

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoys circus of National Acrobatic Troupe celebrating 81st anniversary of national liberation



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A circus of the National Acrobatic Troupe celebrating the 81st anniversary of national liberation was given at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre on August 16, amid joy and excitement of the people in the DPRK greeting the significant day when their great motherland newly

emerged with pride.

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, enjoyed the performance.

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

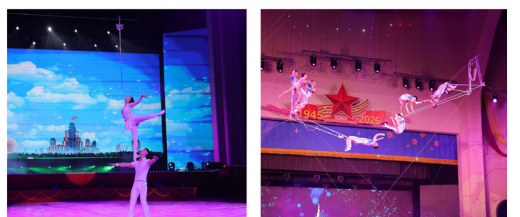
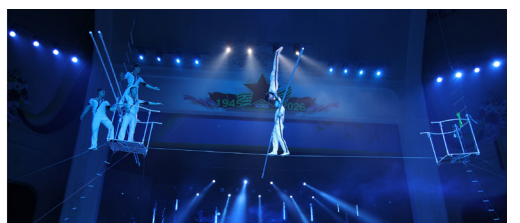
stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

On the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation, he extended warm congratulations to all the people of the country including the servicepersons of the whole army who are creating a new era of comprehensive development with boundless love for their precious and sacred country and

confidence and optimism about their cause.

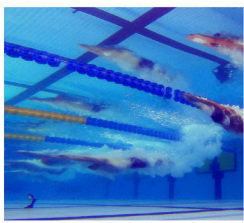
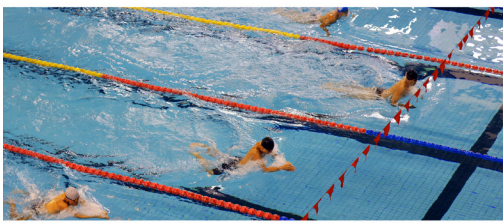
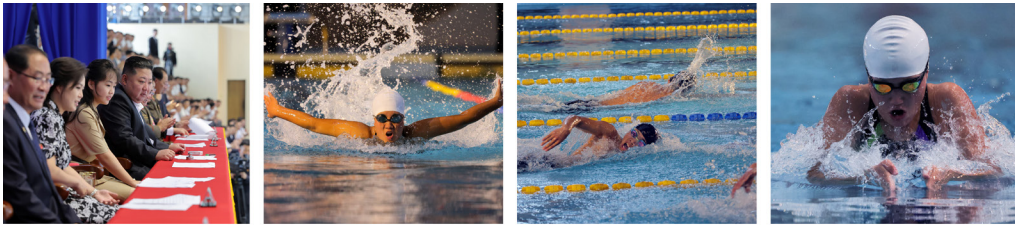
Among the audience were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, other senior Party and government officials, children of anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs and

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Sports event held to mark 81st anniversary of national liberation

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sees the contest



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A swimming and diving contest took place on August 16 according to the schedule of the sports and cultural event marking National Liberation Day.

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, enjoyed the contest.

All the participants were filled with great excitement and joy as they came to significantly celebrate National Liberation Day with the sports and cultural event in his presence.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the natatorium, all the players and spectators raised enthusiastic cheers.

Among the spectators were leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies and commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence.

A swimming contest was held by six teams, divided into men's 100-metre

freestyle and 100-metre breaststroke, women's 100-metre freestyle and 100-metre breaststroke and 4x100-metre mixed medley relay in the order of backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly stroke.

The contest was so close amid the competitive spirit of players and the enthusiastic cheers of the spectators.

And a diving contest was held by three teams, divided into men's and women's individual 10-metre platform diving and mixed 10-metre platform synchronized diving.

In the swimming contest, the Sobaeksu Sports Team came first, the Ministry of Fisheries Sports Club second and the Suyangsan Sports Club third.

The Sobaeksu Sports Team came first in total standings also in the diving contest.

Then, followed a synchronized swimming demonstration.

An awards ceremony was held amid the applause of the participants.

The sports and cultural event in celebration of the 81st anniversary of national liberation boosted the festive mood of the auspicious holiday of the Korean people.

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anti-Japanese patriotic martyrs, teaching staff and students of revolutionary schools, officials of ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs, and officials and labour innovators of industrial establishments and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Put on the stage were colourful numbers including physical acrobatics "Wire-rope Walking" and "Fly Higher" which won top prizes at international circus festivals.

The elegant folk acrobatic works and refined numbers of high technique, full of deep emotion and vibrant vitality, showed well the aspect of the DPRK's acrobatic art blooming and developing day by day.

The distinctive pieces performed by a juggler familiar with the people made the audience fascinated with the world of mysterious jugglery.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience as it drew excitement, admiration and cheerful laughter.

Expressing great satisfaction over the acrobats' successful performance,

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly congratulated them.

He met creative workers, artistes and officials of the National Acrobatic Troupe who added to joy and optimism on National Liberation Day through their excellent performance.

Saying that the troupe is a prestigious art organization as it has glorified the honour and prestige of the country while enjoying the love of the people through the creation of world-famous acrobatic works and active performance activities for over 70 years, he highly appreciated the services of the creative workers and

artistes of the troupe who have contributed to the development of socialist culture by exerting influence peculiar to the acrobatic art.

Expressing belief and expectations that the creative workers and artistes of the troupe would create and perform a larger number of excellent acrobatic pieces, welcomed by the times and the people, by giving full play to their extraordinary creative talents, high skills and patriotic enthusiasm and thus bring about a new development and usher in a new heyday of the acrobatic art, he had a photo taken with them.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends reply message to Russian President

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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a reply message to Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on

August 15.

The message said:

Dear friend Comrade Vladimir Putin,

I express deep thanks to you for sending a message of warm greeting on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Korea's liberation on August 15 was an auspicious

event of our people that put an end to the Japanese imperialists' colonial rule spanning decades and won national independence and sovereignty, and a great political event that opened up a broad road for building an independent powerful country.

The sacred history of

national liberation of our people who ended the distress-torn history of stateless Korean nation and retook the independent dignity is associated with the feats of the officers and men of the Red Army who fought bravely in the sacred war for annihilating the common enemy.

I am always proud to be

able to expect more excellent future of the bilateral relations by leading, together with you, the DPRK-Russia ties that have carried forward the history of common struggle for justice and precious traditions of friendship.

I take this opportunity to express again the firm belief that the fraternal army and

people of Russia would certainly accomplish the sacred cause of defending the sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity of the country and building powerful Russia under your wise leadership, and heartily wish you good health and greater success in your responsible work.

Premier Pak inspects various sectors

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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 DPRK, inspected various sectors of the national economy.

At the Huichon Precision Machine Factory, the premier encouraged its workers in their vigorous drive for production to carry out the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and called for raising the quality of products and productivity while paying constant attention to consolidating

the material and technical foundations, bearing in mind the importance of the factory's duty in developing the country's vehicle industry.

In particular, he stressed the need for officials to enhance their responsibility and role in implementing the Party's decisions, further improve production and management while regarding the spiritual strength of the masses and science and technology as the lifeline of the development of the unit and actively introduce valuable and innovative inventions based on advanced technologies.

At the Jonchon Rock Drill Factory, Pak Thae Song called for carrying out the assigned production plan without fail by raising the utilization rate of equipment in keeping with the growing demand for rock-drills in various sectors of the national economy, and for effectively developing and producing new-type rock-drills with high performance.

Going round various workshops and newly-built production processes of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, he stressed the need for the employees to improve the efficiency of

labour by raising the level of technical knowledge and skills and mastering the equipment and thus steadily expand the successes in production.

Discussed at field consultative meetings were issues of directing efforts to acquiring and introducing new technology through the sci-tech learning space, strengthening the ranks of technicians and skilled workers and fully supplying equipment and materials necessary for developing new products and producing them.

Earlier, Pak Thae Song visited the Salt



Premier Pak Thae Song (fourth from right) inspects the Jonchon Rock Drill Factory.

Industry Bureau to learn about production and discuss the problems arising in production and took necessary measures.

Russian sailing ship for educational practice *Pallada* pays goodwill visit to Wonsan

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The sailors and trainees of the Russian sailing ship for educational practice *Pallada* arrived at Wonsan Port on August 15 to pay a goodwill visit to the city of Wonsan on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation.

They were greeted by officials of the Kangwon Provincial People's Committee, officials concerned, the charge d'affaires ad interim and officials of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang, and the president of the Far-Eastern State University of Fishery Technique.

The members of the Russian sailing ship for educational practice laid a flower basket at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in Wonsan on August 15.

They placed a flower basket at the statues of the great leaders who made an

immortal contribution to the development of the DPRK-Russia friendly ties, and bowed to them.

They laid wreaths before the Monument to the Soviet Army on August 16.

Present there were officials of the Kangwon Provincial People's Committee, officials concerned, the charge d'affaires ad interim and staff members of the Russian embassy in the DPRK and the president of Far-Eastern State University of Fishery Technique.

After the wreaths were laid, the participants paid tribute to the fighters of the Soviet Army fallen in the sacred war for Korea's liberation.

They looked round the Monument to the Soviet Army.

They toured various places in Wonsan.

At the Songdowon International Children's Camp, the sailors and trainees

of the ship looked round campers' dwellings and the gymnasium and aquarium, being briefed on the fact that schoolchildren from different countries spend a pleasant time at the camp, a comprehensive extracurricular education base.

They enjoyed a performance given by artistes of the Kangwon Provincial Art Troupe and toured the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area and the Kalma Foodstuff Factory.

They deepened friendship with university students in Wonsan City while playing colourful sports games with them.

They left Wonsan Port on August 17.

They were seen off by officials of the Kangwon Provincial People's Committee and officials concerned, the president of the Far-Eastern State University of Fishery Technique and others.

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Birthday spreads sent to centenarians

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent birthday spreads to Kim Pok Sun, a woman centenarian living in neighbourhood unit 2, Songil-ri of Sunan District in Pyongyang, Jang Ryong Nyo, a woman centenarian living in neighbourhood unit 9, Churanjon-ri, Sinphyong County, North Hwanghae Province, and Kim Po Bae, a woman centenarian living in neighbourhood unit 7, Janghak-ri, Jangphung County, Kaesong Municipality, on their 100th birthdays.

They, who had lived under maltreatment and contempt, suffering the miserable lot of an enslaved nation before the liberation of the country, could lead a worthwhile life after President Kim Il Sung liberated the country.

They took the lead in assisting the People's Army during the Fatherland Liberation War and postwar reconstruction and worked heart and soul to increase grain production for decades.

They always request their children to do more good things for the benevolent country, saying that the Korean-style socialist system is the best in the

world.

National exhibition of technical innovations of three-revolution teams opens

The seventh national exhibition of technical innovations of three-revolution teams opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on August 18.

The members of the three-revolution teams across the country have achieved many successes through technical innovation activities for economic development and improvement of the people's standard of living in their units and regions.

On display at the exhibition on the theme of "New innovation, bold creation and steady advance" are more than 600 technical innovation achievements highly appreciated by ministries, national agencies and provinces in the form of real objects, models and diagrams.

Present at the opening ceremony were Kim Sung Du, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Jon Sung Guk, vice-premier of the Cabinet, officials of commissions, ministries, national agencies, relevant sectors and members of three-revolution teams.

A speech was made at the opening ceremony.

Competition of bakers held

A competition of bakers took place at the Unsan County Foodstuff Factory from August 6 to 17 as part of the Contest of Skilled Workers with Different Jobs in Various Sectors of National Economy-2026.

The competition brought together skilled workers selected from ministries, national agencies and provincial people's committees.

The participants baked different kinds of wheat bread, displaying technical skills they acquired in the course of conducting the campaign to overtake and learn from others and swap experience with each other.

The standings were announced on August 17 and the excellent skilled workers were awarded trophies, medals and diplomas in the name of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea.

National students' sports games open

The 2026 national students' sports games opened with due ceremony in Phyongsong City on August 19.

More than 750 players selected from across the country will compete in basketball, volleyball, table tennis and athletic events.

Officials of the youth league and players took part in the opening ceremony.



Members of the Russian sailing ship for educational practice *Pallada* tour different places in Wonsan.



On the occasion of 81st anniversary of national liberation

Ceremony of paying tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il held

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A ceremony of paying tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues on Mansu Hill was held on August 14 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Pak Thae Song and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, leading 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.

A flower basket in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the statues of the great leaders.

Also placed were flower baskets 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.

The participants paid tribute to the peerlessly great men, recalling the noble careers and immortal exploits of the great leaders.



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Senior Party and government officials visit Korean Revolution Museum



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Senior Party and government officials visited the Korean Revolution Museum, a grand palace for education in revolutionary traditions, on August 14 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Among the visitors were Pak Thae Song and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, leading 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.

Being briefed on the feats President Kim Il Sung performed by founding the immortal Juche idea and leading the anti-Japanese armed struggle to a brilliant victory under the uplifted banner of self-reliant independence, the visitors went round several rooms of the Hall for the Period of Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle.

At the Hall of Revolutionary Comrades-in-Arms, they keenly cherished once again the world of noble love and obligation of the

peerlessly great men who put forward soldiers with one intention and affection as their eternal comrades and comrades-in-arms on the road of revolution and glorified their immortal life.

All the visitors were fully determined to carry on for all ages the glorious history of the dignified DPRK under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, bearing deeper in mind the immutable truth that a guarantee for the bright future of the revolutionary cause of Juche and the steady advance of Korean-style socialism is to firmly defend the revolutionary traditions of Paektu and purely carry them forward.

Flowers laid at Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri

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Flowers were placed at the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on August 14 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Ri Hi Yong and Jong Kyong Thack, secretaries of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior Party and government officials, officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and armed forces organs, bereaved families of the martyrs, students of revolutionary schools and Pyongyang citizens.

The participants laid flowers at

the monument and observed a moment's silence in memory of the martyrs who dedicated their lives to the greatest sacred motherland and the victorious advance of the Juche revolution.

They laid flowers at the graves of the revolutionary forerunners.



People from all walks of life visit the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri.

Football match held to mark National Liberation Day

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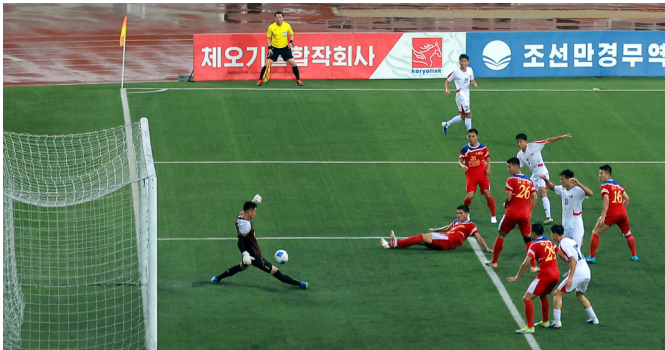
A men's football match between Taedonggang and Hwaeppl teams took place as part of the Hwaeppl Cup football tournament at Kim Il Sung Stadium on August 15, the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation.

The Taedonggang Team scores a goal in the men's football match with Hwaeppl Team.

Among the audience were senior Party and government officials, members of the National Sports Guidance Committee, leading officials of organizations supporting sports events, merited sportspersons, officials of ministries and national agencies and Pyongyang citizens.

In the match which began with the Hwaeppl team's first kick, the footballers of both teams played the game vigorously, according to their tactical intentions.

The Taedonggang Team beat its rival 4-0 in the match.



On the occasion of 81st anniversary of national liberation

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

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Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students in the DPRK paid floral tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues across the country on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

A flower basket bearing the august name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was seen standing before the statues of the President and

the Chairman on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.

Placed at the statues were bouquets of flowers and flower baskets in the name of Party, power and armed forces organs, social organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces and institutions, factories and enterprises at all levels and universities and colleges.

The visitors bowed to the statues, looking back with deep emotion on the immortal

feats of the peerlessly great men.

Bouquets of flowers and flower baskets in the name of KPA and PSF units, institutions, enterprises, universities and others were laid at the statues of the great leaders in different parts of the capital city.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students in all other parts of the country visited the statues of the great leaders in their residential areas and paid tribute to them.

Anniversary of national liberation celebrated across country

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All the people of the DPRK significantly marked the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

At the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state, people bowed to the portraits of the peerlessly great men.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in all other parts of the country and mosaics of the peerlessly great men.

Officials of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea visited the Korean Revolution Museum to grasp the immortal revolutionary feats performed by the President in accomplishing



Art performances are given in Jagang Province and other parts of the country to celebrate the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

the great historic cause of national liberation.

An endless stream of visitors determined to bring earlier the comprehensive national rejuvenation in the revolutionary spirit of Paektu flowed to the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery in Hyesan and others.

Officials, working people, youth and students across the country made study tours of revolutionary battle sites and held meetings to hear impressions of the reminiscences of anti-Japanese guerrillas,

oratorical meetings and other events.

The national flags were seen fluttering in streets and villages of Pyongyang and the provinces and at factories, farms and schools and art performances were given everywhere to rev up the festive mood.

Public catering establishments in Pyongyang and all other parts of the country were full of people receiving holiday service.

Leisure complexes resounded with happy laughter of the working people and schoolchildren enjoying the holiday.

Evening gala and firework display



An evening gala of youth and students and a firework display take place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on the evening of August 15, National Liberation Day.

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An evening gala of youth and students and a firework display took place at Kim Il Sung Square in the capital city of Pyongyang on the evening of August 15 when the whole country was full of emotion and joy of celebrating the National Liberation Day.

The evening gala began amid the playing of the song "Let's Love Our Country".

When the song "We Sing

of Our Country Holding the Leader in High Esteem" resounded through the square, the venue was overflowing with boundless reverence for President Kim Il Sung, who pushed his way through endless snowstorms and waged long bloody battles against the Japanese imperialists to accomplish the historic cause of national liberation and laid the solid foundations for the powerful and dignified socialist country.

The passionate young people presented cheerful and dynamic dances in reflection of their great pride and optimism with which they are glorifying the new era of comprehensive rejuvenation, holing in high esteem the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Amid the playing of the song "My Strong Motherland", colourful fireworks were displayed, revving up the atmosphere of celebrating the holiday.

Oratorical meeting of youth and students

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The oratorical meeting-2026 of youth and students to carry forward the revolutionary spirit of Paektu was held at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre on August 14 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

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

At the oratorical meeting, the performers said that the

prosperous socialist Korea is unthinkable apart from the day of national liberation President Kim Il Sung achieved through the long bloody anti-Japanese war and the future of the country will be brighter thanks to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

They praised the President as the peerlessly great man and peerless patriot as he embarked upon the road of revolution in his teens and accomplished the historic cause of national liberation.

They called upon all the young people to steadfastly carry forward the transparent spirit of devotedly defending the leader of the revolutionary forerunners who shielded the headquarters from the enemy's bullets and unhesitatingly went up on the scaffold to defend the headquarters in the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary war and the revolutionary traditions of Juche pioneered in Mt Paektu.

Oratorical meetings of working people's organizations

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Working people's organizations respectively held oratorical meetings on August 13 to mark the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

Present at the oratorical meetings were Ri Won Jong, chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea, Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea, officials of working people's organizations,

workers and members of the trade union, agricultural workers and members of the women's union.

At the meetings, the performers highly praised the immortal revolutionary career and exploits of President Kim Il Sung who accomplished the historic cause of national liberation and ushered in a new era of building a thriving nation and impressively conveyed the great personality of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is demonstrating the might of the DPRK on the highest level and continuing a long journey of devotion to the people with warm affections and love.

Poem-reciting meeting of schoolchildren

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A poem-reciting meeting of schoolchildren took place at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on August 13 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

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

The performers praised the feats of General Kim Il Sung, the guerrilla commander who won only victories in the battles against the huge forces of the Japanese

imperialist army with his protean tactics and war methods in the grim anti-Japanese war.

Also put on the stage were revolutionary songs reflecting the indomitable spirit and mettle of the fighters who devoted their youth and lives without hesitation, waging the long bloody anti-Japanese war under his leadership.

Schoolchildren's resolve to prepare themselves to be true young revolutionaries and patriots and competent talents who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong under the care of the motherly Workers' Party of Korea resounded through the venue.

Women's union holds dance party

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A dance party of women's union officials and members in the DPRK was held at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on August 15.

The venue of the dance party was full of the boundless pride of the Korean women leading a happy life with the ennobling name of women revolutionaries and communist mothers under the care of the great father, who glorifies their dignity and position at the highest peak of the times.

The dance party ended with the song "We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives".

Regional-industry factories bear fruits

By Choe Song Jun PT

The regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea clearly demonstrates its vitality as the regional-industry factories work hard to normalize their production.

The Songchon County Foodstuff Factory attaches importance to the supply of raw materials to ensure the normal production of processed chestnut products in all seasons. It built a large-capacity storage house on the basis of the correct calculation of the amount of raw materials needed for the annual production of processed chestnuts and their storage conditions to meet the demand of its residents for the goods.

After providing a guarantee for producing plastic pipes of various sizes, the Unsan County Daily Necessities Factory is now concentrating

efforts on the supply of raw materials and the Sukchon County Foodstuff Factory is boosting the production of liquor by using by-products of wheat flour production.

The daily necessities factories in Hamju and Onchon counties took the collection of idle materials and recycling as an important matter in the supply of raw and other materials and settled sci-tech problems arising in mixing raw materials and making moulds, thus raising the productivity and quality of various kinds of plastic products to a high level.

The fishery processing factory in Yomju County and foodstuff factories in Onchon, Hamju, Kumya and Jongphyong counties have secured enough raw materials for the production of various kinds of processed marine products in close cooperation with relevant units to increase the production of specialities.

The Kusong City Foodstuff Factory directs a great deal of energies to the development of new products to produce specialities favoured by the people, such as juices of *Schizandra chinensis* and *Crataegus pinnatifida* fruits, *Actinidia arguta* fruit jam and vinegared wild grape drink.

The Jangyon County Foodstuff Factory has taken technical measures for the beer brewing process to suit the regional feature

that barley is grown in a large area and constantly improved its quality, while the Sepho County Foodstuff Factory pushes ahead with production after setting up a production process based on the abundant raw material resources in the region.

The Kangdong County Foodstuff Factory produces special products by using various kinds of functional vegetables from the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm.

The Ryonggang and Puryong county daily necessities factories equipped themselves with modern stone processing processes. They are now producing various kinds of stonecrafts from quality granite in their regions.

The Tongsin and Sinyang county daily necessities factories produce wooden products of various kinds and particle boards in accordance with the characteristics of their counties.



The foodstuff and daily necessities factories in Sepho County boost production by using abundant raw materials and resources in the region. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES



Building of raw materials bases in full swing

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Efforts are directed to building raw materials bases for normalizing production at regional-industry factories in different parts of the country.

The Kangwon Provincial People's Committee has encouraged all cities and counties to put efforts into building raw materials bases and manuring and tending crops and effectively consolidate their material and technical foundations. As a result, the areas for

raw materials bases have increased to nearly 5 000 hectares in the province this year alone and its plan for the production of wheat, barley and other early cereal crops has been overfulfilled.

Kimhwa, Kosan, Ichon, Sepho and Cholwon counties have worked hard to increase the capacity of raw materials bases and establish a well-knit system of storing and supplying raw materials.

Yonthan County of North Hwanghae Province created large areas of raw materials bases

in a short span of time by finding spots favourable for farming with emphasis placed on sunny ones with good conditions for the supply of water and has put in effort to improve the fertility of their soil.

Taeon District of Nampho Municipality, too, has channelled major efforts into laying solid material and technical foundations for raw materials bases.

The district sent tractors and various other farm machines and small and medium farm implements to the raw materials bases to help further

raise the level of mechanization of farm work there.

While providing the bases with more materials including vinyl sheets, fuel and fertilizer, it newly built buildings for workteams and depots for farm machines in a short time.

Many cities and counties in Jagang Province, too, built buildings for the board and lodging of workteams and domestic animal sheds at raw materials base stations so that their employees can devote themselves to farming without any worry.

Technologies and experience broadly shared

By Kim Il Jin PT

In accordance with the Workers' Party of Korea's policy on regional development which is going full steam ahead, the regional-industry factories newly built in 40 cities and counties are positively sharing technologies and experience.

Exchange of technologies and experience among the new regional-industry factories is conducted purposefully according to the detailed arrangements made by the Ministry of Regional Industry and the provinces.

Shortly ago, the ministry organized theoretical lectures and passing-on technique sessions related to the improvement of the quality of wheat paste and soy sauce for the officials and technicians of the foodstuff factories newly built in tens of cities and counties at the Jongphyong County Foodstuff Factory so as to help the relevant units introduce advanced technologies and experience into the production of condiments.

South Hamgyong Province has arranged a products show every month at the regional-industry factories newly built in Hamju, Kumya and Jongphyong counties and Sinpho City and made sure that the participants learn experience and lessons from the successes and deviations.

In particular, according to the measure of the province, experts of the provincial disease prevention and control centre, the provincial

quality analysis institute and the Hamhung Branch of the State Academy of Sciences have analysed the quality of the products presented to the show so that all producers could direct efforts to improving their quality.

South Phyongan Province also holds a monthly provincial products show on a regular basis in order to encourage the new regional-industry factories in Songchon, Sukchon, Pukchang and Sinyang counties to briskly exchange experience with each other.

Ryanggang Province has promoted exchange of technologies among the new regional-industry factories in several counties over various issues, including the development of specialities, the improvement of the quality of condiments and the reduction of the production costs of daily necessities.

North Hwanghae Province recently held a consumer goods exhibition during which technologies and experience were positively shared among the new regional-industry factories in Unpha, Yonthan, Koksan and Hwangju counties.

This year, Unchon County arranged a visit to a county in South Hamgyong Province to exchange views on the issues arising in business management and activities. And it intensified the work to introduce good experience and advanced technologies of the relevant area and units in conformity with the actual situations of its area and units, thereby making great achievements in developing new products, expanding varieties and lowering costs.

Universities buzz with scientific research for implementing regional development policy

By Kim Hye Jong PT

Different universities are making positive efforts to make various modern facilities for regional-industry factories under construction.

The researchers of Kim Il Sung University completed the stylus of a conductometer needed in making a general milk analyser and are working to solve technical problems arising in the creation of a control program and equipment assembly.

They are pushing ahead at the final stage with a research project for producing higher quality soap with the cottonseed oil produced in Unchon County by introducing a new oil refining technology and oil hydrogenation device at the already built Unchon County Daily Necessities Factory.

Kim Chaek University of Technology and Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering are making different kinds of pumps, crushers, tenoners and other facilities to be used by city

and county regional-industry factories in cooperation with technicians of the Anju Pump Factory and the Pyongyang Textile Machine Factory.

While directing efforts to research into the improvement of the storage safety of products, Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry selected excellent lecturers and researchers for training skilled workers at regional-industry factories and has offered hundreds of employees efficient sessions for passing on advanced

techniques.

Lecturers and researchers of Pyongyang University of Publishing and Printing Industry developed a Korean-style printing facility to fully solve the problem of ink jet control and perfected major devices.

The University of Sciences, Pyongyang University of Architecture and others are also conducting scientific research to solve urgent problems arising in implementing the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.



Scientific research achievements conducive to implementing the regional development policy are made at Kim Il Sung University (left) and Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry (right).

Orchestra makes brilliant history with country

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The National Symphony Orchestra celebrated its 80th founding anniversary with splendour on August 8.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a letter of warm congratulations to all the creative workers and artistes of the symphony orchestra on its significant founding anniversary and visited the Moranbong Theatre to have a photo session with them.

State commendations were also awarded to the meritorious creative workers and artistes of the orchestra.

The National Symphony Orchestra is the first orchestra of new Korea which

declared its birth with the playing of "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and which has made the brilliant history with the country.

On the day when the National Symphony Orchestra was organized in August 1946, President Kim Il Sung said in his historic speech, "Musicians Should Make an Active Contribution to Building a New, Democratic Korea" that our music should accord with the sentiments and emotions of our people and with their revolutionary aspirations for building a new country; it should be a really people-oriented and revolutionary music that reflects the joy, pleasure, pride, self-confidence and revolutionary

enthusiasm of our people who have achieved national liberation and risen up to create a new life.

True to the instructions of the President, the creators and artistes of the orchestra have enriched the treasure house of the Juche-based musical art, representing the thoughts and will of all the people and the pulse of the times advancing to civilization and prosperity over the past 80 years as monumental orchestral music, symphonic suites and symphonic medleys.

Chairman Kim Jong Il organized a Korean-style orchestra of three-wind instrumentation to create and develop Juche-oriented symphony and put his heart and soul into ensuring that

the National Symphony Orchestra grew as an authoritative orchestra.

Therefore, the creators and artistes of the orchestra encouraged the people who turned out for the campaign to defend socialism with revolutionary music in the 1990s when the whole country was compelled to experience extreme difficulties.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has so far led the work of the National Symphony Orchestra step by step since he had visited the newly renovated Moranbong Theatre for the first time 20 years ago.

Once he said that as it is a true representative of the state, the National Symphony

Orchestra should not depend on its past dignity but demonstrate its presence with real ability, calling on all the creative workers and artistes to open up a new period of efflorescence of Juche-oriented art with high ability and artistic skills.

In the past 10-odd years alone, the orchestra staged dozens of national performances, gave more than 1 100 concerts and created over 260 instrumental music pieces of various forms including orchestral prelude for piano "Glory to the Workers' Party of Korea", orchestral music "Song of Comradeship" and string ensemble "Song about the Motherland", contributing to adding glory to the new era

of comprehensive national rejuvenation.

The general title of the works portrayed and put on stage over the past 80 years by the National Symphony Orchestra, which has cultivated the flower garden of Juche-oriented musical art, enthusiastically singing revolutionary songs and other musical works as a march for struggle and creation in the development course of the DPRK, can be called *Symphony of Socialism*.

It is a source of great pride of the country and people to have such an art group with an excellent history and tradition and high creative ability as the National Symphony Orchestra.



The National Symphony Orchestra is a prestigious art group that has enriched the flower garden of Juche-oriented musical art over the past 80 years.

New type of orchestra mixed with electronic instruments

By Pang Un Ju PT

The electronic instrument mixed orchestral music played at recent national performances evoked great excitement among the audiences with unique musical interpretation which was neither heard nor felt in the traditional orchestra.

The electronic instrument mixed orchestra is a mixed orchestra formed by adding electronic instruments in the orchestration.

This combination can create diverse and rich resonances and musical renditions that are not available in an orchestra composed only of acoustic instruments.

In retrospect, a mixed orchestra combining Western and national orchestras was created in the DPRK in the 1970s and the Pochonbo Electronic Ensemble was organized in the 1980s when the work of introducing electronic instruments in a Korean style was conducted vigorously, opening up a golden age of electronic music.

The music of the Pochonbo Electronic Ensemble, which integrated beautiful melodies and unique tones with excellent lyrics reflecting the spirit of the times, was acclaimed by the people and beautifully decorated the flower garden of the Juche-oriented musical art.

The orchestra mixed

with electronic instruments can enrich the emotional expression of music by combining the broad resonance of wind and string instruments and the diverse timbre of electronic instruments.

The mixed orchestra not just introduces one or two electronic instruments into the orchestration to produce tonal effects but also makes wide use of percussion instruments to highlight its unique timbre and create the third timbre by the combination with acoustic instruments, thus producing more diversified and three-dimensional interpretation of music.

Unlike in the creation of previous orchestral

works, many difficult tasks arise in the arrangement, conduct, rendition, acoustic amplification, recording and compilation of electronic instrument mixed orchestral music as electronic instruments with diverse timbres and a wide range of volume control are involved and special acoustic means are used in the interpretation.

The creators and artistes in the field of musical art have successfully created and performed electronic instrument mixed orchestral works by solving in a Korean way many problems arising in creative practices, including those of finding out or producing timbres of electronic instruments in

conformity with the thematic and ideological content of songs, obtaining the mixed resonance of acoustic and electronic instruments and adding modern aesthetic taste by applying and emphasizing rhythms.

The mixed orchestra, which symbolizes the content and emotional tone of the songs with a solemn electronic instrument prelude and sometimes enhances the rendition by combining the resonance of the orchestra with the timbres of various electronic instruments, gave a strong impact to the audience and evoked an enthusiastic response.

Many people who enjoyed the performances said that the rich and characteristic

musical interpretation and the high artistic skills of singers blended in perfect harmony to boost the appeal of the popular songs as never before and that they felt the features of the music art getting newer with each passing day.

Listening to the excited feelings of the audience, creators and artistes said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clarified the essential characteristics of the electronic instrument mixed orchestra, the significance of its creation and the ways and methods for its realization and gave detailed guidance to the arrangement and interpretation of songs, adding that his energetic guidance has brought about the present successes.



By Sin Pyol PT

Many working people continue to visit the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, a scenic spot on the east coast of Korea now in the sea bathing season. Everyplace of the tourist area is crowded with tourists, including those looking round the coastal tourist town, taking photos in succession, aboard trams and battery cars, those heading to the beach as soon as they take off their travelling attire and youth and schoolchildren enjoying a 1 1

sorts of amusement games at amusement facilities. Tourists relish the true taste of tourism at hotels of all styles and forms, sea bathing service facilities equipped with all conditions and diverse sports, amusement, commercial and public catering facilities. Most popular with tourists are sea bathing, marine sports and marine sightseeing. A lot of tourists enjoy themselves bathing in the sea at the bathing zone with a vast stretch of white beach licked by rolling blue waves and with an accommodation capacity of tens of thousands. Young men surf waves to boast their valour

and many other people have a pleasant time riding storm boats, water bicycles and floating amusement facilities. "Seeing people enjoying themselves at the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area on TV, I wanted to come here as soon as possible. Now here at the coastal tourist area I've found it as beautiful as a picture. Everything is nice and satisfactory, and I've almost forgotten the passage of time. I'm reluctant to leave here," said Cha Kum Hyok, a worker of the Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326. The Myongsasimni Water

Park is always crowded with tourists. They fully experience delight and thrills enjoying sleigh-type and bowl-shaped rapid water slides, water skiing and other kinds of apparatuses in ten-odd pools overflowing with clear water. A resident from Kaephung District, Kaesong Municipality, said with delight that he enjoys a new civilization to his heart's content together with his family at the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area now after enjoying himself at the leisure complex built in their locality under the

care of the Workers' Party of Korea. At the Kalma Arirang Gym with an e-sports room, amusement room for children, sports hall and billiard room, many of the tourists, including children, lose track of time playing games with shooting and VR experience game apparatuses, bowling for children, archery and horse racing. The Kalma Mokran Kwangmyong Recreation Centre, Myongsasimni Indoor Wading Pool and Myongsasimni

Fitness Centre, too, resound with happy laughter of tourists. When darkness sets in, the tourist area turns into a land of mystery with the effect of various light illuminations. Some of the tourists stroll along the brightly-lit promenade taking photos of the spectacular nocturnal view until late at night, and the others are reluctant to sleep singing songs in their lodgings. This adds to the charming features of the tourist town on the Kalma peninsula at night.



Tourists have a pleasant time at the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area.



By Ri Sang Il PT

Over 60 years have passed since the Okryu Restaurant of a Korean architectural style was built in the best place on the banks of the picturesque Taedong River and inaugurated in August 1960.

The restaurant has since become a favourite of the Korean people along with the Pyongyang cold noodles.

The demand for the noodles of the restaurant is still on the increase day by day.

Moreover, nowadays when sultry weather persists,

the Okryu Restaurant is always packed with diners relishing the Pyongyang cold noodles.

The Pyongyang cold noodles can be said to be as good as an art work with all the elements of the dish combined harmoniously, including the sweet taste of meat stock, chewy strips of the noodles made with buckwheat as the main raw material, garnishes of harmonious taste and brass vessels enhancing the quality of the dish.

As buckwheat, which has long been regarded as a health food, has large contents of proteins, essential amino acids and lysine, it

helps prevent hypertension and cerebral haemorrhage, promote digestion and neutralize poison.

The meat stock is very important in the noodles. Beef, pork and chicken are boiled slowly in cold water while scooping foam and fat, soy sauce and salt are added and the stock is boiled again before it is filtered with a sieve and cooled. The meat stock is mixed with watery radish kimchi juice. The mixture is featured by the fact that it is clear, refreshing and savoury.

Cooks of the restaurant preserve the taste peculiar to the Pyongyang cold noodles by the traditional method

handed down for decades.

That is why many customers of the restaurant are not content with a bowl of the noodles and do not hesitate to order another bowl of the noodles for the appealing taste of the dish.

The Pyongyang cold noodles are also very popular among overseas Koreans and foreigners.

Overseas Koreans who tasted the noodles at the restaurant said that visitors to Pyongyang will feel regret all their lives if they fail to have the cold noodles and foreign visitors who took a liking to the noodles said they looked for the Korean dish back home, adding that they



The diners relish the Pyongyang cold noodles at the Okryu Restaurant. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

never forgot the Korean word “kuksu (noodles)”.

The restaurant has so far won lots of diplomas

and medals at annual cooking festivals, cooking competitions and exhibitions.

Drawing beautiful future

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Monumental structures and new streets in the capital city and structures built in local areas are associated with the efforts of the designers of the Pyongyang Urban Design Institute.

In recent years alone the institute has presented large numbers of designs for those structures such as an overhead bridge in Songhwa Street, Jonwi Street, dwelling houses of the fourth stage of the Hwasong area, the vegetable science research centre of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and the Samgwang Livestock Farm, said Kim Sung Jin, section chief of the institute.

It is equivalent to the successes achieved in 70 years since the establishment of the institute, he added.

Organized in 1947,

two years after Korea's liberation, the institute designed the main building of Kim Il Sung University, Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and the then central general hospital as its first projects.

Its architects completed the master plan for the postwar reconstruction of Pyongyang and designs for restoring some structures in the capital city even during the Fatherland Liberation War (June 25 1950-July 27 1953) and continued afterwards to draw the future of the country to be more beautiful.

It designed hundreds of projects of national significance up to 2017 and the designs associated with their painstaking efforts turned into monumental edifices representing the relevant eras in different parts of Pyongyang.

It has produced many

talented designers including those honoured with the titles of Labour Hero, People's Designer and Merited Designer. The designers in their 20s and 30s form the backbone of the institute at present.

According to Kim, they made a great contribution to completing the designs of many structures at a high level, including the overhead bridge in Songhwa Street inaugurated in 2022, the connected service network, an iconic structure of the third-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area inaugurated in 2025 and the Samgwang Livestock Farm completed in 2026 as a new model for socialist rural construction in the new era and the development of animal husbandry.

At present, all the architects of the institute are working hard to complete architectural designs as befit the present era when the golden age of construction, a new era of changes, has been ushered in and the Korean people's ideals.

“We are filled with a unique emotion as we see those structures on this land. We create the beautiful future of the country on the blueprint and it is the charm, pride and honour we have from our profession,” said Kim Sung Jin.



Researchers strive to constantly create new designs at the Pyongyang Urban Design Institute. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

My fortune



Ku Yong Sim (second from left) spends a good time with her teacher's family. KIM HYOK CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Soon I will graduate from the university.

What I think of first while recollecting the memories of the precious six years at the university is the performance given two years ago to mark the 65th founding anniversary of the university.

I went on stage with my writing titled “My fortune”.

The writing was about me, and the stories in it reflected the past and present of mine.

My father died when I was four years old and my mother died when I was five.

I spent my childhood at the Wonsan Orphanage, Wonsan Primary School for Orphans and Wonsan Middle School for Orphans but I never felt the sorrow of an orphan.

Under the care of the state I learned and played to my heart's content while receiving new clothes, all kinds of daily necessities and school things every year according to seasons.

In June 2016 when I was 13 years old, I came to Pyongyang as one of delegates of the Korean Children's Union to the celebrations of the 70th founding anniversary of the KCU and had a photo taken with the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

After graduating from Wonsan Middle School for Orphans, I enrolled at Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry as I wished.

In my early days at the university, I lived with my fellow students at the dormitory. Officials of the university, lecturers of the faculty and classmates showed meticulous care for me lest I should feel any inconvenience in life as I came from the middle school for orphans.

Still, my lecturer in charge took me to her house lest I should crave kindred affection.

Thus, I came to have my “father”, “mother” and

“younger brother” and my room.

The “mother” always thought of me first. When she bought new clothes at a shop, she asked the little son “Shall we buy your sister's first?” and when we had delicious foods on the table, she said to him, “Let your sister taste it first”.

Since I lost my parents, I have met so many good people, who became my “father”, “mother”, “younger brother” and “uncle” and friends. With the help of those kind people, I have grown up step by step.

It was not because I was lucky. How could I have enjoyed such a fortune if it were not for our society full of virtues and affection, our socialist system under which all the people form a large harmonious family?

That is why I said on the stage:

“I will devote my all to this wonderful country, this good system. It is also a great fortune of mine that I can do something for my country where there live all those people whom I cannot and should not forget.”

I still cannot forget the applause filling the venue and the images of the people wiping their tears.

My graduation from the university will mark the beginning of my repaying the state.

Ku Yong Sim, a student of the Textile Technology Faculty of Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry

August 25 specially etched in history of building up revolutionary armed forces

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Chairman Kim Jong Il started the leadership over the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK by inspecting the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People's Army on August 25 1960.

From that day on, he continued his field inspection of the KPA units to steadily strengthen and develop the revolutionary armed forces politically, ideologically and in military technique.

He made sure that the service personnel of the KPA prepared it as an army strong in ideology and faith in which they fight to defend their country and the people at the cost of their lives and are firmly united with a single ideology and purpose.

Under the energetic leadership of the Chairman

who paid attention to giving full play to the political and ideological advantages of the KPA, the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK could firmly preserve their character and original nature of reliably defending the country and the people militarily.

He developed the KPA into an invincible army fully prepared not only politically and ideologically but also in military technique.

In order to make the KPA an elite combat force, he ensured that every training ground of it was filled with the spirit of a-match-for-a-hundred combatants and the will to annihilate the enemy. Particularly in the 1990s, he frequently visited the outposts for national defence including Chol Pass, Mt Osong and Cho Island in order to turn the whole country into an impregnable

fortress.

He paid close attention to making material and technical preparations for coping with war at any moment in conformity with the specific conditions of the country which was building socialism in constant confrontation with the US imperialists and energetically led the struggle to make the defence industry Juche-oriented and modern.

Under the leadership of the Chairman who prioritized the development of the defence industry, it developed into a modern and self-supporting defence industry producing any kind of military hardware at will.

He led the KPA to become not only the driving force of national defence but the standard-bearer making a breakthrough for advance in major sites of socialist construction.

He initiated large-scale construction projects for sprucing up the country with trust in the KPA and put it forward in the vanguard of the march for a great upswing in economic construction and the improvement of the people's living standards. As a result, in such trying periods of the Arduous March and the forced march, the KPA played the role of not only the defender of the country and creator of the people's happiness but also as the pacesetter and model instilling in the people the revolutionary ideology and spirit and fighting traits.

Today when the KPA's invincible spirit is being demonstrated to the full, the Korean people celebrate historic August 25 while recollecting once again the immortal leadership exploits performed by Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Uninterrupted journey of devoted service for people

By Kim Hyon PT

This year, too, the DPRK is pushing ahead with gigantic construction projects for the well-being of the people in succession, including the fifth-stage construction in the Hwasong area of the capital city of Pyongyang, rural housing construction, construction projects for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy and construction of the Riwon County Offshore Farm.

The Workers' Party of Korea takes it as the standard and goal of all its efforts for advance and creation to promote the people's happiness and well-being.

Therefore, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un always racks his brains to provide the people with something more and that the best thing, and willingly shoulders all the burdens.

The Regional Development 20x10 Policy is a typical example.

The General Secretary put forward the immutable principle that there should be no backward region in the aspect of the people's living in the territory of the country, and formulated the policy on the basis of establishing its orientation with his strenuous efforts and pains for the improvement of the living standards of the regional people and confirming the feasibility of its implementation in all aspects through the stage of experience accumulation.

However, he thought that the construction of light-industry factories in cities and counties was not enough to sustainably improve the material and cultural life of the regional people throughout the country and included in the policy the construction of advanced city and county hospitals, sci-tech dissemination bases and grain storage facilities, in addition to the original construction of regional-industry factories.

This is not all.

The Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK held this year discussed the issue of launching another construction project for technologically and culturally transforming the coal-mining sector as a whole, along with the construction projects for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy.

In fact, it is unimaginable with an ordinary will to start such a construction project for transforming the coal-mining sector as a whole, while forging ahead with the gigantic regional development policy aimed at removing the centuries-old regional backwardness, implementing the programme for the rural revolution in the new era geared to turning all the farm villages across the country into the modern rural communities in the new era and bringing about a radical improvement in agricultural production and carrying out the educational revolution, public health revolution and other undertakings for effecting radical innovations in all sectors of socialist construction.

Indeed, as the General Secretary has harboured it as his cherished desire to ensure the Korean people lead the happiest life in the world, he is always on the journey of devoted service for the good of the people, shouldering all burdens for them.

Thanks to his devoted efforts, a large number of structures for the people continuously rise up in all parts of the country.

Needed: Minimizing damage by whims of nature



Pak Yong Il, deputy department director of the Agricultural Commission

Now disastrous abnormal weather often breaks in different parts of the world and our country is no exception.

Extremely high temperature, drought, flood, typhoons and other unforeseen natural disasters are getting more destructive and serious as time passes.

The reality in which the seriousness of climate change is highlighted day by day urgently calls for making more thorough preparations to cope with disastrous abnormal climate.

Therefore our agricultural sector pays primary attention to preventing the decay and degeneration

of grains cultivated with so much effort and their waste.

To manure and cultivate crops in the latter half of their growth in a scientific and technological way is an important way to ensure the safe growth of crops and thus produce high per-hectare yields. Accordingly, scrupulous field guidance is given over the implementation of farming processes including the planting of after-crops and the manuring and cultivation of crops.

Efforts are also going into protecting grains from natural disasters while making meticulous preparations to cope with possible emergency

situations, including flood and strong wind, in different parts of the country. In particular, the growth of crops has been surveyed and scientific manuring and cultivation methods have been introduced to raise their resistance to all manner of damage.

The agricultural, hydro-meteorological and agricultural scientific research sectors have closely cooperated to establish a scientific farming system and method.

Farming experience and lessons in the past showed that damage from natural disasters can or cannot be minimized according to how meteorological observation and weather forecast are done.

The hydro-meteorological sector has made a scientific

analysis of the features of the expected abnormal weather and improved the accuracy of long-, medium- and short-term forecasts, thus informing the agricultural sector of forecast data quickly and correctly.

The agricultural scientific research sector has taken timely scientific and realistic agro-technical measures that can minimize damage from natural disasters according to the growth conditions of crops and sent relevant data to relevant areas and agricultural production units in time.

All sectors and units have preferentially secured and sent the rural communities the equipment, goods and materials necessary for minimizing damage by extreme weather conditions.

BYWORD

Large socialist family

A "large socialist family" is a favourite phrase used by the Korean people.

In the DPRK, the noble virtue and trait of helping and leading one another forward is a national trait.

Every member of society takes it as their moral

obligation to respect war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers and the beautiful human relations and traits blossom with each passing day as people help and care for their friends and neighbours and show affection and love for other people, regarding

others' suffering as their own.

When hearing news about people moving into new houses, everyone is pleased as if they have been provided with new houses. And there are many people who unhesitatingly donate their blood and

flesh for the resuscitation of patients in the jaws of death and take warm care of them with familial affection.

That is why the people in the DPRK affectionately call their society a "large socialist family".

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‘We will exercise our right to self-defence for neutralizing military threat from hostile forces through more transparent action’

KCNA

The large-scale US-ROK joint military exercises, Ulji Freedom Shield, began in every part of the ROK on August 17. The drill poses the most immediate and open threat to the security environment of the DPRK and the region.

The exercises will last for over 10 days, involving US troops in the ROK and the ROK army as the mainstay as well as US army reinforcements from outside and forces of member states of the “UN Command”. And these frantic exercises cover all spheres for carrying out actual wartime operations including the ground, sea, air, space, cyber and psychological information. This is pushing again the tensions on the Korean peninsula to the threshold of a war.

In particular, all the major units under the US 8th Army, including the 2nd Infantry Division, the 19th Sustainment Command, the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, and the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, are taking part in the drill. And various actual manoeuvres of all sorts include a combined arms

live-firing exercise aimed at verifying the capability for joint precision strike and mobility, a combined wet gap crossing exercise and a joint logistic support manoeuvre for providing war supplies in contingency.

Nevertheless, before starting the exercises, the military warmongers of the US and the ROK described the drill as an “annual” and “defensive” one in public with the aim of hiding the aggressive and provocative nature of the largest-ever exercises.

Such a drill, which has been staged for decades despite the changes of regime in the US and the ROK, cannot be regarded only as a bad habitual military practice of the enemy states. And we can never get used to it.

As everybody knows, the enemies’ war drill is not a simple course of preparations and review.

It differs in its mission, form, scale and training methods every time. All the elements of the war drill have been developing into extremely dangerous ones, quite different from the past ones. And it is being desperately oriented towards enhancing the actual fighting capacity in the war exercises against

the DPRK and gaining the decisive ascendancy in the security structure in the Korean peninsula and the rest of the region.

The main point of the current drill is to perform “practical training reflecting the changing security environment” and to “improve effectiveness”. And its scenarios are ceaselessly being tailored to adapt to new modern war manuals and ways analyzed through recent war practices.

The US-ROK command post training under the simulated conditions of contingency in the Korean peninsula, over ten rounds of field manoeuvres and even the “all-government combined exercise” which the ROK stages independently by enlisting more than 4 000 agencies and over 580 000 personnel across the country feature supplemented elements of ultra-modern operations such as AI, drone and cyber.

What is all the more serious is that the US-led “UN Command” which played an auxiliary role in the Ulji Freedom Shield exercises only a few years ago is kick-starting in real earnest to revive its combat function and

expand its role, talking about “contribution in new spheres such as intelligence, cyber and space,” with the exercises as an occasion.

Prior to the drill, the deputy commander of the “UN Command” said that it would be the strongest deterrence when the countries sharing the same intention counter together and the posture would be combined stronger when the US-ROK alliance and the UN Command are added, making it a fait accompli to hurl into an actual war the largest-ever multinational aggression forces which abused the cap of the “UN forces” in case of contingency in the Korean peninsula as in the 1950s.

This is a development that cannot be overlooked. It visually shows that the ROK bordering the DPRK is turning into not only a training ground of the US-ROK military alliance but also a gathering place of multinational aggression forces and a test ground of modern warfare for violating the security sphere of the DPRK and other independent countries in the region.

The dangerous escalation of the war drill staged by the US and its vassal forces is posing a more serious threat to the security rights of the

DPRK and this will lead to the further deterioration of the situation of the Korean peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region.

The present situation makes us keenly realize what we should do.

The DPRK’s exercise of its right to self-defence will be translated into ever more vigorous action to completely neutralize the enemies’ military threat until the enemy states give up their reckless dream of overwhelming someone by force and completely abandon their attempt to break the balance of force in Northeast Asia beyond the Korean peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region.

It is necessary to counter the threatening manoeuvres of the enemies which are growing ever more serious with newly-developed strength.

The DPRK will always put all the enemies violating and threatening its sovereign security in the precisely-aiming range of its annihilating, retaliatory means.

All the war drills for aggression staged by the enemy states in the Korean peninsula and the region will never produce the results desired by them.

Briefly

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Russia

President expresses stand to defend national security and interests

Russian President Vladimir Putin emphasized his stand to defend national security and interests in his speech on August 12 as he inspected the military drill of the Pacific Fleet.

Referring to the fact that the potential for conflict increases in the Asia-Pacific region, he said that NATO is penetrating it, new military and political blocs are being formed and new weapon systems, which are being deployed or planned to be deployed in the region, constitute a threat to Russia.

Japan applied ungrounded sanctions against Russia in defiance of the root cause of the Ukrainian crisis and claims dominion over the Kurils although these islets were fixed as the possession of Russia after WWII, he noted.

Censuring some Western countries for planning to restrict the moves of Russian trading vessels contrary to the law of the sea, he denounced this plan as piracy and robbery and stated that if the West commits these acts, Russia will respond to them reflexively.

China

Japan urged to stop dangerous act of remilitarization

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defense of China on August 14 answered a journalist as regards the fact that the amount of defense budget proposed by the Japanese defense ministry for 2027 broke the highest record in history again.

He said that Japan has sharply increased the defense budget, actively accelerated the beef-up of offensive power and expanded the munitions industry on a large scale on the pretext of “external threat”, thus betraying its true colours as neo-militarism.

Brazil

US criticized for seeking domination

A high-ranking official of Brazil censured the US for pursuing the hegemony-seeking policy on August 12.

The US Department of State released a video advocating domination over the American region while advertising the Monroe Doctrine as its fundamental principle in external affairs. As to this, the Brazilian official branded it as an obvious threat to the sovereignty of Brazil and other regional countries.

US

Americans discontented with worsening economic situation

The people’s discontent with the deteriorating economic situation is growing in the United States.

According to a recent opinion poll, the majority of the registered US voters expressed their dissatisfaction, saying that the country’s economic situation and their financial situation have worsened.

A large number of people in the country are reportedly unable to afford food, gas and health care costs.

Israel’s unethical acts come under fire from international community

By Choe Song Jun PT

Voices of denunciation continue to go up against the unethical acts committed by Israel.

Recently, the foreign ministers of eight Islamic countries including Egypt and Saudi Arabia issued a statement to strongly censure Israel for massacring civilians in the Gaza Strip.

The statement condemned Israel’s atrocities of destroying public health facilities and medical infrastructure and civilian facilities and killing civilians including women and children as a wanton violation of international law.

It continued to say that Israel’s unethical practices are aimed at formulating a systematic policy of pulling down the basis of the two-state solution and ignoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

As is known, a declaration calling for recognizing the State of Palestine was published at the high-level international conference on the peaceful settlement of the Palestinian issue and implementation of the two-state solution held at the UN headquarters in July 2025.

Saying that to put an end to the Gaza crisis and implement the two-state solution is the best way to end

all forms of terrorism and violence and achieve regional peace and prosperity, the declaration asserted that it is an indispensable factor in regional peace to admit Palestine to the UN as its full member.

Despite the unanimous aspiration and demand of the international community to recognize the State of Palestine, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu set warmongers on to the killing of civilians, saying that the State of Palestine will not be established.

Since the outbreak of the Gaza crisis in October 2023, over 73 000 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli atrocities. Most of them are innocent civilians including women and children.

Referring to it, the world holds that it is a war Israel started against Palestinian civilians, not Hamas, which is tantamount to the holocaust Nazi Germany had committed in several European countries in the first half of the 20th century.

The unethical atrocities committed by Israeli warmongers to trample the rights of Palestinians and realize their wild ambition of territorial expansion will never escape punishment by the international community.

Water crisis a threat to human existence

By Kim Il Jin PT

Amid the persistent record-breaking heat wave, several countries have faced a serious water crisis.

A foreign media outlet recently reported that the water level of the Danube, one of the largest rivers in Europe, is the lowest in history.

According to the measurement made by the relevant sector of Hungary on July 30, its water level was 10 centimetres lower than the lowest one recorded in 2018. It is predicted to become lower as the temperature is expected to keep rising in the future.

As the river’s water level fell drastically, Hungary and Romania had to stop the operation of nuclear power plants due to the lack of water needed to cool the reactors. In a port city in Bulgaria, the fall in the river’s water level led even to the running aground of an excursion ship.

The Rhine has recorded the lowest water level in history due to the persistent drought in the Netherlands.

In northern Italy, severe drought has persisted because of the prolonged heat wave and decrease in the precipitation, creating a great risk to the supply

of irrigation water.

In a city of Portugal, the water quantity of a reservoir dropped to about 10% of its storage capacity as water consumption peaked due to the sustained heat wave.

The water shortage crisis is becoming more serious with each passing day in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. Saying that the water resources of the city are being drastically reduced due to the impact of climate change, a broadcasting company of the country expressed concern that the water crisis caused by the decreasing underground water and increasing population will pose a serious challenge to the development of the capital city in the future.

In Somalia, too, more than 570 000 people are suffering from water shortage due to severe drought.

At present, three-quarters of the world population reportedly live in the areas classified as “water instability” or “serious water instability”. In particular, 4 billion people suffer from water shortage for at least one month in a year.

The worsening water shortage is hindering the global economic development and grain production and threatening the existence of mankind.



DPRK players win three trophies and 75 gold medals

at 11th Asian Taekwon-Do Championships

By Kim Il Jin PT

The 11th Asian Taekwon-Do Championships took place in Mongolia from August 3 to 9.

At the championships, DPRK players achieved proud successes of winning 99 medals including 75 golds and three trophies.

They won first place in the

men's and women's team patterns of the adult, youth and juvenile divisions, the women's team sparring of the adult division, the men's and women's team sparring of the youth division, the boys' and girls' team sparring of the juvenile division, the men's and women's self-defense routine of the adult, youth and juvenile divisions, the women's team

special technique of the adult division, the women's team special technique of the youth division and the women's team power breaking of the adult division respectively.

Taekwon-Do players, who demonstrated the honour of the country at the championships, were greeted at Pyongyang Railway Station on August

14 by senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, officials in the field of sports, officials concerned, sportspersons and families of the Taekwon-Do players.

Sportspersons put garlands around the necks of the players and coaches and presented bouquets to them in congratulation of their successes.

Working people and students extended congratulations to the reliable sportspersons in Sungni and other streets of the capital city, waving their hands.

The Taekwon-Do players and coaches warmly responded to the cheers of citizens with a resolve to glorify the prestige and honour of the dignified DPRK with gold medals by putting spurs to training.



Pyongyang citizens extend hearty welcome to the successful Taekwon-Do players.

Natural monument *Lamprotula polysticta* of Taedong River

By Kim Hyon PT

Lamprotula polysticta is a shellfish species belonging to *Unionidae* which is about 110mm long, 70mm high and 60mm wide.

The shell is convex, oval and very thick and hard.

The surface of the shell is yellowish brown or yellowish orange and the inside is milk white and pearly.

There are nodular or serrated processes and 10 to 13 rib-shaped processes on the shell.

There are one middle tooth and one lateral tooth at the right side of the shell and two middle and lateral teeth each at the left side.

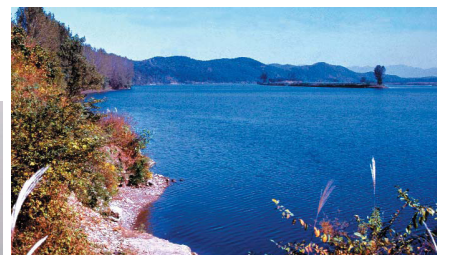
The shellfish feeds on plankton while living in sand, mud or gravel in rivers and streams and the brooks up to 6m deep.

It matures when three years old and spawns in winter. One shellfish lays about 200 000 eggs.

Lamprotula polysticta originated in the Taedong River of the DPRK and now it can be found in Northeast China and the Russian Far East.

Large numbers of the shellfish inhabit both shores of the Taedong River in Honam-ri, Samsok District, Pyongyang.

This shellfish in the Taedong River is under protection.



Lamprotula polysticta of the Taedong River and its habitat.

