconnaissance drone for confirming the target position on its island in the Pacific Ocean.

Japan's military muscle is now being turned into a forward-deployment and

actual war-deployment type so that it can fight a war at any moment.

Moreover, Japan introduced a lot of Israeli weapons and equipment after the outbreak of crisis in the Gaza Strip. This shows that its "Self-Defense Forces" are armed with notorious lethal equipment whose practicality has been verified in actual war.

Its rapid acquisition and deployment of preemptive attack and long-range strike means and mass purchase of lethal weapons actually used in modern warfare go to prove once again that it is not an assumption but stark reality for Japan to embark on the road of continental aggression.

In other words, the Japanese aggression forces have already slipped the "safety catch" and what remains to be done is to pull the trigger toward the target of reinvasion.

It is as clear as noonday what the result will be.

Those who fail to draw lessons from the past will surely repeat their faults.

If Japan, a war criminal state and a defeated nation, takes a revanchist option of overseas aggression, the future of this island country will surely come to an end.

## World Population Day

July 11 is World Population Day.

As the number of world population reached five billion on July 11, 1987, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) set the day as World Population Day at its executive council meeting in 1989.

Marking the day every year, the UNFPA presents themes for its activities, and calls on all countries of the world to conduct various activities by mapping out policies for coping with the population change proactively and effectively and implementing them.

At present, the most serious population problem facing the world is a record low drop of the birthrate.

This is affected by different socio-economic conditions and environmental factors that have gone through historical changes, but what is more important is that a fundamental change has taken place in the world outlook of the young generations who are directly linked to the birthrate.

Economic burden, lack of social investment in the young people and others make them feel reluctant to get married and to have the wanted number of child even after they married. According to a survey by the UNFPA in 2025, most of young people wanted to have over two children, but such economic problems as financial instability, unstable jobs and housing and increasing expense for bringing up children force them to have less children or give up having them.

This year, the UNFPA conducted a survey of about a hundred thousand people, aged between 18 and 39, in 73 countries around the world.

The organization called on the young people to pay due attention to the social concern related to the population problem and the countries to respect their hopes and aspirations and increase investment to them so as to achieve sustainable development.

In the DPRK, young people, as masters of social development and pioneers of the future, are bringing their hopes and aspirations to reality.

The problem related with the position and role of the young people has become an important policy-oriented issue of the state, and under the great affection and trust of the Party and country young people are adding brilliance to their youth.

Meanwhile, the young people are provided with stabilized socio-economic environment so that they can take free and purposeful choices in marriage and bringing up children, and the state reinforces measures for giving preferential treatment to the young people and in particular the families who bring up many children, and guarantees their implementation by law.

Thanks to the state's policy of attaching importance to the young people, a promising future is in store for the country.

**Yang Song Il**, section chief of the Population Centre of the DPRK

## Briefly

### Russia

#### Inhuman atrocities of Ukraine and West disclosed

A roving ambassador of the Russian Foreign Ministry disclosed the inhuman atrocities of Ukraine and the West at a press conference on July 3.

The Ukrainian authorities' military crimes against the peaceful residents of Russia have been rapidly intensified since April this year, causing damage to many of them, he noted.

And the West is resorting to every means and method to protect the Ukrainian authorities from being brought to account over the crimes, he said, adding that the funds and weapons support of the UK and EU member states for Ukraine constitute support to the killings of Russian civilians.

### China

#### Permanent rep to UN calls for permanent ceasefire in Gaza

The Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations called for achieving a permanent and genuine ceasefire in the Gaza Strip as he addressed a recent open meeting of the UN Security Council on the Palestine-Israel issue.

The agreement on ceasefire still fails to bring true peace to Gaza and the humanitarian crisis is grave, he said, adding that materials necessary for survival are in short supply, hygienic conditions are terrible and more than two million residents are living in poverty in the ruins.

The Chinese side demands that Israel immediately stop all activities related to settlement, restrain settlers from acting violently and guarantee serious penalties on those responsible for assaults, he said.

The two states solution can be neither denied nor replaced by anything, he said, adding that the international community should reject any attempt to change the Palestinian population and territorial structure and oppose any unilateral act which destroys the basis of the solution.

### Egypt

#### Ancient tombs unearthed

Egyptian archaeologists discovered 18 ancient tombs in the northwestern coastal areas of the Mediterranean.

The tombs were reportedly built in different ages of ancient Egypt and contained many relics, including 2.5-metre-long granite coffins.

### US

#### Gun violence

A masked thug opened fire on people celebrating Independence Day in front of a house in New York City on the night of July 4, injuring eight persons including four children.

Meanwhile, a gun crime occurred in Brooklyn at dawn on July 5, leaving a person wounded.

The bloody scenes that occurred again on Independence Day clearly reveal an odd tendency of the decadent and ailing American society where all sorts of social evil practices are rampant.



**Palestinians give vent to their deep-rooted grudge against Israeli aggressors.**





## Naegyeong Rock of Inner Chilbo

## Best women's football team in Asia

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Naegohyang Team of the DPRK has become even more popular among people.

The team lifted a trophy in the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League to become the best women's football team in Asia and the first women's football club team in the country to win the continental championship.

### Ten-odd years

It has been only ten-odd years since the team was organized.

It made its international debut at the then AFC U-14 Girls' Regional

Championship in 2013 and advanced to the final match there.

When the DPRK women's football team won the then 2017 AFC U-16 Women's Championship, the main force of the team comprised the coaches and players of the Naegohyang Team.

The Naegohyang has won several trophies in national games including the DPRK Championships and the DPRK women's premier league over the past ten-odd years.

In particular, it took part in the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League as the winner of the 2023-2024 DPRK women's premier

league and lifted the trophy.

### Victory assured before game

"All the circumstances that we had imagined during our training occurred in the matches. There was no unexpected situation," said all the players of the Naegohyang Team referring to the recent victory.

It shows how much effort the coaches and players of the team including chief coach Ri Yu Il devoted for the victory in the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League.

The coaches worked out the reasonable plans for tactics according to various tides of the matches and included in them all factors, such as an 11m penalty kick, free kick, injury of players and psychological aspects, and the players successfully performed the scientific and intensive training according to the plans.

"Today we lost in terms of

spiritual strength and tactics. We tried to find the rhythm peculiar to our team, but found no solution until the end of the game. The Naegohyang Team is definitely qualified as the winner," said the chief coach of the team which had played the final match with the Naegohyang.

### Convincing victory of 'our' own

When you look at the list of players of the Naegohyang Team who participated in the champions league, you will take note of a fact which cannot be seen in the teams of other countries. It is that the team has no player or coach of foreign nationality.

All the players and coaches of the team, including chief coach Ri Yu Il and player Kim Kyong Yong who was awarded the best player prize, started learning football in the small primary school playgrounds in their native places and cultivated their talents under the well-organized reserve players training system of the country.

The team's victory, as its name Naegohyang (my native place) suggests, was that of "ours" they won by striving in Korean way to bring honour to their native places and country.

## Living monument— Mandarin duck in Uiju

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A mandarin duck is a migratory bird belonging to the wild goose-duck family.

It is 45cm long and weighs 500g.

A female lays six to thirteen light yellow eggs and sits on them to hatch for 28 to 30 days.

The birds usually move in a group of four or five pairs. It is said that once they mate, the birds remain a couple all their lives.

In the DPRK, a happy couple is likened to a couple of mandarin ducks.

The habitat of the birds is on Sugu Islet which was formed when the course of the Amnok River branched off.

The slope of the islet consists of cliffs. Below them, grass and arrowroot vines grow entangled and several kinds of trees and other plants, including pine, oak and poplar, form a thick forest. The birds nest and lay eggs in the holes of trees or rock crevices.

Around March, the birds fly to the islet for breeding between May and June before leaving for wintering places in early October.



The Naegohyang Team members who lifted the trophy at the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League.

