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Strategic missile launching drill conducted in eastern region of DPRK

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the launching drill on the spot

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At dawn of October 3, a drill was staged to launch an intermediate-range strategic missile from an eastern region of the DPRK toward the East Sea of Korea.

The drill was conducted as part of the efforts to make the missile soldiers operating the hypersonic strategic weapon system skilled in handling their equipment and evaluate the reliability, efficiency and mobility of the DPRK's war deterrent.

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 launching drill on the spot.

The drill was watched by Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, and Jang Chang Ha, general director of the Missile Administration of the DPRK.

Noting that it is a very important measure and a responsible activity in ensuring national security to build up the powerful and reliable nuclear deterrent through the continuous verification of the major components of the war deterrent, improvement of their performance and achievement of mastery of their operation and to demonstrate the counterattack means of our army in a constant mobilization posture, Comrade Kim Jong Un said:

"Through today's launching drill, the strategic missile soldiers have fully shown their very proficient professional qualifications in operating the major offensive weapon system and their standby posture for counterattack, and assured the reliability of our deterrent.

"I highly appreciate the commanding officers and soldiers of the missile unit, who participated in the drill.

"We must continue our compelling efforts without letup to constantly and repeatedly make the enemy recognize the reliability and lethality of our strategic offensive means.

"This is a form of the exercise of deterrent.

"As I always express clearly, frankly speaking, such activities of ours are definitely aimed at more rapidly developing the country's nuclear war deterrent.

"This is indispensable for protecting the national security and stability in today's geopolitical environment. There will be no change in such view and line of ours.

"We must contain various threats by dint of the powerful deterrent and ensure a safer environment for the building and activities of our state."

The missile used in the drill was launched northeastwards and hit the target point at 43°36' 28.04" latitude and 138°00' 47.02" longitude, 1 000 km away on the East Sea of Korea.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed expectation and belief that all the missile forces would remain faithful to their mission of defending the sovereignty and security of the Republic in a responsible combat duty posture.











Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends congratulatory message to President of Russian Federation

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a congratulatory message to Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on October 7.

The message said:

My dearest friend, Comrade Vladimir Putin,

I extend my sincerest warm congratulations and best wishes to you on your significant birthday.

Over the past two decades the Russian Federation firmly consolidated its dignity and position as a big power, wrote a new history of epoch-making development and proudly got to the top of the world as a powerful and prosperous country under your outstanding and seasoned leadership.

All these are a precious product of devoted efforts and strong will of you who have always cherished the expectations of the Russian people desirous of building a powerful state and remained faithful to your sacred mission, braving countless challenges and trials, and for this, you are enjoying the great trust and support of the Russian people.

I am pleased to have made good friendship with you and to open up a new chapter in the development of the relations between our two countries.

It is the steadfast policy of the DPRK government and my unshakable choice to attach importance to the comprehensive strategic partnership, the alliance, forged with the fraternal Russian Federation and to steadily expand and develop our joint work.

Firmly convinced that the Russian people's sacred war of justice for defending the sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity of the country will surely end with their victory, I reaffirm my invariable support for you and the Russian Federation.

I offer my congratulations on the significant day, praying that victory and glory are always in store for you and your Russia.

Extending noble tribute and militant greetings

I warmly embrace you, my dear comrade.

Premier Pak inspects several sectors of national economy



Premier Pak Thae Song (third from right) inspects the Wonsa Farm in Ongjin County.

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Premier Pak Thae Song, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, inspected various sectors of the national economy.

The premier visited the February 8 Jiktong Youth Coal Mine of the Sunchon Area Youth Coal-mining Complex and met and encouraged the coal miners who were working hard to increase coal production with a high sense of responsibility for taking an important part in coal production. He acquainted himself in detail with the production at the coal mine.

He said the coal mine should reinforce its tunnelling force to secure enough reserve coal fields, actively introduce efficient mining methods and equipment into the pit-face work and raise the enthusiasm for the mass movement so that all the coal miners turn out as one in the patriotic struggle for increased coal production.

Learning about the current production and modernization project of the Sunchon Engine Factory, he underscored the need to give priority to the quality improvement as required by the Party's policy, ensure the machining accuracy of parts so as to produce high-performance tractor engines and step up the design and construction on the principle of optimizing the production processes.

Meanwhile, Pak Thae Song inspected various farms in Ongjin, Kangnyong and Pyoksong counties of South Hwanghae Province and stressed the necessity to properly fix the time for harvesting according to fields and varieties and rationally allocate manpower and machines in order to finish the rice harvest and threshing in time so that the good crop situation of this year can lead to the actual yield.

Watching the wheat and barley sowing machine made by the Haeju Farm Machine Factory, he said it should produce and supply many different kinds of practical farm machines as the area of sowing wheat and barley increases in the whole country and late crop harvesting and early crop sowing are carried out simultaneously.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue of ensuring that relevant units fully produce and supply rock drills, loaders and other equipment and tools necessary for mining work, the issue of actively generalizing advanced farming methods in the agricultural field and encouraging the cultivation of oil-bearing crops and sugar crops and others and took appropriate measures.

Enlarged plenary meeting of DPRK Cabinet held

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An enlarged plenary meeting of the DPRK Cabinet took place through video-conferencing on October 5.

The meeting was guided by Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Kim Tok Hun, first vice-premier of the Cabinet, and Pak Jong Gun, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission.

Present there were Vice-Premier Jon Hyon Chol, Vice-Premier and Chairman of the Agricultural Commission Ri Chol Man and other members of the Cabinet.

On hand as observers were officials of organs under the Cabinet and ministries and national agencies, chairpersons of provincial, city and county people's committees and officials of agricultural guidance organs and major industrial establishments.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of the national economic plan for the third quarter of the year for implementing the decisions of the plenary meetings of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and discussed and decided on the ways for successfully concluding the first year's struggle for implementing the new five-year plan.

Kim Tok Hun made a report.

The reporter referred to the fact that respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clearly indicated the tasks and ways for stably and continuously developing the country's economy and has wisely led the all-people general advance toward a new victory.

The vigorous drive for increased production and creation for attaining the new long-term goals set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK has made remarkable successes in carrying out the national economic plan for the third quarter and further strengthened the foundation of the self-supporting economy, he said.

He called upon the officials, leading members of the revolution, to firmly adhere to the principle of solving everything by dint of ideology and spiritual power of the masses, organize and conduct all undertakings in a scientific, foreseeable and profitable way and fulfill their responsibility and duty in the struggle to implement the Party's economic policy.

The report was followed by speeches.

The meeting referred to the practical issues arising in successfully concluding this year's struggle to pave a broad avenue for implementing the new five-year plan set forth by the Ninth Congress of the Party and took relevant measures.

Screened there were videos on the successes made in the agricultural field this year, experience gained in operating the solar power generation system at the Suan County Farm Machine Station and economic effectiveness of the oxide film insulated aluminum wire.

New barbecue restaurants inaugurated in Kaesong, Nampho

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A barbecue restaurant has appeared in Kaesong Municipality.

The modern restaurant with hundreds of seats was flawlessly built at the foot of scenic Mt Janam, adding to the peculiarities of the city of history and culture, thus providing another public centre for serving various kinds of barbecues, cold noodles and soft drinks to citizens.

A ceremony took place on October 4 to inaugurate the restaurant.

Present there were Pak Song Chol, chief secretary of the Kaesong Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials and working people in the municipality, builders and employees of the restaurant.

Choe Kyong Nam, chairman of the municipal people's committee, addressed the ceremony, to be followed by a speech.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the restaurant.

That day the restaurant provided its first service to war veterans, honoured disabled ex-soldiers, labour innovators and other citizens of Kaesong.

A barbecue restaurant has been successfully built in Nampho Municipality, a modern port city of the DPRK, adding to the pleasure of the people.

The restaurant will serve various kinds of barbecues, dishes and soft drinks, contributing to the regional development of food culture and enabling the citizens to enjoy a new life and civilization.

Its inauguration ceremony took place on October 7.

Present there were officials and working people in the municipality, builders and employees of the restaurant. An inauguration address was made to be followed by speeches.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the restaurant.

That day, the restaurant offered its first service to war veterans, honoured disabled ex-soldiers and labour innovators in the municipality.



The Kaesong Barbecue Restaurant.



The Nampho Barbecue Restaurant.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Birthday spread sent to centenarian

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Ji Sin Rok, a woman living in Neighbourhood Unit 41, the township of Puryong County, North Hamgyong Province, on her 100th birthday.

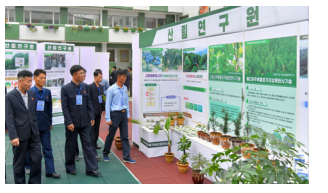
Officials of the Party and power organs in the county and villagers congratulated the centenarian on having received the birthday spread associated with the warm love of respected Marshal Kim Jong Un who respects the aged as revolutionary seniors and elders and takes warm care of them.

Born into a poor peasant family before the liberation of Korea, Ji had to suffer the sorrow of a stateless nation. So she worked hard at her post during the Fatherland Liberation War and socialist construction, with a resolve to repay the benevolence of the Workers' Party of Korea which provided her with a genuine human life.

Everybody respects her as she brought up her children to be persons loyal to the country and the people and has voluntarily done good things helpful to the country's economy even after retirement.

National exhibition and presentation of forest sci-tech achievements held

A national exhibition and presentation of forest sci-tech achievements was held at the Academy of Forest Science from September 30 to October 6 under the co-sponsorship of the Ministry



of Land and Environment Protection and the Korea Forestry Association of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

Present at the exhibition were scientists, technicians and field officials from scientific research and educational units in the forestry sector including Kim Il Sung University and the Academy of Forest Science. On display there were more than 200 valuable scientific and technological achievements made in afforestation and forest conservation.

During the exhibition there took place a sci-tech presentation on the technology of actively protecting and multiplying the forest resources of the country and breeding and cultivating trees of good species and a seminar, an experience-sharing meeting and a technical workshop for solving the scientific and technological problems arising in creating raw materials forests of regional-industry factories.

Certificates and prizes were awarded to highly appreciated units and individuals.

Symposium marks first anniversary of Pyongyang General Hospital

A symposium was held at the Pyongyang General Hospital on October 5 to mark the first anniversary of its founding.

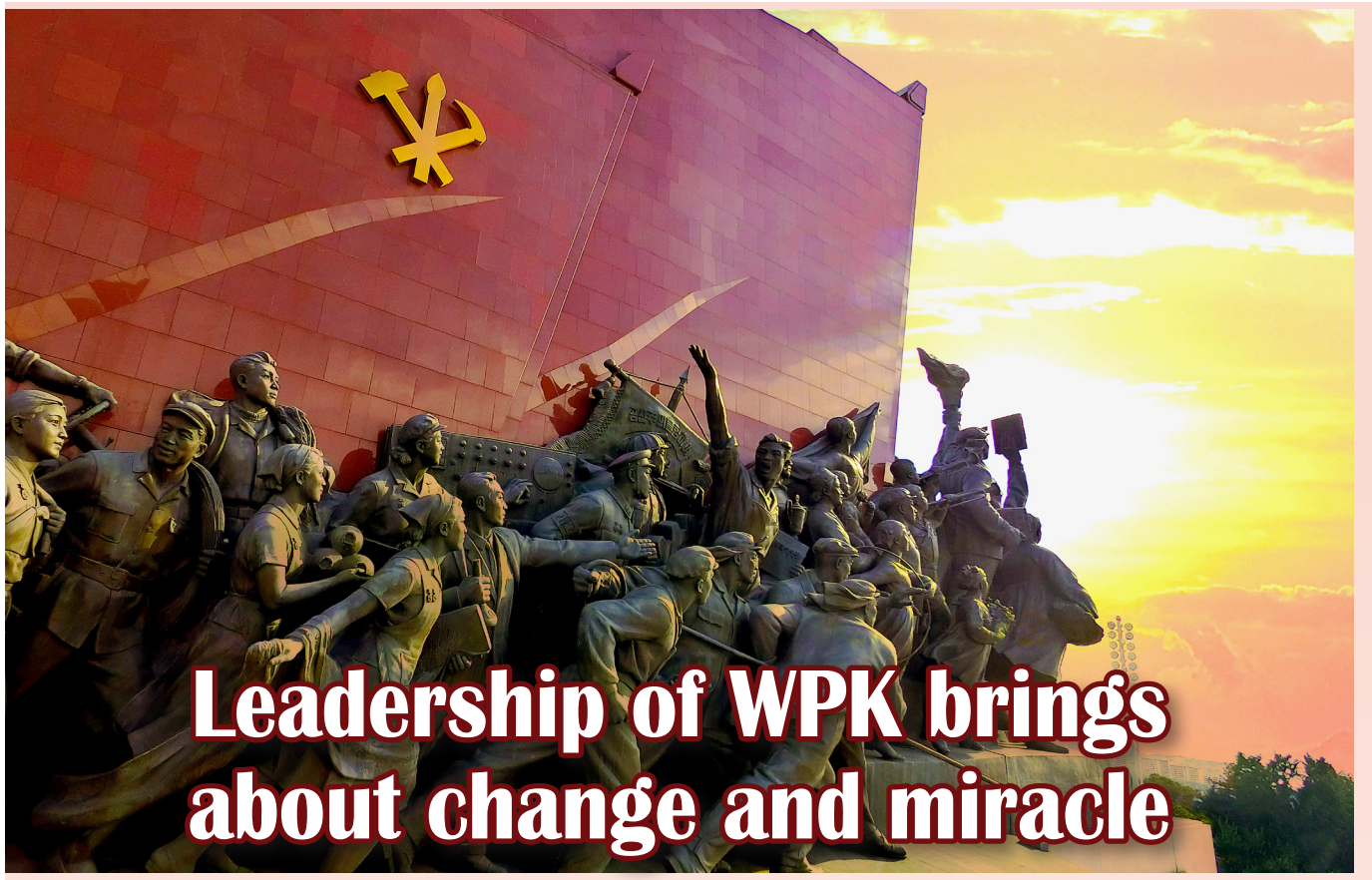
Attending it were officials and researchers in the sector of public health and teachers of medical education institutions.

There was a speech at the symposium.

Presented at the symposium were valuable research findings and clinical treatment experience conducive to developing medical science and technology.

Certificates were awarded to the participants who presented excellent papers.

Organizer and guide of all victories of Korean people



Leadership of WPK brings about change and miracle

By **Ri Sung IK** *PT*

Over the past 80-odd years since the days of nation building, the Workers' Party of Korea has achieved numerous changes and miracles and led the Korean people's struggle to victory.

In retrospect, the cause of building the Party, the state and the army which was achieved from scratch after liberation, the victory won by the fledgling DPRK in the war against the imperialist allied forces in the 1950s, the postwar reconstruction, the cooperativization of agriculture which was done in a Korean way by breaking the existing formula, and the socialist industrialization which was completed in just 14 years—all these were changes and miracles unprecedented in history.

The Party has won only victories throughout its path which has never been smooth as it always reflected the will and demand of the people in its policy and it has dynamically advanced along the road of victory without any frustration or stagnation because it was motivated by the wisdom and strength of the people.

As it has led the revolution by dint of the will and strength of the people, all the work done by the Party turned into that of the people themselves and were carried out successfully.

The ideal it put forward in the initial days of its founding was the realization of the independence of the masses of the people and its mode was to believe in the people and rely on their strength.

Over the past 10-odd years when they were faced with a series of severe ordeals, the Korean people have greeted a new era of comprehensive development of socialism under the leadership of the Party.

All the policies put forward by the Party, such as the housing construction for the people, the rural revolution programme in the new era and the regional development policy for eliminating the centuries-old backwardness remaining in rural areas and regions and the childcare policy for the younger generation, were originated from the interests of the people and were directly linked with their life.

This has ushered in a new era of comprehensive development of the state, in which all people make efforts to produce the best results in their work by linking their destiny to their country's and taking on the responsibility for the present and future of their state.

The Party's struggle for realizing the people's ideals has never stopped, and the greatest strength, the surest superiority and reserve strength, which it relies on in achieving the goals of its struggle is the extraordinary political consciousness and courageous efforts of all the people who are united in patriotism.

Thanks to the leadership of the WPK, the Korean people are bringing about changes and miracles and translating into reality everything they desire.

'We cannot live without him'

In my sunny house with spacious rooms, I often recall the vivid memories of the day when I received the licence for the use of the house and shouted "Long live the Workers' Party!"

Respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un visited the flood victims who were living in tents after losing their homes and everything in the flood in July two years ago. He asked them whether they felt anything inconvenient and if there were any sick persons, and called on them to endure the difficulty a little more until the day when a paradise would be built on the ruins left by the natural disaster and they would lead a better life.

My home village underwent a complete change in a matter of some months after his visit.

After receiving the house licence and key, I entered the new house to find every room filled with all necessary things such as TV, furniture and daily necessities.

All my family was moved to tears at the sight of the sacks full of white rice and the jars filled with winter *kimchi*.

We can never forget the benevolence of the General Secretary who provided us with such a large house.

Choe Son Ok, resident of Soho-ri, Uiju County, North Phyongan Province

Still, I frequently look at the nameplate on the door of my house for a long time.

It is because the country provided a large house even to me who had committed a crime against it.

In December two years ago when new fairyland villages were taking shape and the day of moving into new houses was coming nearer, I never imagined that such a palatial house would be provided to me who had been punished by law for the crime. So I stood at the rear, hanging my head in shame, in the venue of the ceremony for moving into new houses.

But the country allotted wonderful houses to such people like me, who had committed crimes in the past, without discrimination.

In fact, I had been so grateful to the country for providing my son, who had lost even smile because of his guilty father, with new school uniforms and school things just like other children. Upon receiving the licence for the use of a new house, I felt like I was dreaming and finally burst out sobbing.

I shouted to myself that day, "We cannot live even a moment without Marshal Kim Jong Un who embraces everybody and shows them love and affection."

Jang Thae Myong, farmer of the Soho Farm in Uiju County, North Phyongan Province

Making selfless, devoted efforts for good of people

By **Pang Un Ju** *PT*

The politics of the Workers' Party of Korea is the people-oriented politics making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the masses of the people.

The WPK, which regards the people-first principle as its intrinsic nature and political idea, has established it as a climate peculiar to it to get closer to the people and share weal and woe with them when the situation is more difficult and challenging.

When Sinuiju City and Uiju County in the northern tip of the country were flooded by disastrous downpours in July two years ago, rescue operations were conducted to airlift flood victims from the dangerous areas exposed to heavy rainstorms, a Party decision was adopted on the spot to repair the flood damage as soon as possible and nice homes for the people sprang up on the stricken areas in a matter of some months.

Today, epoch-making changes are being brought about one after another in the DPRK for the promotion of the people's well-being under the wise leadership of the WPK.

Every year modern dwelling houses rise up in Pyongyang and other parts of the country to symbolize the new era of overall national rejuvenation, bringing happy smiles to the people.

The regional-industry factories built in recent years mass-produce goods conducive to the improvement of the people's living standards and such wonderful entities of civilization as the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area have sprung up, leading the people to a new life and new civilization.

The public health revolution in the new era was launched to reliably guarantee the people's life and health, and many regions have undergone great changes with the appearance of cultural and leisure centres preserving regional features.

All these are the brilliant fruition of the politics of the WPK which makes selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, shouldering all burdens to promote their well-being.



The fourth-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area.



The Kangdong County Leisure Complex.

On the occasion of 81st anniversary of WPK

National fine art exhibition opens



The participants in the opening ceremony look round the venue of the exhibition.

KCNA

A national fine art exhibition opened to celebrate the 81st founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

On display there are art pieces depicting the immortal revolutionary exploits President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and respected Comrade Kim Jong Un performed for the founding and development of the WPK and the victorious advance of Korean-style socialism centred on the masses of the people.

Also seen are art pieces of colourful themes and forms showing the appearance of the country changing with the passage of time under the wise leadership of the great Party Central Committee and the indomitable struggle of the Korean people who are dynamically advancing toward a new victory of the revolution with the firm faith in socialism and inexhaustible patriotic will.

An opening ceremony took place at the Korea National Art Museum on October 7.

Present there were Choe Chang Hak, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials and creators in the field of fine art, and working people in Pyongyang.

Hyon Un Chol, minister of Culture, made an opening address.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the venue of the exhibition.

Meeting of officials and members of Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea held

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There took place a meeting of officials of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea and agricultural workers on October 7 to celebrate the 81st founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were officials concerned, officials of the Central Committee of the UAWK and union officials and members in Pyongyang.

Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, made a report to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers said that President Kim Il Sung founded the immortal Juche idea and laid a solid organizational and ideological foundation for founding the Party in the flames of the anti-Japanese struggle and thus accomplished the historic cause of founding the Party after the liberation of Korea.

Chairman Kim Jong Il further developed the WPK into an ideologically pure entity and an integral organization that achieved the unity of action, in which the ideological system and leadership system of the leader were firmly established, and into a motherly party forming a harmonious whole with the masses of the people and serving them, they said.

Thanks to respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the WPK is now demonstrating its dignity and might as an invincible revolutionary party and a genuine party for the people which is firmly carrying forward its original idea and ever-victorious history, they stressed.

They called for more thoroughly establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee throughout the whole union as required by the times of comprehensive development and conducting ideological education in a positive way so as to prepare all the union members to be genuine rural revolutionaries and patriotic agricultural workers who take the lead in upholding the Party's programme for the rural revolution in the new era.

The reporter and speakers called upon all the officials of the union and agricultural workers to turn out in attaining the goal of grain production set forth by the Party with loyalty, patriotic strength and enthusiasm, true to the leadership of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Performances given by working people's organizations

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A performance of the artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League was given at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on October 7 to celebrate the 81st founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Among the audience were Paek Un Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials concerned, officials of the youth league and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The performers sang loudly of the boundless gratitude to and trust in the motherly Party which puts forward the young people in the vanguard of the struggle for great change and development of Korean-style socialism and trains them to be the heroes of the times and the great masters of creation.

On October 8, a performance "We sing of the great motherly Party" was given by the artistic information team of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and those who were placed in the top three in the vocal and instrumental solo contest at the Central Hall of Workers and a performance "We sing of the Party" was given by the artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea.



The artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League gives a performance at the Central Youth Hall on October 7 in celebration of the 81st founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Schoolchildren donate Sonyon farm machines

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Schoolchildren in Nampho Municipality prepared farm machines through a do-good-thing movement and sent them to the youth workteam at the Ansok Farm in Onchon County.

The Children's Union members in the municipality sincerely provided tillers and small rice harvesters with a mind to contribute to increasing the agricultural production.

A meeting of donating Sonyon (children) farm machines was held in Onchon County on October 6.

Speakers called on all schoolchildren to distinguish themselves in study and organizational life and prepare themselves to be pillars of the prosperous country who are knowledgeable, virtuous and physically strong.

At the end of the meeting the participants looked round the farm machines.

Children's Union members in North Phyongan Province prepared efficient farm machines through a good-conduct movement on the occasion of the 81st founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A ceremony was held in Yomju County on October 5 to donate Sonyon (children) farm machines. Present there were officials concerned, youth league officials and schoolchildren.

At the ceremony, speakers said that the farm machines are associated with ardent patriotism of the Children's Union members to remain loyal to the noble intention of respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, adding that they would contribute to increasing the proportion of the farm work done by machines.

They called upon all the schoolchildren to cherish the loyalty to the respected fatherly Marshal and prepare themselves to be true young revolutionaries and patriots possessed of many-sided knowledge, sound bodies and noble moral traits.



A ceremony held in Nampho Municipality to donate Sonyon (children) farm machines (top) and the Sonyon farm machines prepared by schoolchildren (above).

Farms alive with rice harvest

By **To Kyong Chol** *PT*

The agricultural sector is striving to wrap up this year's farming.

Farms in South Phyongan Province are pushing forward with the rice harvest as planned.

Anju City is speeding up the rice harvest from the beginning with a view to concluding this year's farming in the shortest possible time. In accordance with its plan, it has worked hard to increase the proportion of threshing in the fields, while concentrating its manpower and means on the units with wider areas of paddy fields.

North Phyongan Province is also endeavouring to finish the rice harvest in the most suitable time.

Jongju City is making greater achievements in harvesting by organizing workforce and work in a rational way, while Sonchon County is creating favourable conditions for harvest and transport by draining the paddy fields with fully ripened crops before other paddies.

Farms in South Hwanghae Province, the largest agricultural province in the country, are seething with the rice harvest.

The agricultural workers in Haeju City are endeavouring to finish the rice harvest in the right time despite the overlapping of several farming processes including the sowing of winter wheat and barley seeds.

Kangnyong County is speeding up work by setting a proper sequence of fields for harvest and allotting manpower and farm machines accordingly in a rational way.

Farms in Jaeryong County are registering good results in the rice harvest every day amid the brisk competition for overtaking the advanced units.

North Hwanghae Province is also stepping up the rice harvest.

Farms in Hwangju County, which takes a big share in the grain production of the province, are hastening the harvest in high spirits after bringing about an unprecedentedly rich crop situation of paddy rice this year by doing farming in a scientific and technological way in the face of the disastrous abnormal weather such as drought and high temperature.

The agricultural workers in Unpha and other counties of the province are steadily displaying their high sense of responsibility to prevent even a single grain from being lost in the harvesting process.

South Hamgyong Province is directing big efforts to successfully conclude this year's farming.

Jongphyong and Hamju counties have cultivated paddy rice well to the last in order to increase the thousand-grain weight to the maximum while gathering harvest as soon as the crops ripen.

Other regions are also directing efforts to rice harvesting and threshing of this year.



Rice harvest is in full swing at farms across the country.

Heightening zeal to enter ranks of top farms

By **Ko Kwang Yon** *PT*

The agricultural workers all across the country work hard on farm fields to enter the ranks of top farms.

The country awards the certificates of the top prize to the cities, counties and farms leading others in all aspects including the introduction of advanced farming methods and techniques, the informatization of agriculture, the construction of irrigation works and the increase of the rate of mechanization.

Officials and agricultural workers of the farms regard it as patriotic work to enter the ranks of top farms.

Amid the dynamic nationwide efforts to increase grain production also in this year, the first year of implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, the farms in the eastern part of the country are displaying an unprecedentedly great enthusiasm to join the ranks of top farms.

They are getting into the habit of doing all farm work in a scientific way.

Officials of the Ryulsong Farm of Jongphyong County and the Ryongsan Farm of Tanchon City in South Hamgyong Province, the Namchang Farm of Munchon City in Kangwon Province and the Phyongryuk Farm of Kilju County and the Kangan Farm of Onsong County in North Hamgyong Province have fulfilled their role as standard-bearers in scientific farming while analysing the past farming work and making studies to find out what they should innovate.

The Saphyong Farm of Anbyon County in Kangwon Province has put manuring and cultivation on a higher scientific basis in keeping with an increase in the area to which advanced methods of cultivating rice seedlings have been introduced, thereby providing a guarantee for high yield. Its farmers have tried hard to bring about a radical change in grain production while exchanging and sharing good experience and advanced farming methods.

The Kwansu Farm of Yonggwang County in South Hamgyong Province has positively introduced fish and mud snail farming in paddy fields, thereby boosting the growth of rice while saving a great deal of manpower and fertilizer.

Changsong sheep spreads across country

By **Ri Myong Jun** *PT*

A good breed of sheep is raised in Changsong County, North Phyongan Province.

The breed, called "Changsong sheep", has a higher growth rate than other sheep species as the ewes reproduce easily and produce much milk. It has a good appetite, is highly resistant to heat and cold and adapts well to the herd life.

The annual milk yield is about 150 kg on average and the milk can be used to produce various dairy products, including sour milk, cheese and butter. The hair length is 10-12cm on average.

Changsong sheep has the characteristic of maintaining lipocytes and increasing body weight even when it feeds on rough and innutritious food.

If it is improved into a breed for wool production, the production of meat can be increased with naturally growing grass and a small amount of grain by-products.

The fat produced from the tail of Changsong sheep can be used to produce edible oil and daily necessities.

The wool is mostly used to make carpets and can also be used in the production of quilts, overcoats and gloves.

In order to raise the highly profitable Changsong sheep on a large scale, the county has created more than 1 000 hectares of grassland and a migrant pasture on the Muwon plateau.

Meanwhile, it established a system of preserving the progenitor while giving priority to the veterinary and anti-epizootic work and made Koryo veterinary medicines by its own efforts to lower the death rate.

Today, the demand for Changsong sheep is growing steadily, and it is spreading throughout the country.

Black chokeberry production rises 1.5 times

By **Ri Sang Il** *PT*

Yonthan County of North Hwanghae Province has gathered a large quantity of black chokeberries this year, too.

The county is noted for black chokeberry as it is widely cultivated not only at industrial establishments and farms, but also at schools and families.

A variety of health foods can be made with the fruit as it contains sugar, organic acids, various vitamins, essential nutrients and a large amount of mineral substances.

The county built black chokeberry nurseries and cultivated the plant effectively to grow healthy saplings with an eye to increasing its leverage for economic growth by developing and producing its specialities that can represent the area while preserving its features.

In addition, it increased black chokeberry forests for raw materials through the mass movement for acquiring new land and increasing the area under cultivation on the basis of good management of the black chokeberry forests that have been built for decades with much effort and detailed surveys of the county's area of land and distribution of forests.

The Yonthan County Resource Mobilization Company has channelled great efforts into increasing and managing soil fertility in accordance with the nutritional requirements of the plant according to its growing periods, thereby growing a large quantity of crops.

The county's black chokeberry output of this year has increased 1.5 times more than that of last year, thanks to the active efforts of its officials and working people who have devoted themselves to creating a civilized and happy new life by their own efforts.

The Yonthan County Foodstuff Factory is increasing the variety of health drinks, fermented products and confectionery in great demand among the people by developing the methods of processing black chokeberries.

Immediate past and present of northwestern end of country

By **Choe Song Jun** *PT*





Wihwa Island undergoes a radical transformation (above) after it was hit by a flash flood two years ago (below).

The area of Wihwa Island in the northwestern end of the country has been splendidly spruced up.

There are numerous vegetable greenhouses of diverse types, the up-to-date Sinuiju vegetable science research centre, dwelling houses, bases for cultural and leisure activities and others. As the area has undergone a drastic change, people can hardly believe it was once a barren land that suffered flood disasters whenever a heavy rain came even a little until two years ago.

Happy laughter of locals resounds in the place presenting spectacular views. Dwelling houses are distinctive in style and gentle yet dignified in colour, the strong embankment extends for a great distance, stylish roads link different parts of the farm area and there are wonderful parks, ponds and such roadside trees as metasequoia and ginkgo.

The residents recollect with deep emotion the days two years before as they feast their eyes on the dramatically transformed area.

In late July 2024, a record downpour struck the northern border area of the country and the water level of the Amnok River far exceeded the danger line, with the result that Sinuiju City and several islands of Uiju County in North Phyongan Province became submerged.

At this juncture, respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un personally directed the operation to rescue flood victims on the spot and, after safely evacuating all of them, looked round the flooded area to take detailed measures for rehabilitation.

The 22nd emergency enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held on the spot and the members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade were dispatched immediately to the area from Pyongyang amid warm encouragement of the General Secretary.

As he repeatedly visited the rehabilitation site, he gave meticulous guidance over the construction of embankments, dwelling houses, nurseries, kindergartens, schools and health facilities, so that the island area afflicted by flood disaster generation after generation could become an island of happiness free from flooding.

The rehabilitation work was completed in a little over four months and the inhabitants moved into new houses of happiness.

When everyone was struck with admiration for the great change in the area of Wihwa Island, he unveiled another plan to build there a large combined greenhouse farm covering hundreds of hectares and turn the area into a model farm in the new era with great development potential and paid frequent visits to it to provide wise guidance for the gigantic regional development project.

The locals are so grateful to the respected General Secretary as eye-opening progress is being made not only in the economic and cultural life of the islanders but in the economic development of the island area and Sinuiju City.

At present, construction projects are being pushed ahead in the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm area, including an advanced public health facility, leisure complex, general vegetable processing factory, tree nursery, orchard and other production bases.

The island area will undergo another transformation with the completion of the large-scale projects.

Greenhouse farm produces bumper harvests

By **Yun Ki Song** *PT*

The Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm has over 1 150 modern greenhouses of different types including double-slope inter-connected glass hydroponic greenhouse and domed glass hydroponic greenhouse.

The greenhouses, where environment measurement, ventilation and nutritious solution supply and recovery are done automatically, are equipped with a geothermal cooling and heating system to normalize vegetable production throughout the year.

The Sangdan Farm cultivates dozens of species of vegetables in over ten kinds of crops including fruit and leafy vegetables. The daily yield reaches hundreds of tons.

Various kinds of functional vegetables grow at the greenhouses of the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre, a modern base for vegetable sci-tech research and dissemination. There are semi-arched double-sheet greenhouses for research into the methods of combining vegetable cultivation and fish farming, vegetable cultivation and mushroom cultivation and vegetable cultivation and livestock breeding, and semi-airtight glass hydroponic greenhouses leading the previous glass hydroponic greenhouses by one generation.

The vegetable cultivation technologies completed there are disseminated to the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and other greenhouse farms across the country.

Officials and employees of the farm conduct manuring and cultivation in a scientific and technological way in keeping with the growth of crop varieties in order to produce fresh vegetables in all seasons. In particular, they pay attention to increasing the proportion of different kinds of tasty and nutritious fruit vegetable varieties.

Spectacular is the sight of trucks loaded with vegetables from the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm leaving every day for different parts of North Phyongan Province.



Employees gather in tomatoes at the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm.

Emulation drive gains momentum

By **An Hyok Chol** *PT*

A socialist emulation drive is energetically going on in the area of Wihwa Island towards achieving collective innovations and greater successes by helping and leading one another forward.

A production competition is heating up among several farms under the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm.

The manager of the Soho Farm said that all employees are learning hard to produce more vegetables in the greenhouses in their charge, adding that the intensive scientific farming drive helped increase the vegetable output in the last few months.

Last July, the farms, workteams, sub-workteams and employees that won the first place in the review of the socialist emulation drive for the first half of the year were highly appreciated.

Kil Chong Han, a farmer of the Hadan Farm who is nearing sixty, learned science and technologies with the assistance of researchers and harvested over 10 tons of cucumbers in the greenhouse in his charge during the emulation period.

Yun Ok Gum of the Sangdan Farm, who reaped more than 10 tons of tomatoes by managing two greenhouses alone, has recently taken charge of a cucumber greenhouse, saying a master of the farm should be able to grow any vegetable.

With an enterprising spirit, she assumed a new task of helping the management of twelve greenhouses of her workteam.

The islanders are burning with a zeal to spruce up the island area which turned into a beautiful place thanks to the great benevolence of the state.

Hundreds of hectares of lawn have been newly created and more than 100 000 trees are growing on the island, adding beauty to the ecological environment of the farm area.

Amid the growing trend of furnishing houses neatly, many households have become model families of socialist cultured way of life in the past one year alone.

As the mounting enthusiasm for emulation is greatly changing the working manner and lifestyle of the residents, a new life, a new civilization, is being created on Wihwa Island.

Ryongnam Hill full of determination to repay leader's favour



Officials, teaching staff and students of Kim Il Sung University are full of great joy after celebrating its 80th anniversary in the presence of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

By **Pang Un Ju** *PT*

Respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un visited Kim Il Sung University on the occasion of its 80th founding anniversary to make a speech, see a performance together with its officials, teaching staff and students and have a photo session with them.

The officials, teaching staff and students of the university, who celebrated its 80th founding anniversary in the presence of the respected General Secretary, are burning with the determination to repay his favour.

Kim Chol Ung, PhD, associate professor and director of the Catalytic Chemistry Institute of the Chemistry Faculty, said that he is quite anxious as he fails to live up to the high expectations of the respected General Secretary and that he will devote his sincerity and redoubled efforts to education and scientific work with fresh determination.

Recalling that the respected General Secretary said in his speech that before being recognized by the world in terms of any certain indexes or items, the university should naturally be appreciated by the country and the people for its true and sound educational courses and the successes resulting from them, and its position should be verified by them, Kim Song Mu, PhD and section chief of the Nano Materials Institute of the Materials Science Faculty of the university, said, "In order to produce genuine patriots who will make strenuous efforts for the country and the people, true servants who will faithfully support the country, I will make devoted efforts with clear conscience as an educator to train the best revolutionary talents."

All the educators of the university, including elder professors and lecturers and researchers of the new generation, are firmly determined to glorify its dignity and reputation by putting spurs to education and scientific research with their successes and actual results as a new starting point so as to be able to compete with the world.

Kim Jin Sim, a student of the Faculty of Korean Linguistics, said that she would repay the trust of respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un, who called the students of the university "Dear students of Kim Il Sung University", with fine academic achievements. Hwang Yong Jin, a student of the Law Faculty, expressed his determination to set an example in making the trait and habit of being faithful to the Constitution of the DPRK and moral obligation prevail in the campus, bearing deep in mind the General Secretary's instruction that the discipline of Kim Il Sung University is directly linked with the national trait.

The students of any faculty or course of the university say in unison that with the faith that the country's competitor is the world and the masters of the competition with the world are the students of the university, they will exert themselves so as to proudly demonstrate its dignity and honour.

The officials, lecturers, researchers and students of the university, who received the General Secretary's encouragement and trust on the occasion of its birthday, are now working hard day and night with a mind to repay his favour.

Burning enthusiasm in education sector

By **Ri Sung Ik** *PT*

Since the 15th National Conference of Teachers, the education sector has been ablaze with enthusiasm to bring about successes in the educational revolution in the new era.

It is the strong will of the educators to ensure a rosy future of the overall national prosperity by training revolutionary younger generations and competent talents.

Officials of the Ministry of Education are working out a scientific and realistic plan for future innovations with the will to unconditionally implement the intention of respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un for making the country's education a world-class one which can powerfully promote the prosperity of the country.

The general education sector is seriously discussing the issue of expanding the implementation of the second universal 12-year compulsory education programme without deviation and supplementing the contents of education, while the higher education sector is deliberating over the issues of steadily perfecting the educational structure by looking forward to 50 years ahead, including more effective implementation of the full credit-based teaching management system and establishment of new high-tech subjects and majors.

The teacher training sector is discussing the issues of providing sufficient conditions for ensuring the successful implementation of the full credit-based teaching management system in the universities of education and of stepping up the writing of new teaching materials.

Educational officials and educators across the country are also intensifying research and exploration for the development of education.



Officials of the Ministry of Education discuss how to bring about innovations in education.

North Phyongan Province is taking proactive measures to ensure that schools have proper foundations for experiments, practical training and practical education, which is important in implementing the new educational programme. Jagang Province had excellent educators of several technical and vocational colleges conduct a workshop for teachers of technical subjects in general education and organized many activities to improve the qualifications of teachers.

The educators who took part in the 15th National Conference of Teachers and received the blessing of the respected General Secretary are becoming increasingly enthusiastic about standing in the vanguard of the educational revolution in the new era.

Kim Sung Bok, director of Phyongsong City teachers' in-service training school who presented a bouquet to the respected General Secretary at the venue of the photo session, and other participants in the conference visited rural schools in their localities with educational aid materials. They helped local educators to introduce new effective and advantageous teaching methods and improve the quality of experiments, practical training and practical education.

Pyongyang University of Education No. 2 inaugurated



An inauguration ceremony of Pyongyang University of Education No. 2 is held on October 2.

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Pyongyang University of Education No. 2 has been newly built at the time when the revolution in education in the new era has been expanded and developed on a nationwide scale.

Pyongyang Municipality successfully built the university with a plottage of over 86 000 square metres. The university has new school buildings, a practical education hall, an e-library, a gymnasium and others in line with the modern educational development trend and pedagogical requirements. It is also equipped with advanced education equipment and teaching aids.

An inauguration ceremony of the university was held on the spot on October 2.

Present there were Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Party and power organs and relevant officials in the municipality, teachers, researchers, builders and the teaching staff and students of the university and parents.

Prior to the inauguration ceremony, there took place a national flag-hoisting ceremony.

Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, made an inauguration address.

The speaker referred to the fact that respected Comrade Kim Jong Un personally guided the layout and design for the university on several occasions and took benevolent measures to ensure that the university was fully provided with modern educational conditions as required by the revolution in education in the new era.

Then masters of the university cut the inauguration tape.

After the ceremony, its participants looked round various places of the university.

Songgum goes through transformation



Modern houses standing in rows along the foot of a mountain, fertile fields and flocks of grazing goats bathed in the light of the setting sun add to the beauty of the Songgum Livestock Farm in the evening.

By **An Hyok Chol** *PT*

In Kangdong County in the suburbs of Pyongyang, there is the Songgum Livestock Farm under the Kangdong County Rural Economy Committee of Pyongyang Municipality.

Until some years ago, what could be seen in Songgum, a mountainous area far away from the county town, were only hills, meadows and houses lying scattered sporadically.

But it underwent a change beyond recognition three years ago.

It still strikes visitors with admiration.

The livestock farm looks like a picture as it has modern houses standing in rows along the foot of a picturesque mountain, neighbourhood-serving amenities, indoor breeding grounds, a dairy food production workteam and others.

Each building was built so distinctively that anyone can say at once what the building is without seeing its sign, and the whole farm goes well with the surrounding environment, evoking unusual emotions.

Most eye-catching are a nursery and kindergarten reminiscent of a fairytale world and a nice school, whose educational conditions and environment are all as good as those of urban ones.

The clinic equipped with the telemedicine system can take medical measures in time for patients with any kinds of diseases, and there are a nice bathhouse, barber shop, beauty salon and soft drink stand.

According to Won Yu Gyong, manager of the farm, the farm village was splendidly built and all the villagers were provided with new houses free of charge thanks to the state measures.

The farm established a system of comprehensively grasping and managing production at all workteams and has a sci-tech learning space, where farmers can acquire advanced scientific and technological knowledge to their heart's content, and a research room for solving sci-tech problems arising in the farm.

The indoor breeding grounds use an integrated control system to automatically control feed supply, temperature and humidity by computers, while the assorted feed production workteam produces and supplies assorted feed and nutritious feed additives by itself.

The milk-processing process, the last and most important one at the stockbreeding base, is equipped with modern facilities capable of mass-producing a variety of dairy products including milk powder, butter and cheese.

"After the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea adopted the childcare policy on supplying nutritious foods including dairy products to the children at nurseries and kindergartens across the country at state expense, our farm was newly built as part of the efforts to implement the policy," said the manager. "The transformation of the farm has brought about a great change in the life of the people who have lived here generation after generation."

The dairy products of the farm are now being supplied to the children at nurseries and kindergartens in Pyongyang Municipality.

Game centre wins popularity

By **Jong Chol** *PT*

The Rangnang Mokran Computer Game Centre in Rangnang District of Pyongyang is always crowded with visitors.

The centre opened last year, but it gains in popularity among the visitors as it has many amusement facilities everyone likes to play, men and women, young and old.

According to Kim Sun Jong, staffer of the centre, in less than a year since its opening many people have come here to have a pleasant time.

The centre is divided into two sections, indoor and outdoor, and the indoor section is more enlivened.

The indoor section consists of the general game room, interactive 3D cinema, shooting gallery, photography studio and others, equipped with over 200 amusement facilities of different kinds.

Children have so much fun using relatively simple and charming amusements like horse-riding, picking up toys and motor race. Adults say that it is hard to follow their children who are busy selecting those that suit their psychology and tastes but they wear smiles and curiosity on their faces.

Senior middle school students and adults like amusements requiring considerable physical strength and skills including hammer blow, fist strike and six-axis flight and VR amusement facilities.

After demonstrating their strength of arms and fists in the amusements for hammer blow and fist strike, some men try to display their power in boxing in virtual reality. But thinking and doing are two different things.

"I was so excited that I felt as if I played a real boxing match. So I frequently moved back and forth and hit the opponent hard with all my strength. After the game, I removed the protective gear and looked around to meet with a burst of laughter from the crowd. Probably, my boxing posture looked ludicrous. A man said that he narrowly escaped my punch as I swung the fist. I felt shame a little, but was very pleased," said Kim Chol U, a 31-year-old man living in Rangnang District, Pyongyang.

Women mostly perform graceful rhythmic movements to the tune of cheerful music pieces at the music rhythm, foot dance and time keeping amusements.

Not only the interactive 3D cinema and shooting gallery but also the outdoor section where visitors can drive various motor vehicles for amusement and photography studio are also always full of laughter and optimism of the people.

"I hope more and more people would come here to have a rest and pleasant memories in the future, too. We are doing our best for it," said Kim Sun Jong.



Children enjoy themselves at the Rangnang Mokran Computer Game Centre. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Landscaped workplace

By **Yun Ki Song** *PT*

The compound of the Pyongyang Condiments Factory is not so big.

But every visitor to the factory is struck with admiration at the sight of its buildings surrounded by groves and flowers.

In the compound and along the fence there grow over 4 000 trees in over 60 species, including zelkova tree, spruce, juniper and metasequoia, some 800 roses in over a dozen species and over 120 fruit trees, including peach, apricot and persimmon trees.

According to Kim Ran Hui, keeper of the factory's greenhouse, all the officials and employees take part in the landscaping of the factory.

The green area created by them has reached over 13 000 square metres.

In front of the Puhung Leisure Complex fully equipped with cultural and welfare facilities there are a variety of flowers, including beautiful roses, in full bloom and different species of tall trees and shrubs, including elm, Japanese barberry and Korean box tree, and flowering plants form a distinctive landscape.

At lunchtime and during a break employees of each workshop spend a good time having a rest or playing amusement games in their landscaped resting place.

The yard of the factory's nursery is reminiscent of a flower garden in a fairy tale.

It serves as a good playground for children as it has a colourful arch-style resting place harmoniously adorned by a waterfall and climbing roses.

The employees of the factory affectionately call it their workplace in a "park" landscaped with various kinds of trees and ground-cover plants.



Riverscape spruced up

By **Ri Sung Ik** *PT*

A new sight has unfolded around the Jangsan River in Pyongyang.

The river, where water courses from several districts join, is some kilometres in length.

However, it is closely connected with the people's life as it flows through a residential area.

Many people stroll along the promenade along the river and the elderly take light exercises there in the morning and evening.

The scenery around the river has recently changed completely.

The promenade, chairs, street lamps and all other things have been renovated to meet the modern aesthetic sense, with a large LED screen installed on either side of the river so that singing keeps resounding there. Weeping willows with their long thin branches hanging down have been decorated with graceful illuminations.

A fountain with decorative illuminations shining brightly in various colours and floating flower-shaped insecticidal lamps decorated with illuminations in the middle of the river make the scenery conspicuous.

A boating ground has come into being there, and boats different in shape give people pleasure. Pedal boats attract adults, while small boats driven by paddle wheels are liked by children.

On the boating ground adults are quite glad like children, and children enjoy themselves in the safe section without knowing the passage of time.

Around the boating ground there are public catering facilities where people can take roast meat and soft drinks for people's convenience.

Also distinctive is the sight of angling fans sitting here and there landing fishes, making passers-by stop and share delight with them.



The Jangsan riverside atmosphere is well established and now attracts many people. PAE CHOL SU/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

In the evening, the river area bright with decorative illuminations is further crowded with people back from a day's work.

They boat by families or spend a good time relishing roast meat on skewers while drinking Taedonggang Beer and young couples take photos of their beloved children engrossed in playing. They all have smiles on their faces, adding beauty to the scenery of the area.

Park a favourite haunt of everybody



The Rangnang Park. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By **To Kyong Chol** *PT*

There are many parks in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK.

Rangnang District alone has several parks and Rangnang Park, one of them, has been renovated.

Kim Jong Chol, a workteam leader of the park, said that it is the fruition of the spirit of devoted service of the district officials who are intent on providing the people with a better environment for cultured life.

In early May several of the officials visited the park.

A few days later, the officials visited the park again and showed the employees of the park a formation plan for the renovation of the park, suggesting they spruce it up to meet the modern aesthetic taste.

In a little over a month after that, the park was transformed beyond recognition.

The gatepost of the park was newly built and the children's playground covering a vast area, the roller-skating rink and the volleyball, badminton and basketball courts were all renovated to be neat and original.

In the children's playground there were set up various kinds of more amusement facilities suited to children's mind. In the middle of the park there appeared a loop route for battery motor cars favoured by children along with a flowerpot stand depicting the lily of the valley.

The green section has a plant sculpture depicting a mother bear and a cub sitting with a honey jar between them, which adds distinctiveness to the park.

New walkways were laid to enable people to take a stroll without feeling inconvenience and ground-cover plants and good species of trees were planted in good harmony to improve the landscape of the park.

O Hye Suk said that she visits the park with her granddaughter, who attends a nursery, almost every day and that she is quite unusually pleased to sit at the resting place of the park while inhaling fresh air and seeing the granddaughter frolic.

"On holidays people have volleyball, badminton and basketball matches in the park, and they are really spectacular. I feel the pride of my job in seeing them enjoy themselves to the full while laughing cheerfully," said Kim Ran Hui, a keeper of the park.

Parental care continues

By **Kim Hak Chol** *PT*

Many students who graduate from middle schools for orphans under the paternal care of the Workers' Party of Korea enter the universities and colleges to continue their study.

Though their homes move from the schools to the dormitories of universities or colleges, the Party continues to take care of their life.

The country took a measure to set up the units in charge of the supply of materials for the life of university and college students who graduated from middle schools for orphans. They are the materials supply stations for university students.

As to this, Kim Son Yong, director of the Pyongyang municipal materials supply station for university students, said:

"Thanks to the state's supply system, students who study at universities and colleges after graduating from middle schools for orphans receive a variety of foodstuffs on their birthdays as well as various kinds of daily necessities and school things during their university days, but most of them do not know the fact that there are units specializing in looking after their life. Whether they know it or not, however, the state policy for parentless students has continued to be enforced invariably until today."



Employees of the Pyongyang municipal materials supply station for university students visit the graduates of middle schools for orphans at Pyongyang University of Transport. KIM YONG CHAN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Five years ago, when they heard a news that Jong Yu Gyong, a graduate of Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans, volunteered as a teacher at Kwangmyongsong Primary School in the city of Samjiyon at the northern end of the country after graduating from Pyongyang Teachers Training College, officials and employees of the supply station visited the college with padded clothes, an overcoat, office supplies and many other materials for her.

Yu Gyong came to know that day that those people were employees of the supply station and all the benefits she had received continuously during her college years were provided under the care of the Party and according to the policy of the state.

At that time, she realized belatedly that the meticulous care of the motherly Party reached every corner of her life and growth even after she left Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans she and her fellows call a home of happiness and offered her grateful thanks to the visitors, she recalled.

"I feel great pride in my job. I will work harder to make the love of the Party fully reach them," said director Kim Son Yong.

Epochal event in modernization of Navy

By **Ri Sung Ik** *PT*



The destroyer *Kang Kon* commissioned into the Navy of the Korean People's Army.

The DPRK is a maritime country bounded by the sea on the east and the west.

The sea is a site of the Korean people's life and at the same time has constantly been a main route of aggression by the enemies.

It is a fact well over 100-odd years ago that the US imperialists dispatched an aggressor ship to a coastal area of Korea to infringe on the sovereign rights of the country and inflict great misfortune and sufferings on the Korean people.

After the establishment of the DPRK, hostile forces continued maritime aggression in an attempt to block its independent development but the sailors of the Korean People's Army defended its sea of the country in the indomitable spirit of defence and the heroic self-sacrificing spirit.

In those days, the Korean people harboured a burning desire for a strong navy, and the desire grew so intense decade after decade and from one century to the next.

It is respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who translated the long-cherished desire into the present reality and gave the DPRK's navy invincible vitality.

With the great ambition to increase the country's defence capabilities in every way so that no hostile forces dare to provoke, the respected General Secretary put forward a strategic policy for epochal development of the shipbuilding industry and wisely led its implementation.

While learning about warship building at major shipyards on the spot, he stressed that only when there are powerful naval forces that no one can provoke, is it possible to defend the security of the country and the people and guarantee normal development of the fishing industry and the overall national economy and that for us, the sea, before being a limitless base for prosperity, is an inviolable domain where the dignity and prestige of our state and the people's life are defended.

2025 was recorded as a remarkable year in which an important breakthrough was made in the modernization of the Navy in the new era in the country.

At a ceremony of launching a destroyer of the Navy of the Korean People's Army, which was held on April 25, the significant founding anniversary of the first armed forces of the Korean revolution, the state-of-the-art multi-mission destroyer was classified as a Choe Hyon-class vessel and the first warship was named after Choe Hyon, an elder of the armed forces of the country and a veteran general. And at a similar ceremony held in June demonstrating the vigorous advance and development of the revolution in the warship-building industry and the modernization of the naval forces in the new era, another newly-built destroyer was graded as the Choe Hyon class and named Kang Kon, the first chief of the General Staff of the KPA.

The General Secretary evaluated the needs of history and the present times with a responsible attitude and viewpoint towards the security of the present and future and steadily led the revolution in the warship-building industry.

In the place where there took place the test for assessing the performance of the warships' weapon systems, he expressed his determination to take national measures to build up the Navy which plays an important role in defending the maritime sovereignty of the country and exercising the war deterrent. And at the first enlarged meeting of the Ninth Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, he indicated the orientation and ways for accelerating the construction of modern naval bases and the technical updating for expanding the capacity of shipyards at all levels in keeping with the start of signal transformation in the position and role of the Navy.

He made sure that the principle of bringing ability in step with a goal set by the times, instead of setting a goal based on the calculation of ability, was adhered to and that the goal was attained without compromise or delay under any circumstances. Thanks to his immortal leadership exploits, the DPRK, with its own efforts, built and commissioned into the Navy in two or three years the destroyers, which reflect the Korean people's desire for peace and prosperity.

In his speech made at the ceremony for marking the commissioning of the destroyer *Kang Kon* held on September 6 this year, the General Secretary said that in the past, because of the limitations of our military equipment, we had no other alternative but to leave the enemy warships move rampantly around our territorial waters as they wanted, although we had such great courage and mettle to defend the seas of our country firmly and that such a thing of the past shall never be repeated. He also declared that the military activities for maritime defence and war deterrence are the constitutional duty of the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to safeguard the absolute security of the state, maintain the strategic stability and the balance of forces in the region and contain geopolitical threats.

By enhancing position and role of teachers



Ri Ryong Ung, teacher of Pyongyang Teachers Training College

October 5 is World Teachers' Day.

The purpose of marking the day is to bring home to people the significance and importance of educational work in social development and to enhance the position and role of teachers.

In developing education, the role of teachers, who are in direct charge of it, is very important.

It is because the training of talents and the development of human civilization are inconceivable apart from teachers, just as social progress is unthinkable without education.

Therefore, UNESCO has made positive efforts to elevate the status of teachers worldwide so that they can successfully conduct educational work under the stable conditions and environment and amid the great social concern.

On October 5 1966, UNESCO and the International Labour Organization adopted a recommendation seeking to "ensure that teachers enjoy the status commensurate with their role".

The theme for this year's World Teachers' Day is "Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures".

Today, teachers should navigate transformations unforeseen 60 years ago, including digital technologies, artificial intelligence, climate change and conflict. This urgently demands that teaching is sufficiently recognized and valued in society, teaching profession protected, status of teachers elevated and their working environment properly provided.

The DPRK has identified education as the most important state affair to which priority should always be given and the greatest effort should be devoted.

The country regards the strengthening of the ranks of teachers as a prerequisite for the development of education and takes measures to that end, while putting forward the teachers devoting themselves to the education of rising generations as patriots and meritorious persons.

Educators are provided with excellent houses free of charge and the state's preferential treatment measures for them keep increasing with the passage of time.

The social climate of respecting and giving prominence to teachers has been established and the enthusiasm for supporting the educational sector is growing stronger across the country.

That is why teachers in the DPRK devote their all to the educational development of the country with the pride of being career revolutionaries.

The 15th National Conference of Teachers held in September this year served as a significant occasion which boosted the extraordinary resolution and enthusiasm of educators across the country to add lustre to the heyday of the educational revolution in the new era as the staunch revolutionaries and ardent patriots devoting themselves to the training of younger generations by cherishing the Workers' Party of Korea's idea of attaching importance to education as absolute guidelines.

BYWORD

Career revolutionary

In the DPRK, where education is regarded as an important issue, the primary state affair, that decides the destiny of the country, teachers are called career revolutionaries.

True to the Workers' Party of Korea's idea of attaching importance to education, teachers devote themselves to the education of the rising generation, conscious that only when they prepare themselves to be true patriots, persons of lofty character and ability, can they educate the students to be good persons faithful to the country.

As not merely educators but like caring mothers, they take meticulous care of students' study and life while transferring knowledge to them and educating them in morality.

The country holds such teachers in respect and gives prominence to them.

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Murder of Korean empress an act of state-sponsored terrorism

By **Kim Hye Jong** *PT*

Also recorded in the history of Japanese invasion of Korea is the murder of Empress Myongsong, also known as the Ulmi incident.

The Japanese militarists went to extremes in their moves to colonize Korea by force of arms in the late 19th century.

At that time, they harboured the wild ambition to seize before others Korea, an arena of competition for colonies among the Western powers. But they failed to realize it, as they were not strong enough to fight head-on with the powers. Moreover, Empress Myongsong of the Korean feudal government was following a pro-Russian policy with the intention of containing Japan with the help of Tsarist Russia since the Japanese were so ambitious to dominate Korea.

Worrying that its scheme for the invasion of Korea might be foiled due to the growing influence of Russia, Japan plotted to eliminate Empress Myongsong who had been the actual power holder of the feudal Joson dynasty.

As they schemed to kill the empress, the crafty Japanese militarists tried to fake an internal coup of the Korean feudal government in order to prevent protest from home and abroad and shift the blame for the crime.

On October 8 1895, the murderers including Japanese troops, policemen and civilian ruffians rushed to the Royal Palace. They met with the resistance of the Korean royal guard. In the gunfight they shot the regiment commander of the guard to death and encircled the residence of the Korean emperor. They tried to intimidate him into handing over the empress and detained him before breaking into her bedchamber hall. Although they had already got familiar with her appearance by means of her portrait, they found it difficult to spot her in the complete mess of numerous court ladies running pell-mell while screaming. So they indiscriminately stabbed them to death, believing that the empress might be among the ladies.

The palace turned into a slaughterhouse and sea of blood in a flash.

After identifying the empress bleeding and still breathing among the fallen ladies, they rolled her in a quilt, put it on a pile of firewood which had already been got ready in the nearby pine forest and burned her to death. And they threw the pieces of bones that remained unburned in a pond to remove the traces of their crime.

This is the truth and details of the incident that startled the world.

The then diplomatic minister of Russia said in a report sent to the foreign minister of the country that "I cannot but point out that the current incident is a criminal case unprecedented in the world history. In peacetime, foreigners, with the help of their army and under the patronage and guidance of their legation, thronged into the royal palace of other country to kill and burn the empress and committed all manner of despicable murder and violence, but they deny what they did before the world. Such shameless act will be unprecedented anywhere else."

After going so far as to murder the empress of Korea in a cruel manner in order to realize their aggressive goal, the Japanese militarists became more undisguised in pursuing the colonial enslavement policy toward the country and finally occupied it militarily.

The past hideous bloody crime of Japan is unprecedented in history and statute of limitations never applies to it.

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.

The country 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.

It set a clear goal to block the flow of illegal emigrants to Europe by developing the regional economy.

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.

According to the comprehensive "Senegal 2050" agenda, the government plans to modernize the grain and peanut cultivation sectors to overcome the vulnerability to irregular rainfall and climate change.

It 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.

More undisguised moves towards territorial expansion

By **Choe Song Jun** *PT*

Israel gets ever more undisguised in its moves towards territorial expansion.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has recently disclosed that acts of violence against the Palestinians by Jewish settlers are getting more pronounced in the West Bank. According to it, they have assaulted the former more than 6 000 times since 2023 in the region, causing huge casualties and material damage.

In the period over 130 Palestinian residential districts have been completely or partially evacuated and 6 500-odd Palestinians displaced.

In July, the Jewish settlers committed violence against the Palestinians who were farming in the West Bank, injuring about 30 people including children, women and elderly persons and destroying the infrastructure. They were followed by the Israeli troops, who declared the Palestinians' farmland as a "military zone," drove them out of it and left the Jewish settlers there.

All these acts of violence are being perpetrated under the patronage and connivance of the Israeli authorities.

Recently, the Israeli Cabinet approved a budget bill for the construction of 34 new Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Over 100 settlements were reportedly approved to be built in the region by Israel in the past four years.

The Israeli authorities even approved the plan to register the West Bank as part of their territory, unhesitatingly claiming that there would never be a Palestinian state and that it was their land.

Facts clearly show the wild ambition for territorial expansion of the Israeli authorities to establish an "Empire of Great Israel" in the Middle East.

Over 700 000 Jews, accounting for 10 percent of the Israeli population, now live in the West Bank and East al-Quds occupied by Israel due to its undisguised moves toward expanding Jewish settlements.

Israel, hell-bent on territorial expansion despite the strong criticism and denunciation by the international community, will never evade the stern judgment of history.



Israel continues to commit murder in the Gaza Strip.

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Russia

FM warns foreigners against staying in Ukraine

The Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement to warn foreigners again not to stay in or visit Ukraine.

Referring to the fact that the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation have systematically dealt merciless intensive blows to munitions objects in the capital city of Kiev and others in retaliation for Ukraine's terrorist acts against the peaceful residents and civilian infrastructures of Russia, the statement said that foreign citizens and diplomats should not stay near munitions objects in Kiev and other cities.

Russia has already warned so several times, it said, adding that those who ignore the warning will have to bear full responsibility for the negative consequences resulting from their stay in or visit to Ukraine.

China

Japan urged to severely punish intruder

A spokesman for the Chinese embassy in Tokyo urged Japan on October 1 to severely punish the one who illegally intruded into the embassy.

As regards the opening of the trial of the official in active service of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces, who illegally intruded with a knife into the Chinese embassy in Japan, the spokesman said that this incident, which violated the sovereignty of China and seriously threatened the life and safety of the embassy members, reveals many problems in Japan including a lack of supervision and control of the SDF personnel.

He said that China will not accept any denial as the fact and evidence concerning the incident are obvious and clear.

Iran

Saboteurs linked with US and Israel arrested

The Iranian Ministry of Intelligence Services announced that it arrested 31 members of four sabotage organizations linked with the US and Israel in Kerman Province on October 3.

According to a statement posted by the ministry on its website, the arrested tried to carry out the plans of the US and Israel to threaten the safety of people and destroy state-owned and private property.

US

Civilian vessel hunting continues in the Caribbean

The US army continues to be hell-bent on hunting civilian vessels despite the protest and denunciation from the international community.

On October 4, it attacked a civilian vessel in the Caribbean Sea to kill four sailors.

This time, too, the US military made the stereotyped argument that the attacked vessel was sailing along the "drug smuggling route", but failed to present relevant evidence.



The Birthday of King Tangun is commemorated at the Mausoleum of King Tangun on October 3.

Birthday of King Tangun marked

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The Birthday of King Tangun was commemorated with due ceremony at the Mausoleum of King Tangun on October 3.

Present there were Kim Hyong Sik, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Jon Sung Guk, vice-premier of the Cabinet, officials of the History and Heritage Administration, officials concerned, working people in Pyongyang and overseas compatriots staying in the homeland.

There was an ancestral rite for Tangun.

Then Hwang Kwang Il, director of the History and Heritage Administration, made a commemorative report.

The reporter praised the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who ensured that the remains of Tangun, ancestral father of Korea, was found out and the Mausoleum of King Tangun was wonderfully renovated to add lustre to the 5 000-year history of the nation.

He noted that the DPRK has greeted a great new era of self-reliance and rejuvenation on the road of historic advance for the overall development of socialism under the veteran and seasoned guidance of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the peerless patriot.

DPRK players win 41 medals including 26 golds

At Taekwon-Do World Cup Games-2026

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The Taekwon-Do World Cup Games-2026 took place in Kazakhstan from September 27 to October 2.

The games brought together more than 890 players and coaches from 24 countries and regions including the DPRK, Russia and Tajikistan. DPRK players won 41 medals including 26 gold medals.

They came first in the men's and women's team pattern competitions in the senior category, the men's team pattern competitions in the youth category and the women's team sparring matches in the senior category.

Kim Il Hyok was placed first in the men's individual pattern competition and Ryu Kyong, Kim Ji Hong and Pak Nyom Won in women's individual pattern competitions in the senior category and Kim Phyong Il, Tong Chung Mu and Yun Jang Won in the men's individual pattern competitions in the youth category.

Kim Wi Song, Ryu Song Guk, Kim Il Hyok and Kim Ju Il came first in the men's individual sparring matches in the senior category, Ryu Kyong, Pak Sol Mi, Han So Yon, Kim Ryu Gyong, Min Hye Gyong, Pak Nyom Won and Kang Chol Ok in the women's individual sparring matches in the senior category and Kim Phyong Il, Mun Nam Hun, Hwang Ui Song and Kim Jong Ung in the men's individual sparring matches in the youth category.

The DPRK players, who glorified the honour of the country in the games, were warmly greeted at Pyongyang Railway Station on October 6 by Kim Kum Chol, secretary general of the Cabinet, officials concerned and officials of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, sportspersons and families of the players.

Sportspersons put garlands around the necks of the players and coaches and gave bouquets to them, congratulating their successes.

News from DPRK Championships

By **Sin Pyol** *PT*

The DPRK Championships, which opened on September 22, are going on, attracting keen interest from many people.

First-division men's soccer tournament

At the time when all teams played two matches in the first-division men's football tournament, the Sonbong team scored 10 goals, but the Pyongyang and Wolmido teams made only one goal respectively.

The Pyongyang and Wolmido drew 0-0 in the third match, failing to quench their "thirst" for more goals.



A scene of the first-division men's football tournament as part of the DPRK Championships.

First-division women's soccer tournament

The first-division women's football tournament gets fiercer with the passage of time.

Though it conceded a goal first in the match with the Hwaeppul team, the Sobaeksu scored four goals by destroying the stout defence of the rival team to win the match again.

After seesaw battles, the Jebi defeated the Wolmido 3-2 and the Kalmaegi won the match with the Rimyongsu 1-0. The Jebi also beat the Kalmaegi 2-0.

Rowing and canoe

The sports events drew the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport, Piryugang and several other sports clubs across the country.

The players displayed their high physical and technical abilities from the beginning in the races, establishing higher records than before.

Those of the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport Sports Club distinguished themselves in the LM4, W2X and LW4 which took place on the first day.

With the canoe races taking place in several categories, the players of the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport Sports Club and the Piryugang Sports Club set high records in kayak and canoe held on the first day.

Tomb with murals dating back to Koryo period unearthed

By **Ri Sung Ik** *PT*

A new tomb with murals dating back to the Koryo period (918-1392) has been found in the township area of Jangphung County, Kaesong Municipality.

A research group of the History Faculty of Kim Il Sung University discovered the tomb in the course of deepening the survey and excavation of historical relics.

The tomb is composed of a stone coffin laid 1.5m deep from the earth surface and such outer setups as stone-stair and protection walls. The floor of the tomb is well compacted with weathered gneiss and its east, west and south walls are put up with trimmed granite pieces. Its north wall is composed of a black plain rock with the records on the deceased's career and family inscribed.

The stone coffin is covered with a lid stone 150cm long, 140cm wide and 35cm thick.

The murals on the east and west walls are landscapes in ink depicting the scenery of surrounding area on smoothly trimmed granite slabs.

The picture on the south wall shows two warriors standing guard in the front gate.

Inscribed on the north wall made of black slate are more than 1 000 letters in 42 rows, 27 characters in one row. The letters explain that the dead was a military officer in the first half of the 11th century and he was conferred honours of chief captain posthumously.

This tomb is of high academic significance.

There are not many tombs with murals of Koryo, including royal mausoleums, which have been discovered so far, but it was the first time to discover such murals of the recently unearthed tomb realistically reflecting the beautiful scenery, especially the actual landscape.

In addition, a great deal of monumental inscription was unearthed, making it possible to study at a new stage the history and culture of the Koryo period.

The inscription on the tomb carries data helpful to elucidating the political, economic, cultural and military fields of Koryo from the late 10th century to the first half of the 11th century.

The tomb murals have many things in common with those dating back to Koguryo (277 BC-AD 668) in content and painting.



Part of one of the tomb murals.



A stone slab.

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