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LEAD

Kim Jong Il goes down in history as eternal leader of WPK

June 19 is a significant day in the history of the Workers' Party of Korea.

That day in 1964 Kim Jong Il began to work at the WPK Central Committee.

He led the WPK for nearly half a century.

In the 1960s modern revisionism emerged in the world socialist movement, causing a series of complicated situations.

Kim Jong Il, who started to work at the Party Central Committee at that time, put his heart and soul into defending, maintaining and carrying on the Juche-oriented party-building idea and exploits of President Kim Il Sung.

He clarified that a revolutionary party is a political organization which works to put into reality the idea and leadership of the leader, its founder. On the basis of it, he put forward a unique party-building idea of strengthening and developing the WPK into the party of President Kim Il Sung forever. And he took it as his lifelong task and wisely led the effort to carry it out.

Under his energetic guidance a monolithic ideological system of the leader was firmly established

in the WPK, with the result that the cause of party building of the leader was successfully advanced.

He set it as the fundamental principle to make the WPK a motherly party that takes responsible care of the destiny of the people and faithfully serves them and strictly adhered to it.

He saw that the Party and state lines and policies were worked out with the demands and interests of the masses of the people as the absolute criterion and all Party organizations and officials established a revolutionary habit of cherishing the spirit of devotedly serving the people, going among them and working like their servants.

As he adopted the noble view on the people based on "The people are my God" idea and ensured that benevolent politics and all-embracing politics were applied to all Party work and activities, the WPK was strengthened into an invincible party which achieved single-minded unity of the leader, Party and people and vigorously advanced the revolution and construction on the strength of its might.

He also built up the WPK as the powerful guiding force of

the Songun revolution.

He formulated Songun politics as the main political mode of socialism and the mode of revolutionary leadership of the Party in line with the changed circumstances and the requirements of the developing revolution in the 1990s and developed the WPK into the organization for political leadership of the Songun revolution.

Under his leadership the whole Party was imbued with the Songun idea of Juche and a drive was pushed ahead dynamically to model after the revolutionary soldier spirit and fighting spirit of the Korean People's Army. As a result, the WPK grew markedly stronger in revolutionary spirit, sense of organization and discipline and united force and its leadership authority and role were further enhanced.

As is seen above, Kim Jong Il performed an undying exploit for the development of the WPK and it is the greatest one of his exploits for the revolution and construction.

Herein lies the historic significance of the day, June 19.

By **Kim Rye Yong** PT

ANECDOTES

His watchwords for Party workers

While leading the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman Kim Jong Il paid much attention to making Party workers true servants of the people. Many anecdotes are told about his activities as to this.

Flower and butterfly

One day in the summer of 1970, the Chairman stopped by the shore of a lake on an inspection tour.

Admiring the view of the lakeside covered with beautiful flowers in full bloom, he told accompanying officials that one can easily decide which flower is fragrant or not by carefully watching the movements of bees and butterflies, adding that logic also works in human life.

A Party worker need humane feelings to attract people, he said, adding the fragrance of a Party worker is humanity and tenderness.

He continued to say that bees and butterflies go to fragrant flowers because they have floral nectar which the insects need for their existence and the reason why the flowers have fragrance is that they need the insects to be pollinated and bear fruit; the same logic can be applied to the relationship between the Party and the people—the masses of the people can add glory to their political integrity only when

they entrust their destiny to the Party and receive its guidance, while the Party can emerge victorious in the revolution only when it rallies the masses behind it.

Compost and fruit

One day in May 1973, the Chairman had a talk with some officials on the cause of mistakes in the work with the people.

Pointing out that the problem is that some Party workers were failing to make an in-depth study of their working methods with a high degree of consciousness of their responsibility for people's political integrity, he noted what is most important for a Party worker to acquire the right working method and the art of leadership is to possess the spirit of serving the people and the spirit of sacrificing everything for the revolution.

He went on to say that the efforts of Party workers are not easily recognized by people because they are like compost which helps the crop grow from underground, and added that Party workers can be successful when they go deep among the people and mingle with them and back up administrative and economic officials substantially.

By **Pang Un Ju** PT

REMOVAL

Inter-Korean joint liaison office pulled down

The north-south joint liaison office was completely destroyed with a powerful explosion at 14:50 on Tuesday, the Korean Central News Agency reported.

The liaison office, which was built in the Kaesong Industrial Park to facilitate candid discussion between the authorities of the north and the south and fully ensure exchange and cooperation, had been appreciated as the fruit of the historic Panmunjom inter-Korean summit in April 2018, but it was turned into a useless house by the incompetent south Korean authorities.

According to KCNA, the latest punishment measure the DPRK has taken after cutting off all the communication lines between the north

and the south is its primary first-stage action to surely force those who defiled its inviolable supreme dignity and those who have shown no remorse or regret to pay dearly for their crimes.

The DPRK made it clear that it will closely watch the attitude of the south Korean authorities and set the intensity of and time for taking successive action measures against the enemy according to their subsequent demeanour and conduct. It also warned that under such an acute situation as it is now the shameless and reckless attitude and response of the south Korean authorities will prompt tougher retaliation plans.

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The four-storey north-south joint liaison office located in the Kaesong Industrial Park is completely pulled down at 14:50 on Tuesday.

STATEMENT

Kim Yo Jong warns s. Korea will have to pay high price for perfidy

“It was utterly sickening to listen to the speeches of the south Korean chief executive, though made in the capacity of the ‘president’, as it was devoid of any sense of responsibility towards the nation and will, and any direction and measures for straightening out the current situation, but interspersed with self-defence, evasions of responsibility and deep-rooted big-power worship,” said Kim Yo Jong, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, on Wednesday.

The statement came after the south Korean chief executive made lengthy speeches on two consecutive occasions on Monday at the meeting of chief secretaries of and advisers to the Blue House and through the video message addressed to the “event in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the June 15 declaration”.

The following are the excerpts from the statement:

String of rhetoric mistaking the means for the end

Everyone knows that the current grave situation was caused by the human scum who recklessly scattered anti-DPRK leaflets and the south Korean authorities who connived at the outrage.

Then the south Korean chief executive should have voiced his apology, repentance and firm pledge to prevent the recurrence of such reckless act in his speeches.

But his talks were consistent with flowery words jumbling up excuses and tricks for evading responsibility, without any mention of the means and the end.

The anti-DPRK leaflet-scattering by the dregs of society and the south Korean authorities’ connivance at it are not a matter that can be glossed over with such abstract embellishment.

The fundamental problem

lies in that the south side intentionally eroded mutual respect and confidence that are the basis and starting point of north-south relations.

They dared to defame our Chairman, the supreme dignity that is the very central core of what we hold sacred, and at the same time committed the most reckless act of mocking all our people.

How could such an act be viewed as the deed of “some”, be denounced merely as a “troublesome and difficult problem” and be approached simply with a “heavy heart”?

I repeatedly say that the defiant defamation of the Chairman who represents our dignity amounts to hurting the spiritual core of our people, and it is the ideological thought and feeling of all our people and our national trait that they would never forgive whoever did it.

The south Korean chief executive, however, made no admission of what they did wrong and showed no trace of repentance, to say nothing of any measures.

It is only dastards who seek to shift the blame for their misdeed onto others.

Could north-south relations be reversed with a few honeyed words, now that confidence has completely been undermined and aversion has reached extremes?

Shameless sophism for shifting responsibility

The south Korean chief executive is a party responsible for forging ahead with the north-south ties.

As a party who not only signed the historic Panmunjom Declaration and Pyongyang Joint Declaration but also assured the 80 million fellow countrymen a rosy destiny and future of the nation, it is quite natural for him to take a standpoint and attitude of taking full responsibility for north-south relations irrespective of whether they turn out good or

bad.

But a close scrutiny into his recent speeches shows that he attributed all failures in the ties to any external factors.

He said he “also feels deep regret over the fact that south-north relations have failed to make progress as expected”, but is it the standpoint and attitude to be taken by the so-called “head of state” to just express vague expectations and regret?

What cannot be overlooked is he said as to the current serious situation that he fears the north might go back to the past era of confrontation as it denounces the leaflet-scattering by the scum and the south and cuts off communications, and he hoped that the problem would be settled through communication and cooperation.

It should be said that every word of his sophism reeks of shamelessness and impudence.

Who has feigned to be blind and dumb over our advice and admonition to re-adopt the standpoint and attitude as a master responsible for relations and thrown away trust and promise just like a pair of old shoes?

Paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Panmunjom Declaration stipulates that both sides shall discontinue all hostile acts including broadcasting through loudspeakers and scattering of leaflets in the areas along the Military Demarcation Line.

It is clear to anybody that the south Korean authorities are to blame for having left alone the anti-DPRK leaflet-scattering that had been committed on their land, not just once or twice but for such a long period as two years.

The height of his shamelessness is that he reiterated as if the south made lots of efforts for the implementation of the inter-Korean agreements.

Have the south Korean authorities properly implemented even a single paragraph of the Panmunjom Declaration and the September

Pyongyang Joint Declaration they are obliged to honour?

He should have taken at least one attitude that he would bear responsibility for what he has done. He is a man who arouses increasing doubt.

Expression of servitude and submission

The south Korean chief executive recently let loose mere rhetoric that he might do something for the north-south relationship even though “no condition is provided”, saying “north-south declarations are the firm principle which should never be shaken”.

However, when he uttered a spate of sycophantic gibberish that the favourable situation is not provided only by the will of the north and the south and he would make strenuous efforts to get the consent of the international community though it might take time, his true nature of worshipping and depending on big powers was fully revealed.

It shows that the plight of him who always reads the face of his master and lives under its thumb is so miserable as to ask the robber for a helping hand, who turned their homeland into a mess, even under the present situation where north-south relations reached such a catastrophic phase.

Even before the ink on the north-south agreement got dry, he accepted the “south Korea-US working group” under his master’s pressure and submitted all problems related to the relations to the White House. This has all boomeranged on him with today’s catastrophic consequences.

The south side must have been clearly aware that their acts could lead to the wanton violation of the north-south agreement when they staged war exercises and offered an astronomical sum of tax-payers’ money to purchase advanced weapons on the orders of the master.

But their blind creed that the “alliance” must be put above the north-south agreement and its power brings peace led them along the path of continued submission and shameless perfidy.

For the past two years, the south Korean authorities have pursued the awkward policy of “good cycle” of north-south relations and DPRK-US relations, rather than national independence, and attached the absolute preconditions of “within the framework of sanctions” even when they belatedly offered to “expand the scope of movement”.

The present situation of inter-Korean relations that have been reduced to a plaything of the US is a tragedy that stemmed from the persistent and deep-seated pro-US flunkeyism and submission of the south Korean authorities.

What matters is that even at this moment of floundering in the quagmire, the south Korean chief executive is showing a wretched sight of catching at the coattail of the outsider.

Even animals do not fall into the same trap.

Judging from his behaviour of vacantly speaking out a spate of foolish remarks nothing short of pricking his eyes with his own finger every time he makes a speech, he seems to be insane though he appears to be normal outwardly.

It is our rigidly fixed judgment that it is no longer possible to discuss north-south relations with such a servile partner who is given to deep-rooted flunkeyism and makes headlong rush to disgrace and self-ruin.

After all, the south Korean authorities are now left with nothing to do with us.

The south Korean authorities will be forced to keenly realize how excruciatingly they will have to pay for breaking faith with us with the passage of time.

KCNA

REACTION

Eruption of public rage inevitable

Now the Korean people are seething with towering anger at the reckless leaflet-scattering committed by the human scum with the connivance of the south Korean authorities.

Amid the growing zeal for retaliation of the Korean people eager to sternly punish the riff-raff who dared to slander the most sacred dignity of the

DPRK supreme leadership and the traitors who connived at the outrage, the people from all walks of life including youth and students are hardening their resolve to turn out in the leaflet-scattering campaign against the enemies. The youth are taking the lead in the move and readying themselves fully to this end.

The eruption of the public rage is an inevitable consequence in view of history.

The anti-DPRK smear campaign is a deep-seated and ignominious thing that has been on for a long time in south Korea.

Rather than drawing a lesson from the catastrophes caused by the disgraceful behaviour of their predecessors, the present south Korean authorities ignored the historic inter-Korean agreements and tolerated the recklessness of the scum for a long time.

Therefore, the south Korean authorities’ absurd claim that

the DPRK’s advance notice about the leaflet-scattering campaign against the enemy is a violation of the Panmunjom Declaration is like putting the cart before the horse.

Those who overlooked the outrageous leaflet-scattering that goes against the north-south agreements are too ineligible and unfit to talk about “violation”.

They disqualified themselves from uttering about “observance of agreements” by conniving at the anti-DPRK leaflet-scattering in disregard of the DPRK’s warning and the fate of inter-Korean relations.

The ridiculous bragging of the double-faced, evil-hearted rogues only makes a laughing stock of themselves.

At present, all the Korean people, especially youth and students, are just longing to go to the front line and engage in the largest-ever, whole leaflet-scattering campaign.

Soon, every passing second on earth will be the most agonizing moment of approaching the tragic doom for the provokers and the enemies will be unable to sleep a sound sleep for even a single night.

RODONG SINMUN

STATEMENT

DPRK will never sit face to face with s. Korea, senior official declares

“It is our stand that is the end of all if we regard everything that happened between the north and the south as an empty dream,” said Jang Kum Chol, director of the United Front Department of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, in a statement on Wednesday.

The statement came the day after the DPRK exploded the unsightly north-south joint liaison office in the Kaesong Industrial Park.

Referring to the fact that the Blue House, much upset by this, convened a meeting of the Security Council and clarified an official stand on the result of the meeting, Jang Kum Chol said that they only tried to shift the blame onto the other by employing the stereotyped method they had resorted to for a long time in the past, ridiculously threatening the north.

The south Korean authorities reportedly expressed strong regret, termed the DPRK’s measure an act contrary to

expectations, asserted the full responsibility for all situations rests with the north, and bragged that they would take strong countermeasures if the north took measures of continuously aggravating the situation, he noted.

It seems that the south Korean authorities felt an urgent need to keep their face this time as they have been exasperated and pushed to the tight corner till now by our sharp rebuke that they connived at the anti-DPRK hostility committed by human scum and come under fire at home for their humiliating policy of low posture and the policy of behaving at the beck and call of the north, he derided.

The chief culprit, who reduced the north-south declaration and agreement made in the eyes of whole nation and world to a scrap of paper, and the provocateur, who hurt what the DPRK deems sacred and pushed the situation to the nadir by enraging the Korean people, have the temerity to pass the

buck, he rebuked.

“The mishap is what they deserve for their crime. Given that they try to shift the blame onto us, we will take responsibility without reluctance.

“We are never afraid of whatever responsibility, as there is nothing to be implemented and no future for improved inter-Korean relations.”

We have no intention to sit together with the authorities of the south side, he said, adding that when considering the merits and demerits of a total rupture of inter-Korean relations, the DPRK has nothing to lose, but it will be a matter of concern to the south Korean chief executive who has been engrossed in making administrative records during his stay in office.

Through the current crisis, he concluded, it has been proved that the enemy is the enemy after all and we made quite correct decisions.

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OPEN REPORT

KPA General Staff affirms military guarantee for state measures

“Our army will provide a sure military guarantee for all external and internal measures to be taken by the Party and government,” said a spokesman for the General Staff of the Korean People’s Army on Wednesday.

The KPA General Staff issued an open report on the direction of the next-stage military action plans against the enemy on Tuesday.

Saying detailed military action plans are under examination in the KPA General Staff, the spokesman noted that regiment-level units and necessary firepower sub-units that will carry out defence mission will be deployed in the Mt Kungang tourist area and the Kaesong Industrial Park.

Civil police posts which had been withdrawn from the Demilitarized Zone will be set up again to strengthen the guard over the front line, he said.

Troops on combat duty of the artillery units deployed on the whole front including the southwestern maritime front will be reinforced, the level of the front guard duty upgraded to top-class combat duty system and all kinds of regular military exercises resumed in the areas near the boundary, he said.

The KPA will open areas (districts) favourable for scattering leaflets over the south on the whole front, militarily guarantee our people’s drive for scattering leaflets and take thoroughgoing security measures, he said.

“The KPA General Staff will work out these military action plans against the enemy in greater detail and submit them to the Central Military Commission of the Workers’ Party of Korea for its approval at an earliest date.”

KCNA

MESSAGE

DPRK declines s. Korea’s request for admission of special envoys

According to news reports, the south side, much upset by the toughest retaliatory offensive mounted by the DPRK against the enemy, sent a message to the DPRK, saying that President Moon Jae In wants to send special envoys to the Chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission, they will be Jong Ui Yong, head of the national security office of the Blue House, and So Hun, director of the National Intelligence Service, and they will visit at any earliest possible date set by the DPRK side.

In reply to the message sent by the south side in a hurry, Kim Yo Jong, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, reportedly notified the DPRK’s stand that it flatly rejects the request.

Kim Yo Jong warned the south Korean authorities, saying they

had better refrain from giving an impression that they are trying to do something with the unrealistic proposal like the dispatch of special envoys, but take proper actions in return and calm down, strictly controlling words and deeds of those fools who keep provoking us like adding fuel to the fire without discerning the prevailing situation.

The south Korean authorities have taken great pleasure in sending special envoys for "overcoming crisis" and offered preposterous proposals too often, but they must be well aware that such a trick will cut no ice with the DPRK.

The current inter-Korean crisis caused by the south Korean authorities’ incompetence and irresponsibility can be no means be resolved and it will be over only when they pay dearly for it.

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SENTIMENT

Enraged people find it hard to calm down

Growing higher as the days go by is the retaliatory zeal of the Korean people to sternly punish the human scum who dared to slander the most sacred dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK and betrayers who connived at the outrage of the scum.

After the open report of the General Staff of the Korean People’s Army was issued, in particular, people from all walks of life including youth and students across the country are hardening their resolve to turn out in leaflet scattering against the enemy.

They have been unanimous in demanding the rubbish be poured over the “dumping ground”, giving vent to their soaring anger that it is an intolerable mockery of the

DPRK that the south Korean authorities behaved impudently over the hideous crime of recklessly scattering leaflets against the DPRK committed by human scum of “defectors from the north”.

Especially, the university students are getting themselves fully ready to go into the action of scattering leaflets toward the enemy, asserting that it is needed to resolutely punish the reactionaries and human scum as much as they did against the DPRK.

Nobody can predict what kind of action will be taken by the enraged DPRK people and what extent it will reach.

It is a common acknowledgement of all the Korean people that it is due to the brazen-faced and treacherous behaviour of

the south Korean authorities who do not feel guilty even a bit that inter-Korean relations have reached a catastrophic terminus, and that there should not be slightest concession and mercy when forcing them to pay dearly for their crimes.

The present situation proves that there is no need to make any promise with the south Korean authorities, but physical action to settle accounts with them is the only option.

The Korean people are hardening their will against the enemy to indiscriminately launch the largest ever leaflet scattering when the front line is opened according to the relevant measure which is scheduled to be taken.

KCNA

Nationwide

Millions of wild fruit trees planted in North Phyongan

North Phyongan Province planted over 7.3 million wild fruit trees of different species in more than 5 500 hectares of forests during the spring tree-planting period.

Manuring and tending of the planted trees are being carried on properly while the

production of saplings of such trees is being stepped up to be planted in autumn.

Tree nursery built in North Hwanghae

North Hwanghae Province has constructed a modern tree sapling production base.

The nursery covering an area of dozens of hectares is furnished with seed selection and sowing ground, plastic panel greenhouse and outdoor

cultivation ground.



Ultraviolet sterilizing lamps widely adopted

Ultraviolet lamps are increasingly installed at hospitals, kindergartens,

nurseries, foodstuff factories, public catering establishments and many other units in the DPRK to sterilize medicines and foodstuffs and prevent spoilage and degeneration of raw and other materials.

According to Kim In Hyok, deputy chief engineer of the Pyongyang Lighting Appliances Factory, the sterilizing lamp conforms to the international standard in the amount of ultraviolet

radiation. It is much higher in transmittance and sterilizing effect than an imported one of the same kind and consumes less electricity.

At present, the factory produces not only ultraviolet lamps in different sizes but also water-disinfector, hand-disinfector and other disinfection equipment that use such lamps.

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USI

County thrives with booming local industry

Usi County is located in a mountainous extremity of Jagang Province in the northern border area of the DPRK.

According to locals, the name Usi originated from its ancient custom of doing a ritual praying for rain as it had very little rain throughout the year.

Hence it had been regarded as an area unfit for human inhabitation from olden times.

However, the county has been increasing budgetary revenue every year and is now well known to the whole country as a model local industry county which steadily strengthens the local economy.

Effective use of water resources

“The electricity problem had to be solved before anything else in order to ensure full-capacity operation of factories and to provide the residents with convenience in life,” said Pak Mun Chol, chairman of the People’s Committee of Usi County. “Having the Chungman River with a large flow of water, our county has built medium and small power stations, which turned out to be very beneficial.”

According to him, they built Usi power stations units 1 and 2 by damming the river.

Usi Power Station Unit 1 in the county town is said to have been operating for over 10 years.

According to Kim Hyok Chol, manager of the minor hydropower station operation and construction company of Usi County, the electricity produced at Usi Power Station Unit 1 was initially supplied to most of the factories in the county.



Usi Power Station Unit 1 in Jagang Province supplies power to local factories and residential quarters.

A few years ago, Usi Power Station Unit 2 was completed to provide for the electricity need of the county population as well as all the local industry factories in the province.

The construction of Unit 3 was started last year.

When completed, it can fully meet the demand for electricity

of residents in several adjacent ris.

Besides, small-sized power stations were built in Pyolha-ri and Hachang-ri to provide for the local needs.

At present, the county is directing efforts to tapping natural energy resources.

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

Wood chips turn into furniture pieces

The Usi county wooden furniture factory makes a good use of by-products from wood processing.

Having introduced a new planing and veneering machines into the plywood production process, the factory turns out planed veneers and tongued-and-grooved blocks with delicate patterns and natural beauty. The planing refuse is used in making timber connectors which help make the furniture pieces more light.

It also uses the by-products

instead of electricity.

It remodelled the electrothermal press into a press based on oil heating fuelled by sawdust and planing refuse, which resulted in double productivity in the plywood production process.

“The furniture pieces produced at our factory are popular among local customers as they are light and can be used for many purposes,” said manager Yu Chol.

All of them are made from locally abundant timber, he said, adding the factory has

no worry about materials as it is expanding the timber forest on the principle of planting one hundred saplings for every felled tree.

By Yun Kyong II PT



Workers engage in wide grinding work at the Usi county wooden furniture factory.

Boost in condiments production

According to Kim Kyong Sun, manager of the Usi county town food shop, the products of the county condiments factory are the most sought after.

Soy sauce, bean paste, soy oil, wild grape tea, barrenwort liquor and many other products are enjoying popularity, thanks to its recently modernized soy and bean paste production line.

“Until a few years ago, our factory’s soy sauce and bean paste did not win favour with local people. So we had to pay much attention to improving their quality,” said manager Pak Chol Nam.

They found the way out in modernizing the soy and bean

paste production line.

With the main emphasis on raising quality and ensuring food safety, they remodelled all the facilities and automated the production processes from material transfer to material measuring, steam cooking and leavening.

“We often go out to local groceries to collect feedback on the condiments made at our factory,” said Kim Yong Chol, member of the managing staff in charge of production.

The factory also produces a variety of foodstuffs from wild fruits from local mountains.

By Kim Il Jin PT



The Usi County Forestry Management Station produces saplings of 22 species, red larch, pine, white pine, wild pear, yellow horn, apple and peach among them.

Encouraged *Paeonia suffruticosa* cultivation

Recently, the Usi County Forest Management Station has cleared a large hectare of land for *Paeonia suffruticosa* cultivation.

The perennial bush is said to produce fruits for dozens of years and has fruit and oil productivity much higher than bean.

According to information available, the oil content of its seed is over 22 percent, the oil extraction rate is over 18 percent and the per hectare oil yield is over one ton when they are grown for more than 10 years.

Presently, it is a worldwide trend to develop not only

high-quality edible oil but also various products such as health foods, quality cosmetics and medicines with the pharmacologically efficacious seeds of *Paeonia suffruticosa* as the main ingredient.

Usi County is planning to alleviate the local shortage of edible oil by extracting *Paeonia suffruticosa* seed oil.

“The plants grow well even in the places where the sunshine rate is some 50 percent and the soil condition is poor,” said Kim Yong II, manager of the county forest management station. “They are also highly resistant to drought and cold and can pass

the winter alone, which made them well-suited to our county in the northern mountainous region.”

However, the cultivation of *Paeonia suffruticosa* proceeded with much difficulty from the first step of purchasing the seeds to finding the right soil and sowing and sprouting them.

“The two-year-olds transplanted in the fields bore the first blossoms this year and we will soon be able to pick their first fruits,” said chief engineer Song Ki Bong.

The forest management station is also proficient in producing saplings of wild fruit trees including *Schisandra chinensis*, *Aronia melanocarpa* and *Pyrus pyrifolia* and other trees such as red larch, pine-nut tree and bamboo-willow tree.

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

CHILD CARE

Working mothers feel little worried about their children

Industrial establishments with many women employees have nurseries in the DPRK.

"The factory selected the site of our nursery in the best place and gave it a total facelift on several occasions. The present building was reconstructed last year," said Kim Ok Ran, head of the nursery in the Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326.

The two-storey nursery building with a total floor space of 3 600 square metres has rooms for those in the suckling and edification classes, an intelligent games room, dining hall, laundry, medical room, outdoor playground and others. There are fairy-tale pictures on all the corridor walls and smart desks, chairs and beds in the rooms.

After arriving at the nursery together with their mothers in the morning, children have a simple medical check-up and start their interesting daily programme.

"At first, I didn't feel at ease with worry about my daughter since I had left my fretful child who was reluctant to part from me to the care of nursery teachers. But a few days later, she threw herself into the arms of nurses with an unreserved smile and became healthy. Sometimes, she would pester me to go to the nursery even on Sundays," said Kim Sin Hui, a worker with a two-year-old daughter.

In the nursery children have three meals and two snacks. The state provides them with not only food grain and condiments but also kefir,

help drops and peanuts for their snacks and the factory also offers fruits and other foods.

"The nursery cooks spend much labour for each meal to improve the nutritious conditions of children, preparing rabbit dish and mussel and carrot powder gruels," said the nursery chief.

The daily routine of the children in the edification class includes intelligent games, singing and dancing, physical exercise and study of storybooks, and kids are especially fond of intelligent games and sports, according to nursery teacher Jong Yong Ae.

Children build vehicle, crane and other models using various construction sets and easily complete animation pictures by putting together dozens of jigsaw puzzle pieces, she said, adding their skills develop remarkably day after day.

Those who have an aptitude

for music learn to play the electronic organ and percussion instruments. "Laughter of children romping happily in the playground during the field play time is heard even in office rooms. In that case I have a strong urge to look out of the window. Their laughter reverberating through the factory compound is the pleasure of all our employees," said Mun Myong Chol, a workshop manager of the factory.

"My son, who has been attending our factory nursery since he was a suckling baby, is now four years old. As the nursery takes full care of him, from his health management to nutrition management and intelligence development, I am free from worries about him, which makes me work to the best of my ability," said Jo Mi Hyang, a staffer of the factory.

By Kim Rye Yong PT



Children play at the nursery in the compound of the Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326.

HYDRO-METEOROLOGY

Weather forecast improved in accuracy

The State Hydro-Meteorological Administration works to put weather observation and prediction on a more modern

and scientific basis.

It has increased the frequency of daily observation at observation points to provide

data with high resolution, and installed over 100 automatic observation facilities to boost the density of the meteorological observation network.

It researched and introduced the methods of numerically forecasting heavy rain and hailstorm and forecasting typhoon route to establish the meteorological disaster warning system, and improved the work to regularly monitor hydro-meteorological and marine conditions including drought and water volume of reservoirs as well as the work for prompt notification of information.

While pushing ahead with the project to set up an ultra-short-term numerical weather forecasting system for forecasting weather more promptly than previously, the administration is



Hydrometeorologists work at the control room in the State Hydro-Meteorological Administration.

PROFILE

Painter builds up his career inspired by animals

Artists usually like to draw animals, but it is not easy for them to make a successful career with animal painting.

They should master the fine-line painting technique and create their own original mode of depiction to make the living animals on the paintings appear lifelike.

Kim Hun (pictured), head of the colour sculpture production office of the Mansudae Art Studio, is well known in the art circles as an expert in animal painting.

His masterpiece is oil painting "Tiger".

On the painting is a tiger sitting against the backdrop of a cracked rock in the mountain. Every hair of the tiger is so sleek and vivid that they make viewers feel as if they are those of a living animal and its glaring eyes seem to be flashing. The strong paws feel strong and valiant as if the tiger is ready to jump out from the ground and jump into the air at once. Even the young twigs and wild grasses on the ground are so lifelike that they look as if they would secrete gums if they are broken and rustle when trampled.

"If you see Kim Hun's works of art, you feel as if you are enjoying photos, not paintings. No one can match him in representing the texture of animals so vividly," said Choe Tong Il, an artist at the studio.

Born to an artist's family, Kim Hun had cherished a dream and hope of becoming an artist from his childhood. His father, candidate academician, professor and PhD, was a lecturer at Pyongyang University of Fine Arts. Whenever he heard his father telling stories about Korean painting and world art, his mind was always on the drawing board, Kim recalled.

Kim enrolled on the preliminary education course of the university at the age of 14 and began to learn fine arts.

"Texture is an important attribute of fine arts. I studied hard to acquire the fine-line painting technique in an effort to improve the texture of paintings," he said.

He started his research into fine-line painting technique 30 years ago.

"I was engrossed, among

diversifying the service related to weather information including the state of fine dust, atmospheric quality, temperature change and atmospheric humidity.

Diverse services as to information and common knowledge about weather are provided by means of mass media and communications and progress has been made in the efforts to ensure promptness in



others, in producing big paintings by copying others when I began my career as an artist. But those into which I put much energy ended in failure as they had no individuality," he said. "Since then I have concentrated on improving texture, a main quality of oil painting."

He studied as much material as possible to have a good grasp of the objects of portrayal. Sometimes he observed tigers all day long without having meals at the tiger shed of the zoo.

Enjoying music also took an important part of his research.

He thinks that artists should be emotional and have rich feelings to perfect their fine-line painting technique. In marked contrast to his character as a taciturn man, he always listens to lyric songs to draw inspiration for artistic creation.

"He is a very resolute artist. Once he starts drawing, he never leaves his studio. Sometimes, it takes one or two months to finish production," said Choe.

Sharp eyes on the objects of representation, original composition and bold yet delicate stroke of brush are his special fortes and his animal paintings create a clear impression of life, in which vigour and emotion, spirit and soft touch harmonize with each other.

His animal paintings were highly appreciated at international art expos and shows as well as various national exhibitions. He was also invited to several countries for artistic production.

Kim was awarded the title of People's Artist in 2015.

By Ri Sung Ik PT

early forecast, early warning and mass information of disasters for setting up a nationwide crisis management system.

The administration also makes and provides detailed recommendations as to weather conditions for economic sectors and those needed for the work and life of individuals.

By Kil Chung Il PT

DISABLED

Persons with disabilities given the full treatment as they do like the abled

Priority given to the benefit of disabled soldiers

Some people are given especially preferential treatment in the DPRK.

Among them are honoured disabled soldiers.

Pak Won Min at the food administration station in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang, said disabled persons need preferential treatment in society and others' help as well, adding it is natural for them to give a helping hand to the honoured disabled soldiers who dedicated themselves to the country and people.

Many people look after and help them in their everyday life, to say nothing of on holidays, which has become a social habit.

Recently, Kim Chol Yong, a special-class disabled soldier with paraplegia living in Songyo-dong No. 1, Songyo District, Pyongyang, became able to walk again after years of treatment.

His neighbour Kim Chun Bok attributed his recovery to the heartfelt sincerity of many well-wishers, rather than tonic.

Villagers said that Kim Hye Gyong, household doctor in charge of Kim Chol Yong at the Songyo Polyclinic, took much trouble, but the doctor said:

"I received great help from many while visiting different hospitals and universities to get advice from experienced doctors and various parts of the country in search of Koryo medicinal materials good for his treatment. They offered unstinting assistance to me with a mind to restore the disabled soldier to health."

Among the helpers were persons who conveyed the secret treatment recipe associated with great devotion, sent precious medicines and provided much money.

Their devotion helped Chol

Yong tread on the ground again in four years.

The day when his cherished desire was fulfilled, the disabled soldier shed warm tears of thanks, saying that he could walk again as he lives in the harmonious Korean society in which everyone leads and helps one another forward.

Such a story is the tip of the iceberg.

Shortly ago, *Pyongyang Sinmun* carried an article introducing those who have taken care of disabled soldiers including Jong Un Byol in Ryonhwa-dong No. 2, Central District, Pyongyang, and O Ryong Ho living in Munsu-dong No. 3, Taedonggang District, Pyongyang, like their own children and brothers though they differ in living and working places.

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Young man with disability lives out his dream

On March 19 this year, the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK issued a decree on awarding Order of the National Flag 2nd Class to Jon Ju Hyon (pictured), table-tennis player of the Korean Sports Association of the Disabled.

Receiving heartfelt congratulations from many, Jon said he fulfilled his childhood dream.

In his boyhood, he met with an accident and became unable to walk and was later diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis.

It was tantamount to a death sentence to the boy who had been dreaming of becoming a sports star.

He would enviously look out at his frolicking fellows and became reluctant to meet visiting chaps.

And then one day a ray of hope shone on the crippled and frustrated boy.

Officials of the Korean Sports Association of the Disabled extended a warm helping hand to Jon lest he should abandon his dream.

They devoted sincere efforts to the medical treatment for him and his recuperation, coached him and looked after him as



Jon Ju Hyon plays singles (TT6) at the ITTF Asian Para Championships in 2019.

carefully as his own parents and sisters would do.

"They shared all woes and pains with me at all times, when I was sick, sweated in training and felt depressed for failure," Jon recalled.

Their warm care, great encouragement and exact demand helped him go beyond the extreme limits.

Thanks to their assistance, he came third in the singles event (TT6) at the Second Asian Paralympics held in October 2014.

"Ju Hyon is a gifted player. He is perfect in defence. If his health had not deteriorated,

he would have unfolded stirring scenes at subsequent international games," said coach Son Sol Hwa.

Once defeated, the weak only lament looking back, but the strong rise to their feet looking ahead.

"My willpower was given by those who cared for me so much and gave me a push to success. I wanted to fly our national flag on the international arena," said Jon.

After emerging winner in the fight against the relapse, he came first in the team event (TT6-TT7) and third in the singles (TT6) at the ITTF

Persons with impairments enjoy working



KIM YONG CHAN

A man with impairments repairs a wrist watch at the welfare service workteam of the Jungsin Light Labour Workshop Management Board in Pyongyang.

Man may lose his working ability due to illness in the course of his life.

Disability in general leads to unemployment.

But in the DPRK where the state carries complete responsibility for the living of the people and takes full care of them as a policy, special attention and more benefits are devoted to such persons.

Already in the early 1960s, it established a system to give the infirm persons medical benefits by excluding them from the main labour force, and restore them to health by giving them occupational therapy.

Accordingly, household doctors came to keep the special lists of them to offer them medical assistance, while light labour workshops came into being.

The Jungsin Light Labour Workshop Management Board in Pyongyang has about 100 employees.

In the workshop, they do production and various welfare service activities that fit them for six hours a day.

"We make the badges of the Children's Union. We feel pride in our work, though undemanding, at the thought that we contribute to the good of schoolchildren," said Ri Kyong Sik, leader of the

Asian Para Championships held in Chinese Taipei in July 2019 and won the team event (TT6-TT7) and the singles (TT6) at the ITTF Para Table Tennis Bangkok Open in Thailand in August the same year.

Now the man in his 20s cherishes a bigger dream to notch up greater success.

By Ri Sung Ik PT

production workteam.

Members of the home workteam provide dozens of kinds of welfare services including the repair of watches, glasses and electronic appliances, clothes making and glass cutting.

Unlike other enterprises, the management board has to look after the health of its employees as an important duty.

"In accordance with the state policy on the infirm and regulations on the management of light labour workshops, we work hard to properly operate the nutrition canteen for employees. Paramedics prepare liquid medicines and Koryo medicines to suit the conditions of each patient for recovery," said Ri Chon Ok, chairwoman of the management board.

The management board takes measures to ensure that its employees feel no inconveniences in life while always paying attention to their living and arranges tours of scenic beauties in summer and autumn.

"I was a highly skilled hand in a big machine factory. Since I unexpectedly got hurt in my waist, I've worked in the light labour workshop. I offer my heartfelt thanks to the state and officials for giving us big benefits and deeply caring for us. We lead a fulfilling life under social care," said worker Kim Yong Chol.

"I've received state benefits since my childhood for my poor health. Now, as an adult, I have come to be able to do something for the country, I feel proud of my effort in front of society and my parents," said worker Thae Yun Il.

By Pang Un Ju PT

EDITORIAL

China capable of ensuring prosperity and stability in HK

The anti-China moves of the West overstepped the limits with the recent Third Session of the 13th National People's Congress of China as a momentum.

The meeting adopted a decision on establishing and perfecting legal and enforcement systems of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for ensuring national security.

Actually, even before the decision was made, the West had mounted an anti-China offensive, clamouring that China was going to cancel the full autonomy of Hong Kong and put an end to the freedom of Hong Kong society.

Since the Chinese government adopted the decision, they raised criticism that the country violated its international duty and turned the commitment of "one country, two systems" into that of "one

country, one system". The US and the UK attempted to place the Hong Kong issue on the agenda of the UN Security Council, while conspiring with Australia and Canada to issue a joint statement of foreign ministers of four countries against China.

China's recent enactment of the Hong Kong-related national security law is attributable to the nonobservance of Article 23 of the Hong Kong SAR basic law.

The article stipulates that the Hong Kong government should restrain any acts and actions that pose threat to national security "by enacting a law by itself".

However, the national security law has not yet been adopted in Hong Kong though it has been 23 years since it reverted to China in 1997. It was because

some extremist opposition forces incited citizens to obstruct the enactment of the law and, moreover, the anti-Chinese forces in the West patronized them and blatantly interfered in the Hong Kong issue.

Such moves led to serious consequences in Hong Kong.

In 2003, the largest ever demonstration since its reversion to China was staged in Hong Kong against the enactment of the national security law and last year organized acts of violence such as vandalism, robbery, arson and insulting of the national flag and separationist moves were committed continuously against the amendment of the bylaw on extradition, startling the whole world.

China could not neglect the grave situation since it presented a substantial threat to national

security.

The recent enactment of the special law belongs to the internal affairs of China at which no one has the right to point an accusing finger.

Would the countries that are hell-bent on denouncing China still clamour for "freedom" even when something that directly harms their national security such as national partition, subversion, organized terrorism and interference from overseas is rampant in themselves?

The measures of China which is determined to completely eliminate the interference from outside and establish a firm national security system in Hong Kong sounded a warning to the interference of the separationists in the issue.

China will reliably guarantee prosperity and stability in Hong Kong.

RACISM

Racial discrimination typifies US human rights situation

In the wake of the murder of a black man by a white policeman in the United States, the country's human rights situation reeking of extreme racism has become a hot topic around the world.

Human rights secured by colour

A US scholar once wrote in his book that the skin colour definitely matters in

the 'extinction of the white race'. On August 3 2019, a 21-year-old white man killed and wounded 22 innocent people in Texas at random and the motive of the crime was that he 'could not bear to see whites

Police or criminal

According to South African newspaper *Pretoria News*, it is the stark reality that the rate of murder by cops is higher than the crime rate in 27 out of 50 largest cities in the US and this is a typical example showing that the police is as good as cancer in American society.

Such murder rate is said to be twice as high as the crime rate in Kansas of Missouri and Columbus of Ohio. Although African-Americans account for only 5 percent of the population in Minnesota, they make up 20 percent of those killed by police.

It is said that 99 percent of policemen who killed African-Americans faced no legal sanctions. The white cop who recently killed the black man in Minnesota had already faced 18 cases of complaints against brutality, but he had come under written censure only over two cases with the rest being dismissed. Three other policemen who colluded with him in the recent homicide had been involved in different cases of attempted murder of blacks and violence over the past decade, the newspaper noted.

deciding the destiny of American citizens.

"Since 2016, the white supremacist trend has got tribal antagonism and hatred to proliferate in American society," said China's *People's Daily* recently. "Whites who committed large-scale gun violence have all been seized with illiberal fear of

sidelined by the coloured'."

Racial bias in the US is also evidenced by the death rate from COVID-19. According to information available, blacks account for 14.6 percent of the population in Illinois, but they amount to 30 percent of the infected and 40 percent of the dead.



Saying it is not surprising that worse results are produced from among the black people at the time when the infectious disease is widespread in the US, a PhD of the University of New Haven attributed the greater number of the infected and dead from among the African-Americans to the racial discrimination policy causing poor investment in the black community and the vulnerable general health system for them.

Malignant tumour

Tens of thousands of people have turned out in the anti-racist demonstrations in all parts of the US to protest against the murder of the black by the white cop.

The ever-expanding protests draw not only black people but also other ethnic minorities and masses from all walks of life.

The demos take on a more violent character as they get fiercer.

This nationwide chaos is upsetting US politicians in the top echelon and giving a heavy blow to its economy.

The media and experts comment that racial discrimination is a chronic problem of US society, but its leading politicians have long neglected it, and as they have made no effort to address the decades-long problem, it has set off violent reactions and the American economy is compelled to pay high prices owing to the politicians' ignorance and arrogance. They assert that this is not an unexpected occurrence, but the burst of the malignant cancer that has long threatened American society.

By Choe Yong Nam PT

Briefly

Russia

National day celebrated

Russia celebrated its national day on June 12.

That day, a Russian flag hoisting ceremony was held in Mt Poklonnaya in Moscow.

President Vladimir Putin delivered a speech at the event.

After the Russian flag was hoisted, the President awarded four citizens medals of Labour Hero.

Iran

US branded as worst violator of intl pacts

The Iranian Foreign Minister in his Twitter account on June 11 denounced the US' recent prolongation of the UN arms embargo against Iran as a stratagem aimed at exacerbating tension with Iran.

The US administration actually holds the unrivalled record in violating international agreements, he noted.

China

US' religious freedom report rejected

The content of the US "report" related to China conflicts with facts, finds fault with the policy of the Chinese central leadership of its own accord and severely interferes in the internal affairs, said Hua Chunying, spokeswoman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, in a press conference on June 11.

She made such remarks after the US Department of State slandered the Chinese religious policy in its "religious report" for 2019.

France

Anti-racist rallies held

Although mass meetings are prohibited due to the spread of COVID-19, tens of thousands of French people from all walks of life held anti-racist rallies in such major cities as Paris, Marseilles and Lyons on June 13.

Holding slogan boards reading "No justice, no peace" and "Silence is complicity", the participants denounced the brutal murder by the American police as they underlined the need to eradicate racism and achieve justice.

US

Another African-American shot dead by white cop

There was another murder of a black man by a white cop in the US on June 12.

According to local media outlets, the white policeman shot dead the bare-handed young man during detention in Atlantaka, Georgia.

AP reported that although the authorities claimed the black man snatched at a pistol from the policeman, he was running at the time when he was shot.

BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Scenic attraction on east coast of Korea

Located in the northern part of the DPRK's North Hamgyong Province, Mt Chilbo is one of the famous scenic spots on the east coast widely known for the spectacular scenery of mountains and sea.

It has sky-high, precipitous mountains, narrow and deep valleys, myriad-shaped peaks and rocks, thrilling waterfalls and ponds, coastal cliffs and myriad islet rocks and hot spring water gushing out all the

year round.

It is divided into Inner Chilbo, Outer Chilbo and Sea Chilbo.

While Inner Chilbo has fascinating feminine beauty, majestic and spirited Outer Chilbo shows masculine beauty, which is active and open-hearted.

The former mainly consists of myriad peaks and natural caves formed by the weathering of effusive rocks, unfolding superb views with the combination of

green pine trees, azaleas and maples.

The latter is featured by a large number of high-rise grand and curious peaks and mysterious rocks and cliffs formed due to the washing of effusive rocks by rivers and streams, as well as valleys through which crystal-clear water flows continuously.

At the Sungson Pavilion, where fairies are said to have ascended to heaven after having a bath, climbers can have a bird's eye view of kaleidoscopic scenery of Inner Chilbo unfolding below clouds and mountains standing like a folding screen in Outer Chilbo.

Sea Chilbo presents unique coastal views including precipitous cliffs along the coastline, mysterious rocks in different shapes and colours, big and small islets, and spray of water thrown up from the waves of the East Sea of Korea.

The scenery of the beach where the Mujigae (rainbow) Rock is located on coral rocks is so enchanting that the sunrise there is known as the best view.

On the mountain there is the Kaesim Temple, a typical relic from the medieval ages. It is said even kings had to dismount from horses to enter it.

Mt Chilbo, which is on the world biosphere reserve list, abounds in such indigenous plants as Kaesimsa chestnut tree and Korean sasa, wild animals, birds and fishes.

In particular, *songi* mushroom growing on the mountain is famous for its fresh taste and high nutrition.



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A scene of the myriad-shaped peaks on Mt Chilbo.

By Min Chol PT

HISTORY

Korean people begin to use horses thousands of years ago

The Korean nation has long used horses as a means of transportation and communications.

It is evidenced by such harnesses as bits unearthed at the old tombs dating back to Ancient Joseon (early 30th century BC-108 BC).

The people of Koguryo (277 BC-AD 668) enjoyed horse riding and regarded it and archery as an important criterion to estimate people when selecting persons for higher positions.

The murals of Yaksu-ri tomb (late 4th century-early 5th century) and Tokhung-ri tomb (408) show the brave

Koguryo people competing with each other in horse racing, spear and sword wielding or arrow shooting at targets on horseback.

According to *Samguksagi* (Chronicles of the Three Kingdoms published in 1145) and the monument to the Mausoleum of King Kwanggaetho (built in 414), armoured cavalry of Koguryo played a big role in national defence. The mausoleum of King Kogugwon (4th century) and Posong-ri tomb with murals (3rd century) portray typical mural paintings showing the heavily-armed armoured cavalry of Koguryo.

In Koryo (918-1392) brave,

agile young men were selected and taught horse-riding and archery as a law from the early period of its foundation. The *History of Koryo* (1451) says *Singigun*, or a unit of soldiers with wonderful horsemanship, and *Mabyolcho*, a special cavalry unit, held horse riding competitions.

And skills on horseback were very popular in the period of feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910). According to *Muyedobothongji* (Illustrated Book of Martial Arts published in 1790), there are various skills performed on horseback.

By Song Jong Ho PT

WATER

Country boasting rich mineral water resources

More and more people prefer drinking mineral water for their health and medical care in the world.

There are 100-odd mineral springs in the DPRK.

In Pyongyang, there are Okryu, Samma, Konguk, Songbuk and other mineral waters.

The Okryu Mineral Water, which gushes out near the Okryu Bridge at the picturesque Taedong riverside, is specially efficacious for the treatment of digestive diseases like chronic gastritis, light diabetes and secondary anemia since it contains chlorine, bicarbonate, calcium, aluminium and potassium ions.

The Kangso Mineral Water, one of the most famous mineral waters in Korea, proves effective in curing such chronic diseases as gastritis, hepatitis, pyelitis, cystitis, enterocolitis

and cholecystitis, as well as mouth disorders and gastric and duodenal ulcer.

The Kwangmyong Mineral Water with many bicarbonate ions and the Sambang Mineral Water which is widely known for its cold temperature and lots of carbonic components also have a special virtue for treating different diseases.

Other celebrated ones include Myohyangsan, Okhodong, Yangdok and Yodok mineral waters.

In recent years, sanatoriums have been built in the places with mineral springs like the Kangso Mineral Water to be used for the health promotion and medical care. Bottled mineral water is also produced in large numbers.

By Choe Yong Nam PT

SILK

Korean silk dates back to ancient times

The Pyongyang Silk Shop on Mansudae Street in Pyongyang deals in various kinds of silk products.

On display at the shop are national costumes, quilts, pillows and ornaments made of diverse silk fabrics like yaksan, kuryong and rainbow-striped silk.

The traditional silk fabrics are widely known to the world for their lightness, durability, beautiful patterns and softness.

Koreans had already woven silk at the end of primitive ages and ancient times.

It is evidenced by the discovery of earthenware depicting silkworm from the sites which date back to the Neolithic and Bronze ages, including the Jithap-ri site in Pongsan County of North Hwanghae Province.

Silk-weaving technique spread even to Japan in the

period of the Three Kingdoms.

According to a Japanese history book, Korean technicians had been active in Japan from the 4th-5th centuries to the 7th century to teach the locals how to produce silk.

The silk-weaving technique made further progress in the period of Koryo Kingdom. Silk products were exported not only to neighbouring countries but also to the Middle East, getting widely known as "Koryo silk".

In the period of feudal Joseon dynasty, there appeared large numbers of mulberry-cultivating areas and silk production bases throughout Korea.

Today, the Nyongbyon and Pakchon silk mills in North Phyongan Province are noted in the country for silk production.

By Om Ryong PT



Traditional silk clothes and silk fabrics.

