

Third Workshop for Officials in Information Sector of WPK closes

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attends closing ceremony and makes important speech



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The Third Workshop for Officials in the Information Sector of the Workers' Party of Korea, which has added another brilliant page to the history of ideological work of the WPK, closed on September 21 after successfully concluding its scheduled work.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended the closing ceremony and made an important speech.

When he took the platform together with accompanying officials, the entire audience broke into enthusiastic cheers in reverence for the General Secretary who organized the workshop in the crucial historic period of deciding the brilliant success and future of our cause and is working heart and soul to make it an occasion of a radical turn in consolidating the politico-ideological might, the

foremost national power of the DPRK, in every way.

In his speech, he expressed satisfaction over the fact that the workshop was successfully held in keeping with the intended purpose of making it a major process for innovating ideological work, which is geared to giving all the officials in the information sector of the Party a full understanding of the Party's immutable ideology-first principle and the mission for the times to transform the ideological work.

Saying that the officials in the information sector of the Party have renewed their sacred revolutionary consciousness and sense of heavy responsibility that they should increase our ideological resources and consolidate the guarantee of succession to our cause, he referred to the fundamentals the officials should always keep in mind as communists and to the absolute viability of the Juche-based theory of giving

importance to ideology. And he clarified the steadfast stand of the Party Central Committee to realize our ideal without fail in the future dynamic struggle on the strength of the great revolutionary ideology, the greatest asset of the Party, and the might of the information and motivation work peculiar to the Party which turns the ideology into the might of transformation.

He set forth the principled issues to be adhered to in putting the contents, forms, methods and means of ideological work on the basis of progress and development in line with the expectations of the times, the revolution and the people waiting eagerly for fresh changes and innovations in information and motivation work and creation of cultures that will encourage and further diversify our struggle and life, and the important tasks and ways for ensuring the innovation in the ideological work of the whole Party.

Stressing that greater successes and epochal achievements will continuously be etched on our journey for bringing earlier the attainment of the great ideals, a beautiful future, by dint of the invincible might of ideology, he expressed the belief that all the participants would open up the road of advance in the new era holding high the banner of ideology-first principle and with enthusiasm and courage as befit ideological guards of the WPK, before declaring the workshop closed.

All the participants responded with stormy cheers and rapturous applause to his speech dramatically boosting their great honour, sense of mission for the times and revolutionary zeal as information workers of the ever-victorious WPK, which regards ideology as the foremost weapon and guides the revolution on the strength of ideology.

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un makes important speech at closing ceremony of Third Workshop for Officials in Information Sector of the Workers' Party of Korea



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Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, made an important speech at the closing ceremony of the Third Workshop for Officials in the Information Sector of the WPK on September 21.

Comrades,

I think that this workshop has been conducted well in keeping with the intended purpose of making it an important occasion for bringing about an innovation in the ideological work.

First, you must have acquired a full understanding of our Party's immutable ideology-first principle, the common aspiration to a new level of ideological work demanded by the times and its indispensability.

While attending the opening ceremony of the workshop and receiving the report on its daily course, I could feel the high degree of determination and passion of the participants who, with a unanimous awareness of the compelling mission of the times to transform the ideological work, have maintained self-consciousness and attitude to learn even one more thing.

Such attitude of yours has made me, General Secretary, quite pleased.

I could reaffirm that the information workers are surely higher in political awareness, more sensitive and more enthusiastic than the officials in other sectors.

I am convinced that as the ranks of information workers are so prepared ideologically and so exalted spiritually, I can expect more vigorous efforts and substantial changes in the strengthening of the ideological front, the ideological

work, from now on.

You must not have learned all the contents of the practical information work in the few days of the workshop, and you will have to promote development while continuing to learn during your practical work. But I think this workshop must have been an important occasion for renewing your sacred revolutionary consciousness and sense of heavy responsibility that

we should increase our ideological resources and consolidate the guarantee of succession to our cause.

This is important, I think.

What matters is how we apply this into practice from now on.

More important and valuable than countless oral determinations are propagation of truth that, even though once, raises and develops the consciousness of the masses and the high-pitched motivation work that inspires them with enthusiasm and courage.

Today, before the closing of the workshop, I would like to stress some more points for the information workers, the core frontline workers of our Party.

Comrades,

We need to be always aware of what we should be like as communists.

That is the Juche-oriented theory of ideology that should never change even though everything else in the world may change, and we are thoroughgoing advocates of the ideology-first principle.

Anything else cannot display the strength of the revolutionary ideology as much, nor can it overwhelm the strength.

We are now absolutely confident in our future because we have ideological assets that we have accumulated in the long course of the revolutionary struggle and that will display their inexhaustible might in the future, too.

The biggest asset of our Party is the great revolutionary ideology as well as the powerful forces for the information and motivation work that can turn the ideology into strength for transformation, and the ever-victorious leadership ability of our Party is just based on the strength of its peculiar information and motivation

work.

We should prove this in the proud history of perfectly implementing what we aspire to and what we are going to achieve.

As we all experience, the struggle tasks we are faced with are not a representation of the goals we set in the past decades, but their striking development as well as another transformation in the dynamic course of our revolution.

As long as we have shaped the course and assumed the heavy tasks for ourselves, we must carry them out by our own efforts.

What are essential and urgent in the new struggle course are not any material foundations but the patriotic enthusiasm and extraordinary courage of all officials, Party members and other citizens and the strength of ideological motivation capable of amplifying the enthusiasm and courage for pioneering and creation.

Now is the time for all the people, ranging from leading officials to the citizens living in tips of this country, to stake their destiny and future on the development of the state, orient their wisdom and enthusiasm to the goals of a new stage, and overcome all challenges and obstacles with their indomitable fighting spirit and proactive creative initiative.

Being overpowered by objective factors and adapting to them is something that is alien to us, Korean revolutionaries. We should consistently maintain our unique principle of shaping our future and winning opportunities on the strength of the ideology-first principle whereby we synthesize all the people's great spiritual potentials and patriotic exertion in a concentrated way and bring them into full play.

We should harden our revolutionary stand to realize our ideals without fail by holding higher the banner of ideological oneness, which others cannot hold up even if they want to, namely, the philosophy based on the ideological theory that only our Party can advance in making the revolution with a great people.

Comrades,

After this workshop is over, the masses of Party members and other people will certainly focus their attention on our information workers' attitude and style of work, closely watching their future activities.

As a matter of fact, our people are now looking forward to new changes and innovations in the information and

motivational work and cultural creation, which will inspire them in their struggle and enrich their life.

The tasks facing the Party's information sector are much heavier than they were in the past, and accordingly, the Party, the revolution and the times demand a great deal from its information workers.

The wider the area of our advance becomes and the faster we move forward, the greater challenges and difficulties we will inevitably face, Comrade Kim Jong Un said, stressing that responsible and sincere thinking and efforts are required to overcome one bottleneck after another.

He continued:

Our Party's information work should be improved remarkably and it should be more skilful, profound and effective than ever before.

This can be called a challenge for our information workers to overcome, or a big mountain for them to scale.

They should resolutely overcome this challenge with a renewed sense of their mission and through strenuous exertion, thus making sure that this workshop is recorded in our Party's history as a significant milestone in bringing about innovations and improvement in its overall ideological work.

We should, first of all, develop and enrich the contents of ideological education in keeping with the requirements and characteristics of the new era.

The might of ideological work is determined by its contents, and the development of its contents demands improvement of its forms, methods and means.

Sticking to the conventional contents and materials in disregard of the rapid and diversifying changes in the present era or repeating stereotyped logics and arguments cannot be called otherwise than an anachronistic error.

We keep setting ourselves greater ideals and goals in the economy, national defence, culture and all other realms of social life, which we translate into reality at a rapid pace, and our people are witnessing substantial changes in their living environment. Such being the case, the contents of our Party's ideological work should be composed and enriched in an innovative fashion.

By this I never mean that we should reject or reform the traditional contents of our ideological education, but that we should develop them in depth as required

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by the cause of the advancing revolution.

Therefore, achieving new innovations and a radical improvement in the information and education work should naturally begin with an in-depth development of the contents of the ideological education.

After referring to the importance of conducting the information and education work in a logical and realistic way, Comrade Kim Jong Un went on:

In ensuring that all the people cherish our truthful and advantageous ideology and policies as an element of their unshakeable faith, and in making our ideology and policies serve as a source of their great strength with which to brave difficulties and trials, no method is better than giving them a clear theoretical understanding of the justice of their cause and the inevitability of its victory.

If we adopt a schematic and cramming approach towards the information work, regardless of the principles of things and phenomena and the laws of life and cognition, the truth may be perverted or distorted, and this will finally evoke suspicion and denial.

It is beyond dispute that the ideological education should be not only logical but also down-to-earth.

Truth has an absolute power that defies description by any flowery language.

Comrade Kim Jong Un said that if there were ten or one hundred prescriptions for educating people in the past era, there should be one thousand or ten thousand prescriptions in the present era, and went on:

To base oneself on the concrete living conditions and environment of the people and their psychology is just to base oneself on the reality.

You, information workers, should prepare a lecture plan while always delving into people's inner thoughts and feelings and putting yourselves in their place, and give them an explanation in a way that you can build rapport with them through it and it can result in a substantial change in their cognition.

The forms and means of our information and education work should also steadily be updated in keeping with the development of the times.

The originality and influence of the ideological education work also depend largely on its forms and means, as well as its contents and methods.

As the saying goes, clothing makes the man. Even if it is a good material for information and education, it can neither draw the interest and attention of the masses nor have influence on their thoughts and feelings without the help of new forms and means.

People reject even the right words, if the method is trite. This is human psychology.

Comrade Kim Jong Un said it is a lesson of history that an ideology can either be a source of inexhaustible

strength for victory and success or be a terrible toxin for frustration and failure, according to how much a party and state that are building socialism attach importance to ideological work and how they conduct it, and continued:

If we do not pay attention to ideological education and arming of people with a spirit and to making constant innovations in this regard, while praising ourselves over the modern buildings rising up and the appearance of the country undergoing changes, it will be as good as building a castle on sand by depleting the foremost resources of the state.

The advance of the times is the flow of people's struggle and life and, therefore, in order to apply the character of the times to the ideological work, we should make an in-depth study of the people of today and explore and apply new forms, means and methods to suit them.

The information sector should concentrate the thinking and study on achieving greater effectiveness by finding out and grasping the forms and means that can attract the people, even if the contents of ideological education are on the same theme, and make the creation of new things a habitual trait.

It should not confine itself to conducting information and education work, but constantly improve it by making a scientific and quantitative analysis of how much it is effective and which means, forms and methods are most effective.

And efforts should be directed to the use of modern IT and other technical means in the direction of increasing the promptness and effectiveness of the information and education work and completely stopping the spread of reactionary ideology and culture.

Comrades,

The demand for innovation of ideological work boils down to the demand for the increasing of the awareness and capabilities of the officials in the information sector of the Party.

In order for our ideological work to raise the revolutionary spirit and revolutionary fighting morale of the masses and lead the times, information workers should be the first to have an extraordinary sense of responsibility and devotion.

As the information and education work is the work with the psychology of the people in all walks of life, even a lecture or motivation for increased production requires much effort.

The character of information workers, who can find the worth of making the revolution in doing difficult work without regarding it as trouble, is formed and consolidated just by an unusual sense of responsibility.

The mind of officials in the information sector should always be dominated by a sense of responsibility that if they fall back, their units, regions and sectors will collapse, and filled with the thinking and search as to how to improve the

information work.

It is the responsible attitude of Party information workers to be able to feel the psychology of the masses even through a single word by them or a look of their eyes and promptly respond to the negative ideological elements with a keen sense as sharp as the blade of a knife touching the flesh.

They, whose life and blood can be said to be ideology, should fulfil their duty not only at work but also in their daily life.

If they, who transmit the Party's ideas and policies, say this in front of the masses and act in a different way behind the scenes, it will foster distrust among the masses and cause the consequence of destroying the ideological position by themselves.

Officials in the information sector should not compromise with negative practices that are detrimental to the Party's ideology and the socialist principles, even if they may be struck by lightning or threatened with a dagger on their neck. In particular, they should never be involved in abuse of power, bureaucracy and accumulation of wealth by illicit means.

To decisively improve their level and abilities is a pressing task which has a direct bearing on the substantial innovation of the ideological work.

Recently it has been continually stressed that officials throughout the Party should acquire good writing and oratorical abilities, and these abilities are all the more vital and essential for information workers.

Party information workers should be fully versed in the Party's ideas and policies, ever prepared to influence the masses with the Party's intentions at any place and at any time and to give proper guidance and assistance to the work of primary information workers, and they should make steady efforts to improve their qualifications.

They should be all-round officials who are qualified politically and ideologically, well-versed in economic affairs and modern science and technology, and rich in cultural attainments and emotions.

Today, every field and unit needs talented personnel more than ever before, but the information sector demands that every worker be a talented person.

The information sector should take revolutionary measures to decisively improve the level of political and theoretical qualifications and practical abilities of its workers, and I think that it is natural that the endeavour to this end should begin in the Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee.

It is natural that the department should plan and vigorously lead the innovative, creative and offensive ideological campaign required by the present era.

By forcefully pushing ahead with an all-out ideological campaign, it must restore its original features and resilience

as the department which specializes in leading the Party's ideological work as a whole and conducting information and motivation work.

It should work out a scrupulous plan for innovating the Party-wide ideological work, adopt scientific, realistic and novel tactical measures, and make it its daily routine to strictly review information and motivation work on the basis of its efficiency and take relevant measures.

A change in the level and work style of its officials will bring about an improvement in the professional qualifications and work style of the information workers of the entire Party.

Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed the need to make every element of the ideological work an ideological and spiritual sustenance indispensable to everyone in the new era of transformation and a driving force of their genuine life and struggle, calling on all the participants to make their work run through with the principles, tactics and methods they acquired in the workshop, steadily learn and consolidate them through practice and constantly explore new keys to innovating the ideological work, thereby further enriching the wealth of the ideological work of the Party.

He continued:

Comrades,

Party information workers in all sectors and at all levels,

Ideology is, as has always been, fuel to the Korean revolution and the foremost resource for our state building.

It is a source of the greatest honour and special glory to live and work as an information worker of the Workers' Party of Korea which regards ideology as the first and foremost weapon and leads the revolution on its strength.

I am convinced that all the participants in the workshop will, by bravely shouldering their responsibility assigned by the times and revolution, play the vanguard role in dynamically writing textbooks for the ideological revolution which will be remembered in the history of our Party and handed down to posterity along with our era of transformation.

On this opportunity, I feel reassured to see your responsible attitude, overflowing vigour and pronounced confidence.

Greater successes and epochal achievements will continuously be etched on our journey for bringing earlier the attainment of our great ideals, a beautiful future, by dint of the invincible might of ideology.

Believing that all the participants and officials will open up the road of advance in the new era holding high the great banner of ideology-first principle and with enthusiasm and courage as befit ideological guards of the Workers' Party of Korea, I declare the Third Workshop for Officials in the Information Sector closed.

DPRK Missile Administration tests new, important combat weapon system

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the test

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The Missile Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of

Korea successfully tested a new-type weapon system, which is of great significance in putting its technological improvement onto a higher level, on

September 20.

The test did not have any adverse impact on the security of neighbouring countries.

It is an extension of the regular activities of the DPRK Missile Administration and its defence science research institutes aimed at implementing the line of national defence.

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

Saying that the test was undoubtedly a demonstration of the power of ultra-modern defence technology and a clear upgrading in the modernization of the armed forces, he stressed that it represents the irresistible might.

To acquire such a technology is of weighty significance in the state's preparedness for war and the long-term development of the armed forces, he said, adding that the enemy will know better what such upgrading means without any explanation in the aspect of military technology. He affirmed that such reality would give the enemy an incurable headache and a very cruel and unavoidable blow.

Today's success is the priceless fruit brought by a special force of the sci-tech group involved in the development of this important weapon system for a specific purpose and their devoted efforts, he said, expressing thanks to the Missile Administration and its defence science institutes and manufacturing groups.



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They loudly sang in chorus the song "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea", in reflection of their faith and pledge to fulfil their duty as ideological guards in dynamically writing textbooks for the ideological revolution, which will be remembered in the history of our Party and handed down to posterity along with our era of transformation, by successfully carrying forward and developing the sacred history and tradition of our Party which pioneered a new era of Juche by rousing the people to the revolution on the strength of ideology.

The venue was filled with the revolutionary enthusiasm of all the participants to further consolidate our political and ideological position as solid as a rock and dynamically keep going the period of upsurge in the overall development of socialism through a powerful ideological offensive, holding aloft the red Party flag of Juche.

The four-day workshop proceeded amid the extraordinary political awareness and enthusiasm of all the participants to lead the vigorous campaign for bringing about a radical change in ideological work and qualitatively strengthening the ideological position, an indispensable guarantee and key requirement for the steady succession to the cause of the WPK, with their fresh determination, redoubled efforts and the positive cultivation of mature

qualifications and traits.

There was an intensive study for deeply grasping the essence of the important speech made by Comrade Kim Jong Un at the opening ceremony of the Third Workshop for Officials in the Information Sector of the WPK.

Studying in depth the important document, which comprehensively deals with the precious guidelines for further developing the ideological resources, accumulated by our Party for a long time, the extraordinary potentials peculiar to the Korean revolution, on to the level of a new era, the era of comprehensive development when we have entered a new phase in the spheres of our struggle and in all our activities, all the participants hardened their revolutionary will to carry out without fail the intention of the Party Central Committee which expects a positive change in ideological work of the Party, which is more powerful than the trend of the changing times and which goes ahead of reality in an offensive manner.

The workshop was held amid their heightened awareness that the success in ideological work depends on the qualifications and abilities of them in full charge of the ideological and information work.

Senior officials of the Information and Publicity Department of the Central Committee of the WPK and education workers of the Central Cadres Training

School of the WPK gave lectures at the workshop.

First, there was a lecture on concentrating all efforts of the ideological work of the Party on preparing all members of society as true loyalists and ardent patriots armed with the revolutionary ideas of great Comrade Kim Jong Un as an element of their faith.

The lecturer theoretically explained that Comrade Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideas are the guidelines for our Party and state in the new era and an encyclopedic action program for the revolution and construction as they comprehensively indicate the path and the strategy for carrying forward and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche generation after generation under the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The lecture referred to the detailed issues for improving the effectiveness of the ideological and political work by further enhancing the sense of mission and responsibility of the officials in the information sector of the Party in the struggle for modelling the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary ideology of great Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Then the workshop dealt with the issue of efficiently conducting education through the revolutionary relics and the leadership exploits of the Party, regarding it as the key point of ideological education.

The lecturer explained the methodological

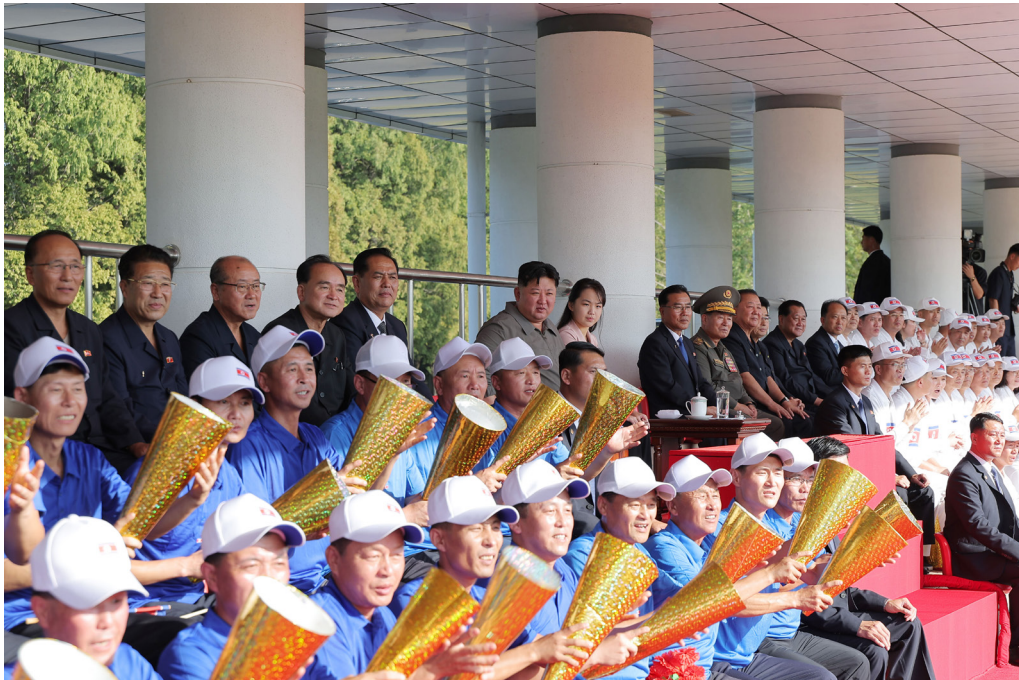
issues for further enhancing the cognitional and educational effects in education through the revolutionary relics and the leadership exploits of the Party, the root and starting point of the ideological work of the Party, and intensifying it in a substantial way on the principle of historicism and scientific accuracy.

There was a lecture on stepping up the information and motivation offensive to rouse the masses to the implementation of the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Through the lecture, the participants kept deep in their minds the orientation of information and motivation work and all matters of principle arising in making the fighting spirit and traits, displayed in pioneering the era of comprehensive development, and the trend of gigantic changes prevailing in all sectors of socialist construction take a steady upturn, and in properly setting the focus of ideological work in conformity with the specific features of every sector and unit to wage an intensive campaign for joint and collective innovations.

The workshop also dealt with the issue of studying fresh forms and methods of ideological work and conducting information work in a realistic and appealing manner and the issue of conducting information and motivation

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There took place a football game between the DPRK Missile Administration and the Second Economy Commission on September 22.

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, watched the game.

All the participants were filled with great excitement and joy as they would hold a significant sports and cultural event

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un watches football match between Missile Administration and Second Economy Commission

in the presence of Comrade Kim Jong Un at a time when they are swelling with the pride of having received thanks, as a token of deep trust, from the Party and the government for the precious successes they have achieved in implementing the Party's line of building up national defence through defence science research and production.

Comrade Kim Jong Un met with leading officials in the munitions industry and extended warm congratulations and encouragement to the scientific research group of the Missile Administration, the Second Economy Commission and all the munitions industry workers who have devoted themselves to faithfully upholding the self-reliant defence policy of the WPK with practical successes.

He said today's sports game was arranged to appreciate their efforts and express thanks to them.

Among the spectators were Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, and secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The football match was held between the Hwasong team of the Missile Administration and the Ponghwa team of the Second Economy Commission.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed his thanks to the group of defence scientists and technicians and the munitions industry workers for the contributions they have made by performing an unprecedented miracle, to be specially recorded in the history of the sacred struggle for modernizing the DPRK's armed forces

and bolstering its war-fighting capability, and by clearly demonstrating the matchless development and absolute superiority of our defence capability. He said that their patriotism, loyalty and devoted efforts constitute the most precious contribution, which can never be bartered nor be bought for anything, to the security and eternal development and prosperity of the country.

He said the defence scientists and technicians and the munitions industry workers should further redouble their revolutionary optimism and high spirit and continuously bring about leaps forward and innovations in boosting the national defence capability by their concerted efforts so as to defend the DPRK's inviolable sovereignty and security, safeguard peace and reliably guarantee the eternal development of the socialist motherland with absolutely superior strength.

The Hwasong and Ponghwa teams, enjoying the great privilege of playing the match in the presence of Comrade Kim Jong Un, fiercely competed for the honour of their units. The former beat the latter 4-1.

A prize-giving ceremony was held amid the enthusiastic applause of the participants.

All the participants, who were honoured to have Comrade Kim Jong Un's great trust and militant encouragement, made a pledge of loyalty to stay more faithful to the important historic mission and duty they have assumed for the Party and the revolution, the country and its people, and thereby build the greatest defence capability.

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work by means of visual aids as required by the Party's policies to maximize its effectiveness.

The lecturers explained the principled and theoretical issues, including the matter of exploring and applying new forms and methods of ideological work while studying the Party's policies, the reality and work in an enterprising and positive manner, the matter of thoroughly ensuring the politico-ideological characters, timeliness, visual impact and cultural level in displaying political visual aids and preparing the

information workers to be the ideological standard-bearers of our Party possessed of high political and professional qualifications and noble humanity.

The participants watched videos dealing with the successes, experience and lessons recently gained and drawn by information units at all levels and there was a question-and-answer session on the practical issues arising in the ideological work of the Party.

While seriously studying the contents of the lectures during the workshop in organic correlation with the immediate practical requirements and the prospective

requirements of the revolution, they focused their thinking and research on broadly acquiring the essence, exquisite principle and mature methodology of ideological work.

They actively exchanged and shared the good views and experience that help acquire as a habit the innovative work style and manner of always aspiring after new things and development, conduct ideological work in a planned way and ensure the purposefulness and meticulousness of the work.

A letter of pledge to Comrade Kim Jong Un was adopted amid the

enthusiastic applause of the participants.

The Third Workshop for Officials in the Information Sector of the Workers' Party of Korea, held under the guidance of Comrade Kim Jong Un, marked a significant occasion in further strengthening the Party and the revolutionary ranks into a fortress of single-minded unity and an ideologically pure entity and reliably guaranteeing the steady advance and succession of our cause by boosting the might of the Juche-based theory of attaching importance to ideology in the course of opening up a new era and a new sphere of struggle.



Premier Pak inspects various economic sectors

Premier Pak Thae Song (second from left) inspects the Manhung Farm in Mundok County.



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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, inspected various economic sectors.

Making the rounds of various farms in Taedong, Jungsan, Phyongwon, Sukchon and Mundok counties of South Phyongan Province, the premier encouraged the agricultural workers working hard to successfully conclude the farming this year, the first year for carrying out the new five-year plan.

Learning in detail about the progress of the immediate farming process such as crop yields on different rice fields and operation of farm machines, he called on the farms to concentrate efforts and means on gathering the crops cultivated with much effort without any waste to increase the per-hectare yield

to the maximum.

He underscored the need to widely introduce the scientific farming methods whose advantages have been proved in practice, finish the sowing of winter wheat and barley in the right time and in a qualitative way and promote the catfish breeding in paddy fields.

At the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, he said it should finish in time the overhaul of the fertilizer production process by the appointed date and steadily increase the fertilizer production by putting efforts into equipment management and technical control while reducing the consumption of raw materials.

At the fifth-stage construction sites in the Hwasong area, he urged the construction units to give priority to ensuring quality, push ahead with the projects in their charge as planned and make sure all working processes fully meet the requirements of designs and construction

methods through meticulous operations and guidance.

Earlier, he visited the Pyongyang Building-materials Factory and stressed the need to regard sci-tech development as a main link in the chain of the growth of production, strengthen the talented work force and actively apply innovative inventions to produce more quality building materials.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue of directing efforts to the supply and transport of building materials to the fifth-stage construction sites in the Hwasong area and supervising the construction in a responsible manner in the relevant sectors and units, the issue for officials to methodologically innovate the business management and operation with clear goals and scientific insight for the production growth, the issue of waging a dynamic campaign for exploiting reserves for increased production and others, and took appropriate measures.

Press statement of DPRK Foreign Minister

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Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on September 24 released the following press statement "The DPRK remains unchanged forever in its will to keep nuclear weapons":

The US, Japan and the ROK fully expressed their anachronistic and confrontational nature once again to remain invariably hostile to the DPRK by raising the unrealistic "denuclearization" target.

At the tripartite talks held on the sideline of the 81st Session of the UN General Assembly, the diplomatic authorities of the US, Japan and the ROK made public a "joint statement", in which they reconfirmed the firm will to "denuclearize" someone according to the "resolution" of the UN Security Council.

This proved once again that no matter how the US and its allies change their expressions and rhetoric,

they have not abandoned a daydream about "denuclearization" and can never do so.

It is not new that the "denuclearization" issue was discussed at the meeting of the US, Japan and the ROK which have pursued hostility toward the DPRK as their state policies, but rather it would have been surprising and questionable if there had been no mention about it.

As the foreign minister of the DPRK, I reaffirm and reconfirm in the strongest tone of voice the steadfast will of our state to keep nuclear weapons, which is irreversible in any case and will remain unchanged forever.

The strong-arm policy against the DPRK came to failure, and no state and force can compel us to retreat from defending our national sovereignty and core interests.

The coexistence of confrontation and dialogue may be workable for

anyone, but they can never be an object of consideration for the DPRK.

Steadfast is our appreciation and stand that nuclear weapons are the core component of national sovereignty and the most reliable guarantee for defending sovereign rights that no one can provoke. And as the US and its allies cry out for "denuclearization" more loudly, it will only prove the validity of our state's just access to nuclear weapons, give it justification for strengthening them and harden its stand against the US and other enemies.

To deny the reality is to give up the future.

There is no change in the fact that the DPRK's position as a nuclear weapons state will be everlasting as inviolable one in disregard of the hostile forces' rhetorical assertion, and it is inevitable that the geopolitical structure will be reorganized and fixed centring on the DPRK possessing nukes.

Participants in Third Workshop for Officials in Information Sector of WPK conduct various activities

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The participants in the Third Workshop for Officials in the Information Sector of the Workers' Party of Korea conducted different political and cultural activities.

They visited the Korean Revolution Museum, where they were impressed by the ennobling personality of the peerlessly great men who performed undying exploits by leading the revolution and construction only to victory and glory on the strength of ideology for nearly a century from the early days of pioneering the sacred cause of the Juche revolution.

At the Party Founding

Museum, they looked back with deep emotion on the imperishable Party-building exploits of President Kim Il Sung and hardened their will to firmly prepare themselves as communist revolutionaries possessed of the Party's original ideals and spirit as their spiritual qualities, faithful advocates for the Party Central Committee and buglers of the revolution.

While going round the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK, they made a firm resolution to dynamically open up the road of advance in the new era holding high the great banner of ideology-first principle and with enthusiasm and courage befitting the ideological

guards of the WPK.

They also toured the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, the Central Class Education House, and the Juche-oriented Musical Art Museum.

They went round Hwasong, Rimhung and Saecpyol streets and conducted political work and helped the builders at the fifth-stage construction site of the Hwasong area.

They also enjoyed the performances given by the National Acrobatic Troupe, the mobile artistic motivation team of the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine and the artistic team of the Sangwon Cement Complex at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre and the Central Youth Hall.



The participants in the workshop visit the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea and enjoy the performance given by the mobile artistic motivation team of the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine.

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National machine design festival opens

The 20th National Machine Design Festival opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on September 23.

The festival was held on the theme of "Lay the foundation of self-reliance and self-development with our design".

On display are hundreds of pieces of scientific research results, products and models.

Present at the opening ceremony were Vice-Premier Ri Kyong Il, Minister of Machine-building Industry Ri Kwang Nam, officials concerned and people of the exhibiting units.

The Vice-Premier delivered an opening address.

Young women in Nampho volunteer to become fisherwomen

Nine young women in Nampho Municipality

volunteered to become crew members of the fishing boat "Young Heroine, Daughter of the Workers' Party of Korea" of the Nampho Fishery Station.

The municipal committee of the Party and the youth league organizations in the relevant areas supported the praiseworthy decisions of those girls.

A meeting was held at the Nampho Schoolchildren's Palace on September 20 to congratulate those volunteers.

Present there were officials concerned, youth league officials, young people and students. The volunteers were awarded the certificates of volunteering. Congratulatory and other speeches were made there.

After a congratulatory

performance was given, officials and youth and students presented bouquets to the volunteers and gave them a pep talk.

National sci-tech exhibition in field of nanotechnology-2026 opens

A national sci-tech exhibition in the field of nanotechnology-2026 opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on September 22, under the sponsorship of the Korean Nanotechnology Association of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

Present at the exhibition, divided into sci-tech exhibition and sci-tech presentation, were scientists, technicians, field officials and graduate students from dozens of units. On display there are more than 280 products and proposals conducive to putting the national economy on an independent and modern basis.

During the exhibition, a lecture will be given.

Industry boosts production of custom-built equipment

By Kim Il Jin PT

The machine-building industry sector is speeding up the production of custom-built equipment.

The Taean Heavy Machine Complex is expanding its success.

The complex is efficiently pushing ahead with the consolidation of its material and technical foundations while simultaneously stepping up the establishment of a new production process of high-grade alloy steel and the technical upgrading of equipment.

The employees have overfulfilled their electric motor production plan by contriving an efficient jig for winding a larger quantity of insulators than before in a unit hour with less manpower.

The complex has newly established a well-regulated equipment management system and order for operating equipment at full capacity and concentrated efforts on improving the quality of products, thereby increasing the production of various kinds of gears needed for the maintenance

and repair of thermal power generating facilities.

The Ryongsong Machine Complex, a leading large-scale machine-building base, is boosting the production of custom-built equipment to be sent to metallurgical and chemical industries.

This year the complex produced dozens of pieces of custom-built equipment and parts of over ten kinds. It shortened the period of casting production by more than half as compared to previously and reduced per-unit material consumption by 15 percent.

In particular, it introduced a modelling technique based on a 3D sand printer to ensure the surface smoothness of castings at a high level and remarkably increase the actual yield as compared to previously.

It is speeding up the assembly of an efficient five-spindle digital machining centre after finishing the processing of its parts in a short period, while expanding the success in making the precision manufacturing section of machine tools automated and intelligent.

The production of custom-

built equipment for the coal industry is also in full swing.

The Taean Electrical Appliances Factory is increasing production in quality and quantity while qualitatively processing the rotor axes of electric motors

and others by improving the performance of equipment and making an effective use of various jigs and equipment pieces.

The Ranam Coal-mining Machine Factory has successfully carried out its

production assignments by dint of science and technology. In particular, it devised and introduced a plan for ensuring the safety of the 300hp winch brake system.

In addition, the Pyongyang Mining Machine Factory, the

Anju Pump Factory and other units are notching up success in the production of custom-built equipment while taking practical measures to upgrade production processes and improve the quality and productivity of goods.



Workers carefully operate their machine to produce custom-built equipment at the Taean Heavy Machine Complex.

Foundations for iron and steel production further perfected

By Ri Sang Il PT

The metallurgical industry sector has further consolidated the foundations for increased iron and steel production.

On the basis of a detailed analysis of the production conditions and potentials of all units, the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry directs efforts to making them further perfect their foundations for iron production and expand their production capacities.

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex developed and introduced a refractory badly needed for increasing the operation rate of an oxygen heat blast furnace in contact with scientists

and researchers of relevant scientific research units including the State Academy of Sciences and is putting efforts to establishing its production process.

The employees of the complex have made a step forward in increasing the operation days of the furnace and boosting its productivity by repairing the emergency cooling water supply systems of the furnace body cooling water pump and boiler feed pump and the anthracite granulation process. They also conducted the overhaul of the waste heat boiler and dust collection systems and large oxygen plants in a qualitative way to contribute to pig iron production.

The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex installed an electromagnetic induction stirrer in the continuous casting machine and is solving technical problems arising in the normal operation of the floating preheating system.

The Chollima Steel Complex has directed efforts to updating technical and economic indices.

The complex is pushing ahead with the work to produce and supply bar steel of various sizes. It speeded up the technical upgrading of the wire rod rolling process, while radically increasing the lifespan of the furnace by newly developing and introducing a refractory based on a biological binder. And it is taking measures to produce

quality goods, including the reexamination of the technical state of equipment at the wire rope production process and the improvement of technical and economic indices.

The Musan Mining Complex has improved its capacity of mineral processing by installing more magnetic concentrators, while the Chongjin Steel Works and the Posan Iron Works have boosted iron production by increasing the capacities of the revolving furnaces.

In addition, other metallurgical factories and enterprises have entered the stage of revitalization and supply units have expanded their production capacities.

Factory improves quality of knitwear



Employees work assiduously to improve the quality of goods at the Songyo Knitwear Factory.

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Songyo Knitwear Factory has recently registered T-shirts and various other products as February 2 Products and ensured the rate of approved goods at over 99% by improving the quality of knitwear.

The technical preparation room created well over a hundred original designs on the basis of analysing consumers' growing demand and information on standard of popular knitwear.

It also introduced various functional raw materials to establish the knit structure, dyeing, printing and other production methods for producing high-quality knitting.

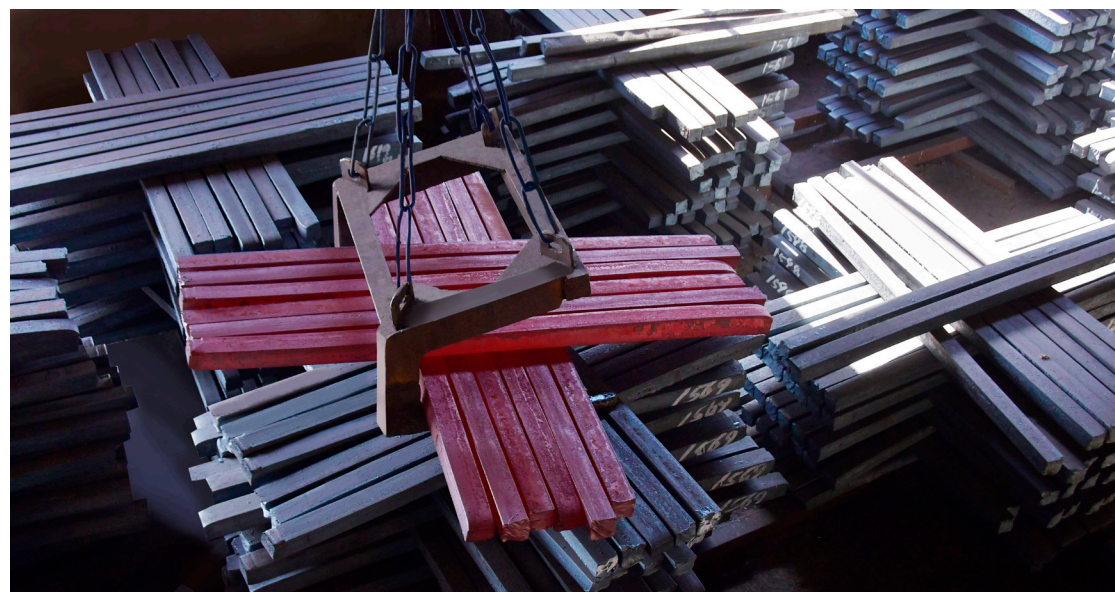
Technicians of the industrial lab contrived an instrument for measuring the intensity of broad-stitched seams by their own efforts and intensified

research for improving the precision and performance of analysing and production facilities.

As a result, they increased the precision of collar dyeing of students' shirts and sportswear by changing the mode of temperature regulation of a dyeing machine and completed the technical remodelling of sewing thread winding and small dyeing machines.

And the factory developed and introduced a method of producing knitted fabrics for outer garment using Tetron rayon yarn and a colour matching simulation program and remodelled a heat treatment temperature control system.

At present, it constantly improves the quality of knitwear by periodically examining consumer feedback on the newly set standards and their economic efficiency in close contact with a relevant unit and correcting shortcomings.



Iron and steel production is on the increase at the Chollima Steel Complex.

'Pedigree farm' for training sci-tech talents

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Kim Chaek University of Technology will greet its 78th birthday on September 27.

Since its establishment with nine faculties in 1948, the university has developed into a comprehensive educational and scientific research unit which trains sci-tech talents needed for all fields of the country's industries and makes remarkable successes in solving scientific and technological problems.

"Kim Chaek" in the name of the university was an anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter who made a positive contribution to accomplishing the historic cause of Korea's liberation and a prominent Party and state activist of the country. Soon after the founding of the DPRK, he was vice-premier and concurrently minister of Industry in the Cabinet.

The university, which has always fulfilled the mission it assumed for the country and people, has successfully solved many urgent scientific



Students conduct experiments at the general experimental education hall of Kim Chaek University of Technology. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES



and technological problems arising in the reality.

In recent years its lecturers and researchers solved lots of sci-tech problems of great significance in the development of the national economy, such as the establishment of the integrated electricity generating system of the Tanchon Power Station, the completion of the research project for

the revitalization of production at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex and the modernization of the Samgwang Livestock Farm which was built as a new model for the development of animal husbandry.

In its efforts to make a leap and advance towards a research university, it built a splendid general experimental education hall and has positively involved students

in carrying out important scientific research projects from the stage of lower year.

Not only lecturers and researchers but students published significant essays in prestigious international scientific journals, creating a great sensation.

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il paid great attention to the development of the university,

visited it several times to give precious instructions and showed it great love and care for the improvement of its educational conditions and environment and for its lecturers, researchers and students.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un also takes loving care of the university with a special affection for it.

He made sure that nice houses were built for the lecturers and researchers of the university on the picturesque banks of the Taedong River, visited the university in a year to congratulate lecturers and researchers on its 70th founding anniversary and voted for the president of the university, a candidate for deputy to the 14th Supreme People's Assembly, in the elections held at the university campus the following year.

Now lecturers, researchers and students of the university make positive efforts to repay the love and trust of the great leaders and live up to the expectations of the people with greater scientific research achievements.

Educators held in respect



Rim Hye Sim, teacher of Jungdok Primary School in Phyongsong City.

By Sin Pyol PT

Many educators have made remarkable educational achievements.

Rim Hye Sim, teacher of Jungdok Primary School in Phyongsong City, has devoted herself to education for over 30 years.

She not only made a lot of teaching aids and experimental apparatuses to enhance students' practical abilities but also trained many students to be honour students, thereby being selected as one of the top ten teachers for 2025.

Kim Un Suk, teacher of Nongsa Senior Middle School in Taehongdan County who was also selected as one of the top ten teachers for 2025, has worked at the school for nearly 30 years.

She has so far devoted



Kim Un Suk, teacher of Nongsa Senior Middle School in Taehongdan County.

all her wisdom and passion to education since she volunteered for the school in Taehongdan County far away from Pyongyang, her birthplace, after graduating from a university of education in Pyongyang. Last year she invented and made over ten new teaching aids, including robot, conducive to the intellectual development of students and generalized them in all schools of the county.

Educators are also among the heroes of many heart-warming stories that are woven in the country where virtues and affections pervade like air.

They include Ryang Un Hye, teacher of Jinhung Senior Middle School in Moranbong District, who helped a girl, who had been unable to hear or speak for more than ten years, become able to speak, play the accordion, study to her

heart's content and sing songs in just two years, Yun Jong Hwa, teacher of Hyejang Primary School in Hyesan City who carried a paraplegic schoolgirl on her back to school and helped her cure her disease for years so that the girl could become able to walk, and Pak Sang Dok, lecturer of Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry who brought to his home and took parental care of a girl student, who had finished a middle school for orphans, during her university days. The looks of such educators, who showed parental affection and care for their students, are the true image of DPRK society in which people share joys and sorrows.

There are many other true teachers and patriots, including those of the new generation who volunteered to work at branch schools on islands and schools in frontline and mountainous areas and bring up the future of the country with pure conscience and patriotic devotion, and members of families of educators who devote themselves to education generation after generation.

People hold these excellent educators in respect and affection.

Van for delivery of school uniforms runs for three new pupils

By Pang Un Ju PT

One day in March this year, a van for the delivery of school uniforms to be supplied to new primary school pupils left for a primary school in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.

The van was carrying merely three school uniforms.

A few days before, the school made the children, who would enter it, try on new uniforms to confirm that the clothes fitted them before the supply of them.

Then there arose an unexpected problem. It was not long after measuring children for uniforms, but three of them were found outgrowing their

new uniforms.

Therefore, they were measured again on the spot and an urgent step was taken to make uniforms for the three children. A few days later, the van went to the school carrying the uniforms made to fit them.

Seeing the children being happy to wear their uniforms which just fitted them, their parents warmly held the hands of the people who had brought the uniforms and expressed their gratitude.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held in 2021 adopted it as an eternal state policy to provide students with uniforms and set forth the task of supplying all of them with

quality uniforms and bags of new styles.

Accordingly, factories for the production of school uniforms were built across the country, a new guide to body measurement for providing students with school uniforms that fit them was drawn up and sent to all parts of the country, school uniform storehouses were built in cities and counties (districts) across the country and vans for the delivery of school uniforms and other essential goods for students provided.

Such impressive stories have continued to emerge thanks to the policies of the Party and government which spare nothing for children, the king of the country.

Sister schools run briskly

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The operation of sister schools is widely encouraged at the general education units in Pyongyang to narrow the gap in the level of education between the urban and rural areas.

Ryugyong Primary School in Pothonggang District has established a sister-school relationship with Chollbong Primary School in Samsok District and rendered positive assistance to it.

The teachers of Ryugyong Primary School visit Chollbong Primary School according to a plan to inspect classes at work

and have panel discussions about teaching regularly and give demonstration English lessons in order to steadily improve the qualifications of its teachers.

The former prepared with sincerity more than 3 000 teaching aids and multimedia files on teaching in all subjects, dozens of pieces of school fixtures and educational equipment and materials needed for the implementation of the second universal 12-year compulsory education programme and sent them to the latter, thus contributing to improving the quality of its education.

Teachers of Chongnyu Primary School in Taedonggang District effectively help Sinjong Primary School in Sunan District, the sister school, with its operation by imparting the knack of inventing new teaching methods to its teachers.

Those of May 13 Ryongnam Senior Middle School in Taesong District put their heart and soul into improving the overall academic performance of the students of neighbouring schools while giving methodological guidance to them in their study.

Similar assistance is also being rendered by other schools.

Efforts put in to strengthen ranks of medical workers

By Ri Sung Ik PT

A programme has been undertaken to improve the qualifications of medical workers as required by the revolution in public health in the new era. National demonstration lectures were given for educators at the institutions of medical education. The Ministry of Public Health held the demonstration lectures for educational workers of the universities and colleges of medical sciences throughout the country as part of the programme to discuss the new educational programme and improve the quality of

medical education. Demonstration lectures were given by excellent lecturers of Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences. They proved to be effective as they were based on their high theoretical qualifications and rich teaching experience. Participants voiced their impression that they were excellent lectures which enabled them to have direct experience of the advantages of excellent teaching methods and knowledge transferring techniques and that they felt as if they finished a university course. After the demonstration lectures were over, they had

a debate on the problems arising in the development of medical education while sharing experience and teaching methods between educational institutions. Measures have been taken to strengthen the re-education system for improving the professional qualifications of health workers on the job. In particular, passing-on-technique sessions have been intensified for medical workers in 20 county (district) hospitals to be newly built this year. According to information available, a total of over 20 000 theoretical lectures and a hundred thousand practical trainings were given for more

than 480 medical workers in the county (district) hospitals on the majors, adjacent disciplines and basic subjects in 11 central-level hospitals including the Pyongyang General Hospital, the Kim Man Yu Hospital and the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital and three newly-built city and county hospitals. The Pyongyang General Hospital held a passing-on-technique session by focusing on making technical trainees be well versed in modern medical facilities and handle them skilfully, while the Kim Man Yu Hospital intensified practical education for improving clinical competence

according to the characters of specialized departments. The Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital, the Okryu Children's Hospital and other hospitals also transferred high medical skills and technologies as they took measures to solve the problems arising in practice. The health workers who took part in the passing-on-technique sessions worked hard to acquire high professional qualifications to fully perform their jobs at the new modern hospitals. The medical workers of the Sonchon County Hospital and the Taean District Hospital in Nampho Municipality accumulated

rich experience on an advanced treatment method which could not be employed at the level of county (district) hospitals and those of the Pongsan and Thongchon county hospitals raised their technical qualifications by correctly grasping their tasks and steadily practising skills. Local health workers put in efforts to be well versed in the intelligent medical service system to be introduced into new hospitals while building their managing and deciphering ability as they directly use modern facilities at the Kangdong and Ryonggang county hospitals and Kusong City Hospital.

Story about development of Ganoderma extract

By Choe Song Jun PT

The extract of *Ganoderma* from the Ryongsong Koryo Medicine Pharmaceutical Factory was highly appreciated at the exhibition of products of Koryo medicine pharmaceutical factories-2025 held last year. Kim Song Ju, worker of the factory, said to those who congratulated her that the medicine is the product of the strenuous efforts of her father, an honoured disabled ex-soldier. Her father Kim Jong Yong had been suffering from a severe pain due to a fracture of the spine. Jong Yong who had been leading an optimistic life like during his military service constantly sought the way to relieve the pain of his fellow patients and fully cure their illnesses. Originally a writer, he became a pharmacist by setting himself the goal of developing an "elixir of life" for patients with incurable

diseases. As he worked at the then honoured disabled soldiers' pharmaceutical factory in Maengsan County, he avidly read books on pharmacology to widen the horizons of his medical knowledge. In the course of this, he paid attention to *Ganoderma* associated with so many legendary tales for its miraculous medicinal effects. When he knew that organic germanium, the main component of *Ganoderma*, has an antioxidative effect three to six times that of insam, he thought up an idea that its extract might be a cure-all. He set himself the study task and buckled down to research, but it was a very challenging job. He had to make spores, secure substrates and set up a process for growing mushrooms, obtain the extract of the mushroom, conduct an experiment and analysis of the extract and verify its medicinal effects. He gradually declined in

health due to acute systemic pains and paralysis, but continued his research by sheer willpower. His research finally reached the stage of clinical experiment, but he passed away, leaving his last will that he had nothing to desire if his *Ganoderma* extract would contribute to the people's health and treatment of diseases. For over a decade since then, his daughter has worked hard to make greater successes in the cultivation of *Ganoderma* and the development and production of its extract. The *Ganoderma* extract which is now being produced by an industrial method is widely used as not only a restorative but also a medicine since it strengthens the heart, improves blood circulation, promotes metabolism and cell regeneration, effectively treats various diseases including bronchial asthma, silicosis, liver and skin diseases and thyroopathy and has a strong inhibitory effect on cancer cells.

Devoted service of medical workers bears fruit

By To Kyong Chol PT

Shortly ago, a child left the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital together with his mother amid a send-off of medical workers of the hospital. He could not walk nor speak properly several months ago. He is Kim Il Jong, five-year-old, and came from Unchon County, South Hwanghae Province. It was mid-December last year when he and his mother came to the institute for the treatment of spinal and juvenile behavioural and developmental disorders of the hospital. According to doctor Kim Yong Im, Il Jong failed to keep the balance of his body due to musculoskeletal disorder caused by congenital illness and had a serious speech impediment at that time. The doctor had had rich experience as she had treated a large number of children with disabilities, but she could hardly make a decision of curing him, for such a case as him was so unfamiliar. On her way home after a day's work, she could not forget the pathetic looks of Kim Yun Hui, Il Jong's mother, earnestly asking her to help her son run properly just like ordinary children and the letter Il Jong's father wrote to his wife inquiring about the child's health at his faraway military post. Finally, she got determined to take charge of curing the child. Maeng Yu Gyong, researcher of the clinical genetics laboratory of the medical genetics institute of Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences, and psychiatrist Ri Song Hak and nurse Ho Un Song of the



Five-year-old Kim Il Jong leaves the hospital with his mother. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

university hospital joined the treatment. The medical workers mapped out a phased plan for treating motor skill and speech disorders at the same time and buckled down to treatment. The most laborious was to build up his muscular strength aimed at improving his motor skill. For his poor muscular strength accompanied by dystonia, it took a great deal of time and efforts for the patient to perform a mere leg-lifting action. The doctor was soaked with sweat even in winter as she herself repeated the movements to help the boy do them. Meanwhile, the researcher devoted herself to relieving his speech disorder. The child found it hard even to take a sip of water and came to pronounce simple labial sound only after undergoing a long period of training as he had never produced a vocal sound for a long time. While applying pharmacotherapy, Maeng Yu Gyong analysed again the rules on Korean pronunciation to work out a scientific phased plan according to a guide for

developing articulation. After certain progress was made in treating speech disorder she provided him with a computer and a TV set needed for practising sentences. During hospitalization, Il Jong attended intellectual development classes at nearby Tonghung Kindergarten in Central District. Thanks to such devoted efforts of the medical workers, he finally became able to walk and improved in speech remarkably enough to communicate his thoughts. He took part in an art performance together with other children at the yard before Tonghung Kindergarten on June 1 International Children's Day and sang a song in praise of respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un. It was the first time for him to sing a song in his life. That day, his mother shed tears of joy. "My son was born once again thanks to the devoted efforts of medical workers and the benefit of the socialist public health system. I'll bring him up to be a reliable pillar of the country," said Kim Yun Hui before leaving the hospital.



Extract of *Ganoderma* produced at the Ryongsong Koryo Medicine Pharmaceutical Factory. JO CHOL JU/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Great might for overall national prosperity

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Patriotism is the might for opening a new era of overall national prosperity in the DPRK.

The Workers' Party of Korea regards the people as the cornerstone of the existence of the state and has powerfully led the revolution and construction with the might of patriotism displayed by the people as the motive force for the construction of a powerful country.

In his speech in celebration of the New Year 2026, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un said, "We entered the year 2025 with a heavy heart as we were confronted with huge tasks; what we believed in was nothing but our people's patriotism and loyalty, and they were the real driving force that propelled our unprecedented struggle

throughout the year." And he called for uniting more firmly on the strength of patriotism and advancing more vigorously and courageously towards the new future to be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party.

He has instilled patriotism into the people, regarding the strength of all the people firmly united by dint of patriotism as the great motive force for the comprehensive development of socialism and as the driving force for turning the country into the most dignified and powerful country in the world.

At the Eighth Congress of the WPK, the General Secretary already emphasized the need to turn their faith in Korean-style socialism and love for and trust in things of their own into an all-people ideological sentiment.

At the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party

Central Committee held in December 2022, too, he stressed the need to actively organize and properly lead the socialist patriotic movement, the revolutionary mass movement, which is the powerful driving force for the prosperity and development of the state and noted that primary attention should be paid to firmly adhering to and inheriting the tradition of loyalty peculiar to the Korean revolution and the tradition of patriotism peculiar to our state and that the revolution should be advanced by dint of loyalty and patriotism.

In November 2023 he said that we should infuse all people with patriotism and unite them on the strength of patriotism, and that he constantly maintains the slogan "Unite on the strength of patriotism!"

The people, who are out to implement the decisions

of the Ninth WPK Congress after the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, have continuously achieved miraculous successes in all sectors, regions and units by vigorously conducting the socialist patriotic movement, the revolutionary mass movement. This has produced many meritorious persons of socialist patriotism, socialist patriotic young people, patriotic farmers, patriotic women and families of patriots.

Now the coal mining villages across the country are changing for the better by dint of the might of the people who live with patriotic fervour and are united on the strength of patriotism, after the new era of the tremendous changes in the capital city and regional development and the new era of the rural revolution have been ushered in.

Socialist emulation accelerates social development and advance

By Pang Un Ju PT

Socialist emulation is a collective innovation movement for bringing about a great upsurge in production and construction by arousing the masses' enthusiasm and creativity.

All the victories and miracles recorded in the development course of the DPRK were achieved amid such emulation.

The Korean people vigorously advanced like Chollima, a legendary winged horse, on the debris of the war amid emulation and completed socialist industrialization in a matter of 14 years amid the socialist emulation drive under way across the country.

In the 1970s and 1980s, through different types of dynamic mass movements and the socialist emulation drive, the Korean people manufactured such machines as a 10 000-ton press, which had been an exclusive product of a few developed countries in the world, and built many monumental structures including the Tower of the Juche Idea, the highest stone tower in the world, and the West Sea Barrage built by damming the eight-kilometre-long expanse of sea.

In the 1990s, when the socialist movement had to suffer a serious setback in the international arena due to the vicious moves of the anti-socialist forces, the Korean people more dynamically conducted the socialist emulation movement to break through manifold trials

and difficulties and firmly consolidate the foundation for the building of a prosperous country.

The people share one goal of building an ideal society, where everyone leads a dignified and happy life, and advance all together by pooling their efforts and wisdom with backward people overtaking the advanced and the latter helping the former—this is the aim of the socialist emulation drive, which is a powerful means of accelerating social development and advance.

The socialist emulation drive in the new era, a period of comprehensive development of socialism, is being conducted more vigorously in various forms in all sectors, units and regions.

The competition for achieving higher yields is under way in the agricultural sector, increasing the number of high-yielding farmers, workteams and farms every year and the industrial sectors increase new products favoured by the people through the competition for developing new products and raising quality. And all regions regard education as the most important state affair and conduct the competition for successfully sprucing up educational conditions and environment.

It is the history and reality of the DPRK that the strength of unity of the masses of the people further increases and social development and advance grow faster amid the socialist emulation drive.

Tourism booms



O Hyon, head of an office of the National Tourism Administration

September 27 is World Tourism Day.

Tourism not only helps people expand their horizons and improve the consumption structure to further enrich their life but also plays a significant role in promoting understanding and friendship among many people around the world.

With the development of tourism, the content of tourist activities becomes very diverse and new forms of tourist activities continue to emerge to meet the needs of tourists with different levels and desires.

The DPRK also directs efforts to the development of

tourism which plays a big role in achieving the economic growth and development of civilization of the country.

It pays due attention to providing the tourists with excellent convenience by raising the level of tourist service. It has established a comprehensive evaluation system for tourist service units and improved the educational system and methods for training tourism experts.

It also makes effective use of the coastal tourism resources and develops mountain tourism into a highly promising industry in conformity with the natural and geographical conditions

of the country which has many beautiful seaside scenic spots as it is bounded by the sea on its eastern and western sides and has many famous mountains like Mts Paektu, Kumgang and Myohyang as mountains account for most of its territory.

In recent years, many modern tourist facilities have been built, including the Samjiyon Mountain Tourist Resort, the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area and the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort, giving great impetus to the improvement of the people's cultural and emotional life and development of the country's tourism.

With tourism being widely encouraged, tourist areas, scenic spots and recreation grounds offer various forms

of tourist service, including sea-bathing, ski and hot spring, as well as the visits to monumental structures and historical sites.

In addition, major tourist areas organize various exhibitions, shows, art performances, film shows and sports games to ensure their all-season operation and actively introduce tourism.

Meanwhile, legal and administrative measures have been employed more widely to protect the tourism resources and ecological environment and revitalize tourism, and national attention is directed to introducing digital technology and artificial intelligence into the tourism sector in keeping with the world trend of the development of tourism.

BYWORD

It is the common view of life held by the people of the DPRK to combine patriotism with their life.

Among them are coal miners. They voluntarily do the work of two or three to

Patriotic coal miner

cut even one more ton of coal in deep pits and make collective innovations while helping and leading

one another forward. The country put them forward as patriotic coal miners.

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Lasting peace is secured by self-reliant defence capability

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Day of International Peace (September 21) was set by reflecting the desire of the peoples in many countries to live in a peaceful environment free from domination and oppression and achieve continued development and lasting prosperity. But their aspirations have not yet been fulfilled.

It is because the dominationist forces including the US have plunged the world into a vortex of endless wars.

Armed conflicts occurred 248 times in 153 regions of the world from the end of the Second World War to 2001 and 201 of them were

started by the US. It also fostered countless armed conflicts and confrontation in all parts of the world such as supporting the proxy wars and delivering weapons and ammunition while instigating civil wars of other countries.

The US ambition for world hegemony is the root cause destroying the global peace.

In recent years alone the US-led dominationist forces have made persistent moves towards proxy war in an attempt to maintain its hegemonic position in the Middle East, Europe and other regions.

In Europe the US persists in a military offensive to weaken Russia by putting up the Ukrainian puppets.

And in the Middle East it continues to incite Israel to confrontation with regional countries to push the whole region into a crucible of war.

The focus of aggression of the US for world hegemony is the Asia-Pacific region.

According to information available, the Eurasian continent comprising the Asia-Pacific is the region in which the US military interventions are most frequent in the world. Those countries, which suffered the largest numbers of humanitarian crises due to the wars started by the US, are also in the Asia-Pacific region. As the US and its following forces planning to maintain their hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region stick to the use of military power,

the region has become one of the areas where the arms race and confrontation between camps are the tightest in the world and an unstable one where the danger of the outbreak of a nuclear war looms larger by the minute.

To build up the self-reliant military strength of a country is the way to defend its sovereignty and dignity and maintain peace.

The best way to repulse the aggressors who run wild depending on their tremendous military strength is to possess the military strength great enough to overwhelm the enemy. To continue to enhance its own strength is the only way to oppose the hegemony-seeking power policy of the dominationist forces and

defend the sovereignty and peace of the country.

The DPRK has firmly defended the dignity and peace of the country and people for over 70 years in the Korean peninsula in which a hair-trigger situation has constantly been created which could lead to an outbreak of nuclear war at any time and the danger of nuclear war has loomed larger with each passing day. It is because it steadily built up its self-defensive military capabilities both in quality and quantity to cope with the moves of the US and its following forces to provoke a war.

Peace is not granted by anyone and so it should be defended by the country's own strength.

Countries step up efforts to promote sustainable economic growth

By Choe Yong Nam PT

Developing countries are intensifying the efforts to achieve stable and sustainable economic development by themselves.

Pakistan has newly established a trade promotion commission headed by the prime minister to simplify the country's trade procedures and remove the tariff barriers to commercial transactions between countries in the border areas.

It also plans to take urgent measures to increase the national capacity of harbour facilities and form a working group to supervise the process.

In addition, it intends to set goals for simplifying other procedures such as those for transport and customs clearance in harbours for import and export enterprises and providing them with utmost convenience.

The Senegalese government announced a large-scale investment programme for agriculture for the development of modern agricultural centres. According to it, the largest-ever funds will be invested in the area of Podor to prevent the youth emigration and ensure a stable food supply.

The minister of agriculture, food sovereignty and animal husbandry of the country stressed the need for young people to introduce innovative technologies into the country's new areas for agricultural development and actively develop them, instead of choosing the

dangerous way of crossing the Atlantic.

The country also aims to plant a new variety of maize in about 8 000 square kilometres of land in cooperation with Türkiye for the development of livestock farming in the region.

Kenya announced a plan to turn agriculture into a modern and practical sector into which high technologies have been introduced by 2030 and is now implementing it.

The execution of the plan will reportedly reduce the import of food by half, significantly increase the export of processed agricultural products and create more than 2.4 million jobs.

After setting a high goal for electrification, Ethiopia now works to carry it out. Last year, it expanded the national power transmission networks and encouraged rural areas to widely exploit solar energy, thereby making 65 percent of its population use electricity.

Mozambique also puts efforts into industrialization and diversification of the economy by relying on its rich resources.

Recently, the President said that the country should not only export its energy resources and raw materials, but make effective use of them to boost production and develop processing industries. Now it increases investments in power generation, transport infrastructure development and other fields while speeding up energy development.

Israeli troops continue to kill the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.



Epidemic outbreaks arouse worldwide concern

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Record heat waves and sultry weather hit many countries and regions of the world, causing extensive damage to them. On top of it, various kinds of epidemics have broken out and spread continuously.

Shortly ago, the Ministry of Public Health of Chile issued a public health alert as regards the serious damage caused by hantavirus.

In Chile, 46 people were infected with the hantavirus and 18 of them died of it this year. The number reportedly more than doubled that of last year in lethality.

High temperatures breaking the records in succession, flood, heavy rain and other natural disasters caused by climate change create favourable conditions for the spread of various epidemics.

As harmful insects like mosquito, parasites and bacteria of various kinds multiply rapidly, infectious diseases with them as carriers are constantly spreading.

Recently, Chandipura virus causing encephalitis also spread in India.

According to a TV broadcasting service in the country, 35 of 184 suspected cases of this infection were confirmed to have been infected with the virus and 22 children under 15 years of age died of it in Gujarat.

Named after Chandipura village of Maharashtra in west India as it was first discovered in the village in 1965, the virus is carried by bloodsucking flies and ticks.

Cases of Powassan virus infection transmitted by ticks are also increasing in the US.

The virus was named after a village in Ontario, Canada, where it was discovered in 1985. Cases of this virus infection were mostly identified in the northern part near the Great Lakes in northeastern and midwestern Canada, but recently such cases have also been reported in other provinces.

If a man is infected with this virus, he has a fever and feels muscle pain and fatigue as if catching flu and in a few weeks it produces such symptoms as memory loss, speech disorders and seizure.

Lethality reaches a maximum of 15% and

about half of the survivals reportedly may suffer from a variety of aftereffects, including speech disorder, dysbasia and failing of memory.

As is seen above, the public health situation worsens due to the continued outbreaks of infectious diseases of various kinds, which neither caused serious damage nor broke out frequently in the past, as well as dengue fever, malaria and cholera, which have long harassed humankind.

Public health experts already argued that due to climate change diseases like dengue fever are spreading in the areas where there was no damage from epidemics previously and that attention should be paid to mosquito-borne infections such as dengue and chikungunya fevers and enteric infections like norovirus infection.

The situation requires that anti-epidemic measures be intensified to prevent the outbreak, influx and spread of the epidemics to control the spread of epidemics caused by climate change and that the rules of health be strictly observed.

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Russia

President mentions development of defence industry

Russian President Vladimir Putin referred to the importance of the issue of developing the defence industry at a meeting of the munitions industry sector on September 19.

He said that the new national armament programme and the development programme of the defence industry complex will be the basis for the development and serial production of modern weapon systems and technical equipment to be equipped by the Russian army and other armed forces organs so that they could rapidly and effectively counter potential threats from outside.

Brazil

President rejects US' demand for major mineral resources

The Brazilian President rejected firmly and instantly the US' gangster-like demand for his country's major mineral resources on September 17.

In an interview with a domestic broadcasting company, he said that the condition set out by the US administration is unacceptable and the US document has been disposed of as a "scrap document".

The Brazilian government did not discuss the document at all, because it is intolerable for any country to claim the preferential right to get Brazil's mineral resources, he stressed.

China

FM denounces Japan's distortion of aggression history

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry denounced Japan for distorting its history of aggression at a press conference on September 18.

The September 18 Incident was a war plot concealed by the Japanese authorities for a long time, and the majority of the Japanese people came to know the truth only after the Tokyo trials were held, he said.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the start of the Tokyo trials, he said, adding that what arouses concern from people is that the tendency to deny the historical truth is constantly encouraged and prevalent in Japan.

US

Attacks on civilian vessels continue

The US keeps attacking civilian vessels despite the denunciations and protests from the international community.

On September 19, the US forces attacked a civilian vessel in the Caribbean Sea, killing four sailors.

They justified the killings, claiming that the ship was sailing along the "drug smuggling route" in the Caribbean.

More than 230 people have reportedly been killed by the illegal attacks on vessels by the US forces in the Caribbean and the East Pacific since September last year.

DPRK football team advances to final of 2026 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup



A scene from the semifinal match between the DPRK and Colombian teams. The former beat the latter 3-0.

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There took place a semifinal between the DPRK and Colombian teams of the 2026 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup on September 23.

The DPRK team kept up a strong attack on its rival from the beginning of the match. No.

6 Pak Ok I scored the first goal in the 28th minute, No. 11 Choe Rim Jong the second goal in the 35th minute and No. 8 So Ryu Gyong the third goal in the 47th minute.

The DPRK team beat its rival 3-0.

The final match between the DPRK and Spanish teams will be held on September 27.

News from 20th Asian Games

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A quarterfinal match between the DPRK and Chinese Taipei women's football teams took place on September 25.

The former defeated the latter 5-1.

DPRK player Ri Song Gum lifted 94kg in snatch (new world, Asian and Asian Games records), 121kg in jerk (new world, Asian and Asian Games records) and 215kg in total (new world, Asian and Asian Games records) to win the women's weightlifting 49kg title on September 23.

Kang Hyon Gyong also bagged gold medals in the women's weightlifting 53kg category with the lift of 99kg in snatch (new Asian Games record), 124kg in jerk (new Asian Games record) and 223kg in total (new Asian Games record).

The DPRK men's football team won second place in Group

B and advanced to the quarterfinals.

On September 24, weightlifter Pak Myong Jin lifted 146kg in snatch, 182kg in clean and jerk (a new record of the Asian Games) and 328kg in total (a new record of the Asian Games) to be placed first in the men's 65kg category.

On September 25, weightlifter O Kwang Ok won the women's weightlifting 57 kg title by successfully lifting 104kg in snatch (new world, Asian and Asian Games records), 134kg in jerk (new world, Asian and Asian Games records) and 238kg in total (new world, Asian and Asian Games records).

Meanwhile, Pang Un Chol and An Chang Ok earned silver medals in the men's weightlifting 60kg category and the women's vaulting horse of artistic gymnastics respectively.

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The DPRK Championships opened with due ceremony at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang on September 22.

The championships will bring together sports clubs and

teams and sports education units in the capital city and local areas including the April 25 Sports Team, the Amnokgang Sports Club, the Pyongyang Sports Club, the Ryongaksan Taekwon-Do Team, the Chongchongang Sports Club, the Sports Club under the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport

and Korea University of Physical Education. They will compete in more than 550 categories of 30-odd events such as football, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, track-and-field, gymnastics, boxing, weightlifting and Taekwon-Do.

Present at the opening ceremony were officials of the

sports field, sportspersons and Pyongyang citizens.

A march-past of the players was followed by men's teqball doubles and mixed teqball doubles.

The events of the DPRK Championships will be held in Pyongyang Municipality and Phyongsong and Sariwon cities.

DPRK Championships open



Sports contest of aged people draws public attention

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The autumn sports contest of aged people-2026 took place at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium.

More than 280 elderly people competed in table tennis and badminton in the contest.

According to Hwang Chol Ho, department director of the Central Committee of the Federation for the Care of the Elderly of Korea, the number of participants in the recent contest increased by more than 100 over last year.

The games of each event were played, divided into two categories.

Ri Hyon Sok and Ri Tok Bong, both aged 73, were the focus of attention in category

A of the men's doubles of table tennis.

The pair had already competed and been placed in the top three in the men's doubles of the contests of aged people several times in the past.

They beat all their rivals with overwhelming dominance in each game with the ability as great as professionals' and rich experience.

The old persons, who took part in the games of category A in the women's doubles of badminton, also showed exciting scenes with swift movements and polished skills, gaining the admiration of spectators.

Especially thrilling was the women's doubles of badminton between the pair of Pak Jong Sun and Kim Hye Gyong, both

aged 65, and that of Kim Hye Son, aged 63, and Kim Chun Hui, aged 69.

They had ranked first and second in the past sports contests of aged people, said Hwang.

The seesaw match was very tight all the way to the set points and therefore it was hard to judge who would win till it reached the match point.

Finally, the pair of Pak Jong Sun and Kim Hye Gyong won the match 2-1.

Meanwhile, Kim Tok Su and Kim Yong Chang, both aged 89, took part in table tennis of the contest, attracting the attention of all spectators.

They were the oldest players in the contest, but they displayed surprising ability to draw loud applause of the

viewers.

In category A of the women's badminton doubles 77-year-old Kim Hak Sil played matches with sensitive reaction and high techniques, winning acclaim from the spectators.

The oldest woman player in the contest, Kim reportedly began to play the sport at the age of 69, but trained hard to improve her techniques. And then she took part in the annual sports contest of aged people to be awarded six gold medals and diplomas.

"Increasing public interest and hearty cheers of the spectators in the contest are an expression of respect and warm affection for the aged people and all the participants feel it with great pleasure," said Hwang Chol Ho.



Scenes from badminton and table tennis matches of the autumn sports contest of aged people-2026. RYU KWANG HYOK/ THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Natural monument

Fossil of 'progenitor of frog'

By Ri Sang Il PT

The fossil of the "progenitor of frog" was excavated in Paekthodong of the city of Sinuiju, North Phyongan Province, where the fossil of an archaopteryx had been found.

The fossil which was unearthed in the Jurassic system of the Mesozoic era is 90 million years antecedent to the previously unearthed

frog fossils.

It shows that frogs evolved rapidly on earth in the Mesozoic era and the northwestern area of the DPRK had been the centre of the rapid evolution of animals and plants from time immemorial.

The fossil is under good protection as a precious treasure helpful in illuminating the evolution process of extinct organisms and the birth of mankind.

