

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong to mark 73rd anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War



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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, visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong on July 26 to mark the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet, commissions, ministries and national agencies and commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

The KPA guard of honour lined up at the cemetery.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

A wreath bearing the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was placed at the wreath-laying stand amid the playing of the wreath-laying music.

Wreaths in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the SPA Standing Committee of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK were laid at the cemetery.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, together with all the participants, paid a silent tribute to the memory of the revolutionary martyrs who devoted their precious lives to the sacred cause for the independence and sovereignty of the country, the defence of its sovereignty and the people's wellbeing

and happiness.

There took place a march-past of the KPA guard of honour.

Comrade Kim Jong Un placed flowers before the busts of Kim Chaek, Kang Kon and Choe Hyon on Jujak Peak who made a distinguished contribution to the victory in the war, with deep reverence for the revolutionaries of the first generation who created and glorified the ever-victorious tradition and history, fighting in the bloody anti-Japanese war and the flames of the Fatherland Liberation War under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung.

He said that the fighters' absolute loyalty to the leader, spirit of devotedly implementing the revolutionary tasks and courageous fighting will not knowing the word impossible were developed into the special ideological and spiritual qualities of the defenders of the country in the 1950s

and this was the basic foundation that made the victorious wartime generation the most heroic generation of the DPRK and the model of the indomitable Korean people.

He affirmed that the glory of July 27 would continue with greater and more dynamic victory in the course of advance of our cause sacred with great pioneering and succession and that our country associated with the patriotic soul of the forerunners would be prosperous forever as a powerful socialist state.

He paid high tribute to the revolutionary martyrs who created the precious revolutionary spirit and struggle tradition to be handed down to posterity and laid the eternal foundation for national prosperity, praying for their immortality as a model of brilliant life and struggle for all the successive generations of the DPRK and the mainstay of their firm faith.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on occasion of V-Day



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All the people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army in the DPRK significantly celebrate July 27, a symbol of heroism and invincibility of the DPRK, paying high tribute to the honourable first defenders of the state and creators of the precious tradition of victory shining as the gold star of immortality along with the honour of the great victor nation.

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

Korea, visited the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 26 on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the war victory.

Comrade Kim Jong Un gladly met with war veterans and warmly wished them good health and long life.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, war veterans, persons of wartime merit, bereaved families of war martyrs, students of revolutionary schools and Pyongyangites.



The guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the cemetery.

Comrade Kim Jong Un placed a flower at the memorial "Soul of Heroes" and paid high tribute, praying for immortality of the martyrs who recorded the first page of the defence of the country, adding majestic shine to the dignity of heroic Korea with their precious blood in the first period of the foundation of the state.

A gun salute was fired in memory of the Fatherland Liberation War martyrs.

Comrade Kim Jong Un went round the cemetery.

He said that although many years have

passed since the ceasefire of the war, the great victory won by the young DPRK in the cradle to devotedly defend not only the dignity and sovereignty of the state but also the global peace and security in a heavy and hot war against the US imperialists, the chieftain of imperialism, and their followers is shining as the most eye-opening and signal victory and eternal biography of heroes unprecedented in the human history of wars.

He stressed that the miracle of July 27 won by the ordinary army and people on this land with ardent love and indomitable might should be the precious ideological and spiritual wealth and infinite latent

energy of the Korean revolution to be invariably and thoroughly carried forward regardless of the replacement of generations and the growing gains of the revolution in the long journey of building a power.

He affirmed that our cause of building a rich country with a strong army would emerge victorious when we always remember the worthwhile spirit of self-respect, matchless stubbornness and noble self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the victorious wartime generation who pioneered the heroic history of the Republic with their blood and remain faithful to their intention and will.

The participants laid flowers at the graves of the martyrs, recollecting the brilliant names and images and heroic lives of the martyrs that would not be forgotten forever despite the passage of time and praying for their immortality.

Fireworks were displayed in the sky of July as a manifestation of respects to the immortal and legendary feats of the sung and unsung war martyrs.

The heroic services of the participants in the Fatherland Liberation War and their immortal exploits, recorded in the revolutionary history of our people with the brilliant gold letters, will be handed down to posterity.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits cemetery of CPV fallen soldiers on occasion of 73rd anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War



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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, visited the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County of South Phyongan Province on July 26 on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and paid high tribute to the fallen soldiers.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Kim Song Nam and Ju Chang Il, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence, and Pak Jong Chon, adviser to the Ministry of National Defence.

The guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the cemetery.

The national anthems of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were played.

A wreath in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the cemetery.

Comrade Kim Jong Un paid a silent tribute to the memory of the fallen soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers.

Then he visited the grave of Mao Anying at the cemetery to place a flower and pay homage.

The ennobling soul and self-sacrificing spirit of the brave CPV soldiers, who shed blood to assist the DPRK people in the war of justice in the most difficult and fateful years, are clearly associated with

the victory won by the DPRK people and they are shining as the foundation of the DPRK-China friendship with socialism as the core.

The DPRK people will never forget the services and heroic feats of the excellent sons and daughters of the Chinese people who unsparingly dedicated their hot blood and precious lives, fighting shoulder to shoulder with our army and people in the same trench during the unprecedented life-and-death fight for repelling the imperialists' invasion.

Art performance marks 73rd anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sees performance together with war veterans and persons of wartime merit invited to V-Day celebrations

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The honourable memory of July 27, the Victory Day that enabled our great motherland to enjoy the everlasting dignity and fame as a strong power, and the heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation serve as a precious ideological and spiritual nutrient and cornerstone of victory which dynamically encourage our people and the service personnel of the People's Army to accomplish the great historic cause of building a rich country with a strong army.

A splendid art performance was given to mark the 73rd anniversary of the



victory in the Fatherland Liberation War in the capital city of Pyongyang on July 27 when the whole country was overflowing with the respect for the heroic defenders of the motherland in wartime and the great honour and self-confidence of the succeeding generation who are firmly preserving and glorifying the high honour of war victory and opening up the wonderful era of transformation for the prosperity of the country.

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

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Korea, saw the art performance together with war veterans and persons of wartime merit invited to the celebrations of Victory Day.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium, the audience raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

The performers and audience paid the highest tribute to Comrade Kim Jong Un, the symbol of the mightiness of our Party, state and people and the banner of all the victories and glory.

Comrade Kim Jong Un extended congratulations to the war veterans, the persons of wartime merit and all other people across the country and officers and men of the whole army who are significantly celebrating the holiday of great war victory.

He met with war veterans and sincerely wished them long life in good health.

Lovely children presented bouquets of fragrant flowers to Comrade Kim Jong Un and war veterans.

Among the audience were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and other senior officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officials of the WPK Central Committee, leading officials of ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the People's Army, officials and lecturers engaged in the administration of revolutionary relics associated with the victorious war, Pyongyang citizens including descendants of war heroes,

students of revolutionary schools and other youth and students.

Diplomatic envoys of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation staying in the DPRK were invited.

The art performance began with preludes "July 27, Our Victory Day" and "July 27 March", adding to the excitement of the meaningful Victory Day that made the audience recollect the ever-victorious history of our glorious Republic and convinced them of the greater victory in the future. Put on the stage were wartime songs and others in praise of war victory that resounded in the annals of succession.

The performers warmly congratulated war veterans and persons of wartime merit, the first-generation defenders of the motherland who created the great history of war victory of our state, representing the unanimous mind of all the people across the country.

Children's Union members and little boys and girls presented bouquets to war veterans and persons of wartime merit.

The performers sang in an excited tone wartime songs in high praise of the spirit of defending the country and revolution displayed by the victorious wartime generation who bravely fought the fierce war to safeguard the sovereignty and honour of the motherland with the transparent revolutionary faith that the motherland is just the embrace of President Kim Il Sung and they are sure to win when they absolutely believe in

and follow him. The audience were filled with great emotion as the songs made them respectfully recollect the legendary annals.

Song "Red Blossom" newly composed on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of war victory was an eruption of the warmest respect of our people for the victorious wartime generation who defended the sacred sovereign right and beautiful future with infinite loyalty to the Party and revolution and ardent patriotism and created the indomitable and heroic spirit, which will be inherited as a motive force of sure victory.

The audience were deeply touched by videos showing the matchless self-sacrificing spirit, heroism and brilliant feats of excellent sons and daughters of the Chinese people who shared life and death, fighting shoulder to shoulder with our people in the same trench of the struggle for repelling the invasion by the imperialists, and such Chinese songs as "Battle Song of Chinese People's Volunteers".

The performers artistically and superbly depicted the DPRK people's eternal thanks to the brave fighters of the Chinese People's Volunteers, who assisted our people in their sacred and just war under the uplifted banner of resisting America and aiding Korea even in the difficult days of building their country and made an important contribution to the war victory and the defence of global peace and security, and the truth that the DPRK-China friendship based on the

shared ideal and militant fraternity will be immortal along with the history of the great war victory.

Watching documentaries on the three years of war which imposed miserable misfortune and suffering on our people, who had been filled with the delight of national liberation and joy over new life, terrible disasters in the rigorous 1 129 days and lessons of history that should never be forgotten, the audience bore in mind as their strong will the important sense of duty of our generation to adorn with greater victory the glory and honour of our state the defenders of the motherland in the 1950s won at the cost of their blood and reliably hand them down to the next generation.

The art performance was acclaimed by the audience as it helped them have a firmer conviction that as long as the noble spirit and soul that brought about war victory are alive and the new generation faithful to the intention march on vigorously, victory belongs to the DPRK forever.

At the end of the art performance, war veterans and persons of wartime merit gave bouquets to performers.

The performance hardened the faith and will of successors to firmly defend and carry forward our ideology and system and precious tradition of victory the first defenders of the Republic safeguarded at the cost of their blood and glorify the DPRK, our beloved motherland, as a more powerful and ever-prospering socialist power.



Ceremonial parade of columns symbolic of units in Fatherland Liberation War marks 73rd anniversary of war victory

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The whole country is overflowing with joy and excitement of greeting the great holiday of war victory with the high pride of glorifying the immortal honour and dignity of heroic Korea, to which the first defenders of the Republic imposingly brought fame in an eastern part of the earth, and heroic people with new victories of great importance won by the current generation.

A ceremonial parade of the columns symbolic of the units in the Fatherland Liberation War was held in Pyongyang, the

capital city of the DPRK, on the evening of July 27 to mark the 73rd anniversary of war victory, unfolding historic scenes demonstrating the tradition of victory which has been firmly carried forward as the bloodline of the Korean revolution and the indomitable heroic spirit which has been displayed to the full from one decade to the next and from one century to the next.

The plaza before Pyongyang Indoor Stadium and its surroundings were crowded with citizens who gathered with the great pride of annually celebrating the unprecedented legendary victory won

by the less-than-two-year-old state, a new-born country, and the two-year-old army by fighting against the imperialist allied forces to defend the inviolable sovereignty and prevent the ravages of a new world war.

To the tune of the vibrant song of the revolutionary army, the columns of paraders in military uniforms like the ones the soldiers of the Korean People's Army wore during the war, and with rifles in their hands which vividly showed the traces of hand-to-hand fight entered the plaza.

Prior to the parade, a combined military

band depicted the heroic course of Juche Korea which has firmly defended and added lustre to the glory of July 27 through distinctive formation changes and light rhythmic movements.

When 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, appeared on the platform, the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" and gorgeous fireworks were displayed in the sky over

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the capital city.

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged the enthusiastically cheering participants.

Leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs and the commanders of the large combined units of the Korean People's Army took their seats on the platform together with war veterans.

Present there at invitation were diplomatic envoys of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation staying in the DPRK.

Seen in the auditorium were war veterans, persons of wartime merit, officials of the Party Central Committee, senior officials of ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the KPA, officials and lecturers engaged in the administration of revolutionary relics associated with the victorious war, Pyongyang citizens including descendants of war heroes, students of revolutionary schools and other youth and students.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, made a speech.

Saying that the celebrations of Victory Day reach the climax with tonight's ceremonial parade arranged to keep the memory of and pride in the past history and encourage the complete succession to the great tradition and the achievement of a fresh victory, the speaker noted that today's march of the columns represents the heroic advance in the flames of fierce battles during those days and vividly shows the tradition of victory running through the past annals.

The victorious wartime generation are still standing before us as exemplars of patriotic life of sharing destiny with the motherland and as excellent teachers encouraging the descendants to wage the heroic struggle and perform feats by exciting their spiritual world, he said, adding that we will forever thank and respect the great generation who won the most disastrous war to ensure the most beautiful future and made this country

strong by devoting their passionate youth and all their valuable things.

The speaker noted that our army will as ever open up in the van the unprecedented era of a power with transparent faith and through the unexampled struggle, stressing that the successors will continue to march forward year after year with the indomitable heroism, displayed by the defenders of the country in the 1950s in their struggle, and the mission of the class and their grandiose advance and courageous spirit will immortalize the honour of our state.

All the paraders burst into cheers of "Hurrah!" full of militant enthusiasm for determinedly making steady strides to inherit the honour of war victory achieved at the dear cost and winning a greater victory in the van of the gigantic struggle to build a prosperous and powerful country.

Then there was a review of the preparations for the parade.

KPA Marshal Pak Jong Chon reviewed the columns of the parade units.

He courteously reported to Comrade Kim Jong Un on the completion of the preparations for the parade.

The commander of the parade gave the order to start the ceremonial parade.

The column symbolic of the bodyguard company marched at the head of the parade units, holding high the ennobling image of General Kim Il Sung, the iron-

willed commander in those days over 70 years ago. It eloquently proved what the source of all victories of the great Korean revolution is and where is the irresistible might of our ever-victorious army.

And shining like a group of loyal stars in the column were the portraits of the first generation bodyguards of our army who became a bulletproof wall to defend the Supreme Headquarters in the hard-fought and fateful years with a firm faith that defence of the leader guarantees war victory, the destiny of the country and the happiness and future of the people.

The columns symbolic of the legendary guards divisions entered the plaza, flying high their glorious colours which demonstrate their military feats of annihilating the US imperialists' ill-famed "invincible divisions" and "elite divisions" in the three years of the fierce war when the KPA soldiers had to step on empty cartridges more than the soil in mountains and fields and killed more enemies with bayonets than they did with rifles.

Among them were the columns symbolic of the Kang Kon Guards 2nd Infantry Division, the Seoul Kim Chaek Guards 4th Infantry Division and other units bearing the names of brave anti-Japanese generals, fighters who rendered distinguished services in founding the army and performed indelible feats in the great history of war victory. The

paraders marched, holding high portraits of the commanding officers of anti-Japanese guerrilla background who implemented the operational plans of the leader with absolute faith and distinguished military qualifications.

The audience paid high tribute to the greatest loyalists and heroes as they set the living examples of genuine loyalty to President Kim Il Sung, who led Korea to victory with his unique military ideas and strategy and tactics impossible to find in any other military theories in the world, the examples which should be regarded by all the generations of

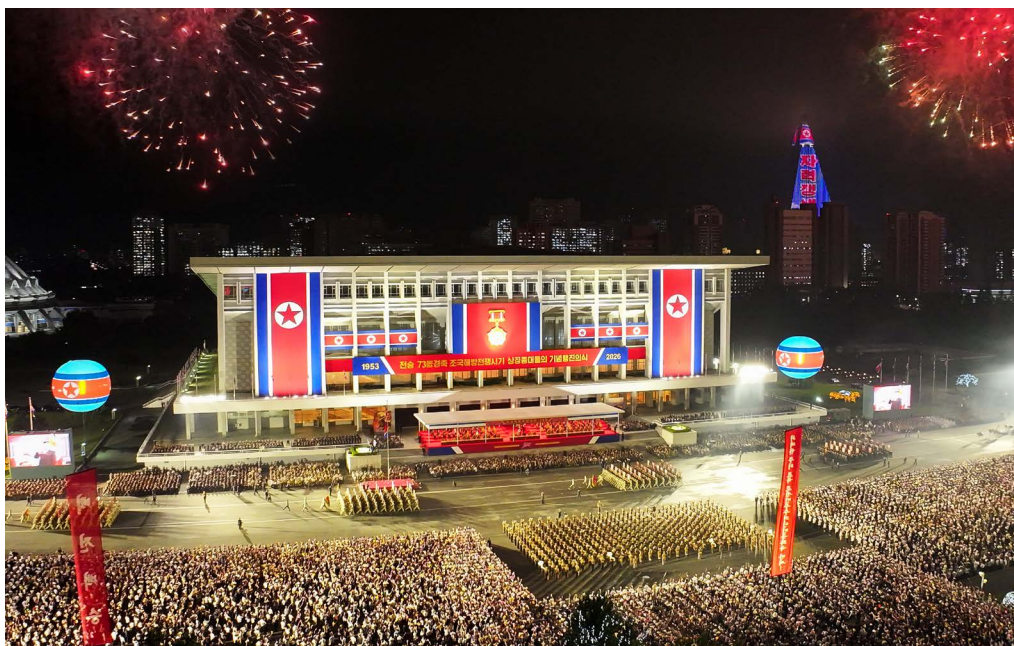
the Republic as a textbook.

The columns marched in a fine array, making the audience recollect numerous legendary feats performed in the operation for liberating Seoul, a world-startling miracle created in 72 hours, the operation for liberating Taejon, a brilliant example of a contemporary battle of encirclement, the battle for defending Height 1211, which heralded the destruction of the enemies, and others during the Fatherland Liberation War.

Fireworks of victory and celebration were displayed to wonderfully decorate the nocturnal sky of Victory Day. And the columns symbolic of the Guards 2nd Torpedo Boat Squadron and the Guards 56th Hero Kim Ji Sang Pursuit Plane Regiment marched past the plaza. They reflected the feats performed by the heroic seamen, who created the miracle of Jumunjin and the legend of Wolmi Island to be specially recorded in the world history of naval battles, and the pilots who became human bombs to shatter the air superiority of the US imperialists.

Comrade Kim Jong Un sent warm greetings of encouragement to the columns dynamically passing through the plaza, flying the guards flags associated with the heroic fighting spirit, matchless bravery and spirit of annihilating the enemy of the victorious wartime generation.

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets and has photo taken with war veterans and persons of wartime merit

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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 war veterans and persons of wartime merit, who took part in the celebrations of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, and shared warm feelings with them on July 28.

War veterans and persons of wartime merit were filled with boundless emotion and joy as they were honoured to enjoy the moment of happiness and glory they had wished for even in their dreams after taking part in the splendid celebrations of the Day of Victory in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared, all the participants paid their sincere respects and gratitude to the most brilliant commander and great father who has been glorifying the tradition of victory and heroic spirit of July 27, both of



which symbolize the immortal honour of the DPRK, from one century to the next and inspiringly ushering in a new era of building a rich country with a strong army for which all the generations of this land are yearning.

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to war veterans and persons of wartime merit, the defenders who wrote the first page in the history of the great power at the cost of their blood and the benefactors who provided the spiritual mainstay of our country which will be powerful forever.

He said that the annual celebrations

to splendidly mark July 27, the Day of Victory, together with the wartime generation serve as a significant occasion of steadily instilling into the hearts of the descendants the spirit of self-respect which was fully displayed in the heroic annals and the truth of sure victory which can never be bartered for anything, and as a strong encouragement to the struggle for a fresh victory.

It is a great pleasure for and encouragement to our Party, state and people that the victorious wartime generation, who recorded in history the heroic position and reputation of

our country which should be glorified through generations, are still standing before us as the personifiers of and witnesses to the miraculous victory, he noted.

He had a photo taken with war veterans and persons of wartime merit to be recorded forever in the history of succession, expressing his firm will to reliably carry forward the great and excellent features and the legend of the most righteous power created amidst the gunfire of the hard-fought war in the 1950s as the lineage of the

ever-victorious Korean revolution, and thus powerfully hasten the building of the prosperous power that the heroic wartime generation envisioned.

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly shook hands with the participants who tried to be the first to meet him with their eyes in tears of emotion and repeatedly hoped that precious war veterans and persons of wartime merit, who play the role of the inexhaustible strength and spiritual mainstay that nobody can perform in their place even today when their hair turned grey, would be full of energy despite their advanced ages.



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The portraits of the immortal fighters, who became human bombs to destroy the enemies' pillboxes and tanks while shouting "Long live the leader" and annihilated the invaders with the love for their native homes, parents and siblings and the hatred for the enemies as they were the generation deeply moved by benevolence shown by the leader who put them forward as masters of the country, factories and land, were seen in the columns symbolic of the guards regiments.

Among the columns were those symbolic of the Ministry of Interior and railway servicemen pulsating with the souls of sung and unsung heroes who fought for war victory on the front without gunshot or in the rear during the three-year war.

The foot columns were followed by those of combined mechanized

carriages and motorcycles, symbols of the mechanized units engaged in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The barrels of rifles and guns that dealt annihilating blows to the enemy in those days reflected the feats of the victors in the great years who proved the truth that if the ideas and tactics are great, it is possible to defeat any formidable enemy even with inferior arms, by winning the most brilliant victory in the face of the most rigorous ordeals.

The plaza was full of reverence for the masters of the heroic times who made a legendary history of resistance at the cost of their warm blood, firmly cemented the foundations of the Republic with the victory they won at the cost of their lives and opened up the rosy future of the Korean revolution.

Then there appeared at the plaza the columns of the three services of the Korean People's Army, demonstrating the features of the dignified revolutionary

armed forces of the DPRK which incomparably became strong.

Sky-high was the spirit of the guards of the new generation who firmly defends the inviolable territory, territorial waters and airspace of our state with absolute defence capability while steadily and invariably inheriting the tradition of loyalty, patriotism and victory created in the flames of the war and adding lustre to the history of Juche Korea winning victory after victory.

Comrade Kim Jong Un extended warm militant encouragement to the invincible elite ranks and representatives of the matchless army who newly defined the concept of the strong army and the law of victory and placed the absolute might of the revolutionary armed forces at the peak of honour with loyalty to the Party and the country, ardent patriotism, mass heroism and indomitable fighting spirit peculiar to the KPA.

The paraders marched past the plaza

with the firm pledge to charge absolute weaponry, the strongest in the world, with the revolutionary ideas of the Workers' Party of Korea and fully display the honour of our generation with the miraculous feats and fresh legends of war victory surpassing heroism displayed in all annals of history.

At the end of the parade, the stormy cheers of excitement went up and fireworks were displayed in the nocturnal sky on V-Day.

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering masses.

The parade fully demonstrated once again the firm faith and fighting spirit of the generation of successors to add great victories to the immortal feats of the victorious wartime generation under the leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un, the banner of all victories, and usher in an era of a prosperous power unprecedented in history.

On occasion of 73rd anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends gifts to war veterans across DPRK

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The Workers' Party of Korea's love and benevolence for the victorious wartime generation, the first proud defenders of the DPRK who safeguarded the country at the cost of blood in the

grimmest years, are growing stronger with the passage of time.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent gifts to war veterans across the country on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland

Liberation War.

The gifts reflect the great sincerity of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un who is adding vitality to the life of war veterans with his boundless love, saying that their good health is a source of immense strength for

the Party and people and great encouragement for the revolution.

The gifts sent by Comrade Kim Jong Un were courteously conveyed to war veterans across the country.

The veterans and their families extended deep

thanks to the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un for highly praising the exploits performed by the victorious wartime generation and showing great benevolence to ensure that they enjoy proud life and happiness.

The veterans are full of

enthusiasm to glorify their lives as true educators, who instill into the rising generations the will to staunchly defend the country and the revolution, with the unflagging spirit and mettle they displayed during the war.

Senior state officials visit families of war veterans

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Senior officials of the DPRK visited the families of war veterans on July 23 and 24 amid the reverence for the victorious wartime generation deepening across the country on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the

victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the Cabinet, other senior officials of the Party and the government

and leading officials of armed forces organs warmly congratulated the veterans on Victory Day.

They talked about the boundless favour being shown by the Party for the war veterans, defenders of the great years and the paragons of life and struggle for all

successive generations, who proudly wrote the first page of victory in the history of the DPRK.

It is the due obligation and duty of the descendants to respect the victorious wartime generation who showed in practice how to defend and glorify the

country, the senior officials expressed thanks, on behalf of all the people across the country, to the war veterans' families who are devoting their all to taking care of the veterans.

The veterans earnestly asked the senior officials to remain loyal to the leadership

of the Party Central Committee leading the country to eternal prosperity, extending heartfelt thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who brings the greatest glory and happiness to them while regarding them as dear teachers who made great history.



Senior officials of the DPRK visit the families of war veterans on July 23 and 24 on the occasion of V-Day.

On occasion of 73rd anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War

Senior Party and government officials visit war museum



Senior Party and government officials visit the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum on July 26 to pay high tribute on the occasion of V-Day.

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Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs and senior officials of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies visited the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum

on July 26 to mark the 73rd anniversary of victory in the war. A flower basket in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid before the statue of President Kim Il Sung at the museum. Also placed were flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the SPA Standing Committee of the DPRK, the Cabinet of the DPRK and the Korean People's Army. The visitors paid high tribute to the statue of the President. They went round the Halls of the Four Stages of the

Fatherland Liberation War, the Guards Units Hall, the Hall of Victory, etc. They recollected with deep emotion the outstanding exploits of the peerlessly brilliant commander, who trained the army and people of the DPRK to be the heroic army and people, set a brilliant example in the anti-imperialist revolutionary war and provided an eternal cornerstone for carrying forward the revolutionary traditions of Juche while taking the bloody path untrodden by any state and braving the worst challenges.

Receptions given on V-Day

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There were receptions at the People's Palace of Culture and Okryu Restaurant on July 27 in celebration of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War. Present there at invitation were war veterans and persons of wartime merit who took part in the celebrations of Victory Day. Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, other

senior officials of the Party and government and leading officials of the armed forces organs, were present. Congratulatory speeches were made. Speakers extended warm congratulations and greetings to the war veterans and persons of wartime merit, kind benefactors and dear revolutionary seniors, who laid the durable foundation for the beloved motherland DPRK to be eternally strong and prosperous. They said that the strenuous efforts and ardent patriotic aspirations of all the people, who have ushered in

a new era of overall national prosperity, and the heroic self-sacrificing spirit of the admirable sons of this country, who dedicated their youth to the dignity and honour of the country, have their origin in the spirit of the great July 27. The participants toasted the well-being of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is the banner of mightiness and victory of Juche Korea and the destiny and future of the Korean people, the immortality of the great V-Day of July 27 and the health of war veterans and persons of wartime merit.



Receptions are given at the People's Palace of Culture and Okryu Restaurant on July 27 in celebration of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Flower baskets laid at statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il

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Officials, working people, service personnel of the Korean People's Army, students and schoolchildren visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in different parts of the DPRK to pay high tribute to them. Placed before the statues of the President and the Chairman on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang were flower baskets in the name of the Party, power and armed forces organs, social organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and

the Public Security Forces, and institutions, enterprises and universities at all levels in Pyongyang, and bouquets and flowers as well. Flower baskets in the name of institutions, enterprises, units of the KPA and the PSF were laid before the statues of the peerlessly great men in different parts of Pyongyang including Kim Il Sung University and the Ministry of National Defence. Officials, working people, service personnel, school youth and children across the country visited the statues of the great leaders in their residential areas to pay tribute to them.

Officials and working people visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang to pay high tribute to them.



On occasion of 73rd anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War

Floral tribute paid at statues of martyrs, memorial towers for fallen soldiers, cemeteries of martyrs

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All the people across the DPRK paid high tribute to the victors of the great years who made a sacred history of war victory of heroic Korea and heroic people by unhesitatingly devoting their youth and lives to the dignity and sovereignty of the country and freedom and happiness of its people on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Officials of the Party

and power organs, working people's organizations, industrial establishments and farms, and working people, students and schoolchildren and service personnel in Pyongyang and regional areas visited the statues of martyrs, cemeteries and memorial towers for the fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army and laid flowers before them on July 27.

The visitors observed a moment's silence in memory of the martyrs.



Officials, working people, youth and schoolchildren and service personnel lay flowers before memorial towers for the fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army and cemeteries of martyrs on July 27.



Various events held

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Dancing parties of youth and students

Dancing parties of youth and students in Pyongyang took place on July 27 in celebration of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The dancing parties began with the song "Holiday of Great War Victory" at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph and other places.

The youth and students danced with reverence for President Kim Il Sung who created the legend of war victory of heroic Korea with his outstanding ideas and leadership and provided the Korean people with the high dignity and glory of the strong.

Such dancing parties took place in all provinces, cities and counties that day.

Performance given by artistic information team of Central Committee of Socialist Patriotic Youth League

The artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League gave a performance "Soul of war victory, oath of succession" at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on July 24 in celebration of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Among the audience were

Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Paek Un Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the SPYL, officials of the youth league and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The performers sang the high praise of the immortal war victory exploits of President Kim Il Sung who led the Fatherland

Liberation War to victory with his outstanding military ideas and extraordinary leadership and gave the Korean people the dignity and pride of victors to be carried forward generation after generation.

The audience was deeply

impressed by the narrative poem, choruses and other numbers reflecting the great pride of the Korean people who are steadily carrying forward the ever-victorious history and tradition of Juche Korea under the leadership of the great Party.

Women's union officials and members meet DPRK Hero

Officials and members of the women's union met a DPRK Hero at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on July 24 on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Present there were Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea, officials of the women's union and its members in Pyongyang.

DPRK Hero Ho Ryong, a lecturer of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, spoke at the meeting.

He said that the young Korean People's Army could defeat the US imperialists who boasted of being the

"strongest" in the world in the Fatherland Liberation War and develop into the elite ranks, while recording only victory in the decades-long history of the anti-imperialist and anti-US confrontation. This is because our revolutionary armed forces held in high esteem the great brilliant commanders and peerlessly great men in their van, he stressed.

Noting that the tradition of victory of Juche Korea is being firmly carried forward thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, he requested all the officials and members of the women's union to prepare themselves as genuine patriotic women and communist mothers who make positive contributions

to the prosperity of the country and lead the correct growth of the new generations.

Speakers expressed their resolve to become true revolutionaries pushing forward with the

comprehensive development of the country with pure conscience and boundless devotion, learning from the spirit of defending the country displayed by the heroes of the preceding generation.

Schoolchildren meet with war veteran

A meeting of a war veteran and schoolchildren took place at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace in Pyongyang on July 24 in celebration of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

When a war veteran Choe Song Sun arrived, schoolchildren warmly welcomed her, presenting her with bouquets.

Amid the narrative poem "We Are the Descendants of Victors", the screen showed the images of heroic soldiers and members of the children's guard units who contributed to the victory in the war at the cost of their lives and left legendary tales of miraculous war victory.

The schoolchildren's ardent desire to steadily

carry forward the traditions of loyalty and patriotism under the uplifted flag of the Korean Children's Union by learning after the spirit of the defenders of the country in the 1950s was fully manifested in the song "Song of Boy Guerrillas" and others.

The veteran requested the children to firmly carry forward the history of victory of Juche Korea, remembering the brave soldiers' shouts of faith which had resounded on the heights in flames. This redoubled the participants' strong will of succession.

Present at the meeting were Paek Un Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials of the youth league and schoolchildren in Pyongyang.

Anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War celebrated across DPRK

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The V-Day of the DPRK, July 27, was splendidly celebrated across the country.

Officials, working people, service personnel of the Korean People's Army, students and schoolchildren visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, where

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state, and the statues of the President and the Chairman and the mosaics depicting the peerlessly great men in different parts of the country to pay tribute to them.

Many people visited the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery and martyrs cemeteries, memorial towers and

graveyards for the fallen soldiers of the KPA in different parts of the country.

At the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, the visitors looked back upon the feats performed by the service personnel of the KPA who displayed matchless heroism and self-sacrificing spirit in the hard-fought Fatherland Liberation War.

Officials, working people, students and schoolchildren across the country visited families of war veterans and persons of wartime merit to congratulate the revolutionary seniors on the holiday.

Students and schoolchildren met with war veterans in North Phyongan, South Hwanghae, North Hwanghae, North Hamgyong

and Ryanggang provinces.

Colourful performances given in major places in Pyongyang and provinces revved up the festive atmosphere.

The desire and enthusiasm of the successors to usher in a new era of overall national prosperity, preserving the precious ideological and spiritual wealth handed down by the victorious wartime

generation, were manifested at the dancing parties held across the country.

Special services were given to war veterans and persons of wartime merit at public catering and welfare service establishments across the country, and the cultural recreation grounds were full of laughter of working people and schoolchildren enjoying the holiday.

On occasion of 73rd anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War

Young vanguard holds oath-taking meeting and march of succession



KCNA

An oath-taking meeting of the young vanguard was held before the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 28 to carry forward the soul of the victorious wartime generation.

Present there were Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, war veterans, officials of the youth league, commanding officers and members of the High-Speed Youth Shock Brigade Management Bureau and the August 28 Youth Shock Brigade Management Bureau, students of Mangyongdae and Chilgol revolutionary schools and other youth and students in

Pyongyang.

Pack Un Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, said in his report at the meeting that the V-Day of July 27 is the historic holiday when the DPRK people defeated the aggressors to protect the dignity and sovereignty of their country and which provided the ideological and spiritual wealth to be firmly

carried forward by the rising generations.

He called upon all the participants to make redoubled efforts for the immortal honour of the victor nation and the future of the beloved motherland.

War veteran Ri Thae Jin handed the national flag of the DPRK over to young people, requesting the younger generation to carry forward the tradition

of victory of heroic Korea, remaining faithful to the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Read out at the meeting was a resolution expressing the will of the young vanguard.

All the participants vowed to build a prosperous and powerful socialist nation on this land by inheriting the revolutionary spirit of the defenders of the country in the 1950s.

Amid the playing of song "Honour to Victors of the Great Years", a march of succession of the young vanguard to carry forward the soul of the victorious wartime generation started, preceded by the national flag of the DPRK.

The marchers with burning torches in their hands marched along a street of the capital city, recollecting the spiritual world of the victorious wartime generation.



An oath-taking meeting and march of succession of the young vanguard are held on July 28.

Anniversary of promulgation of Law on Sex Equality marked by Korean women

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Officials and members of the women's union had a story-telling meeting "We are Korean women" at the Hall of Women on July 29 to mark the 80th anniversary of the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality.

The performers highly praised the exploits of the peerlessly great men who liberated women from all

sorts of social inequality and feudal fetters and led them to make a positive contribution to the sacred struggle for the victory of the socialist cause.

They told about the warm loving care and affection of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who took benevolent measures to make the Eighth Congress of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea a grand meeting

to be specially recorded in the history of the Korean women's movement and had a photo taken with the participants in the congress.

The stories about the women who are beautifully cultivating a large socialist flower garden with virtues and affection, devoting themselves to the collective and comrades, reminded the audience of the worth of true life of human beings in the

present era.

The performers expressed their determination to fulfil their mission and duty as true woman revolutionaries, genuine patriots and communist mothers in the worthwhile struggle for implementing the decisions of the Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea true to the ideology and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

A story-telling meeting "We are Korean women" is held at the Hall of Women on July 29.



80th anniversary of promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality

Korean women lead dignified and fulfilling life

By Kim Hyon PT

Once a prominent foreign figure wrote in his writing:

"In the heart of Pyongyang there stands the Chollima Statue depicting a winged horse rushing toward the future. The statue symbolizes the heroic spirit of the Korean people and shows that the Korean women emerged as masters of the country together with men."

The female rider represented on the Chollima Statue is by no means an individual.

She symbolizes all the Korean women who, as masters of the revolution and construction like men, have dynamically pushed the advance of the country

together with men throughout the course of socialist construction.

In retrospect, the Korean women had to suffer all sorts of misfortune and pain before Korea's liberation, subject to double and treble harsh exploitation, oppression, maltreatment and contempt due to the yoke of feudalism and the Japanese imperialists' military occupation.

Though he was so busy after liberation, President Kim Il Sung saw to it that an organization embracing broad sections of women was formed so that they could fulfil their responsibility and role in building a new democratic Korea, and promulgated the Law on Sex Equality on July 30 1946.

With the historic

declaration of women's liberation of that day, they became able to gain equal rights with men to dynamically step up the revolution and construction as proud builders of a new society. Later, they performed heroic feats, demonstrating the mettle of the Korean women in each decade of socialist construction.

The President ushered in a new era of sexual equality in the country and ensured that the role of women was enhanced and favourable social conditions were provided for that at every stage of the revolution. Under his guidance, the women who could not go beyond even the enclosure of their families became a powerful

force pushing ahead with socialist construction to lead a dignified and fulfilling life.

Chairman Kim Jong Il defended their rights and dignity restored by the President and made the history of valuing women continue in the country.

On July 30 2009, the 63rd anniversary of the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality, the Chairman visited the then Pyongyang Textile Mill and met the labour heroes who had been working honestly at the mill for a long time and the new-generation labour innovators. There has never been such an era as now when the Korean women are glorifying their fame and value of existence as befitting those in the era of the Workers' Party, he said, adding that such an epochal change brought about in their position and role clearly proves that the Korean women with a strong revolutionary spirit and militancy are a powerful force



File photo shows the Korean women who took to the streets to support the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality.

dynamically pushing the revolution and construction. He then had a photo taken with the women workers.

The Korean women could invariably follow the road of revolution thanks to the great trust and benevolence of the Chairman who put forward those contributing to the prosperity of the country as heroines and patriots of the times.

Today, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un shows them great favour. When he met diligent women officials and workers on his field inspection tours, he was so

pleased and put them forward to be known throughout the country. He was so satisfied at the sight of the women soldiers devoting their youth to national defence that he spent a long time having a photo taken with each of them. And he highly praised those who adopted orphaned children or married honoured disabled soldiers.

Under his meticulous care, the Korean women are now enjoying a dignified and worthwhile life while devoting themselves to the comprehensive development and rejuvenation of the country.



The Korean women play their part to contribute to the prosperity of the country as proud masters of society.

DPRK's first heroine

By Pang Un Ju PT

Jo Ok Hui was the first woman who was awarded the title of DPRK Hero in the country.

During the Fatherland Liberation War (June 1950-July 1953), she inspired women in her county to supporting the front and took part in several battles while preparing meals for advancing units of the Korean People's Army.

When the strategic temporary retreat began, she entrusted her beloved son to her mother and volunteered to join the Jinamsan people's guerrilla unit before others.

She always assumed difficult duties voluntarily and performed many feats in mercilessly crushing the US imperialists and class enemies.

Then one day, she was arrested after being wounded in a battle against the enemy "punitive forces" that launched an attack on the guerrilla unit to "annihilate" it.

The enemies employed all sorts of atrocious torture

to her for over ten days in order to find out the secret of the guerrilla unit, but they could not break her faith.

At an execution site, she sang the immortal revolutionary hymn "Song of General Kim Il Sung"

to terrify the enemies and shouted, "I die as a member of the Workers' Party of Korea. We will win as there is the Party. Long live General Kim Il Sung! Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!" She died at the early age of 27.

Jo was born as the eldest of nine brothers and sisters into a tenant farmer's family in September 1923.

Her father served as a servant of a landlord before Korea's liberation and she grew up actually experiencing poverty and starvation.

She was unjustly beaten because she wore the traditional Korean clothes chima and jogori and suffered the sorrow of a stateless nation, which was

far worse than starvation.

She married a mine worker, but her husband who had been like a pillar to her died unexpectedly, and she had to live a miserable life. She greeted the turn of her destiny with the liberation of the country.

The state gave her land, let her study and put her forward as an official.

The heroine lived in the embrace of the DPRK for only some years, but it was the whole of her life that could never be lost.

Jo Ok Hui, who lived as an ordinary woman linking her destiny with that of the country, was awarded the title of DPRK Hero, the top honour of citizens, for the first time among Korean women on March 7 1951.



The statue of Jo Ok Hui, a DPRK heroine.

Paeans to women resound endlessly

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Law on Sex Equality was promulgated in the DPRK on July 30 80 years ago.

Afterwards the whole country kept resounding with songs about women.

The Korean women had long had to put up with sorrow and sufferings due to the feudal fetters and the Japanese imperialists' military occupation.

Only after the liberation of Korea could they enjoy their genuine dignity and rights.

Thanks to the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality, which put an end to the tragic history of contempt for women, the Korean women could learn and work to their heart's content with equal rights with men. The songs created at that time just reflect their joy through their words and melodies.

Along with the songs the Korean women were reborn as the masters of a new Korea pushing one

of the two wheels of the revolutionary chariot, as well as new human beings with beautiful dreams and ideals under the care of President Kim Il Sung, liberator of Korea, and under the care of the state.

That's why the Korean women bravely fought to defend the precious country, which enabled them to lead a dignified life, during the Fatherland Liberation War.

During the grim war there were created such wartime songs as "Nobody Knows", "At the Spring Site" and "My Dear Is a Hero Now" showing the noble and beautiful spiritual world of the Korean women fighting to win the war on the strength of their love for the country.

Singing the songs, whose lilting and cheerful melodies reflect the warm love and affection of women and their optimism about their future, the women contributed to bringing about a great victory in the war.

Other paeans to women,

including "Love Your Wife" reflecting the social respect for women, resounded across the country even in the 1990s, when the country was suffering severe hardship, like in the periods of postwar reconstruction and socialist construction when miracles and innovations were made at all worksites.

Such songs about women as "Women Are Flowers", "The Girl on a Steed" and "My Dear Wife" impressively represent the inexhaustible strength and beautiful spiritual world of women who are injecting vitality into the advance of society.

With paeans to women resounding in the proud annals of the revolution, the Korean women became stronger and more beautiful.

The life and dignity of the women will shine forever under the care of the state which highly appreciates the efforts and devotion of the women who work hard in their workplaces while striving for the happiness of their families.

DPRK-Russia friendship develops decades after decades

By Choe Song Jun PT

August 4 2001 marked another significant occasion in the annals of history of friendship between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

In August 25 years ago, Chairman Kim Jong Il paid a historic official visit to the Russian Federation and met and held talks with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin. In the course of this, the DPRK-Russia Moscow Declaration was adopted.

The bilateral declaration was a historic statement which officially affirmed to the international community the will and stand of both sides to develop the bilateral friendly and cooperative relations in a comprehensive way in conformity with the common aspirations and interests of the peoples of the two countries and as required by the new century

and to positively promote the common cause of mankind for ensuring peace and stability in Asia and the rest of the world and building a new just world.

In the declaration, the two countries committed themselves to supporting and closely cooperating with each other for peace, stability and development in the new century and solemnly declared to the world that they, through such endeavours, would make joint efforts for global independence and peace.

The adoption and publication of the Moscow Declaration in 2001 in the wake of the adoption of the DPRK-Russia joint declaration in Pyongyang in 2000 opened up bright prospects for strengthening and developing the bilateral friendly and cooperative relations in a many-sided way on the principle of equality, mutual benefits and noninterference in each

other's internal affairs.

True to the declaration, the two countries opposed domination and hegemony in the international arena, supported and cooperated with each other in the efforts to establish a just new world structure and constantly strove to develop the bilateral relations on the principle of equality, mutual respect, noninterference in each other's internal affairs and mutual benefits.

The bilateral relationship has greeted a new heyday in recent years.

In particular, June 19 2024 witnessed the conclusion of the Treaty on the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the DPRK and the Russian Federation. The strong ties based on the treaty have served as a powerful security apparatus for promoting the well-being of the peoples of the two countries, easing the regional situation and guaranteeing international

strategic stability and as a powerful driving force for accelerating the establishment of the order of an independent and righteous multipolar world free from domination, subordination and hegemony.

High-level visits have been revitalized between the two countries while exchanges and cooperation have been conducted positively in different fields. The two countries are writing a new history of justice and co-prosperity while strongly supporting and cooperating with each other in all fields of politics, the economy and culture.

It is an aspiration of the peoples of the two countries to constantly consolidate and develop the bilateral ties, which is an important contribution to the defence of sovereignty of the two countries, the promotion of their peoples' welfare and the ensuring of global independence and peace.

Investment of highest strategic value

By Kim Hyon PT

Investment in education has the highest strategic value.

In the 1980s and 1990s it was the general understanding that investment in education doubled the economic growth rate, but in the new century it has become a common understanding that a mere 1% rise of investment in education leads to a considerable GDP growth of that country. Other information shows that school performances of students in the field of general education of a country are in proportion to its economic growth rate.

As seen above, the view that investment in education is not a consumptive investment but a productive one has been reinforced today.

Only when the level of education is elevated, can a large number of qualified personnel be trained and the development of the country be accelerated.

Regarding the development of education as a permanent affair and strategic task, the Workers' Party of Korea has set it as an important policy at every stage of the developing revolution and forged ahead with its implementation.

In the past five years alone, important meetings of the WPK including the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the fifth, sixth, eighth and ninth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and those of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK discussed the issue of rapidly boosting the educational foundation of the country to a higher level.

In May 2024, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un told the officials that we should think of investing in the field of education for the future of the country and revolution and that investment in education is of the highest strategic value.

State measures for the development of education have increased year

after year thanks to the educational policy of the WPK which makes unsparing investment in education for the future of the country, no matter how grave difficulties may stand in the way of advance of the Korean revolution.

The Academy of Pedagogical Science, a central base for educational science research, was newly built, Kim Il Sung University and many other universities and colleges were provided with modern bases for experiments and practice and an exclusive network for the field of education and the national education information system were built.

With model schools and kindergartens being built on a large scale, more than 340 schools, over 780 branch schools and 150-odd kindergartens were newly built or renovated in 2024 and a series of construction projects of educational units including Jonjin Senior Middle School, an integrated school in Rangnang District, were completed in 2025.

In particular, the programme for improving educational environment in the rural communities was dynamically pushed forward to carry out the tasks set forth at the enlarged meeting of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held in December 2022.

The 11th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, in which the matter of consolidating the country's educational foundation was brought up as an independent agenda item, discussed and decided on the issue of systematically increasing the rate of expenditure on education.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has put in a great deal of effort to develop the country's education, saying that education is a talent farming for cultivating the future of the country 50 and 100 years after. Thanks to his leadership, the country's education has entered a new stage of development.

Issue for proper management of environment



Ri Tong Sok

Section chief of the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

The demand for protection of ecological environment is growing worldwide.

To protect ecological environment, great efforts should be directed to environmental management.

Environmental management is a general term for activities to coordinate environment and goals of economic development. In other words, it means coordinating the correlations between socio-economic development and environmental protection by using such means as administration, legislation, the economy, science and

education to ensure socio-economic development and meet the material and cultural requirements of people and, at the same time, to prevent environmental pollution and maintain ecological balance.

In our country the relevant sectors and units conducted detailed surveys of their environment and, on this basis, have set proper environmental development goals for implementing the state policy on environmental protection and worked out realistic and scientific plans for managing environment in a prospective way.

They correctly reflect the

contents of the work for environmental protection in their long-term plans for the development of their sectors and regions and those for the business development of factories and enterprises. And the relevant immediate plans have been drawn and implemented.

And the national economic plans include environmental issues as important ones from the planning stage, and economic work and environmental protection are organically combined to make all units attach importance to the protection of ecological environment and take positive measures in the whole course of their management activities.

Efforts are also channelled into putting environmental management on a scientific basis.

The relevant sectors and units built up databases to regularly record changes in environment and compare data with the past one for analysis in order to scientifically elucidate the cause of environmental damage and take timely measures.

In particular, they manage the surrounding environment in a scientific, cultured and sanitary way while taking sci-tech measures to prevent environmental pollution in production and construction by securing analytical and measuring means for measuring environmental pollution. And while striving to widely disseminate advanced sci-tech achievements, they actively introduce them into their own environmental management.

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Woman revolutionary

Women make a positive contribution to the building of a prosperous country with equal status and rights with men in the DPRK.

Among them are those who volunteer for the major sectors of socialist construction and vigorously conduct various movements including the silkworm raising movement and

movement for creating forests of socialist patriotism.

Many others include labour innovators who keep creating miracles and innovations at their worksites, scientists and athletes who exalt the honour of the country, and educators and medical workers who devote themselves to the education of the rising

generation and the promotion of the people's health.

There are also women who won the title of Labour Hero and the Communist Mother Honour Prize for giving birth to many children and bringing them up to be pillars of the revolution, aware of the duty they assumed for their families and society.

The Korean women inspire their children to steadfastly carry forward the traditions of patriotism and the revolution while adding beauty and freshness to their families and society with their noble view of life and sincere maternal affection. People hold the women in respect and affection, calling them revolutionaries.

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Japan's revision of the nuclear policy just means the war criminal state's nuclear armament

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The present Japanese authorities are more openly revealing their ambition for nuclear weapons.

With regard to France's declaration of its plan to increase the number of nuclear warheads and the Finnish parliament's approval of a revised bill on allowing the deployment of nuclear weapons in its territory in contingency, the Japanese defense minister on July 17 advocated the need to change Japan's nuclear policy, saying that it is a difficult task for the country to discuss, but one thing that cannot but be mentioned is nuke.

The defense minister, who is in charge of the security policy of the archipelago, unreservedly talked about the revision of the nuclear policy. This is not just a slip of the tongue to the press or bombast from temerity.

Shortly ago, the Japanese chief executive told the House of Councilors that the revision of the "three non-nuclear principles" would be naturally brought up for discussion alongside the revision of the three security-related documents including the "national security strategy".

By making such shameless remarks, the Japanese rulers have openly revealed their intention to directly adopt as a major state

policy decision their ambition for nuclear armament, which they have long dreamed of, instead of merely placing it under debate.

Japan's revision of the nuclear policy just means the war criminal state's nuclear armament.

As recognized by the international community, the revision of the "three non-nuclear principles" cannot be Japan's "subject of debate".

Japan is a heinous war criminal state which plunged the Asia-Pacific region into a sea of blood, using warships, planes, cannons and bayonets for realizing the wild ambition to enslave all mankind a century ago. It is, at the same time, an unethical criminal state which still denies its past crimes, distorts history and doggedly evades the legal and moral responsibility it assumes for the international community.

For the past 80-odd years since its defeat, its "Self-Defense Forces" have undergone a transformation from the "mainland defense type" to the "overseas attack type" aimed at launching a preemptive attack on other countries with the formalized possession of the "capability of attacking the enemy base". Its defense expenses are also hitting an all-time high every year under the deceptive veil of "exclusive defense", going far beyond the "minimum necessary limit" of the

"pacifist state".

The successive rulers of Japan laid institutional and legal foundations for reinvasion bit by bit by adopting the "law on overseas dispatch", "law to deal with contingencies in surrounding areas", "law on special measures against terrorism" and "security-related law" alongside their persistent effort to revise the constitution.

In particular, the present ruling forces, which carried out the revision of the "three principles of defense equipment transfer" stipulating the export of lethal weapons and their working guide at the outset of their office, are now seeking to forcibly revise the "three non-nuclear principles". Such neo-militarist moves clearly prove that Japan, a defeated nation in Asia, is accelerating its transformation into a war state, regarding the current complicated situation as a golden opportunity for getting rid of all sorts of chains shackling its emergence as a military giant.

It is not secret that Japan possesses advanced nuclear technology, has stockpiled plutonium and enriched uranium that might be used in making many nuclear bombs and is capable of mass-producing nuclear weapons at any moment.

It is the immutable truth taught by history that nuclear weapons, for their tremendous destructive power,

will turn into a means of tyranny against mankind if they are in the hands of injustice, but will be the greatest deterrent to injustice if they are in the hands of justice.

This is why the world people are getting increasingly vocal in their demand that the war criminal state's wild ambition for nuclear weapons should be nipped in the bud for its high possibility of repeating its crime.

Eighty-two local assemblies in the archipelago submitted to the government and the Diet written opinions strongly urging them to maintain the "three non-nuclear principles" and the public is blaming the authorities for seeking to "restore politics deceiving the people". Such mounting criticism is a due denunciation and expression of resentment and protest against the dangerous act of the present ruling forces to make a new history of aggression by realizing their wild ambition for nuclear armament.

The whole world should impose stern punishment on the vicious attempt of neo-militarism to bring nuclear holocaust to mankind under the revanchist ambition, carrying the signboard of the "world's only victim of atomic bombs" to gain sympathy.

Japan's pursuance of neo-militarism will inevitably result in digging its own grave, as those who forget the past repeat the past.

Developing countries aspire after self-supporting economic development

By Sin Pyol PT

Developing countries are making positive efforts to oppose domination and subordination and achieve independent development of the economy.

Mostly recently, the Mozambican President expressed the stand to concentrate all efforts on achieving the country's economic independence in the coming 25 years. Addressing an opening ceremony of the International Conference on Inclusive and Sustainable Development of Mozambique, he expressed his determination to achieve economic independence in the coming 25 years and make them a period of building a further growing, inclusive and competitive state. He said that the main objective of the meeting was to establish a development strategy for the coming decades, adding that the national economy grows not by chance, but through adopting a view on its development prospects, building a system that can be fully trusted and implementing a consistent policy.

A Nigerian media outlet asserted that the advice of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank on accepting the American-style recipe for the economy does not fit the reality of African countries including Nigeria.

Nigeria should not accept the American-style economic recipe blindly, but push ahead with an

economic policy centring on the national industrial growth and expansion of production, it noted.

Developing countries are also eager to establish independent economic foundations.

The Kenyan government has recently announced a plan for developing the manufacturing industry on a preferential basis. The plan is aimed at supporting the manufacturing industry sector to increase its competitive edge by exploiting all the potentials so that it could spearhead the development of the national economy. It reportedly took account of the reality in which the manufacturing industry sector accounts for only 7.3 percent of the country's GDP.

Meanwhile, the Rwandan President said in a meeting that the country should accelerate the national development by its own efforts. The main thing in the national development strategy is to rely on its own efforts, he stressed, calling on all the citizens to make responsible efforts for the future of the country.

Referring to the need to attain self-sufficiency in energy by making effective use of geotherm, hydroelectric power and solar energy, the Indonesian President emphasized that his country should not rely on imported energy and that it wants to live independently and can do so.

It has become the trend of the times to achieve economic growth by each country's own efforts, free from dependence on outside forces.

Life-threatening malaria

By Choe Yong Nam PT

A research team of a country recently released its study results showing that climate change is a major contributor to malaria transmission.

The team analysed the data on climate, infection, supervision and control and socio-economic indicators of the period of 25 years and concluded that due to the aftereffects of climate change, the number of malaria patients will increase to over a hundred million and that of the dead to 500 000 by 2050 in the whole region of Africa.

The present sharp prevalence of malaria is attributed to the persistence of temperature rise and damp weather induced by climate change in different parts of the world and the subsequent gradual extension of the period and sphere of mosquitoes' activities.

An expert said that when it rains, water gathers to provide mosquitoes with a suitable living environment and when temperature rises, mosquitoes multiply more rapidly. He added that large numbers of mosquitoes have been found, as much rain has come and temperature has risen rapidly in recent years.

According to an official of an international health organization, there are 3 500 kinds of mosquitoes in the world and 837 of them have been found in Africa.

Due to temperature rise, gene mutation and tolerance to insecticides, the eradication of mosquitoes is getting more

difficult.

Mosquitoes spread various infectious diseases. Among them, malaria causes serious damage.

According to experts' survey results, over 600 000 people die from malaria every year.

In 2024 alone, about 282 million were infected by malaria worldwide. Referring to this, the WHO said that the disease killed 610 000 and over 90 percent of them were in Africa.

In February last year, 50 persons died in the Democratic Republic of Congo due to the spread of a highly fatal disease of unknown origin, which turned out to be malaria later.

In Mozambique, at least 270 were killed and over six million others were infected by the disease between January and May last year.

In Ethiopia, over 909 000 were diagnosed with malaria between January and February last year and 520 782 others were infected with the disease in May.

In Zimbabwe, more than 300 people died from malaria from January to June last year. The number of malaria patients increased nearly four times as compared to the same period of the previous year to reach more than 111 900 and the number of the dead jumped over six times.

Experts say that disastrous weather conditions constitute the greatest menace to malaria control, calling on all countries to sharpen vigilance against the spread of malaria, ensure a hygienic environment and take other relevant measures.

Briefly

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China

President issues important instructions on basic education

Chinese President Xi Jinping recently issued important instructions on basic education.

He stated that since the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Party Central Committee has simultaneously pushed ahead with various measures for promoting the long-term development of basic education and thus provided strong support for the building of an educational power.

He called for thoroughly carrying out the Party's policy on education and the basic duty to train talents possessing excellent traits, improving the quality of education and teaching and building up the ranks of teachers with professional qualifications.

Russia

Deputy representative to UN exposes West's purpose of aggression and interference in the Middle East

The Russian deputy permanent representative to the United Nations disclosed and condemned the West's real purpose of aggression against and interference in Middle Eastern countries.

At an open debate of the UN Security Council on July 22, he said that the Western countries unhesitatingly say they need Ukraine as a source of agricultural products and useful minerals, adding that the ambition to take natural resources of other countries for free is the root cause creating a serious crisis in the field of security as ever.

Middle East

Israel's recklessness criticized

Foreign ministers of eight Islamic countries including Pakistan, Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates issued a joint statement on July 24 to strongly denounce Israel's intrusion into the Al-Aqsa Mosque in East al-Quds, Palestine.

Saying that Israel's violence against the mosque is getting more serious under the protection of its army and under the control of its extreme politicians, the statement noted that the reckless act of Israel is a wanton violation of international law and UN resolutions and an infringement on the historical and legal position of the mosque.

Japan

Illegal surveillance of civilians by the military decried

A Japanese newspaper recently disclosed that the Ground Self-Defense Force conducted surveillance while secretly collecting private information of civilians.

It said that although the Ground SDF set up long ago an intelligence organization, whose mission is to gather overseas information, with 50 to 60 persons, it collected personal information of thousands of civilians including professors at home.



Fantastic rocks on Jipson Peak in Mt Kumgang

Historical relic—Sambul Rock

By Kim Hyon PT

Sambul Rock is the Buddhist images from the period of the Koryo dynasty (918-1392) carved on a rock in Kumgang County of Kangwon Province.

There stand two triangle-shaped

granite rocks on the right and left of the road leading to the Phyohun Temple in Inner Kumgang of Mt Kumgang. The right one is Sambul Rock.

The rock is 8 metres high and 9 metres wide.

The Buddhist images are carved on

the front, side and back of the rock.

Sambul Rock earned its name since the letters were inscribed at the side of the front Buddhist image by Yun Sa Guk in the 18th century.

The front one is the best sculpted one of the three Buddhist images.

Sakyamuni is located at the centre, Maitreya on the right and Amitabha on the left.

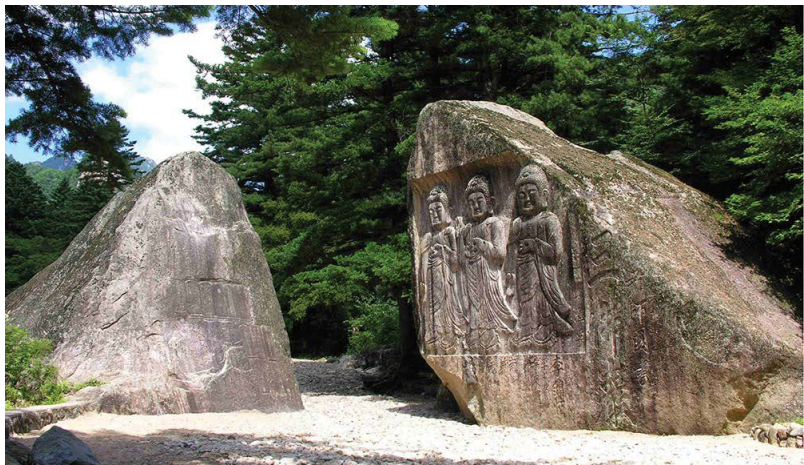
The images are in an upright posture and 3.7 metres high respectively.

Sakyamuni in a Buddhist robe looks dignified and there are six tucks of V-shaped patterns below the chest.

The robe reaches the ankles and the two bare feet are surrounded by oval lotus flowers.

It is conjectured as a work from the middle part of the Koryo dynasty from the positioning of the Buddhist images.

On the left side of the rock is carved the Goddess of Mercy which is 2.3 metres high.



Club improves training conditions and living environment

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Sports Club of the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport proved successful at the recent 2026 Kalmaegi (sea gull) Cup canoeing competition.

Its players won more than 60 medals including 24 golds in the competition to draw the attention of experts.

The club, which specializes in such maritime and underwater sports as rowing, canoeing and synchronized swimming, took the first place in all categories of the 2026 youth synchronized swimming championships held earlier and won 20 golds at the 2026 Kalmaegi Cup rowing competition.

Players of the club ascribe the success partly to the wonderfully improved training conditions and living environment.

In November last year, a general training hall and hostel for sportspersons of the Sports Club of the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport were newly built on the

banks of the picturesque Taedong River.

According to Ri Ha Rim, head of the club, the total floor space of the newly-built building is more than twice that of the previous one.

The hall has an indoor general training ground and swimming pool. In the training ground, players can do physical training and conduct different sports activities such as basketball, volleyball and badminton.

At the swimming pool, training for swimming, synchronized swimming, diving and simulation of rowing can be conducted at the same time.

The hostel is fully provided with conditions for boarding and cultural and leisure activities of players and coaches including a dining hall, bedrooms, a sci-tech learning space, an online lecture room and a library.

"All of us are satisfied with the improved training conditions and living environment. So we redoubled efforts to win the games. This has led to the result of today, I think," said Hong Mi, a player of the club.



The Sports Club of the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport on the banks of the Taedong River.



Players practise radio-controlling of sailing boats.



Players do physical training in the indoor general training ground.

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