

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets and has photo session with participants in Eighth SWUK Congress

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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, met with the participants in the Eighth Congress of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea on July 17.

The venue for the photo session overflowed with the great excitement and joy of women's union officials and members waiting for the moment of glory and happiness, their earnest desire, after attending the significant congress held amid the great interest and congratulations of all other people of the country.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to the tender-hearted father who put forward our women in the era and has shown them great trust and love.

An official of the women's union respectfully presented a bouquet of fragrant flowers to him, representing boundless reverence and best wishes for him.

Comrade Kim Jong Un congratulated the chairwoman and vice-chairwomen of the newly elected Eighth Central Committee of the SWUK, shaking hands with them.

He extended warm greetings of encouragement to the participants, who displayed through the largest-ever gathering in the history of the women's union the noble loyalty, preeminent revolutionary spirit, inexhaustible might of unity and patriotic enthusiasm of the

Korean women unconditionally supporting what the Party is determined to do and faithfully carrying it out, and successfully completed the work of the congress.

The past five years which passed along with the great pioneering period of comprehensive rejuvenation are clearly associated with the devoted efforts of our strongest, steadfast, diligent and resourceful women who dynamically accelerated the advance of the country, he said, adding that the role of the women's union as educator and organizer and mobilizer obviously proved that when the women unite with a single will and intention and pool their wisdom, strength and enthusiasm, they can surmount any difficulties and realize any ideals.

It is our Party's source of greatest pride and our state's great strength to have the women's organization full of the noble

spirit of firmly trusting and following our Party only and passionately loving and defending socialism, a powerful group of women patriots without parallel in activity and fighting efficiency, he noted.

Our Party's great historic cause will be successfully accomplished and our state's dignity and might more fully demonstrated as our women are adding to beauty and freshness of families and society and ensuring the uninterrupted succession of patriotism and the revolution with the noble view of life with which to place the duty to repay above the right to enjoy, and feel a sense of pride of genuine life and joy on the road of patriotism, and with the genuine maternal affection, he affirmed.

The gigantic struggle for transformation in the new era highlights the need to further strengthen the women's union in charge of

a part of the revolution, he said, stating that the women's union organizations at all levels should first of all concentrate on the ideological education so as to firmly preserve the original revolutionary features, pure mind and beauty peculiar to the Korean women who accept the Party's line and policies as an element of their faith and advance along only the road indicated by the Party.

He expressed the expectations and belief that all the women's union officials and members would always keep in mind the missions and duties they assumed for the era and the revolution, their families and society and become genuine patriots making a tangible contribution to the prosperity of the country always with a single mind and intention and communist mothers and educators bringing their children up to be fine ones. And then he had a photo taken with them.

After the photo session, the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers again, expressing their faith and will to firmly unite under the banner of the WPK and greet all happiness and glory of the world in its embrace.

Comrade Kim Jong Un waved back and extended warm encouragement to the participants raising stormy cheers as a token of their ardent loyalty and patriotic enthusiasm.

All the participants hardened their iron will to fully display with their redoubled self-confidence and exertion the fighting efficiency of the women's union in the worthwhile struggle for the prosperity of the great state and the happiness and bright future of the rising generations.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photo session with exemplary officers and men of construction and engineering unit

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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, met and had a photo session with exemplary officers and men of a construction and engineering unit, who are performing brilliant feats of labour at major worksites for socialist construction,

on July 17.

The officers and men of the unit overflowed with great excitement and joy as they would greet the moment of glory they always desired and awaited in the honourable days of building structures and dwellings symbolic of the great era of transformation.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue for the photo session, they broke into stormy cheers of

"Hurrah!"

Acknowledging the enthusiastically cheering crowd, he extended warm militant encouragement to the service personnel who are displaying the unconditional execution spirit and power of persevering practice in carrying out the Party's orders.

He expressed the belief that all the officers and men of the unit would continue making remarkable achievements desired

by the country and the people in the vanguard of the construction revolution for building structures of eternal value this year, too, before having a photo taken with them.

They hardened their iron will to keep in mind Comrade Kim Jong Un's great trust in them and continue performing brilliant construction miracles and thus make a tangible contribution to the prosperity of the country.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets Chinese Party and government delegation

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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, received on July 16 the Party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Wang Huning, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's

Political Consultative Conference, on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK to mark the 65th anniversary of the



conclusion of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

Present there was Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK.

Comrade Kim Jong Un gladly met and

exchanged warm greetings with Wang Huning and leading members of the delegation.

Comrade Wang Huning courteously conveyed the best wishes and comradely greetings from Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC and President of the PRC, to Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks for it and asked him to convey his greetings to Comrade Xi Jinping.

Warmly welcoming the Party and government delegation of the PRC to

the DPRK, he said with high appreciation



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that Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping's dispatch to the DPRK of the high-ranking Party and government delegation headed by Wang Huning is a manifestation of the steadfast will to attach importance to the DPRK-China relations and perfectly implement the agreements made during the Pyongyang summit.

Noting that the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, an inter-state treaty defining the strategic character of the bilateral

relations and indicting their strategic direction, has played an important role in defending the basic interests of the two countries and ensuring the regional and global peace and security, Comrade Kim Jong Un said that it is the steadfast policy of the WPK and the DPRK government to more vigorously develop the traditional friendly and cooperative relations with socialism as the core in different fields on the basis of the spirit of the treaty and in line with the requirements of the changing times and the aspirations of the peoples of the two countries.

Expressing thanks to the Party, government and people of the DPRK for giving the delegation a cordial reception, Comrade Wang Huning expressed the readiness to comprehensively implement all the important common understanding and agreements the top leaders of the two parties and the two countries reached in the historic Pyongyang meeting and thus promote the political mutual trust and bilateral solidarity and expand and develop the mutual collaboration and cooperation.

Comrade Kim Jong Un affirmed that

the WPK and the DPRK government would as ever support and encourage the socialist cause with the Chinese characteristics in the new era led by Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping, sincerely hoping that the Chinese people, who significantly celebrated the 105th anniversary of the founding of the CPC, would make greater achievements in the historic course of comprehensively building a modern socialist power and achieving the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation under the leadership of the CPC.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends congratulatory message to Comrade Xi Jinping

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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, sent a congratulatory message to Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, on July 11.

The message said:

Esteemed Comrade General Secretary,

I, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government and people of the DPRK and on my own behalf, extend warm congratulations and comradely

greetings to you, Comrade General Secretary, and, through you, to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the government of the People's Republic of China and the fraternal Chinese people on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the DPRK and the PRC.

The treaty, concluded 65 years ago, laid a solid legal foundation for the permanent development of the DPRK-China relations of militant friendship, unity and mutually beneficial cooperation which were formed in the course of the bloody struggle for independence against imperialism, peace and the accomplishment of the socialist

cause.

Over the past years, the two countries have fully demonstrated to the whole world the constancy and invincibility of the DPRK-China friendly relations, special in terms of the tradition of friendship, the common cause of socialism and the invariable inheritance, while firmly supporting and cooperating with each other in all trials of history.

The DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations, the strategic option and common precious asset of the two parties and peoples of the two countries, are now developing at a new strategic level and making a great contribution to firmly protecting the sovereignty, security and development interests of the two countries and defending

peace and stability in the region and the rest of the world under the complicated international situation.

It is the steadfast stand of our Party and government to more dynamically develop the traditional DPRK-China relations of friendship and cooperation with socialism as the core in various fields in conformity with the requirements of the changing times and the aspirations and desires of the peoples of the two countries.

Through the historic Pyongyang meeting, I and you, Comrade General Secretary, reaffirmed the will to build together the beautiful future of the two peoples on the road of struggle for the victorious advance of the socialist cause.

I am ready to develop the DPRK-China friendship with good history

and tradition as its foundation into a model of the most powerful and strategic relations between socialist countries by guiding it to a new height, together with you, Comrade General Secretary.

I hope that the Chinese people, who significantly celebrated the 105th anniversary of the founding of the CPC with a proud history of development, will make bigger epoch-making successes in accomplishing the gigantic cause of comprehensively building a modern and powerful socialist country and achieving the great prosperity of the Chinese nation under the leadership of the CPC with you, Comrade General Secretary, as its core.

I sincerely wish the People's Republic of China prosperity and the Chinese people happiness.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives congratulations from Comrade Xi Jinping

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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, received a congratulatory message from Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, on July 11.

The message said:

Comrade General Secretary,

I, on behalf of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese government and the Chinese people, extend warm congratulations to you and the Workers' Party of Korea, the

DPRK government and the Korean people on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the China-DPRK Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

The treaty, concluded by the leaders of the elder generation of the two countries in 1961, has served as an important political and legal basis for consolidating the militant friendship sealed in blood by the peoples of the two countries and played an important role in developing the China-DPRK friendship down through generations and defending peace and stability in the region and the rest of the world.

For 65 years, both sides have fought shoulder to shoulder and supported and cooperated with

each other in accordance with the spirit of the treaty, giving a vivid demonstration of the distinct features of the China-DPRK friendly relations of sharing their destiny and defending and helping each other for generations.

During my successful state visit to the DPRK in June this year I, together with you, Comrade General Secretary, achieved an important shared understanding of the issue of inheriting and consolidating the traditional China-DPRK friendship and attaching a new meaning of the times to it and laid out a strategic orientation and a new blueprint for the development of the China-DPRK relations in a new period.

In order to cope with the rapidly

changing phase of the world unprecedented in one hundred years, I am ready to have closer strategic communication with you, Comrade General Secretary, and make a positive contribution to leading the friendship and cooperation between the two sides to bring better wellbeing to the peoples of the two countries and promoting the regional peace and development by firmly maintaining the orientation of the development of the relations between the two countries.

I affirm again that there would be no change in the firm stand of the Chinese party and government attaching great importance to the traditional China-DPRK friendship, their firm support for the socialist

cause of the DPRK led by Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un and their firm determination to defend the common interests and good strategic environment of both sides no matter how the international situation may change.

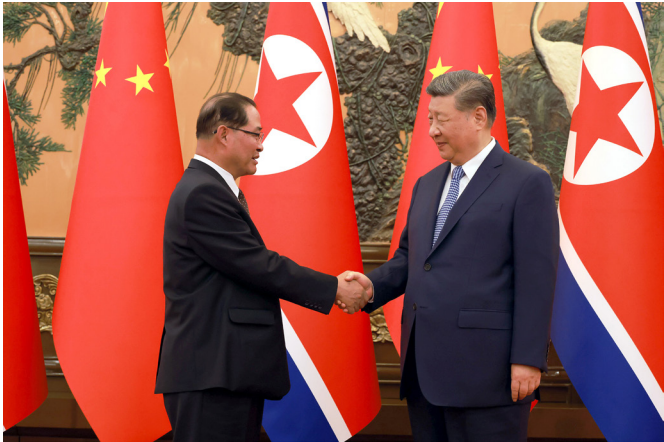
I am convinced that the Korean people will steadily achieve new greater successes in accomplishing the cause of socialist construction by comprehensively implementing the decisions and assignments of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea under its leadership headed by you, Comrade General Secretary.

I wish your country prosperity and people happiness and well-being.

I wish the China-DPRK friendship immortality.

DPRK Party and govt delegation pays official visit to PRC

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Pak Thae Song, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, meets Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, at the Great Hall of the People on the afternoon of July 10.

A Party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, paid an official visit to the People's Republic of China from July 10 to 12 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the government of the PRC.

Premier Pak Thae Song met Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC and president of the PRC, at the Great Hall of the

People on the afternoon of July 10.

He courteously conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes from the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to Comrade Xi Jinping.

Expressing deep thanks for this, Comrade Xi Jinping asked the premier to convey his warmest comradely greetings and best wishes to Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Pak Thae Song said that the DPRK and China have supported and closely cooperated with each other on the road for independence against imperialism and for socialism and powerfully propelled the socialist cause in the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation

and Mutual Assistance and firmly defended the regional and global peace. In particular, the DPRK-China Pyongyang summit held last June marked a historic occasion in clearly demonstrating the invariability of the DPRK-China friendship and setting a new milestone in the development of the bilateral relations, he stressed.

Under the deep care of the top leaders of the two parties and two countries, the events for marking the anniversary of the conclusion of the treaty are to be held with splendour this year, strikingly demonstrating once again the strategic character of the DPRK-China friendship, the premier noted, saying that the DPRK would as ever do its best to actively

promote the two countries' revolutionary unity, co-prosperity and development and socialist cause at a new high stage as required by the new era.

Comrade Xi Jinping noted that through his recent state visit to the DPRK, he, together with Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un, provided the strategic guidelines for consolidating and developing the traditional China-DPRK friendship. The China-DPRK Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance laid an important political and legal foundation for consolidating the militant friendship forged by the peoples of the two countries at the cost of their blood, he said, adding that it is a clear feature of the consistent

China-DPRK relations to share friendship and destiny and defend and help each other generation after generation.

Saying that the relations between the two parties and two countries should advance along with the times, consolidate the socialist cause all the time and ensure that the great China-DPRK friendship is handed down through generations, he expressed the willingness to strengthen the strategic cooperation between the two countries and firmly defend the sovereignty, security and development interests so as to create an environment favourable for advancing along the road of socialism.

The talk proceeded in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPC and chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC, at the Great Hall of the People on the afternoon of July 10.

The meeting expressed the will to successfully implement the important common understanding reached between the top leaders of the two parties and two countries, add lustre to the traditional friendship, strengthen the mutually beneficial cooperation and deepen exchanges and cooperation between legislative bodies so as to promote greater development in the DPRK-China relations.

Present there were Kim Song Nam and other leading members of the DPRK Party and government delegation, and Liu Qi, secretary general of the NPC Standing Committee of China, and other officials concerned.

A reception was given at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on July 10 to mark the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.



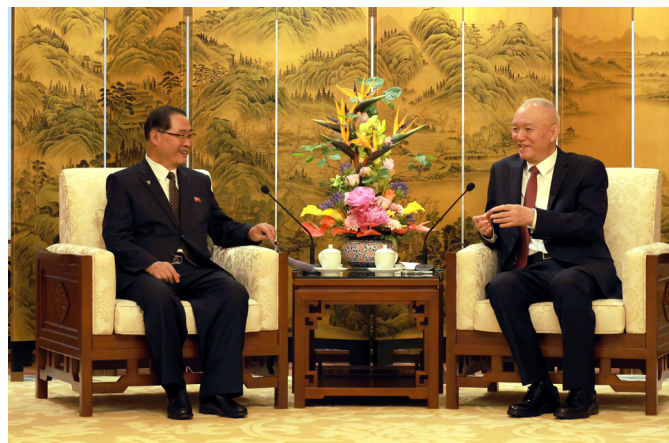
Premier Pak Thae Song meets Zhao Leji, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC, at the Great Hall of the People on the afternoon of July 10.

Present there were Kim Song Nam, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and other leading members of the DPRK Party and government delegation, and Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and foreign minister of the PRC, and officials concerned.

Premier Pak Thae Song met Zhao Leji, member of the Standing Committee of

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Present there was the Party and government delegation of the DPRK on an official



Premier Pak talks with Cai Qi, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

visit to the PRC.

Cai Qi, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the Central Committee of the CPC, made a speech at the reception.

Noting that the peoples of the two countries fought shoulder to shoulder in the days of achieving national independence and liberation and established close comradeship with blood, he said that the conclusion of the treaty provided a solid political and legal basis for the bilateral friendship.

The China-DPRK friendship has been advanced, consolidated and developed along with the times, standing the trials of ever-changing international situation, he said, stressing

the important common understanding reached between the top leaders of the two parties and two countries as the basic and strategic

guidelines, and encourage the socialist cause in the two countries and their traditional relations of friendship and cooperation to steadily reach a new higher stage.

Pak Thae Song made a speech.

He said that he was pleased to pay an official visit to the PRC, a friendly neighbour, and hold a significant event together with the friendly Chinese comrades on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

During the historic Pyongyang summit in June, Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Xi Jinping discussed the issues of strengthening the strategic coordination and cooperation between the two

chapter for the development of the DPRK-China relations by further expanding exchanges and cooperation in political, economic, cultural and all other fields in conformity with the noble intention of the top leaders of the two parties and two countries.

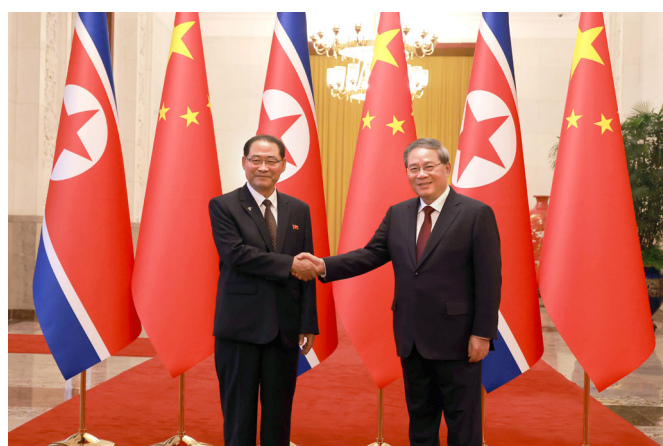
The participants in the reception toasted the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of the two countries.

Prior to the reception, Pak Thae Song met and had a talk with Cai Qi in a friendly atmosphere.

The DPRK Party and government delegation laid a wreath at the Monument of the People's Heroes at Tiananmen Square on the afternoon of July 10.

The guard of honour of the Chinese People's Liberation Army lined up in front of the monument.

The national anthems of the DPRK and the PRC were



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played.

A wreath in the name of the DPRK Party and government delegation was placed at the monument.

Written on the ribbon of the wreath were letters reading "Revolutionary martyrs will be immortal".

The participants paid tribute to the memory of the heroes who fought for freedom and liberation of the Chinese people.

A ceremony was held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on July 11 to welcome the Party and government delegation of the DPRK.

Seen at the venue for the ceremony were the national flags of the DPRK and the PRC, the guard of honour of the CPLA and the military band.

Present at the ceremony were Kim Song Nam and other members of the DPRK

Party and government delegation.

Also present there were Li Qiang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPC and premier of the State Council of the PRC, Wu Zhenglong, member and secretary-general of the State Council of the PRC, Zheng Shanjie, head of the National Development and Reform Committee of the PRC, Wang Wentao, minister of Commerce of the PRC, and officials concerned.

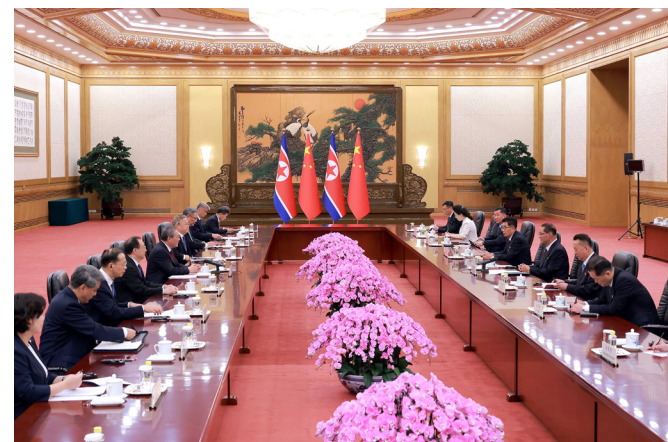
When the delegation arrived at the Great Hall of the People, Li Qiang warmly greeted it.

The national anthems of the DPRK and the PRC were played.

Pak Thae Song, together with Li Qiang, reviewed the guard of honour of the CPLA.

Pak Thae Song had talks with Li Qiang at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing

would make positive efforts to steadily strengthen the DPRK-China friendship and solidarity, true to the noble intention of the top leaders of the two parties and two countries.



Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, has talks with Li Qiang, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, at the Great Hall of the People on July 11.

Li Qiang said that China and the DPRK are neighbours sharing destiny and defending and helping each other, adding that Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping paid a state visit to the DPRK to achieve an important shared understanding and provide strategic guidelines on deepening the China-DPRK relations together with Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

It is the consistent and steadfast policy of the Chinese Party and government to successfully defend, consolidate and develop the China-DPRK relations, he said, expressing the will to steadily preserve the spirit of the China-DPRK Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance so as to maintain close ties through high-level visits and expand and develop the political mutual trust and practical cooperation and thus promote the wellbeing of the peoples of the two countries and make positive contributions to the peaceful development of the region and the rest of the world.

The talks discussed the issues of expanding and developing exchanges and cooperation in all spheres according to the agreement reached by the top leaders of the DPRK and China at the historic Pyongyang summit.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Present at the talks from the DPRK side were Kim Song Nam and other leading

members of the DPRK Party and government delegation, and from the Chinese side were Wu Zhenglong and officials of the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC

and the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee.

That day, Li Qiang hosted a reception in welcome of the Party and government delegation of the DPRK.

The Party and government delegation of the DPRK visited the Communist Party of China History Exhibition Hall on July 12.

Accompanying them were Hua Chunying, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of China, and Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK.

The members of the delegation looked round the materials and exhibits showing the course of the founding and development of the CPC.

Pak Thae Song wrote in the visitor's book that he hoped the Chinese people would steadily achieve fresh successes in the building of a modern socialist state under the leadership of the CPC.

The delegation visited the Beijing Rail Transit Command Centre and was briefed on the successes made in modernizing the transport service.

Earlier, the DPRK Party and government delegation visited various places, including the Green Low-Carbon Circular Economy Demonstration Base of the China Resources Recycling Group Co Ltd. in Tianjin Municipality, and was invited to a reception hosted by the secretary of the Tianjin Municipal Party Committee who is a member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPC.



The DPRK Party and government delegation lays a wreath at the Monument of the People's Heroes at Tiananmen Square on the afternoon of July 10.

that Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping and Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un have paved the way and guided the China-DPRK relations to enter a new historic period, looking forward to the distant future.

He expressed the will to carry forward the traditional friendship, regarding

parties and two countries, firmly safeguarding the sovereignty, security and development interests of the two countries and jointly defending peace and development in the region and the world, and reached a consensus of views on them, he noted.

He stressed that the DPRK would strive to open up a new

Chinese Party and govt delegation pays official goodwill visit to DPRK

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have greeted a new period of vitality of their development under the direct concern and wise leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Xi Jinping, he expressed the stand to expand and develop the bilateral relations in a many-sided way while maintaining close strategic communications and tactical cooperation between the two parties and two countries.

Wang Huning said that the conclusion of the treaty between China and the DPRK laid a legal foundation to consolidate the militant



The Chinese Party and government delegation visits the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on July 16 to pay high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

cooperation in the economy, culture and other fields between the two parties and two countries.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Present at the talks from the DPRK side were Kim Hyong Sik, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Myong Su, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Kang Chol Ho, vice-minister of Urban

Hyong Sik, Mun Song Hyok, Kim Myong Su, Wang Yajun and staff members of his embassy.

The flower basket in the name of the delegation was placed before the tower.

The participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers, who bravely fought against the aggression of the imperialist allied forces, and went round the tower.

Wang Huning wrote in the visitor's book, "Let us glorify the traditional friendship by inheriting the intention of

Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, made a speech at the reception.

He said that the visit to the DPRK by the Party and government delegation of the PRC marked a significant occasion in splendidly commemorating the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance and demonstrating the strategic character of the treaty and the vitality of the DPRK-China friendship.

The friendship has entered a new stage of development in various fields under the direct guidance of the top leaders of the two parties and two countries, he said, expressing the steadfast stand of the WPK and the DPRK government to steadily develop the friendly and cooperative relations with socialism as the core.

He stressed the will to firmly join hands with the Chinese comrades as ever in the course of actively promoting the co-prosperity of the two countries and new development of friendship between them, opposing hegemony and victoriously advancing the socialist cause.

Next, Wang Huning made a speech.

He said that the treaty is an important legal foundation for the development of the friendly relations between the two countries, adding that the peoples of the two countries have shared life and death and formed great militant friendship at the cost of blood in the struggle for achieving national independence and liberation.

It is a vivid feature of the relations between China and the DPRK that they support and cooperate with each other, share destiny and protect and help each other, he said, adding that Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping and Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un met seven times to lead the traditional China-DPRK friendship to open a new chapter of history.

He noted that the firm stand of the Chinese Party

and government attaching great importance to the China-DPRK friendship will remain unchanged and the firm support for the cause of Korean socialism led by Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un will never be changed, adding that the Chinese side will, together with the DPRK side, hold aloft the banner of socialism and ensure that the baton of the China-DPRK friendship is handed down through generations.

A performance was given by the ensemble of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK at the reception.

The delegation visited the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea on July 16.

Being briefed on the fact that the school has developed into the highest institute for training Party cadres which ensures the organizational and ideological strengthening of the Party and its leadership activities in an educational and academic way, the members of the delegation went round various places such as a library.

Saying that he was deeply impressed by the visit to the school, Wang Huning hoped that the school would train more Party cadres with high qualifications needed for powerfully promoting socialist development.

The members of the delegation had a photo taken against the background of the tree planted by Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Xi Jinping when they visited the school during their historic Pyongyang meeting.

The delegation laid a flower basket at the cemetery of the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Sunan District, Pyongyang, on July 16.

The flower basket in the name of the delegation was placed at the cemetery.

Written on the ribbon of the flower basket were letters reading "The martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers will be immortal".

The participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers and went round the cemetery.



Jo Yong Won, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, has talks with Wang Huning, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, at the Pyongyang Assembly Hall on July 15.

of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, had talks with Wang Huning at the Pyongyang Assembly Hall on July 15.

Jo Yong Won said that the present ever-changing international political situation requires the two countries to further strengthen the militant unity, support and solidarity and steadily cement and develop the friendly and cooperative relations for the victorious advance of the common cause of socialism in conformity with the basic spirit of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

Noting that the DPRK-China friendly relations

friendship formed at the cost of blood, stressing that it is an important common understanding of the top leaders of the two parties and two countries to splendidly mark the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the treaty.

He affirmed the will of the Chinese Party and government to regard it as the fundamental principle to implement the important agreement reached in the historic Pyongyang meeting between the top leaders of the two parties and two countries, which wrote a beautiful chapter in the history of the traditional China-DPRK friendship and injected powerful energy into it and promote the China-DPRK relations onto a higher stage.

The talks discussed the issues of promoting the wellbeing of the peoples of the two countries by strengthening party exchanges and intensifying



A reception is given at Yanggakdo International Hotel on July 16 to mark the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the DPRK-China Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

Management, and from the Chinese side Wang Dongfeng, vice-chairman and secretary general of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Liu Haixing, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Qi Yu, secretary of the Party Committee of the Foreign Ministry, Pei Jinjia, minister of Veterans Affairs, and other leading members of the Party and government delegation of the PRC and Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun.

The Central Committee of the WPK and the government of the DPRK gave a reception in welcome of the Party and government delegation of the PRC that evening.

The Chinese Party and government delegation laid a flower basket at the Friendship Tower on July 15.

Present there were Kim

martyrs".

The delegation visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on July 16 to pay high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

A flower basket in the name of the delegation was laid before the statues of the great leaders.

Wang Huning wrote in the visitor's book, "The China-DPRK friendship will be handed down through generations".

A reception was given at Yanggakdo International Hotel on July 16 to mark the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the DPRK-China treaty.

Present there was the Party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China.

Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State



The Party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China lays a flower basket at the Friendship Tower on July 15.



The Chinese Party and government delegation looks round the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea on July 16.

Eighth Congress of Socialist Women's Union of Korea held

KCNA

The Eighth Congress of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea took place in Pyongyang on July 13 and 14.

The congress comprehensively analysed and reviewed the work done by the women's union during the period under review and discussed the practical tasks and ways for the women's union to play a more active role as a transmission belt linking the Party with the masses and as a creditable assistant of the Party and fully discharge its mission and role as an ideological education organization in implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were the members of the seventh-term SWUK central leadership and delegates elected by the women's union organizations at all levels.

Officials of the Party, armed forces organs, ministries and national agencies and those concerned were on hand as observers.

The platform was taken by Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Jong Kyong Thack and Ju Chang Il, members of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, executive members of the SWUK Central Committee, chairwomen of the provincial committees of the SWUK, exemplary women's union officials and members and officials in charge of the women's union affair at the armed forces organs.

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

The congress elected the presidium and the secretariat.

The agenda items discussed at the congress are as follows:

1. Review of the Work of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea



The Eighth Congress of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea takes place in Pyongyang on July 13 and 14.

2. On the Revision of the SWUK Rules

3. Election of the Central Leadership of the SWUK

Jo Yong Won read out a congratulatory letter of the WPK Central Committee to the participants in the Eighth Congress of the SWUK and all other women's union members.

Stating that the beautiful imprints and indelible traces of conscience our women left in all the successes reviewed by the Party Congress and the monumental edifices representing the dignity and advance of the DPRK serve as the most correct and valuable proof of the women's union work, the letter highly praised the SWUK for performing the feat of making the image of all the great Korean people as well as the tough-minded and beautiful looks of the Korean women stand out in the era. And it extended warm congratulations and encouraging greetings to all the women's union officials and members across the country including the

participants.

It indicated the main task facing the women's union in the resolute struggle for transformation in the new era for the prosperity of the state and the practical ways for further enhancing the functions and role of the women's union organizations.

Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the SWUK Central Committee, made a report on the first agenda item.

The reporter reviewed the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the SWUK.

She referred to the fact that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un ushered in a new heyday of the Juche-oriented women's movement and strengthened and developed the women's union into a powerful group of patriots promoting the comprehensive development of socialism with his outstanding ideas and deep trust and affection.

She said that more than four hundred thousand women's union officials and members

volunteered to work at the difficult and challenging worksites and made positive contributions to the successful implementation of the five-year plan at every major worksite seething with enthusiasm for carrying out the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK through the dynamic socialist patriotic movement, revolutionary mass movements.

She noted that over 50 women won the Communist Mother Honour Prize for educating and bringing up children to be successors who would take responsibility for the future of the revolution and many women the title of Labour Hero, the highest honour of DPRK citizens, and other high-class state commendations for giving birth to and rearing well many children.

She stressed that all the successes the SWUK made during the period under review are the brilliant fruition of the energetic guidance of the WPK, which wisely guided the women's

union to remarkably enhance its fighting efficiency at the crucial turning point for the Korean revolution.

The report analysed and reviewed a series of deviations revealed by women's union organizations at all levels during the period under review and their causes on the basis of detailed data and referred to the practical ways for putting the SWUK work on the track of new qualitative development.

The reporter stressed that our state, the greatest in the world, would grow stronger and further prosper when all the women's union officials and members fulfil the responsibility and duty they assumed for the times, history and country and steadily carry on the tradition of loyalty and patriotism.

Speeches were made on the first agenda item.

Twenty delegates made speeches or presented written speeches.

The congress discussed the revision of the SWUK Rules as its second agenda item.

There was a report on the revision of the women's union rules.

The reporter submitted the revised rules for deliberation at the congress.

The congress adopted a decision on the revision of the SWUK Rules with unanimous approbation.

It discussed the election of the SWUK central leadership as the third agenda item.

First, the Central Committee of the SWUK was elected.

All the recommended candidates were elected members and alternate members of the SWUK Central Committee with the unanimous approval of the delegates.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the SWUK was held.

Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, informed the participants of the decision of the plenary meeting.

The Executive Committee of the SWUK Central Committee was elected.

Jon Hyang Sun was elected chairwoman of the SWUK Central Committee and Cha Hyon OK, Ri Hyang Suk, Ri Sun Ok and Ri Hae Im were elected vice-chairwomen.

The Organizing Committee of the SWUK Central Committee was formed.

The chairwoman, vice-chairwomen and members of the Central Inspection Commission of the SWUK were elected.

Department directors of the SWUK Central Committee were appointed.

The congress elected a committee for drafting the decision of the congress with members of the newly elected eighth-term central leadership of the SWUK, and the committee deliberated on the realistic and constructive opinions raised by delegates and supplemented the draft resolution with them.

The decision of the Eighth Congress of the SWUK was adopted with unanimous approval.

Participants in Eighth SWUK Congress and other women's union members meet to make pledge

KCNA

The participants in the Eighth Congress of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and other women's union members gathered at Kim Il Sung Stadium on July 15 to make a pledge.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and Jong Kyong Thack and Ju Chang Il, members of

the Political Bureau and secretaries of the WPK Central Committee.

Led by Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the SWUK Central Committee, all the participants vowed to become revolutionaries absolutely trusting and following the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un only.

They swore an oath to creditably inherit the precious tradition of the Korean women's movement that has remained true to the leadership of the Party

with a single mind and thus turn the whole women's union into a group of harmonious whole sharing the ideology, intention and destiny with the Party Central Committee and the militant ranks strong in the organizing ability and unity and thoroughgoing in the revolutionary spirit.

They also pledged to conduct the socialist patriotic movement, the revolutionary mass movements, as the honourable participants in the struggle for the

comprehensive development of socialism and national prosperity and to become patriots contributing to defending the country and bolstering up the national defence capabilities.

All the participants expressed the will to become the personifiers of noble traits and virtues and the communist mothers who bring their children up as true sons and daughters.

Then, there was a large chorus performance "Thanks to the Party".

Art performance commemorates women's union congress

KCNA

The artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and art group members of the women's union gave an art performance "Songs Korean women sing, looking up to the great motherly Party" at the April 25 House of Culture in commemoration of the Eighth Congress of the SWUK.

The national anthem of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was played solemnly. Put on the stage were a variety of numbers reflecting the noble spiritual world of the Korean women who have dedicated themselves to the happiness of the large socialist family through their patriotic efforts for national prosperity.

The songs were acclaimed by the audience.

Women inject vitality to society

By Ri Sung Ik PT

PRK society gets more harmonious and livelier thanks to the lofty spiritual world of women who devote themselves to not only their own families but also society and the collective.

Amid the growing social environment of learning from the ennobling spiritual world

of the martyrs who sacrificed their precious lives in the overseas military operations in order to defend the sacred dignity and honour of the country, the women’s union officials and members in Pyongyang Municipality visit the bereaved families of the martyrs together with their children to take care of them like their own flesh and blood and make the new generation

have the will to glorify their youth on the road for the good of the country like the martyrs.

Many women sincerely look after the health of war veterans and provide them with convenience in their life or encourage honoured disabled soldiers to carry on the revolution and arrange their weddings with parental affection, blessing them

bright future.

There are also those who visit regional-industry factories under construction according to the new regional development policy of the Workers’ Party of Korea to actively offer welfare services to the soldier-builders to raise their morale or make sincere efforts for the soldiers at the posts for national defence.

With the noble desire to steadily carry forward the fine tradition of the great socialist family and national traits and to devote sincerity to lighten the heavy burden of the country even a little, women in Sinchon County of South Hwanghae Province, women of the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, a leading iron production base, and families of the miners of

the Musan Mining Complex visit the workplaces seething with the efforts for making miracles and innovations with aid materials they prepared with sincerity and songs they practised to encourage the working people.

Such women have the firm faith that their destiny and the happiness of their families depend on their socialist motherland.

Wives of coal miners

By Pang Un Ju PT

On March 15 the workers of the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine voted for a deputy to the 15th Supreme People’s Assembly in the presence of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un and listened to his meaningful speech.

“I would also like to take this opportunity to extend warm greetings to the miners’ wives and mothers who are making sincere, devoted efforts for the country’s coal production, sharing one mind with their husbands and children, and also to the retired meritorious miners,” he said in the speech.

Even at present, women in Chonsong dearly cherish the emotions and excitement they felt that day.

“I can still vividly remember the day when my two daughters had a photo taken with the respected General Secretary,” said Jang Sun Hui, a woman living in Chonsong Workers’ District No. 2 in Unsan County.

Both of her daughters volunteered to work at the coal mine after graduating from middle school. Then, just a few years after that, they participated in the photo session after voting for the deputy to the SPA.

Although they were just rookies in the coal mine, her daughters had the same honour of being called the hard core of the country performing the most valuable feats in the vanguard of state building, with the coal miners who have mined coal all their lives or through generations. That day, out of joy, she inspired her daughters to work much harder than others to repay the trust of the respected General Secretary without fail.

Pang Yong Mi, a woman living in Chonsong Workers’ District No. 1, has always taken the lead in the work for coal miners, out of a desire to be a proud daughter-in-law, wife and mother before her father-in-law, a good ex-coal miner, her dear husband who loves his job and her three children. Always thinking of a pit where her husband was working before her family, she has devoted herself to the work for coal miners. She has wished only for increased coal production.

Regarding the work for coal miners just as that for the country, she has wished to become a woman in Chonsong known by the General Secretary. Her children know this and the second son of hers wrote in his diary during his middle school days as follows:

“My mom wears the brightest smile on the day of her visit to coal miners.”

Pang hardened her resolve to live as a proud woman in the coalfield to repay the loving care of the respected General Secretary who visited the coal mine to give such warm congratulations to the coal miners as if he had read her mind.

Cha Yun Sil, wife of the manager of the coal mine who spent most of his time in the pits, seeking no family comforts, shared joy and sorrow with her husband over the results of coal production.

Then, the husband was nominated as a candidate for a deputy to the SPA and the respected General Secretary personally voted for him.

At that time, Cha felt as if she had been the happiest in the world. She has since devoted herself to helping her husband with his work.

The father of Hwang Sun Hui, a woman living in Chonsong Workers’ District No. 2, was one of the developers of the coal mine. As he wished, his family members have worked at the coal mine for three generations, taking the greatest pleasure in voluntarily doing things, big or small, conducive to the prosperity of the country.

True to such a family tradition, Sun Hui has also put her heart and soul into the work for coal miners, always thinking of the coal mine.

It is the unanimous desire of the women in Chonsong to help increase coal production invariably and selflessly.



Women congratulate innovators at the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine.

Women of Sangwon

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Sangwon Cement Complex is an industrial establishment that supports the country with high production records and by dint of a drive for increased production, as well as a powerful enterprise that can carry out any task.

The wonderful structures that were built in the past five years of the great heyday of construction are all associated with the complex. With the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea as the starting point, the workers of the complex increased cement production to the level far beyond the maximum production capacity, which they could not even imagine ten years ago, and continuously renewed the production records of the peak year, adding confidence to the advance of the state and opening up a possibility for the success of such gigantic projects.

There are women workers among the praiseworthy working people of Sangwon.

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that there are a number of large and important enterprises in the country, but none of them has such a group of staunch and militant workers as the Sangwon workers, said Kim Yong

Ok, a girl machine operator working in the firing chamber of the kiln, adding proudly that she was one of them.

Kim Kyong Sim who is in charge of a depot of the calcination workshop supplies different kinds of materials and spare parts needed for the regular management of equipment to the work sites. Calcination workers call her, who is always busy delivering materials and machine parts to workteams, “mother of workshop”. She strives to ensure the full operation of equipment without a moment’s stop, as she always thinks what she can do more for the increased cement production and how she can give greater pleasure to General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

There are some women who are known as labour innovators at the workshops processing secondary materials.

Women workers of the mixing material and raw material workshops acquired high skills so as to grasp the conditions of equipment in an instant just from the vibration and flux of the machines, thus overfulfilling their monthly norms.

Jong Sun Yong, a worker of the grinding workteam of the cement workshop, operates super-large machines just like men workers. Since 70 percent

of the equipment of the workshop is concentrated at the workteam, she is taking good care of the machines with feminine delicacy and is adored by her co-workers.

The devotion of women to increasing cement production is not confined to their workplaces.

The women of Sangwon take the whole responsibilities for their household affairs for their husbands and children working at the cement complex and find their joy and pleasure of life in the increased production of cement.

Those at the Samchong Mine provide supply service to the miners entering pits and conduct motivational activities to encourage their husbands, while those at the Sangwon Limestone Mine keep hundreds of metres of roads so that trucks loading minerals can travel on schedule.

Saying that a kilogram of additive is just a kilogram of cement, Ri Yong Sil, a resident of the Myongdang Workers’ District, collects dozens of kilograms of additives every day so as to contribute to increasing cement production.

The miraculous increase in production achieved by the Sangwon Cement Complex is associated with the devoted efforts of the patriotic women of Sangwon.

Women devote themselves to increased cement production at the Sangwon Cement Complex.



By dint of great creative and executive abilities

By An Hyok Chol PT

The Komdok Mining Complex, which is bringing about a new turning point in its development, was selected as one of the top ten enterprises for 2025.

It reduced operation cost by 20 percent and increased productivity over two times as compared to previously by refashioning the ore transport system. This is a remarkable change effected by the enterprise in recent years.

The leading nonferrous mineral producer of the country has increased production every year and could become one of the top ten enterprises thanks to the great creative and executive abilities of its officials.

Three years ago, the complex had a tough assignment. At that time, the officials found the way to carry out its plan in pulling down the big heaps of ore which had long been accumulated at the bunker of an ore-dressing plant.

Such attempt had been made several times before, but

the bunker was inaccessible to vehicles.

In order to solve the problem, the mine mapped out a new plan for pulling down the heaps of ore in the bunker, built a road leading to it and made it possible to effectively use transport means.

Thus, the complex increased production 1.6 times in 2023 and also achieved a remarkable production growth in 2024 and 2025.

When the complex was faced with the task of overhauling a vertical shaft in the deep pit area in October last year, officials scrupulously organized work to shorten the overhaul period and at the same time pushed ahead with the development of a pit face by finding a high-grade ore deposit and thereby carried out the national economic plan for 2025 and the overhaul and opened up a bright prospect for production for this year.

Its officials and workers are now making strenuous efforts for the successful fulfilment of its national economic plan by dint of fresh innovation, bold creation and steady advance.

By relying on domestic raw materials and technology

By To Kyong Chol PT

Among the units selected as the top ten enterprises for 2025 is the Anju Insulator Factory.

The factory is improving the productivity and grade of insulators and increasing their indexes while overfulfilling its national economic plan every year.

In the past, it could not evade one-sidedness in production as most of raw materials needed for the production of insulator had to be imported.

Thanks to research and efforts of its officials and employees, the factory took technical measures to use raw materials abundant in the country for normalizing insulator production and fully ensuring their quality, and established a new production line.

Later, the factory modernized equipment and put their operation on a more scientific basis to successfully produce high-grade insulators.

And it set a higher goal to increase the indexes of insulators and established a new production process based on a far infrared radiating

material, and developed various insulating paints including anticorrosive and waterproof agents.

Recently, the factory set up another process for turning out laminated insulating base and insulating tape needed for different kinds of electric equipment by using raw materials plentiful in the country.

It works to build up its technical forces in order to boost production and ensure their quality on a high level.

Many workers prepare themselves to be intelligent workers under the study-while-you-work system and all employees present inventions and new ideas that can contribute to the production of goods and improvement of their quality.

Amid the brisk mass technical innovation movement, many technical innovation plans were presented including a method of using locally available raw materials to synthesize catalysts and were highly appreciated at the national sci-tech festivals.

"We'll make redoubled efforts to develop high quality products, unique ones, by relying on our own raw materials," said Chief Engineer Ho Song Sik.

Regarding technological progress as seed of sustained development

By Ri Sang Il PT

The Kyongru Lighting Apparatus Trading Company has achieved lots of successes in the work to develop new technologies, improve quality and expand varieties by regarding technological progress as the seed of sustained development.

Since it established the first LED lamp production process, the company has steadily strengthened its own technical forces while making a deep study of the global development trend of lighting apparatuses.

Most of the company's talents are the researchers of its lighting technology institute.

They are in charge of research, equipment management and technical control while giving guidance on production and training skilled workers. They also make the lighting apparatuses and electric

appliances, which they developed, together with skilled workers at the production site.

This system for training the technical personnel of the company into talents with practical abilities proves very effective in strengthening the technical forces of the unit and making technological progress.

Technical innovation achievements, conducive to improving the quality of products while saving manpower, time and materials and to speeding up the development of new products, are on the increase day by day.

In the course of this, the company has satisfactorily produced the products with high technical performance including a tens-of-metre-high spiral chandelier and a large six-tier bead chandelier.

The company encourages all its employees to take part in the presentation of

ideas and inventions to present ideas, discoveries and technical innovation plans conducive to the technological progress of the unit. Under the circumstances, technical innovation for putting the whole process of production, including the development of new products, improvement of quality and reduction of costs, on a high scientific and technological basis has been turned into the work of the producer masses themselves.

The company has attached importance to the steady technical upgrading and modernization of production processes and equipment in making technological progress. In the past five years alone, it developed measuring apparatuses, the key factor in improving the quality of lamps, by its own efforts and newly established or technically upgraded more than 30 production processes.

It also reinforced or modernized equipment, including metal laser cutter and laser welding machine, to reduce manpower to a fifth and double the rate of production as compared to before, and laid a foundation for manufacturing the lighting apparatuses, which had been imported, by its own efforts and technology.

Efforts were directed to lowering the production costs systematically and improving quality, resulting in the development of nearly 10 000 new products in hundreds of kinds.

The company was selected as one of the top ten enterprises for 2025 as it made positive contributions to successfully building structures guaranteeing the economic development of the country and the happy life of the people, including 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area and the Sinpho City Offshore Farm.

Secret of development

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The North Hwanghae Provincial Posts and Telecommunications Management Bureau covers a small area, and the number of its employees is also small.

However, it has become a provincial model in the technical and cultural aspects.

It has presented many sci-tech achievements at the sci-tech festivals held every year, earning a great acclaim.

Its five-storey building is furnished with an air-conditioning system based on solar and geothermal energy. The fish pond and animal shed in its compound are of great benefit to its employees.

The secret is that it has attached importance to the talented persons.

"Until a few years ago, we were very backward. But we opened a breakthrough in changing our bureau by building up the ranks of talented persons," said Mun Chang Jun, deputy director of the bureau.

The management bureau learned who were talented

persons in the units under it and channelled great efforts into the work with them, providing them with sufficient working and living conditions, and leading them to acquire a broad knowledge to make various studies with even one idea.

For example, it refashioned its building into energy-saving one.

Launching into the project, it formed a technical team and tasked it to present an excellent design.

Thus, an air-conditioning system based on geothermal energy was presented, and a monitoring system based on solar energy established.

The water scores of metres under the ground, whose constant temperature is 140°C, is pumped up and the boiler, run with the help of geothermal energy and biomass, use it to ensure air-conditioning; the solar energy generation system provides part of the electricity needed for illumination, office equipment and air-conditioning.

The water used for air-conditioning is stored in a tank and purified; then it automatically flows to the



Discussion is held to develop a new service program at the North Hwanghae Provincial Posts and Telecommunications Management Bureau. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

wading pool and public bath in the leisure complex. So the complex is supplied with hot and cold water without using electricity.

Later, the technical team presented one valuable technical innovation plan after another for the development of the bureau.

"Hwanggumyolmae", a program which it developed jointly with the Agricultural Informatization Institute under the Academy of Agricultural Sciences, helps the agricultural workers to

resolve agricultural sci-tech problems with the help of smartphones. And "Sanmae" 1.0, a program of mobile telecommunications bases monitoring for the scientific and safe operation of mobile telecommunications bases, a drinking water management program for the urban administration sector and many other technical tasks they undertook and introduced prove beneficial in reality, serving as a solid foundation for the development of the bureau.



The management bureau derives considerable benefits from its solar energy generation system and air-conditioning system based on geothermal energy.

Bilateral friendship grows from one century to next

By Choe Song Jun PT

Twenty-six years have passed since the adoption of the DPRK-Russia joint declaration.

In July 2000, Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation, visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of Comrade Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK.

A summit meeting and talks were held and the joint declaration was adopted during his visit.

The joint declaration affirmed that the further development of bilateral cooperation and close mutual cooperation conforms to the fundamental interests of the peoples of the two countries and the trend towards building a multipolar world and establishing a new international order based on the principles of equality, mutual respect and mutually beneficial cooperation. It also confirmed a common view on different issues, including the matter of advocating the strengthening of strategic and regional stability and the weakening of the elements of the use of power in international relations and opposing the acts of threatening the security of sovereign states and global peace as a whole, the matter of promoting and developing cooperation in various fields between the two countries and the matter of making the 21st century a century when all the people across the world enjoy prosperity.

The adoption of the joint declaration was of great significance not only in the development of bilateral relations but also in the

sound development of international relations and the maintenance of peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world.

The friendly and cooperative relations have developed on a new level since the adoption of the declaration.

Chairman Kim Jong Il visited Russia in 2001, 2002 and 2011, making a great contribution to strengthening the friendly ties between the two countries. During his visits, the top leaders of the two countries confirmed the historic significance of the joint declaration and agreed on the specific orientation and measures for ensuring peace and security in Northeast Asia and the rest of the world and for further developing bilateral cooperation in politics, the economy, military, science and technology, culture and other fields.

The DPRK-Russia friendly relations have greeted a new heyday in recent years.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited Vladivostok of the Russian Federation in April 2019 and met with Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation. Through the significant meeting, he formed a close friendship with his Russian counterpart and further developed the close bonds forged with blood between the peoples of the two countries.

The top leaders of the two countries met again in September 2023 and June 2024.

During their Pyongyang summit

meeting in June 2024, they signed a treaty on the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries. The treaty put the bilateral relations with a long-standing tradition on a new strategic level and provided a legal framework for realizing the far-reaching plan of the leaderships of the two countries and the desire of their peoples for building powerful states while firmly protecting the security environment of the region and the world in conformity with the common interests.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un and President Putin met again and had talks on September 3 2025 when they participated in the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War and discussed in detail the long-term plans for cooperation between the two countries, reconfirming their steadfast will to keep leading the bilateral relations onto a high level.

Under the leadership of the top leaders, the DPRK and Russia are further strengthening the militant ties and cooperation by expanding exchanges and cooperation in various fields while channelling efforts into bolstering up the capability for self-defence to cope with the manoeuvres of the hostile forces dead set on threatening their sovereignty and security environment and harming their development interests.

It is the consistent stand of the WPK and the government of the DPRK to steadily expand and develop the traditional bilateral friendly relations in conformity with the common interests.

With ideal of self-reliance

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The DPRK is ushering in a new era of comprehensive national development as it advances along the road it chose under the uplifted banner of self-reliance.

In his important concluding speech made at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that the country's ideals, goals and advancing speed constantly change and develop, but the ideals of "The people are god", single-hearted unity and self-reliance, peculiar to the Korean revolution, remain unchanged and their inexhaustible might will confidently propel the country's socialist construction towards a bright future.

Self-reliance has always served as the banner of struggle and motive power of leap forward throughout the historical course of the DPRK's cause.

Over the past five years, too, the Korean people pushed ahead with the technical upgrading and readjustment and reinforcement of all sectors of the national economy and put the overall economy on a definite growth track, while implementing the WPK's strategy of readjustment and reinforcement by dint of self-sustenance and self-support.

The officials and workers of the Kim Chaek and Hwanghae iron and steel complexes established their iron production systems based on local efforts, technology, raw materials and fuel under the banner of self-reliance and the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex set up the melamine resin production line, catalyst production base and slow effective granular urea fertilizer production line relying on domestic resources and technology.

The fighting spirit of self-reliance was also displayed in the machine-building industry sector.

The Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK held in December 2022 discussed an important issue of providing large compressors, which was the key to fertilizer production.

The question was whether to import modern machinery and equipment needed for readjusting and reinforcing large-scale fertilizer production bases with a huge amount of money or to build them by domestic efforts.

At that time the General Secretary regarded it as not merely a matter of science and technology or practical production but as a crucial

political issue of firmly carrying forward the ideal and tradition of self-reliance associated with the lifetime intention of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and strengthening the driving force of the Korean revolution, and entrusted the task of manufacturing the major custom-built equipment to the workers of the Ryongsong Machine Complex.

Encouraged by his trust, the workers of Ryongsong turned out as one in the production of large compressors, smashing defeatism and mysticism about technology that idolize foreign technologies instead of believing in their own strength.

In November 2023, the General Secretary visited the complex which was pushing ahead with the production of high-performance large compressors at the final stage. He looked round the compressors, the products of the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude displayed by the Ryongsong workers and the mass technical innovation they made, and said that the whole country should learn from the spirit of advance and fighting mettle mounting in Ryongsong.

The workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex expanded their production capacity by their own efforts and technology and steadily increased cement production to inject vitality into the all-people general advance for socialist construction for the past five years.

They raised the cement production onto a level far surpassing the maximum production capacity with the Eighth Congress of the WPK as the starting point, and exceeded the peak year level year after year, displaying the might of self-reliance and self-development.

The people in Kangwon Province completed the construction of six hydropower stations including the Hoeyang Army-People Power Station during the term of the Eighth Party Central Committee as planned, thus laying a solid foundation for the province to live by its own efforts.

In his policy speech at the First Session of the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the past decade clearly showed that no objective conditions and circumstances can ever check the advance of a state and people that have turned out in the struggle to shape their future, united as one with firm faith, and that the most correct way to prosperity is to achieve self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

To build modern coastal tourist town

By Kim Hyon PT

Many tourists visit every day the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, built in Myongsasimni, a scenic spot on the east coast of the DPRK where sweet briars are in full bloom.

As soon as they take off their travelling attire, the tourists go first to the bathing beach licked by blue waves to cool themselves off in summer.

What catch the eyes are the people swimming in the rolling sea, women in lifebelts enjoying themselves in the waves, old persons waving their hands aboard sightseeing boats, young people skilfully water-skiing and other people rushing on motorcycles on the sandy beach.

People's laughter resounds elsewhere in the tourist area stretching as far as the eye can see, including outdoor and indoor water parks, amusement arcades, cinemas, theatres, diverse restaurants which serve famous national and foreign dishes and various picturesque hotels.

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un put his heart and soul into turning this place, which boasted only red sweet briars, pine trees and the sound of waves

though being known as a scenic spot from ancient time, into a distinctive and modern Korean-style coastal tourist town full of the people's laughter.

The General Secretary, who had long thought of making the people of the country bounded by the sea benefit from sea-related civilization, visited the relevant construction site three times in 2018 alone.

After May, he visited the construction site in August, when an unprecedentedly high temperature was recorded, to give instructions to artistically refine the architectural formation of the overall street of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area while standing on the sandy beach heated by the burning sun. During his inspection of the construction site in October, he said that he was heartened and so pleased when he pictured the people leading a highly civilized and happy life there.

In April 2019 when the cold and chilly sea wind was blowing, he visited the construction site to give detailed instructions to properly build promenades, tramlines and bicycle paths for the convenience of the users, make and send many battery cars and install outdoor clocks in buildings and other places

so that the people would be able to know the time while bathing in the sea.

In order to bring earlier the future of the country resounding endlessly with the people's happy laughter, he convened a consultative meeting in a tent on the spot in July 2024 to give detailed instructions on the issues arising in building the tourist resort as a monumental edifice of eternal value for the people.

When the tourist resort was completed on the Kalma peninsula, he attended the inauguration ceremony. Feasting his eyes over the beautiful bird's-eye view of the coastal tourist town, he said with great satisfaction that what he most wanted to do for the people and something to which the Party devoted a great deal of effort for a long time with cherished desire was translated into a brilliant reality.

Though he turned the Kalma peninsula into a civilized cultural recreation ground for the people, he visited the tourist area again in June this year to give field guidance at the newly-built facilities.

The tourist area keeps resounding with the happy laughter of the people thanks to the devoted efforts of the respected General Secretary for the people.

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ICC abandoned by international community

By Choe Song Jun PT

Niger recently submitted an application for secession to the International Criminal Court.

Niger, together with Mali and Burkina Faso, had issued a joint statement declaring the withdrawal from the organization in September last year, asserting that it became a neocolonialist repressive body in the hands of imperialism.

The statement said that the ICC does not deal with even the undeniable cases related to war crimes, unethical crimes, murders and aggression, while “strangely and absurdly keeping mum” about those who committed such crimes.

The International Criminal Court was established in The Hague of the Netherlands in July 2002 pursuant to the “Rome Statute” adopted in July 1998 with the aim of punishing those who committed crimes against humanitarianism such as massacres and war crimes.

But since the start of its activities, the ICC has mainly dealt only with the African issues, turning its face away from war crimes committed in different parts of the world.

In a word, it has lost justice and fairness.

For this reason, many African countries, which had supported its establishment, began to defy it, expressing disappointment at the unfair behaviours of the organization which was reduced to a political tool of the US and the West.

The ICC still interferes in the internal affairs of developing countries, keeping absolute silence about the unethical crimes of the West which does not hesitate to invade sovereign states and kill civilians.

The West-led ICC, which has lost justice and fairness, has no reason to exist any more—this is the ever-growing unanimous demand of developing countries.

It is quite natural for the international community to increasingly reject the organization.

Warmaniacs hell-bent on expanding territory in Middle East

By Kim Hye Jong PT

The international community is raising its voice against Israel for being hell-bent on killing in the Middle East.

An independent investigation committee of the UN recently branded the Israeli forces’ act as a massacre, asserting that about 30 percent of the dead in the Gaza Strip are children. The committee said that at least 20 179 children under 18 have been killed and 44 143 others injured in the Gaza Strip in two years since October 7 2023 when the battle began between Israel and the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), adding that Israel is “intentionally targeting children”.

Arab countries including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Jordan denounced Israel for the invasion of Syria.

The Foreign Ministry of Qatar in a statement said that Israel’s invasion of Syria and military attacks on different regions of the country are an undisguised encroachment upon its sovereignty and a blatant violation of international law and international humanitarian law, urging the international community to fulfil its responsibility to check such atrocities.

The secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council reaffirmed its stand to cooperate with Syria and resolutely reject any offences encroaching upon its sovereignty or threatening its security, saying that Israel’s repeated attacks are dangerous

acts of aggravating the situation which escalate tension and hinder the regional and international efforts to achieve peace.

But Israel claims that more than one-third of the Palestinians killed in the Gaza Strip are “terrorists” and that there are no civilians in the area and those above three years of age are “terrorists”. It also insists that its military attacks on Syria are aimed at protecting the Druse in Syria.

However, this is nothing but sophism to justify its atrocities.

The real purpose of Israel is to trample on the future of Palestine and annex its whole territory by targeting even its children, and to gradually expand the flames of war it started in the Gaza Strip even to such neighbouring countries as Lebanon and Syria and thus dominate the Middle East.

For example, the Israeli minister of finance declared last mid-February that Israel would “tighten control over all our territories” while talking about a “settlement revolution” in the West Bank. In June last year, the Israeli foreign minister in a diplomatic meeting in East Al-Quds openly said that the Golan Heights in Syria would remain part of the State of Israel in any peace deal to be struck in the future.

Israel, dead set on undisguised aggression and an indiscriminate war of genocide for territorial expansion, is fully revealing before the international community its true colours as the wrecker of peace in the Middle East.

Increasing risk of climatic disasters caused by El Niño

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Shortly ago, a foreign weather forecast institute officially confirmed that El Niño formed as the water temperature of the Pacific near the equator rose higher than the average.

According to meteorologists, the possibility that the current El Niño episode can develop to a very strong level in late autumn and early winter is 63 percent, in which case it will be one of the largest ones ever observed since 1950.

The World Meteorological Organization warned that if El Niño develops, the risk of climatic disasters like heat wave, drought and heavy rain might increase.

A natural climate phenomenon in which the temperature of the sea water rises above the average in the equatorial Pacific region, El Niño causes abnormal weather conditions. It changes the atmospheric flow and rain patterns affecting the weather all over the world.

The last century saw some 30 El Niño episodes.

Whenever it occurred, the earth’s highest temperature record was renewed and mankind suffered huge casualties and material losses due to various natural disasters.

In recent years, the increase in the heat content of the ocean caused by global warming resulted in more frequent occurrence of El Niño than in the past, and its intensity and impact have been enhanced.

The El Niño episodes that occurred in 2023 and 2024, for instance, caused climatic disasters and mankind suffered great damages from

unheard-of heat waves, record high temperatures, floods and landslides.

The WMO expects that temperatures higher than the average will be recorded in most regions of the world this summer.

In some countries and regions, the temperature has already reached a record-breaking level.

In Britain, the temperature went above 35°C on May 26, which is 2 degrees higher than the maximum temperature recorded in May. Its weather bureau reported that such a heat wave is a rare phenomenon not only in spring but also in midsummer.

In Spain, 101 persons died from the heat wave last May, which was the highest record since the aggregate began to be recorded in 2015. Its health ministry stressed that the extreme heat wave that occurred before summer has a serious impact on people’s health.

Meteorologists described the phenomenon as “really surprising” and “unbelievably strange”.

According to the WMO, the possibility that the record of “the hottest year in history” might be broken between 2026 and 2030 is 86 percent.

A meteorologist analysed that the probability that the mean temperature of the earth in that period might be more than 1.5°C higher than that in the period before the Industrial Revolution is 75 percent.

The secretary-general of the WMO and other experts of different countries claim that El Niño will fan up the hot weather and the world should accept it as an urgent climate warning.



The snapshots show the results of Israel’s murderous attack on Lebanon.

Briefly

Russia

Argument about ‘threat from Russia’ rejected

Russian presidential press secretary Dmitri Peskov rejected NATO’s argument about “threat from Russia” at a press conference on July 9.

Noting that NATO’s declaration of Russia as a threat was an act of aggression, he said that this demands Russia become stronger, firmly believe in itself and invariably pursue its policy.

The arch-enemy of NATO, which was originally set up as a tool for confrontation, was the Soviet Union and then became the Russian Federation, the successor, he said, adding Russia would take all necessary measures to defend the country.

China

NATO chief’s remarks condemned

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry denounced the reckless remarks made by NATO secretary general who found fault with China’s activities in the North Pole at a recent press conference.

As regards the fact that the NATO chief clamoured for the necessity to keep Russia and China from expanding their influence on the North Pole, the spokesman asserted that China’s activities aimed at promoting peace, stability and sustainable development in the region conform to international law.

The rights and freedom of every nation related to the activities conducted in the North Pole in conformity with law should be fully respected, he said, stressing that China resolutely opposes the acts of inciting tension and confrontation in the North Pole while clamouring against “threat from China”.

Japan

Rally held against dangerous war policy

A mass rally took place in Tokyo, Japan, on July 10 in protest against the dangerous war policy of the authorities.

That day, about 27 000 people encircled the parliament building and chanted such slogans as “Stop the reckless action of Takaichi”, denouncing the authorities for pushing ahead with the adoption of policies and bills increasing war danger despite the citizens’ opposition.

Europe

Financial difficulties lamented

A European information service recently conducted an opinion poll on residents of Germany, the UK, Ireland, Italy and Poland.

The poll results show that 78 percent of the respondents said their financial situation is getting worse due to the unstable regional situation and price rise.

Germans especially complained that their income keeps falling and they find it harder to eke out a living.



Koim Rock on Wonman Peak of Mt Myohyang

Weightlifters surprise world weightlifting circles

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships took place in India last May.

The DPRK weightlifters bagged 30 medals including 18 golds and set 10-odd new world and Asian records at the championships which brought together over 170 excellent men and women weightlifters from more than 20 countries and regions.

In general, the competition begins with the matches of men's 60kg and women's 48kg categories each time as they are the men's and women's lowest weight categories. Therefore, the players of those categories are placed under considerable psychological pressure.

Nevertheless, Pang Un Chol won three gold medals in the men's 60kg category

by taking the first place in snatch and setting new world and Asian records in jerk.

And Ri Won Ju set new world and Asian records in jerk and total respectively in the men's 71kg category.

What is noteworthy in the men's events is that the DPRK players won championships in the heavyweight categories as well as in the lightweight ones.

In the men's 79kg category, Ri Chong Song won a gold in snatch and silvers in jerk and total, and Ri Ryong Hyon set new world and Asian records in jerk and received golds in jerk and total and a silver in snatch. Thus, they took the first and second places respectively in the category.

Ro Kwang Ryol set new world and Asian records in jerk and a new Asian record in total to win two golds and

one silver in the men's 88kg category.

As a result, the men players of the DPRK indisputably topped the rankings in winning gold medals though they were smaller in number than other teams.

Meanwhile, the women players of the country fully displayed their ability.

Kim Il Gyeong set a new Asian record in snatch and took the first place in jerk even without the third lift, thus winning three golds in the women's 58kg category.

Ri Suk set new world and Asian records in jerk and total respectively in the women's 63kg category to win the best player award of the championships. Song Kuk Hyang, who had set three new world records at the 2025 IWF World Championships to cause a sensation, established new world and Asian records in

the recent competition, too.

After watching the lifts of the DPRK weightlifters, many experts expressed their astonishment at the team's renewing world and Asian records each time.

The president of the International Weightlifting Federation said that the DPRK is maintaining its undeniable position of a weightlifting power in the international games, expressing his conviction that its players will continue to achieve signal successes and thus fly the venerable flag of the country more often.

The secretary general of the Asian Weightlifting Federation lavished praise on the DPRK men players, saying that he realized the men's weightlifting of the country is rapidly developing as he witnessed them renewing many world records.

Natural monument— Fossil *Onsongia* bed

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The fossil *Onsongia* bed is on a mountain slope.

This fossil fish was known in 1975 for the first time.

The stratum consists of the layers of yellowish green siltstone and marl of the seson series in the Lower Cretaceous period of the Mesozoic age.

Also unearthed on the layer were fossils of shellfish, snails, insects and *Ortracoda*.

The fossil bed is 4m wide and 30m long.

Onsongia is 27cm long and about 15.5cm high.

It has a round head and thin teeth in the mouth.

Its spine has a row of 38 to 42 bones down the back.

It has 11-12 dorsal and caudal fin rays and 8-9 ventral fin rays. It is covered with relatively large round scales on the surface.

A rare specimen in the world which was discovered for the first time in the country, fossil *Onsongia* is of great significance in the study of the evolution and development of vertebrates, especially fish.

