

## Kim Jong Un sends wreath to Cemetery of Fallen Soldiers of CPV

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, sent a wreath to the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County, South Phyongan Province, on the occasion of the anniversary of the CPV's entry into the Korean front.

The historic significance of the CPV's entry into the Korean front which clearly manifested the militant friendship and great unity between the peoples of the two countries remains unchanged even after the lapse of over 70 years, and it is immortal in the annals of bilateral friendship.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that during the past Fatherland Liberation War, the Chinese party and government made a strategic decision to dispatch the CPV to the Korean front under the banner of resisting America and aiding Korea, safeguarding the home and defending the motherland, despite the very difficult situation and rendered disinterested revolutionary assistance to win the great victory in the war with the united forces of the peoples and armies of the two countries, thereby defending the security of the two countries and writing a brilliant page in the history of the DPRK-China friendship with blood and life.

He said that the Korean people would never forget the blood the CPV officers and men shed and the feats they performed to help the Korean revolution in the same trench for repelling the



General Secretary Kim Jong Un sends a wreath to the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County, South Phyongan Province, on October 25 to mark the anniversary of the entry of the CPV into the Korean front.

imperialist invasion and that the DPRK-China friendship sealed in blood would be further consolidated without any change despite the replacements of generations, adding that he sends the wreath to the cemetery out of his sincere wish for the

immortality of the noble souls of the martyrs on the platform of honour and his respect for them as well.

The wreath sent by Kim Jong Un on behalf of all the Korean people was laid at the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers

of the Chinese People's Volunteers on Monday.

And wreaths sent by the Central Committee of the WPK and the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK were also placed there.

## Foundation consolidated to develop fish farming

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The DPRK abounds in rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

It is the consistent stand of the DPRK to reenergize fish farming by taking advantage of such favourable conditions.

The recent administrative policy set forth the tasks for producing more marine products by activating fish farming in the fishery sector.

Over the past ten years, the DPRK has made steady efforts to develop fish farming.

In the course of this, special fish farming units that put it on a scientific, industrial and intensive basis were built in different parts

of the country.

Catfish farms relying on hot spring and waste water from thermal power stations were built in every province, including the Sunchon Catfish Farm of South Phyongan Province, the Unsan Catfish Farm of North Phyongan Province and Rinsan Catfish Farm of North Hwanghae Province. Amid the dynamic effort to construct farms for such rare animals as terrapin, terrapin farms were already built in South and North Phyongan provinces and Nampho City.

There arose rainbow trout and char fish farms at places where there are rich spring water resources and mandarin and sweetfish production

bases and stocking fishery stations in rivers, lakes and reservoirs and other bases for breeding loach in an industrial way as well.

Based on these production foundations, fries of gold carp, Ryongjong fish, carp, sweetfish and many other fishes are produced every year to stock rivers, lakes and reservoirs with them while boosting their output.

In particular, fish farms in South Phyongan Province, Pyongyang and Nampho properly raised mother fish and fries and effectively ensured spawning and hatching to stock Lake Yonphung with millions of fries.

Efforts are being made to set up spawning beds in

rivers, lakes and reservoirs for improving the natural breeding rate of fishes and to introduce a variety of fish farming methods.

Activities are going on in earnest to do offshore fish farming on a large scale.

Atlantic salmon have already settled in the East Sea of Korea, while many fishery stations in the East and West Seas of Korea are working to build artificial culture grounds.

Particularly, North Hamgyong Province stocked the sea with more than a hundred thousand healthy fries.

Great progress has been made in the effort to improve the technical level of fish

farming, while breeding good species of fishes and researching the effective production method of asserted feed.

Good species of loach and goldfish were already bred and introduced into many units and researchers

developed and applied methods of raising sweetfish of the Chongchon River in the lower reaches of the Taedong River and other fishes in ponds and net cages.

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# Creations in the era of self-respect, prosperity

By Pang Un Ju PT

It is the consistent principle and mode of practice of the Workers' Party of Korea to defend national dignity and build a prosperous state by national efforts.

With invariable conviction that self-reliance and the independent national economy are the basis of the existence of Korean-style socialism, the power of advance and development and the eternal lifeline of the Korean revolution, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un ushered in a new era of self-respect and prosperity on this land.

After the demise of Chairman Kim Jong Il, hostile forces intensified their manoeuvres to bring the DPRK to its knees and deprive the Korean people of their rights to sovereignty, existence and development.

However, with the firm conviction that the advance and development of socialism and the victory of the revolution are guaranteed by powerful military power, the WPK and the Koreans waged an indomitable struggle to build the most powerful strength so as to successfully achieve the great historic cause of the nation for upbuilding self-defensive capabilities, which could not be fulfilled even in 20 or 30 years

by conventional way of thinking, in a few years.

Great progress was made in the efforts to make the Korean People's Army an elite force and strong army. The revolutionary armed forces reliably defended the country's territory, airspace and territorial waters and controlled the enemy's provocative threats, thus reliably safeguarding the peaceful environment of socialist construction.

The military parade in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the Defence Development Exhibition which was held to mark the 76th founding anniversary of the DPRK served as a significant occasion demonstrating the great might of the DPRK.

Holding higher the banner of self-reliance over the past decade, Kim Jong Un continued his field guidance to further consolidate the foundations of the country's independent economy and provide the people with affluent and civilized life.

While visiting an exhibition of machinery and equipment, he taught again the truth that self-reliance is the only way out, saying that we should strengthen our own force by relying on our efforts, technologies and resources and uphold the revolutionary spirit of opening up the path ahead.

Amid the full display of inexhaustible development potential of the independent economy, the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fighting tradition, there came in succession the home-made aircraft, trolley bus, tramcar, metro car and new types of other vehicles and machinery and equipment.

Model and standard factories in the era of knowledge economy have been built across the country, production systems of iron, fibre and fertilizer that rely on domestic raw materials and fuel established and power stations built in many places.

Wonderful service facilities for cultural and leisure activities for the people were built everywhere, including the Mirim Riding Club, Munsu Water Park, Masikryong Ski Resort, Yangdok Hot Spring Resort and Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp, new streets built every year in the face of manifold trials and new dwelling houses for afflicted people, who suffered natural damage, built in large numbers.

The past ten years were a period of excitement which demonstrated to the world the daring spirit of the WPK which protects the people's demands and realizes their rights to live and develop independently.

# Enlarged meeting of Cabinet plenum held

### Meeting discusses immediate tasks for implementing administrative policy

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An enlarged meeting of the Cabinet plenum took place by way of video-conferencing on October 26.

Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, conducted the meeting.

It was attended by vice-premiers Jon Hyon Chol and Pak Jong Gun and other Cabinet members. Present there as observers were officials of the organs directly under the authority of the Cabinet and ministries, chairpersons of the provincial, city and county people's committees and officials of the agricultural guidance organs and major industrial establishments.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of the national economic plans for the third quarter of the year for

carrying out the decisions of the second and third plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee and discussed measures to thoroughly implement the important tasks set forth at the historic policy speech the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made at the Fifth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly and finish this year's campaign victoriously.

Pak Jong Gun, vice-premier and chairman of the State Planning Commission, delivered a report.

He notified the participants of a number of defects and deviations revealed in the economic work in the third quarter with statistical materials, analysed their causes and referred to the need for some leading economic officials to radically rid themselves of irresponsible work habit and attitude.

He noted that the national economic plan for the first year in executing the five-year plan should be

implemented on all indices without fail by dynamically organizing the economic work at the end of the year to bring practical successes and substantial changes the people are waiting for and will welcome.

Speeches were also made. The meeting discussed in detail the immediate tasks to be tackled in carrying out the administrative policy of the government including those to strengthen the connections in production and consumption between key industries, round off this year's farming well and increase the kinds of consumer goods.

On the basis of in-depth study and heated debate the meeting adopted with unanimous approval a cabinet decision "On fulfilling the important tasks set forth at the historic policy speech the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made at the Fifth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK".

# People move into new houses in Samjiyon

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Modern dwellings for a thousand and hundreds of families have been built in the City of Samjiyon, Ryanggang Province.

The construction of single-, low- and multi-storey modern dwelling houses in 10 dong and ris of the city in good harmony with natural undulations at the foot of Mt Paektu has turned the holy place of the revolution into a socialist fairyland which is better to live in.

Meetings for moving to new houses were held between October 20 and 27. Present there were

Kim Jong Song, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Thae Il, chief secretary of the Ryanggang provincial Party committee, officials and working people of the city and builders.

Licenses for the use of houses were conveyed to house owners at the meetings.

As the moving to new houses began, the villages were enveloped in holiday atmosphere with joyful dance parties.

Officials visited families that moved to new houses to congratulate and share joy with the owners.



Locals in the City of Samjiyon move into new houses in great delight. Over a thousand modern houses have newly been built in the city.



# National exhibition of IT achievements-2021 provides window of opportunity

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The National Exhibition of IT Achievements-2021 was held on the theme of "Self-reliance and zeal for informatization" between October 1 and 29.

The exhibition was conducted distinctively by way of virtual exhibition.

It was held on the website of the National Exhibition of IT Achievements. Well over a thousand research findings and IT products were posted by hundreds of units including ministries, national agencies, provincial (city under the direct control) people's committees, scientific research institutions and educational and public health facilities.

"The visiting scale has sharply increased as against the past exhibitions. It has been increased in view of



Jon In Sok, deputy department director of the Ministry of IT Industry

the time, from a few days to a month. While visiting the exhibition in virtual reality for 24 hours a day, people can have an access to the data on necessary achievements," said Jon In Sok, deputy department director of the Ministry of IT Industry.

The website of the exhibition largely consists of two- and three-dimensional show rooms, exchange yard, show-piece and visitors' impression.



Officials of the Ministry of IT Industry examine IT achievements and related products presented to the National Exhibition of IT Achievements-2021.



Visitors exchange achievements and products at the National Exhibition of IT Achievements-2021. The event was held by way of virtual exhibition.

# Show spurs development of nanoindustry

By Yun Kyong Il PT

There was a national sci-tech exhibition in the nanotechnology sector-2021 between October 22 and 29 under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

The theme of the show was "Consolidation of foundations for establishing nanoindustry".

"The exhibition is aimed at spurring the development of nanoindustry by publicizing scientific

achievements and products in the sector of nanotechnology and by promoting exchanges in the sector," said Jang Chol, staffer of the Central Committee of the GFSTK.

According to him, over 190 pieces of research results, which were obtained by the sector in the course of developing technologies with a world competitive edge which substantially contribute to the country's economic development, were presented to the event that drew lecturers, researchers and postgraduates from dozens of units including Kim Il Sung

University, Kim Chaek University of Technology, the nano-engineering branch of the State Academy of Sciences and the agricultural nanotechnology institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science.

The event was held divided into a sci-tech show by way of virtual exhibition and a sci-tech presentation by way of video-conferencing.

The former show which was held by way of virtual exhibition for the first time in the country used Virtual tour system 1.0 developed by the Chongsin Information

Technology Company of the Central Committee of the GFSTK.

At the sci-tech presentation, such papers as "Study of optimal design for nano carbon tube-aluminium composite material" and "Hydrogen generating electrode compositely coated with nickel and graphen" drew special interest of the jury and participants.

During the exhibition there was a lecture given by Kim Ung Chol, professor, PhD and head of the nano-engineering branch of the State Academy of Sciences.

# Following the road of patriotism

## DECADES OF SELFLESS DEVOTION



U Myong Gwon, director of the Sunan District Power Distribution Station in Pyongyang

There is an official who has been working in the power distribution and supply sector for more than 30 years.

He is U Myong Gwon, director of the Sunan District Power Distribution Station in Pyongyang.

After his demob, he was appointed as a section man at the power distribution station.

The section under his charge was over a dozen kilometres long and it was not an easy job to inspect pylons, power poles and power distribution lines in the section every day, carrying a knapsack packed with tools, electric cables and insulators of various kinds for repair.

Sometimes he had to blow on his frozen hands and warm them to connect lines broken by unexpected accidents and repeatedly climbed up and down power poles to find faults in a day.

He never skipped his round of assigned section even a day in the period of the Arduous March and forced march when the country experienced harsh trials.

While maintaining his section for a long time, he acquired an extraordinary skill of identifying defects in slight phenomena others might ignore in good time and taking relevant measures.

And he made strenuous efforts to gain professional knowledge about power distribution including features of voltages, frequency and power transmission and supply network and various voltage regulating methods.

He always had his mind on what he had to do to play his part in the supply of quality electricity to consumers.

In the course of it, he

presented over a dozen technical innovation plans and was promoted to workteam leader, electric power supervisor and then manager of the station a few years ago.

At that time when he began to work as manager, the project for upgrading the national power grid was going full steam ahead to reduce the loss of electricity in transmission.

Accordingly, he set an ambitious goal of transforming the power transmission and supply system in the district into an ultra-high voltage transmission mode. It required his station to remodel dozens of transformers and newly lay dozens of kilometres of electric wires.

Under his detailed plan and energetic guidance, the project was completed two months ahead of schedule, with power consumption being reduced to half its previous amount.

He also carried out the renovation and modernization of several substations at the same time on a high level before others in Pyongyang Municipality and removed scores of power poles from paddy and dry fields several years ago.

A man of strong character who carries through what he is determined to do to the end, he looks brusque outwardly. But for his employees, he is like their parents or brother.

"I misbehaved in the past, but our manager put me back on track and led me along for 20 years so that I could become a member of the Workers' Party of Korea," said section man O Mun Ju.

U Myong Gwon is a Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism.

# HOME NEWS

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## South Hamgyong Swan house built at Kwangpho Duck Farm



A swan house has been built at the swan workteam of the Sondok breed poultry workshop of the Kwangpho Duck Farm.

It is equipped with all necessary conditions for keeping swan, including several outdoor and indoor blocks, a block for cygnets and hygienic passing room.

## Fisheries

### Fishery stations in East Sea out for fishing

Fishery stations in the area of the East Sea of Korea have entered fishing all at once to register good

results from the beginning.

The Siphno Distant-Sea Fishery Complex, South Hamgyong Provincial Fishery Management Bureau and other fishing units find out central fishing grounds in time to launch into a positive fishing campaign.

## Pyongyang Painters contest held

A painters' contest took place between October 21 and 25 as part of the competition of skilled workers according to sectors and occupations of the national economy-2021.

Pak Song Chol, worker at the South Hwanghae Provincial City Construction Group, won the contest to lift a trophy and other successful contestants received relevant prizes.

## North Hamgyong River improvement in

## full swing in Chongjin

Projects have been undertaken in Chongjin, North Hamgyong Province, to change the appearance of the country during the general mobilization period for land administration.

## North Hwanghae Local branch of pomology institute inaugurated

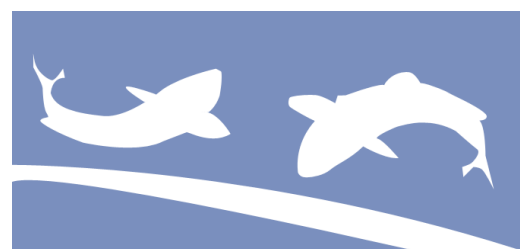


The Sariwon branch of the Pomology Institute under the Academy of Agricultural Science has newly been built and inaugurated.

It is fully equipped with all the necessary conditions for research into pomiculture including a general lab, cultivation research room and blight research room.



# To provide people with fresh fish throughout year



## Fish farm attaches importance to supplying protein feed

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

The Sohung Poman Fish Farm in North Hwanghae Province channels big efforts into putting fish farming on a scientific and intensive basis.

The farm is known for being good at fish farming throughout the country and is increasing the output of various species of fishes, including rainbow trout and Ryongjong fish, by making persevering efforts to supply protein feed.

It built a *Hermetia illucens* breeding ground, which is equipped with hatching, breeding and drying grounds and a feed storage house, to produce the insect to feed fish.

According to senior engineer So Chol Ho, *Hermetia illucens* is a good protein feed as it is rich in essential amino acids and minerals that promote the growth of fish and increase their survival rate.

It is given the fermented excrement of domestic animals as feed and as it has a short breeding cycle, it can be raised on a massive scale. Fish feed is made by mixing the insect with fish meal and bean cake.

"Fish production has increased, whereas feed costs have decreased," said manager Kim Hyok Chol. "We conducted an ecological survey of rainbow trout every week and found that its weight increased 1.5 times more

than at the time when *Hermetia illucens* was not used as feed."

The farm has also introduced a highly productive mud snail raising method and installed optical sensor luring lamps at each pond to use other insects as feed for fish.

It has also allocated ponds according to species of fish and their growth stages and adopted a responsibility system to markedly arouse the employees' zeal for production.

In the course of this, it conceived and applied a more efficient feeding method capable of increasing the fattening rate of fish and a way to reduce their morbidity rate by using traditional medicinal materials.



Farmers are happy with a good haul at the Sinchang Fish Farm in North Hwanghae Province.

## Mobile fish farms add beauty to the Taedong's scenery

By Jong Chol PT

Cage-net fish farming enables us to increase fish production while making effective use of labour and feed and saving energy and other resources needed for water supply, said an official of the Ministry of Fisheries.

Cage-net fish farms set up in different parts of the Taedong River have made remarkable progress, adding more charm to the scenery along the river.

The mobile cage-net fish farm of the Taedonggang Fish Farming and Seed Fish Production and Supply Centre under the Pyongyang Municipal Fish Farming Management Bureau is located between the Taedonggang and Yanggak bridges and automatically controls over 30 fish feeders, light traps

and decorative lights installed at each net cage, while monitoring water temperature and pH in real time.

It established a feed supply system for automatically controlling the amount, frequency and time of feeding at each net cage according to the kinds and numbers of fishes and seasons, thus saving feed as much as possible and preventing water pollution.

Such farms belonging to Taedonggang, Phyonchon and Tongdaewon districts are also achieving successes by introducing advanced fish-farming methods.

They raise such fishes as carp and silver carp in tiers, regularly check their growth conditions and water quality and feed them at the right time according to the standard amounts of supply so as to

constantly increase their fattening rate.

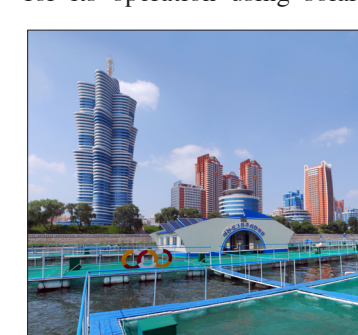
The port city of Nampho situated on the lower reaches of the Taedong River has also set up different types of mobile cage-net fish farms according to a phased plan for farming fish in suitable water areas.

Its industrial establishments and administrative districts set up many mobile fish farms and float-type net cages to raise hundreds of thousands of silver carp, Ryongjong fish, tilapia, catfish and other freshwater fishes.

The West Sea Barrage Company built such fish farms near the barrage on the lower reaches of the Taedong and is increasing fish output.

The farm has dozens of net cages for raising several fish species, a lab, control room

and feed processing room. It generates electricity needed for its operation using solar energy.



Cage-net fish farms seen along the Taedong River. They add more beauty to the riverside scenery.

The control room is equipped with a comprehensive control system for measuring water temperature and pH and amount of oxygen on a real-



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time basis and a feed supply system for remotely controlling the amount, frequency and time of feeding at each net cage according to the kinds and numbers of fishes and weather conditions.

Different species of fishes are raised at the farms, including Ryongjong fish and tilapia.

## Fish shop draws lots of customers

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Pothonggang Fish Shop stands in the capital city of Pyongyang, boasting unique architectural beauty.

Fishy smell fills the air in the hall on the first floor of the three-storey building.

Three long chests on both sides with the open central part as the axis remind viewers of a fish products exhibition hall.

According to manageress Ri Myong Hwa, it sells scores of kinds of fish products including frozen freshwater and sea fishes, dried and pickled fishes, fermented fishes, fish balls and fish cakes.

Dried goods include dried pollack, octopus, slices of codfish, squid, shucked shellfish and lyophilized shrimps.

In addition, pickled and fried goods, condiments made from marine products, kelp and seaweed are on sale.

"I have just bought squid and kelp, my grandson's favourites. I am very pleased to imagine he is having stewed squid and salted kelp with gusto in the evening," said Choe Kum Sil, an old lady living in Songbuk-dong, Moranbong District, Pyongyang.

The restaurant on the second and third floors serves different dishes, the

menus mainly featuring those made from marine products.

According to its waitresses, visitors often order noodles with seasoned raw-sliced pollack and mullet and catfish soups.

The cooks were highly appraised at different cooking festivals in the past. They are now busy developing new tasty dishes.

Dishes made from mussel, their recent brainchild, are now winning growing popularity.

"Mussel is known as a health food as it is rich in protein, fat, sugar and vitamins. We use it to prepare roast or steamed

dish, soup and other kinds of dishes. Mussel gruel and mussel roasted in tinfoil are much favoured by them," said staffer Jo Yong Hui.



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A saleswoman serves a customer at the Pothonggang Fish Shop.

While offering kind services to diners, the restaurant regularly gives special services to war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers. It also provides mobile services more than two times a month at major construction sites including the construction site of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang and such major industrial establishments as the Chollima Steel Complex and Pyongyang Thermal Power Station.



# Mobile artistic activities help boost production



Members of the mobile artistic motivational team of the Pyongyang Brewery hold a discussion to create new works.

RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Mass artistic activities are briskly conducted everywhere in the DPRK, including factories, enterprises and cooperative farms.

Mobile artistic motivational teams are active in many units and they play a pivotal role in artistic activities of their units, while giving mobile performances in major worksites of socialist construction to encourage innovations and liven up the atmosphere.

Among them, there are members of the mobile artistic motivational team of the Pyongyang Brewery.

"The mobile artistic motivational team is the pride of our factory. It is one of the excellent teams in the Ministry of Food and Consumer Goods Industries, which our factory belongs to, and Pyongyang Municipality. When the team conducts artistic motivation activities on the spot, workers brim with optimism and joy in worksites and increase production," said Ham Yong Bom, staffer of the Pyongyang Brewery.

Ten-odd members of the team have two or three skills like singing, playing musical instruments and art of narration.

Ri Chong Song, who is good at percussion and guitar playing, arranges music and directs it distinctively, while Choe Phyoung Sun

sings songs as she plays the accordion. She is so skilful at both it is impossible to know what she majored in, singing or accordion.

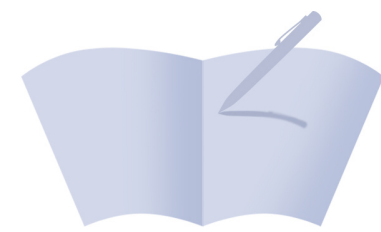
Choe Kyong Hwa with gifted musical range, from contralto to soprano, receives several encores from the audience in every performance by representing songs truthfully and full of spirit as befits member of the working class.

The women's quartet attract the attention of audiences with its bright mood of music and beautiful voices.

Songs reflecting the delight of labour and optimism and gay folk songs including "Let us implant a beautiful mark of life" sung by the team are loved by workers.

The team was highly praised in different contests and performances such as the national singing contest of working people in the past. This year, it put on the stage a variety of pieces which are strong in appeal and full of spirit at the Pyongyang Leather Shoes Factory which is seething with an upsurge in production, farms in the environs of Pyongyang which are very busy harvesting and the construction site of dwelling houses in the Taepkyong area to elicit great response.

Amid the unstinting praise of the audience, they engage in production with enthusiasm in working hours and create artistic pieces after daily work with untiring efforts.



# Worker-writer gives vivid portrayal of life

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Life itself gives me an inexhaustible supply of materials for creation, said Ri Kwang Hyok, worker at the Kangdong Paper Mill who finished runner-up at the national mass literary work prize contest in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star this year. "As the saying goes, 'The public is the best teacher'. All my colleagues at the workshop help me better my literary works."

A year has passed since the 33-year-old began to work at the mill after his demob. He is now a literary correspondent of the mill.

He combines work at his workshop with creative activities.

He takes notes of all the impressions he gets every day and meditates to produce works faithfully reflecting the life of his fellow workers.

Sometimes he explains with great excitement the plots of his stories he has constructed to his workteam members to get their advice. And at home he usually

discusses character portrayal with his wife until late at night.

This way, creative activities are inseparable from his life.

He says it takes several days of writing and rewriting to finish a piece of work with no small assistance of many friends.

"Of course, I am the first reader of his work. But I fail to find defects from it as I already racked my brains for it. That's why my husband always asks the advice of his colleagues," said Ri's wife.

He also completed his short novel Renowned Doctor that way and it came third at the national mass literary work prize contest held in celebration of the 75th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea last year.

He also wrote in a matter of some days a novel on the theme of recycling, which gains momentum socially and has an important share in increasing the productivity and profits at industrial establishments, by dint of a store of materials he collected

in life.

This year, he presented short novel Our House to the national mass literary work prize contest in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star.

The novel carries some touching events he had personally experienced and witnessed during the reconstruction campaign that he joined as a member of a division of Party members of the capital city in hearty response to the open letter of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The story highly appreciated by many describes the feats of the division, which conducted a 24-7 struggle to construct nice dwelling houses in a short period true to Kim Jong Un's noble intention to provide flood victims with much better houses as early as possible even by using up the country's coffers, and the familial love the locals showed them with heartfelt gratitude. The author expresses the view that backed up by such sincere devotion, socialism

which the Koreans regard as their home grows stronger in any adversity.

"I don't think my works are perfect and excellent in the light of literature. I only

derive satisfaction from the accurate portrayal of life in our society on the theme of general issues, along with the lead characters embodying the thoughts and feelings

of our people," said Kwang Hyok.

He now majors in literature at the online education faculty of Kim Il Sung University.

**"Life itself gives me an inexhaustible supply of materials for creation. As the saying goes, 'The public is the best teacher'. All my colleagues help me better my literary works."**



Ri Kwang Hyok, a worker at the Kangdong Paper Mill.

# Wife of honoured disabled soldier

By Kim Kum Myong PT

There was a wedding ceremony of a special-class honoured disabled soldier on February 18 amid blessings of many people.

Bridegroom Han Myong Il is the special-class honoured disabled soldier living in neighbourhood unit No. 31 in Minhung-dong, Moranbong District, Pyongyang.

"I used to be impressed at the news about young people who got married special-class honoured disabled soldiers, but I never imagined that I would become the wife of such a man," said Pyon Yong Chong, diffuser

at the Korean Central News Agency.

Han Myong Il and Pyon Yong Chong were classmates at the then Pyongyang college of urban management.

After graduation Han served as a public security man and Pyon started to work at KCNA.

In August two years ago from the present, Pyon happened to hear that Han was seriously wounded while on duty.

She rushed to the South Phyongan Provincial People's Hospital where Han was and was surprised to see his condition.

She even doubted if it could be Han, a patient who



Han Myong Il, a special-class honoured disabled soldier living in Minhung-dong, Moranbong District, Pyongyang, and his wife Pyon Yong Chong.

was in the jaws of death without consciousness and with a leg amputated.

Thanks to the selfless devotion of medical workers, Han got through the confines of death before being sent to a hospital under the then Ministry of People's Security for further treatment.

They held scores of consultative meetings, conducted dozens of major and minor operations and administered a large quantity of valuable medicinal

solutions to bring him back to life. Witnessing all those devoted efforts, Pyon thought of a way of helping Han.

"At that time I compared myself with noble young people in our era who devote even their lives to save their comrades on the brink of death. If they were I, what would they have done? What could I do for him? I writhed in agony with such thoughts before making up my mind to be his nurse," recalled Pyon.

So she nursed Han for over 500 days and fell in love with him as she was attracted by the manly man who remained optimistic though he was crippled.

But her parents did not allow her to marry him, saying it is not that easy to live as the life partner of a disabled man. And Han's parents could not agree to her proposal, thinking they should not let the beloved daughter of the other family suffer.

But Pyon did not give up,

arguing that only she could be his wife as she was most familiar with his condition and she was his close friend.

The parents of both families finally agreed to her request, moved by her sincere devotion.

"I want to look after my husband, who was disabled while on sacred duty, with all my affection and devotion. I think I have now realized that the most beautiful thing is the devotion of myself for others," said Pyon.

# With sisterly, daughterly affections

By Sin Pyol PT

Our happiness is unthinkable without the war veterans who devoted themselves to national defence and the honoured disabled soldiers who sacrificed their prime of youth for the country and people in peacetime. To look after them is a duty of our generation and a thing we ought to do, I think, said Ryo Kyong Ho, head of the Taedonggang District medical supplies management station in Pyongyang.

According to him, its employees have forged the ties of kinship with war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers as their own flesh and blood and made it a tradition to take warm care of them.

"Many people look after me with all their heart though I only carried out my duty during my military service. I treat them as my family members and feel from the bottom of my heart that our system is really good," said Choe Su Gil, a special-class honoured

disabled soldier living in neighbourhood unit No. 47 of Munsu-dong No. 1, Taedonggang District.

And he said the family of Ri Myong Hui, an employee of the district medical supplies management station, has formed close relationship with his family for 11 years.

When she was newly appointed to the station, Ri visited Choe's home with the employees and was very impressed by him as he had devoted himself to the country and was trying to do something for the good of society.

She regarded him as her true elder brother and called on him first whenever special dishes were prepared in her house and she had any good things. And when he fell ill, she would buy lots of medicines to help him recover from sickness.

Kim Hye Yong and Pak Hye Song, saleswomen of the station, have also been looking after war veteran Kim Myong Sik, who lives in neighbourhood

unit No. 6 of Munsu-dong No. 1, with great care.

"Now I have two 'daughters'. They look after my health with great care," said Kim Myong Sik, referring to them.

Humans live with affection, but it never develops of its own accord, he said, adding that they have been taking care of him like

their father for eight years.

On the anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War eight years ago, they visited his house and heard stories about his military service and his comrades-in-arms during the war. "We were moved to tears," said Kim Hye Yong.

They often visit him with valuable medicines and show heartfelt sincerity in giving him joy and laughter.

She said that as they established close relations with the war veteran, they came to regard him as their real father and wanted to make him enjoy long life in good health.

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A household doctor and employees of the Taedonggang District medical supplies management station take good care of a special-class honoured disabled soldier.

# Supportive well-wishers

By Pang Un Ju PT

Receiving an affiliation letter is a happy event and a pride of each family.

Last July, Hwang Ji Hyok living in Thongilgori-dong No. 1 of Rangnang District, Pyongyang, received such a letter from Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering, which was celebrated by his neighbours and teachers of his alma mater, Thongilgori Senior Middle School in the district.

On hearing the news, they visited his house to congratulate him.

It was one April day some years ago when Ji Hyok advanced to senior middle school after finishing a junior middle school course.

Every student was excited out of the joy of being a senior middle school student, except Hwang. His teacher Kim Son Ho noticed that.

As Ji Hyok's father had died when he was very young and his mother had been bedridden for a long time, he would get lonesome on such auspicious days.

"His long face made my heart ache and urged me to show him familial affection," recalled the teacher.

He guided him to keep achieving good results after he had good marks in academic contests and his wife took special care of Hwang.

"As I saw the affiliation letter for my nephew, I was moved to tears at the sincerity of those who devoted great efforts for him and gratitude towards the country where everyone lives harmoniously helping one another forward," said Hwang's aunt Son Yong Suk.





# Happy children



By Kim Rye Yong PT

## Palaces for parentless kids

Seven years have passed since the Pyongyang Orphanage and Pyongyang Baby Home were built.

Situated on the banks of the picturesque Taedong River, they remind viewers of the palaces in fairy tales and are fully provided with all the conditions for the upbringing and education of children.

The orphanage has various facilities such as bedrooms, education rooms, sunrooms,

bathrooms, a large playground, a fitness room, a room for intelligent games, a nature study room, a mess hall, a wading pool and an outdoor park.

The baby home adjacent to the orphanage is also equipped with such facilities.

The baby home brings up not only orphaned children but also triplets and quadruplets according to a state measure and has a lounge where their parents meet them in a family

atmosphere.

The orphanage and baby home are connected with each other through a clinic.

There is a well-knit system of supplying children with the best things necessary for the upbringing and education of them and they are provided with the best things before others in each season under the benevolent socialist system whereby the state takes full responsibility for their lives.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the childcare facilities on several occasions and showed boundless love for them so that they could lead the happiest life free from sorrow of being orphaned. He also sends rare fruits, foodstuffs and other gifts to them every year.

Under his loving care, the orphanage and baby home are always ringing with the sound of singing and laughter of the young residents.



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## To constantly improve teaching, nursing levels

It is the unanimous mind of all kindergarten teachers, extracurricular teachers and nurses to bring up all the orphans brightly, honestly and strongly.

Therefore, they put their heart and soul into constantly exploring advanced teaching and nursing methods.

Teachers of the Pyongyang Orphanage channel big efforts into the education for developing intelligence to suit the characters of preschoolers.

The orphanage prioritizes education through models of real things and multimedia presentations while focusing on education based on different musical instruments,

abacus, drawing, singing and dancing according to the temperament of children.

The orphanage has some ten-odd extracurricular groups and makes all children develop more than one skill.

Extracurricular teachers pay special attention to making orphans possess a correct living habit and moral traits from their childhood. The children of this orphanage won great admiration at the national art performance and artistic festival of kindergarten children in the past and proved triumphant on the national stage of wits, the national intelligence contest of orphanage children and

other contests.

They compiled a collection of literary works by reflecting their pride and desire to present it to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

"We direct efforts to putting nursing and upbringing of orphaned children on a scientific footing. We get rid of previous upbringing methods based on experience and make all processes science-based," said Choe Jong Sil, director of the baby home.

It applies detailed nursing and upbringing methods according to each child to suit their development period and stage in the efforts to put on a scientific basis the nutrition

and the development of sense of movement and emotion in the first 1 000 days after birth.

To this end, brisk activities are conducted to make all nurses improve their qualities through online education, set an example and generalize it.

As they have made painstaking efforts for years, everybody has enriched experience every year and the baby home has been rated as a national model.

The baby home makes steady efforts to improve food processing techniques for the nutrition of children and introduces new methods to that end.



Children lead a happy life under the care of the government at the Pyongyang Baby Home and Pyongyang Orphanage.

# 'Paektho Bird' fossil throws fresh light on Sinuiju biota

### Discovery of the bird fossil brings into bolder relief the richness of Sinuiju biota

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Sinuiju biota in the DPRK is drawing the interest of experts once again in the wake of the discovery of a bird fossil of the Lower Cretaceous of the Mesozoic era.

The unearthed fossil of "Paektho Bird" is recognized worldwide as a rare bird fossil for the skull, neck and wing bones and well-preserved 11 primary quills closely stuck to the wing bone and is of great significance in clarifying the origin and evolution of birds

in the Mesozoic.

"The discovery of the 'Paektho Bird' has brought into bolder relief the richness of Sinuiju biota," said Won Chol Guk, a section chief of the Department of Geology at Kim Il Sung University.

The biota is located in the Sinuiju formation of the Sinuiju basin in the northwestern part of the DPRK.

The Sinuiju basin, known as a typical lacustrine deposit among the Mesozoic terrestrial sedimentary basins in the DPRK, has



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Researchers hold a discussion over the fossil of "Paektho Bird" at the Department of Geology under Kim Il Sung University.

been considered as an independent basin and has long been known to be rich in fossil deposits.

A large number of fossils have been collected in the Sinuiju formation during the geological surveys and paleontological studies of the basin that have so far been conducted since the 1960s.

Through the recent geological survey of the area, researchers discovered a variety of new fossils of invertebrates, vertebrates and plants.

Therefore, they have so far found out of the Sinuiju biota the fossils of such invertebrates as insects, estheria, shellfish and mud snail, the fossils of such vertebrates as archaopteryx, mammals and fish, including the teeth of pterosaur and dinosaur, and those of such gymnospermae as horsetails, pteridophyta, Cycadaceae and Ginkgoaceae.

The fossils of all the vertebrates except fish have the shapes and structures distinct from those of vertebrates already

discovered in other regions and a typical example is the "Paektho Bird" fossil.

Through the analysis of newly discovered fossils, researchers found that the Sinuiju biota contains very similar kinds of various animal and plant fossils, not only the first discovered EEL fauna in the Jehol biota in China, but also those later known, and reaffirmed that the Sinuiju formation belongs to the Lower Cretaceous era, instead of the already estimated Upper Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous.

"The Sinuiju biota has great significance in the study of the diversity of the Jehol biota in Northeast Asia and the ascertainment of its geographical distribution," said Won. "When the geological survey and paleontological study of the Sinuiju basin are intensified in the future, more diverse animal and plant populations will be discovered to contribute to the study of the features and evolution of the biota of the Lower Cretaceous in Northeast Asia."

# Pine pollen applied into functional skincare products

By Kil Chung Il PT

Recently, researchers of the aromatic essence and cosmetics analysis institute

of the Academy of Light Industry have developed functional cosmetics with pine pollen, winning favour with skincare specialists and customers.

With the main focus of their effort put on the development of functional cosmetics using natural materials, the research group came up with the idea

of applying components of pine tree, which has closely been associated with the life of Koreans since ancient times, to functional cosmetics.

"Pines are rich in different nutrients including vitamins. Pine pollen, in particular, is one of the natural materials that contain different kinds of nutrients in a harmonious balance. In Korea, it has been used in medicines and healthful foods for over two thousand years," said Jong Kyong Sim, section chief of the institute.

According to their research findings, abundant nutritive substances in pine pollen are directly absorbed

into skin cells to improve the nutritive conditions and promote the metabolism in the skin, thus making it smooth. Also, its vitamin A stimulates the blood circulation in the skin, while nucleic acid, flavonoid and polyphenol prevent the generation of lipid peroxide and moderate the excretion of waste matters so as to remove senile plaques and wrinkles effectively.

In addition, pine pollen added to cosmetics has some anti-inflammatory and anti-allergic effects, retards the aging and drying of the skin, prevents dandruff and raises the skin elasticity.

These reasons make pine pollen cosmetics functional skincare products that have beautifying makeup effects on both young and old women, according to researchers.

They adopted a new pine pollen extracting technology to increase the actual extraction rate to 80 percent and boosted productivity.

Their research results were highly appreciated at the national sci-tech presentation and symposium of the cosmetics industry sector held last August.



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Cosmetics made with pine pollen. Developers of the aromatic essence and cosmetics analysis institute under the Academy of Light Industry.



# Why does US make a fuss about 'rules-based international order'?

By Kim Hyo Myong

Today, the international society strongly denounces the founding of the US-led "AUKUS" and the US decision on transferring the technology of building nuclear-powered submarine to Australia as a "military bloc based on the logic of Cold War" and an "irresponsible act posing danger of nuclear proliferation and triggering the arms race".

The founding of "AUKUS" under the pretext of establishing the "rules-based international order" and the attempt at transfer of even the nuclear technology are a concentrated expression of the double-dealing and Janus-like policy of the US.

It is a well-known fact that the US has long deployed its nuclear assets all over the world to threaten and blackmail the countries of its dislike with nuclear weapons, in utter breach of international agreements and order.

Especially, the US has grown ever more brazen in recent years in its double-

dealing and self-conceited acts of violating the universally accepted international order in the Asia-Pacific region where the strategic interests of several countries are inextricably intertwined.

Despite this fact, the US talks quite often about "rules-based international order", posing as if it alone is "faithful" to the international agreements and order and has authority to "supervise" them.

However, everybody knows like the palms of his hands the true intention of the US catchphrase: "rules-based international order."

No goodness would come out of a place rife with chaos.

Having no scruple about withdrawing from an international organization when it does not suit its taste and even reducing overnight the international disarmament agreement directly related to world peace and security to a mere scrap paper - this is the true nature of the US-advocated "rules-based international order".

In other words, the "rules"

that the US is making a fuss about are not the "rules" of impartiality, objectivity and universality but those of the "US style" which serve the American values to the core, and the US favorite phrase of "international order" is the one necessary for maintaining the US' hegemony as it is a far cry from world peace and security.

The US uses the American-style gangster-like logic and argument that its nuclear threat to other countries is "for keeping the international order" and that other countries' exercise of the right to self-defence to cope with the US military threat is a "breach of the international order". This is the height of application of double standards.

The overall international society is criticizing this, commenting that "American-style double standards are a vivid expression of American-style hegemony", the US is "a global hex" and "the US is the biggest troublemaker in terms of global stability".

Recently, a spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign

Ministry stressed that the founding of the "AUKUS" is an attempt to fabricate the US-centered rules and order in the region and defend the leading position of the US as well as its system of hegemony.

The overall fact gives a positive proof that peace and security in the region and the rest of the world are becoming much more unstable owing to the self-opinionated and hypocritical acts of high-handedness and arbitrariness perpetrated by the US around the world.

Peace is the common desire of mankind.

The international community should squarely see the reactionary nature of "rules-based international order" advertised by the US and no longer tolerate high-handedness and arbitrariness of the US that totally destroys and tramples on peace and security in the region and the rest of the world.

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## EDITORIAL

# Blood-tied DPRK-China friendship to go on

Marking October 25, the 71st anniversary of the entry of the Chinese People's Volunteers into the Korean war, the Korean people pay the noble respect to CPV officers and men.

Regarding the Korean people's struggle for defeating the armed invasion of the imperialist allied forces as their own affair, the Chinese Party and government dispatched the CPV to the Korean front under the banner of resisting America and aiding Korea, protecting the home and defending the motherland in October 1950.

The DPRK and China have the historical tradition of sharing their fate in the joint struggle against imperialist aggression.

During the anti-Japanese war, the peoples of both countries waged bloody battles against the common enemy shoulder to shoulder.

When the Chinese people were in distress in the civil war, the Korean people rendered unsparing support to the Chinese while regarding it as their own affair. President Kim Il Sung took a measure of dispatching excellent commanding officers and men of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army to different parts of Northeast China, saying it is the noble internationalist obligation of Korean revolutionaries to aid the revolutionary struggle of the Chinese people. Many Korean sons and daughters displayed their unparalleled bravery in battles, making great contributions to the victorious Chinese revolution and the birth of a new China.

That is why Chairman Mao Zedong and Premier Zhou Enlai said that the five-star red flag of the People's Republic of China is associated with the red blood of Korean communists and people.

At the Korean front, the CPV service personnel fought bravely against the imperialist allied forces hand in hand with the Korean People's Army.

They displayed unparalleled heroism in the first battle in the Unsan area on October 25 1950, the battle by Lake Jangjin and many others.

Lots of valiant CPV soldiers sacrificed their prime of youth in the Korean war, including Mao Anying, son of Mao Zedong, and Hero Huang Jiguang who blocked the enemy's gun muzzle with his chest to ensure a victorious battle on Sanggam Pass.

Today, the DPRK-China friendship with long historical roots has entered a new development stage as required by the new era.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited China on several occasions with the firm will to achieve an all-round efflorescence of the DPRK-China friendship in line with the new era of bilateral relations.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, visited Pyongyang in June 2019 to develop friendly relations between the two countries.

The several rounds of meetings between Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping demonstrated to the whole world the invariability and invincibility of bilateral friendship forged by will and affection in the joint struggle for independence against imperialism and for socialism, and contributed to further cementing the bilateral ties which have entered a new period of vitality.

The DPRK-China bond with fine tradition will be consolidated and developed further century after century and down through generations.

# APOLOGY, REPARATIONS FOR SINS JAPAN'S INEVITABLE FATE



Choe Yong Nam Columnist for Japanese affairs

On October 17, the new Japanese Prime Minister sent an offering to the Yasukuni Shrine.

The Yasukuni Shrine enshrines the name tablets of top war criminals who were punished by history as they started wars of aggression against humanity and wrecked world peace in the last century.

The Prime Minister's offering of tribute to the shrine, which is a symbol of Japanese imperialism, is an explicit denial of Japan's past unethical crimes and a serious challenge to the international

community.

It can never be regarded as an annual or common event for the incumbent head of government to do such a thing at the time when the international community is raising voices in demand of an apology and reparations for Japan's past wrongs.

In the light of the behaviour of Japan that does not admit its heinous unethical crimes, far from apologizing for them, the tribute offering is a revelation of the sinister design to negate the sins, conjure the ghost of militarism and revenge its defeat in the Second

World War and also part of its manoeuvres to realize the wild ambition for reinvasion it keeps harbouring no matter how much time passes. This shows that the current regime is as reactionary as the preceding governments that pursued the revival of militarism.

Saying that Japan was defeated as it was weak, successive ultra-right regimes of the country set it as a state policy to turn it into a military power and squandered a huge sum of money to that end.

They have also obstinately avoided the admission of its past wrongdoings and tried to cover them up. A typical example is their relentless denial of the crime concerning the sexual slavery for the Japanese imperial army which is the butt of international censure and rejection.

Another purpose of Japan's

denial is to evade the settlement of the past.

It calculates that if it keeps denying its history of aggression and crimes, they would sink into oblivion and it would be able to be freed from the responsibility for reparations.

History can never be changed or erased even if anyone keeps denying it.

Japan must break away from militarism and make sincere soul-searching and reparations for the past wrongs, instead of ridiculously scheming to invoke the ghost of militarism and wipe out the past crimes. Only then can it be forgiven by the international community including neighbouring countries and be its honourable member.

Apology and reparations for past sins are an inevitable fate of the defeated nation of Japan.

# Military provocation would only damage its own security

By Ri Myong Hak

The situation around the Korean peninsula is spiraling down to an ever more dangerous situation due to rash actions of some countries.

On October 15, the Ministry of National Defense of Canada announced that it would commit a "CP-140 Aurora" patrol plane to an area around the Korean peninsula for a month until mid-November, under the pretext of "monitoring" the "violations of maritime sanctions".

In September, a Canadian escort ship was dispatched posthaste to the areas surrounding the Korean peninsula in order to "monitor illicit ship-to-ship transfers". Like this, Canada has dispatched ships and airplanes to the environs of the Korean peninsula six times so far since 2018.

France has also reportedly decided to deploy a "Falcon-200" patrol plane and conduct a "surveillance mission" until early November with the Futenma air force base of Japan

as its base.

The situation in the Asia-Pacific region gets more unstable due to the hegemonic policy and double standards of the US. In this context, Canada and France are bringing military equipment into the surrounding areas of the Korean peninsula. This can't but be a grave military provocation that is tantamount to adding fuel to the flames.

The sending of military hardware to the areas around the Korean peninsula, the hottest spot of the world, by Canada and France, which are geographically far away from the Asia-Pacific region, would inevitably result in the disruption of the security balance in the region and aggravation of the situation.

The danger does not end here. The final objective pursued by the US and other Western countries is to legitimize their military intervention in the Asia-Pacific region on the plea of "violation of sanctions" and gradually form an Asian-version US-led military bloc for containing

China and Russia.

The US is instigating its allies to oppose China and Russia. Western countries, on their parts, are stepping up military moves in the Asia-Pacific region with the backing of the US. All this is making the regional situation much tenser.

It is well substantiated by the fact that the US has recently established the tripartite security partnership with the UK and Australia and decided to transfer the technology for building nuclear-powered submarine to Australia and also by the fact that the frequency of entry of the warships of the UK and other European countries into the Asia-Pacific region is on the gradual increase.

Canada is showing its discontent with the US at unfair trade relations and France is criticizing the US for the transfer of technology for building nuclear-powered submarine to Australia, calling it a "stab in the back". But they are rushing the military equipment to the Asia-Pacific region. All this exposes in all its nakedness Western countries'

By Om Ryoung PT

# Meteorological disasters a menace to human existence

Meteorological disasters frequently occur in different parts of the world due to global warming.

Successive disastrous downpour and typhoon continue to cause widespread damage to humankind. A heavy rain hit several parts of China in early October. Tens of thousands of people were evacuated immediately in Huangling and Ganquan counties of Yanan City, Shaanxi Province, and crops in hundreds of thousands of hectares of farmlands damaged.

Flash floods and landslides caused by a cyclone-induced downpour hit Manila and other parts of the Philippines, afflicting nearly 84 000

people and destroying thousands of houses in September. More than 40 Americans were killed by heavy rain, floods and tornado in the whole of northeastern part of the US in early September.

A research team in Europe analysed the cause of frequent heavy rains in several regions in recent years. According to the detailed analysis of the probability of downpours conducted on the basis of data on the current earth, which says that the mean temperature rose by 1.2 degrees centigrade as against that before the industrial revolution due to global warming, it was confirmed that such violent rains as they are now are 1.2 to 9 times likelier than before the revolution in Western Europe.

stance of toeing the US line and their archaic way of thinking.

Now, the attempts of the US and other Western countries are inviting backlash from the regional countries.

Recently, a British aircraft carrier conducted various military exercises in the Asian region. In response to this, Chinese newspaper *Global Times* stressed that today's China is not what it was 100 years ago when it had to open its gate under the coercion of the British fleet and that if the UK dares to commit any provocation in the South China Sea, China will make it taste a bitter result by taking its own countermeasures.

The US and other Western countries would be well-advised to squarely see and ponder over this. Their military provocations will exert negative influence on regional situation and their security as well.

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# Modified forest law to ensure unified, planned guidance in afforestation



Ri Song Jin Inspector of the General Forest Bureau under the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

The 16th Plenary Meeting of the 14th Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held on August 24 adopted the decree of the SPA Standing Committee "On modification and supplementation of the law on forest of the DPRK".

Thus, the law has been modified and supplemented on fifteen occasions since it was enacted on December

11 1992. It clearly shows the government's strenuous efforts to properly plant and conserve forests, important natural resources of the country.

The newly-modified law consists of 66 articles in six chapters as it has been supplemented with a new chapter and 19 articles.

The main part revised and supplemented in the law is "Chapter 2. Plans for forest

survey and forest planting".

This supplemented chapter focuses on putting the plans for forest survey and planting on a new scientific footing and ensuring the state's unified guidance over them.

The revised law set it as an important legal requirement to ensure scientific accuracy in forest survey by actively applying advanced science and technology and on the basis of this raise the

scientific level of the master plan for forest planting and the ten-year and yearly plans for carrying it out.

"Chapter 6. Guidance and control over forest management" specifies the penalties and penal responsibilities charged on institutions, enterprises, organizations and individuals for the illegal acts and deviations that may be revealed in forest management. It will help raise the people's law-abiding spirit of protecting and conserving the country's valuable resources of forests, I think.

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## BYWORD

# Movement for creating Forest of Socialist Patriotism

The movement to win the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism is making brisk headway in the DPRK.

It is a mass movement to turn all mountains throughout the country into gold and treasure ones covered with green forests

through the all-people forest restoration.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK put forward reforestation as a national priority and have taken measures one after another to push ahead with it

dynamically.

In February 2015, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK issued a decree on enacting the titles of Forest of Socialist Patriotism and Model Forest County (city or district).

A dynamic forest restoration campaign has been briskly carried on throughout society and the looks of the country's forests have been changed beyond recognition, while many units won the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism.

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## Briefly

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### Iran President calls for achieving unity of Muslims

Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi referred to the need for Muslims to unite as he addressed a recent Cabinet meeting.

He said that opposing the unity of Muslims constitutes an act of sympathizing with the enemy's stand, whether it is intentional or unintentional.

Everyone should strive to achieve the unity of Muslims, irrespective of nation or denomination, he stressed, adding that it is the strategy of Iran, not tactics.

### CST organization

#### Large joint military drill conducted

Member nations of the Collective Security Treaty organization staged large-scale joint military exercises in Tajikistan between October 18 and 23.

They brought together over 4 000 troops from Russia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and other member states and over 500 pieces of technical equipment.

Aimed at ensuring security of member nations from possible terror threats, the joint exercises were staged, divided into three special drills.

### Indonesia

#### Endeavours to protect ecosphere

As he took part in a recent mangrove-planting campaign, Indonesian President Joko Widodo said that the restoration of mangrove forests should be pushed in order to minimize damage from waves and protect the habitats of animals.

He noted that the government has set a goal of restoring 600 000 hectares of mangrove forests in the coming three years.

### COVID-19

#### New mutant virus arouses serious concern

Mutant virus "AY4.2", which derived from delta mutant virus, is spreading rapidly in different countries and regions to worsen the COVID-19 situation.

According to foreign news reports, the spread of the new mutant virus was confirmed in the UK, the US, Israel, Russia and elsewhere as of October 21.

It is characterized by higher virulence.

### USA

#### Deadly shootings at schools

According to a foreign media report, four students were injured by a gun shooting at a school in the US.

A student fired a pistol at random after an argument in the classroom.

Meanwhile, gun violence claimed the lives of eight students in a university.

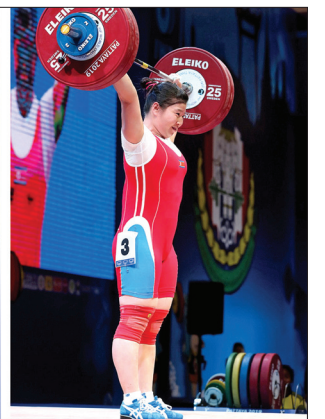
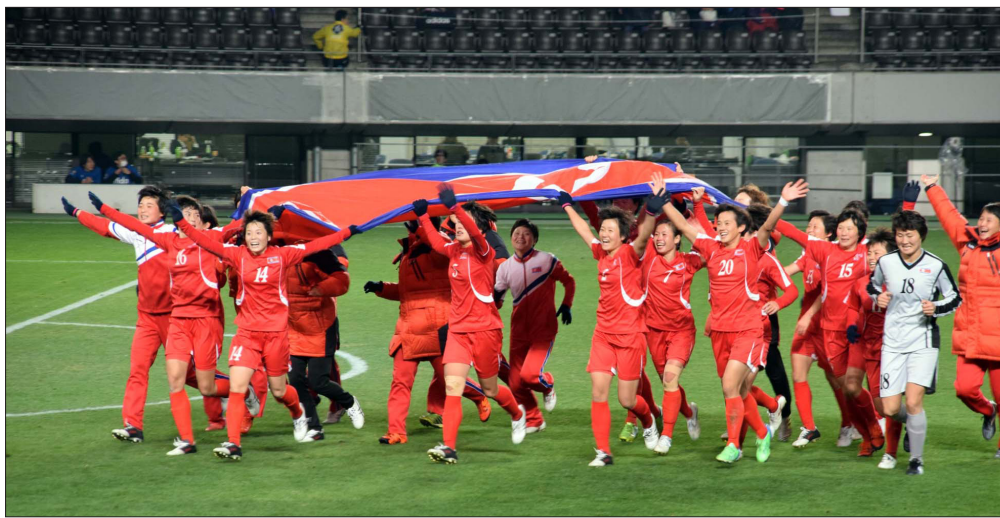
Reportedly, 2 000 teaching staff and students suffer from gun-related crimes every day in American schools.





# of remarkable progress in sports

Decade shines with amazing achievements on international front



Sportspeople of the DPRK have brought honour to their country by winning international competitions including the Olympic Games and world championships over the past decade.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The past 10 years in the DPRK was a decade during which the country's sports techniques saw a rapid development and active exchanges with other countries. The DPRK sportspeople brought honour to the country with lots of gold medals by winning many international sports events, ranging from the 30th Olympic Games to the 17th Asian Games, the 16th FINA world championships, the 2015 EAFF Women's East Asia Cup, the 46th World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, the 31st Olympic Games, the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and the 18th Asian Games.

The enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea in 2012 was a decisive turning point in the development of sports in the country.

The meeting adopted a decision on organizing the State Sports Guidance Commission for the unified governance of the country's overall sports affairs, making it possible for the DPRK's sports to make rapid progress.

The decision proved its vitality immediately, with the number of medals obtained in international events in 2013 reaching over 500, nearly four times more than the year before.

In particular, marked achievements were made in succession in women's soccer, marathon, weightlifting, boxing, table tennis, wrestling, judo, artistic gymnastics and

archery.

Women football players took the first place and gymnasts Hong Un Jong and Kim Un Hyang won gold medals in the 17th Asian Games.

The medal tally in the world championships in 2014 increased 2.5 times over the year before.

The Seventh National Conference of Sportspeople in 2015 provided another springboard for the development of sports.

The conference set it as an important goal to take up dominant position in international events by radically developing the professional sports techniques of the country.

DPRK footballers won the 2015 EAFF Women's East Asia Cup and Kim Kuk Hyang in her teens was placed

first in the women's 10m platform diving of the 16th FINA world championships.

The DPRK players also clinched 149 medals including 58 golds in international events in 2016 including the 31st Olympic Games.

For the DPRK, 2017 was a year of heroic epic in which it achieved great successes in succession in the face of the worst conditions and environment, and sportspeople played a significant part in them.

They lifted three trophies and collected 35 medals including 22 golds in the 20th Taekwon-Do World Championships to top the total country rankings, and made phenomenal achievements in various international events including the 29th Summer Universiad, the 64th

World Military Pentathlon Championships and the 2017 world junior weightlifting championships.

Particularly, women footballers won the EAFF E-1 Football Championship in December 2017 to record three successive wins in it, brilliantly adorning the year 2017.

Sportspersons continued to add dignity and honour to the country in international sports events in 2018 when the DPRK marked its 70th anniversary.

Ri Se Gwang, a world artistic gymnastics legend, won the 48th FIG world artistic gymnastics championships again to be crowned as a three-time world champion.

In 2019 Om Yun Chol, also known as the weightlifting king, renewed the world record again and bagged

three gold medals in the 2019 IWF World Weightlifting Championships to become a five-time world champion. Two-time Olympic gold medallist Rim Jong Sim set a new world record in snatch in the 2019 IWF World Weightlifting Championships and won three gold medals in the 2019 IWF World Cup.

The DPRK players set 34 new records and earned 55 gold medals in the 2019 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Pyongyang, demonstrating to the world that the country's future of weightlifting is optimistic.

The plentiful successes the country notched up in the past decade are the results of the correct policy of the WPK and the DPRK government for the development of sports.

