

Exhibition 'Self-Defence 2021' opens to showcase latest military hardware



General Secretary Kim Jong Un makes speech, awards commendations to those of merit in defence projects

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The defence development exhibition "Self-Defence 2021" was opened in splendour at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang on October 11 on the occasion of the 76th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the opening ceremony.

Present at the ceremony were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Kim Tok Hun and Pak Jong Chon.

Also present were Ri Il Hwan, Jong Sang Hak, O Su Yong, Thae Hyong

Chol, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Kim Yong Chol, Jong Kyong Thae, Kim Song Nam, Ho Chol Man, Pak Thae Dok, Kim Hyong Sik, Yu Jin, Pak Myong Sun, Ri Chol Man, Jon Hyon Chol, Pak Jong Gun, Yang Sung Ho, Ju Chol Gyu, Ri Son Gwon, Jang Jong Nam, U Sang Chol, Kim Yong Hwan and other Party and government officials and leading officials of the Cabinet, ministries and working people's organizations.

Kwon Yong Jin, Ri Yong Gil, Rim Kwang Il and other leading officials of the armed forces organs, and commanders of the combined units of all services of the Korean People's Army also took part in the ceremony.

Present there at invitation were meritorious officials, scientists and technicians in the national defence

industry sector.

Prior to the opening ceremony, there was a distinctive rite of the combined military band.

Then there was a martial art demonstration performed by combatants of the People's Army.

They creditably performed combat actions and methods to be applauded by the spectators.

A top-notch parachutist showed landing skills, fluttering the red Party flag in the sky.

There was a stunt flight of combat pilots in the sky above the venue.

The spectators kept cheering at the air squadron as the pilots fully demonstrated the art of flying they cultivated through day-to-day training while skilfully performing various aerial combat flight

actions like buzzing, perpendicular zooming and reversal.

Then the opening ceremony began.

As the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un mounted the platform together with the leading officials and meritorious workers in the field of national defence science, thunderous cheers resounded throughout the venue of the exhibition.

Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made an opening speech.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played as the exhibition was declared open.

Kim Jong Un made a commemorative speech at the exhibition.

Kim Jong Un speaks at Defence Development Exhibition



General Secretary reviews five-year progress in defence sector, declares steady buildup as foremost policy agenda

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, delivered a commemorative speech at the opening ceremony of the Defence Development Exhibition Self-Defence 2021 which was opened to mark the 76th anniversary of the founding of the WPK at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang on October 11.

The following is the full text of the speech:

Comrades,

Today we will have an opportunity to see with our own eyes how the defence capability of our glorious motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, has developed.

I extend warm congratulations to you, who are participating in the Defence Development Exhibition, an epitome of the advanced, modern and courageous character of our Korea.

The Defence Development Exhibition Self-Defence 2021 opened today is adding lustre to the celebration of this

year's anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

As its name denotes, this exhibition is a grand festival that will demonstrate intensively and visually the far-reaching ambition, leadership ability and practical executive capability of our Party that is bringing about a fresh turn in consolidating the defence potential of our state by invariably holding fast to the invincible line of self-defence, as well as the level of remarkable development of our state's defence science and munitions industry and their bright future.

Today's grand-scale exhibition, a crystallization of our Party's revolutionary defence policy and its robust viability, is an epoch-making demonstration of our national strength no less significant than a large-scale military parade.

Comrades,

I still remember vividly the road of do-or-die revolution in the defence industry, an untrodden road, which our Party had to follow over the past five years, shouldering the heavy historic mission of fostering a more powerful and absolute strength with

which to reliably defend the security of the country and the eternal dignity, happiness and safety of posterity in line with the demands of the changed objective and subjective conditions and environment of our revolution and the rapidly-changing military balance worldwide.

Every step we have taken on the road of developing our defence capability over the past five years, in which are etched severe trials as well as moments of emotive delight, was a step for quite a glorious and worthwhile revolution and patriotism, a step for a great victory; we can be proud of this in front of our Party, country, people and posterity.

We should not be inadvertent in seeing the military hardware displayed in fine array here, which we have managed to develop over the past five years.

The more we stroke them and the more we see them, the greater dignity and pride we feel and the more valuable we feel they are; they are ours.

All our people have rendered an unconditional and absolute support to our Party's policy of strengthening the defence capability despite the fact that they had to experience more severe

hardships and difficulties caused by the persistent anti-DPRK schemes by the hostile forces, who are desperate not to see us growing stronger. But for their trust and ardent patriotism, we would never ever have developed them.

Every piece of those military hardware tells many unforgettable tales about our defence scientists and technicians and workers in the munitions industry who, following the Party, have braved all manner of difficulties on the road of defence upbuilding; it is also permeated with the blood and sweat of these scientists, technicians and workers, who have worked self-sacrificingly by devoting their enthusiasm and wisdom.

They have always supported unconditionally and absolutely and accepted death-defyingly any of the demands and determinations of our Party, and displayed infinite loyalty and heroism on the road of accomplishing the historic cause of strengthening our defence capability.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I, on behalf of the Party, the government

and all the people, extend warm gratitude to the scientists, technicians, persons of merits and all other workers in the munitions industry, who have rendered a contribution to achieving the outstanding, advanced successes that were conducive to building a world-class defence capability, the first of its kind in the history of our Republic, and to realizing our people's long-cherished desire.

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I am convinced that this exhibition will be a victors' exhibition that will review our great victories, an encouraging exhibition that will instil inexhaustible strength and courage in the defence field and the people across the country and an enterprising exhibition that will promote faster and more vigorous development of construction of our style of socialism.

Comrades,

The core of our Party's defence policy is to defend our country and people by our own efforts, and contain any threat and challenge and reliably and steadfastly safeguard peace by means of steadily-developing, powerful defence capability.

Historically, our nation suffered trials owing to invasion by foreign forces and has had to build socialism under the constant threats by hostile forces from one century into the next.

In view of this lesson of the history of the nation and the demand and special character of the Korean revolution, building up national defence is an indispensable and vital state affair which our Party, government and people must not neglect even a moment.

If a country does not have self-defensive capability of a proper level, it will inevitably be left at the mercy of external military threat and, worse still, cannot safeguard the existence of itself and its people. It has been an immutable law of nature throughout human history.

The rapid development of military techniques and hardware is changing the aspect of military operations and the security environment of states in every region in the present world.

The military danger facing our state due to the military tension prevailing around the Korean peninsula is different from that ten or five, nay, three years ago.

Seeing the contents of various military exercises the United States and south Korea frequently wage on the pretext of coping with what they call threats while talking about peace, cooperation and

prosperity in public and south Korea's attempt to modernize its armaments which has recently become intolerably undisguised, we can easily guess how military environment will change in the region of the Korean peninsula tomorrow.

Recently, south Korea has been trying to upgrade the fighting efficiency of its army under the powerful sponsorship of the United States, bringing in a large number of cutting-edge weapons of various kinds including stealth joint strike fighters and high altitude unmanned reconnaissance aircraft.

While explicitly underlining the importance of its own defence technology after the recent revision of its missile guidelines, it focuses on modernizing its strike weapons of various kinds—developing various warheads and extending the ranges of missiles so as to improve its missile capacity, whose objective is clear, and enhancing the combat efficiency of submarines and developing fighters.

South Korea's such attempt is too dangerous to be left to itself, but what is more dangerous is its justification for modernizing its armaments and its hypocritical and brigandish double-dealing attitude.

While doing everything they want to do, the south Korean authorities, with a view to depriving us of our self-defensive right to develop defence capability, volunteer to lead the anti-DPRK propaganda campaign of the hostile forces headed by the United States, wantonly labelling even our tests of conventional weapons as armed provocations, threats and inappropriate deeds aggravating tensions.

They are now using the words provocation and threat as terminologies exclusive to the north.

Trying to put our effort to develop self-defensive capability in fetters by invoking the illegitimate UN resolutions, they are bent on increasing military expenditure under the so-called righteous excuse of coping with what they have unilaterally defined as threats.

Their hypocritical attitude and the US tacit sponsorship continue to damage the inter-Korean feelings and emotions and their unlimited, dangerous attempts to strengthen military capability are breaking the military equilibrium in the region of the Korean peninsula and aggravating the military instability and danger there.

South Korea has been unhesitant on several occasions in disclosing its ambition for securing military supremacy over us under the preposterous excuse of deterring threat

from us, and each time justified itself by the containment of our threat and defence of peace.

Designating us as a source of threat and a target to be contained, not as a partner of dialogue and cooperation, is a concentrated expression of their deeply-ingrained hostility towards our Republic which cannot be concealed no matter how hard they try to pretend otherwise.

We express deep regret over such avaricious ambition and their double-dealing, illogical and brigandish attitude that causes unfairness to and hurt the feelings of the other side; we will never tolerate but respond with powerful action if they continue to infringe upon even our right to self-defence in future.

But, if south Korea does not find fault with us in a stubborn manner and if it does not pick a quarrel even with our exercise of national sovereignty, I assure that no tension will be caused on the Korean peninsula.

Were it not for it, we will not be involved in verbal confrontation with south Korea nor have any reason to be so.

I want to reiterate that south Korea is not the target of our armed forces.

Undoubtedly, we are not strengthening our defence capability targeting at south Korea.

The dreadful history of having recourse to arms against the fellow countrymen must not be repeated on this land.

I want to make sure once again: We are not talking about a war with someone; we are building up war deterrent true to the meaning of the words in order to prevent the war itself and to safeguard the sovereignty of our state; our war deterrent and south Korea's so-called capability to contain the north are different concepts in vocabulary, meaning and essence.

Our arch-enemy is the war itself, not south Korea, the United States or any other specific state or forces.

Therefore, as I stated in the recent policy speech, all I want is that the authorities and the whole society of south Korea, in their viewpoint towards the north, get rid of their outdated and anachronistic worry and anxiety and illusory sense of mission that the north's threat should be contained, and free themselves from the excessive crisis-consciousness and persecution complex as soon as possible.

We should not judge the prevailing situation spontaneously, sentimentally or subjectively, but approach it cool-headedly and correctly.

The change in the military and

political environment created around the Korean peninsula, let alone the excessive military obesity and covetousness of south Korea at issue, portends much potential danger and presents pressing need for us to develop to a stronger entity.

Recently, the United States has frequently sent signals that it is not hostile to our state, but its behaviours provide us with no reason why we should believe in them.

Sure enough, it is not fools alone that live in the world. I wonder if there is any person or state who believes in its claim that it is not hostile to the DPRK and, if any, I am curious to know who they are.

The United States is still generating regional tension with its wrong judgment and acts.

What is clear is that the instable situation in the region of the Korean peninsula cannot be easily removed because of the United States.

In view of this reality, the military balance of the region may grow more perilous as the days go by and our state may face worse security concern and menacing situation if we, satisfied with the successes we have achieved in strengthening our national defence, slacken our pace for a respite on the road of development.

Under the prevailing unstable situation on the Korean peninsula, steadily strengthening our military might to cope with it is the demand of the times of our revolution and the supreme duty which we have assumed for the revolution and the future.

The reality demands that we refrain from resting on our laurels, marking time, and exert ourselves to possess the capability and means strong enough to control the existing concerns and threats.

The effort to possess strong military capability should be a natural, self-defensive and mandatory right and core policy which a sovereign state should not miss either in a peaceful environment or in a state of confrontation.

It is because the self-defensive power is the root of the existence of a state and a guarantee of its development.

We will confront with a decisive and resolute attitude all kinds of despicable actions by the hostile forces that are inciting military tension in the region of the Korean peninsula, and will do our best to achieve durable peace in the region by ameliorating and removing one by one the causes that are disturbing the foundation of peaceful

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environment.

However, any of our external efforts for achieving peace never means the abandonment of our right to self-defence.

Comrades,

The Eighth Congress of the WPK has put forward the detailed tasks for making our superiority in military technology in our hands more irreversible by carrying out the second-stage revolution in the defence industry in the field of defence science and the munitions industry during the five-year plan period.

The main contents are to further strengthen the already-gained war deterrent in terms of both quality and quantity and further accelerate the development and production of strategic and tactical means essential for guaranteeing national security.

What our Party trusts are the indomitable revolutionary spirit, remarkable patriotism and outstandingly brilliant brains and talents of our defence scientists and working class in the munitions industry who create unprecedented miracles without fail if the Party and the revolution require them to do so and the powerful foundation of the munitions industry firmly consolidated amidst long-lasting hardships.

During the days of the first-stage revolution in the defence industry our Party got a full understanding of the loyalty and practical abilities of the defence scientists and technicians and potential of all units and talented persons, and fostered a firm belief that the goals of cutting-edge defence capability can be hit as long as we have the reliable revolutionary soldiers who

are ready to sacrifice their lives for their country and fellow people.

What strengthens this belief and makes us optimistic about the victory in the new stage is that our Party has a huge army of up-and-coming creative young scientists, who always carry out any intentions of the Party without any conditions with an innovative approach.

These young talented persons are the pillars supporting the present and future of our defence industry and a source of great strength of our Party and state.

Along with them, we have the proud workers in the munitions industry, who have been unflinchingly faithful to the Party and the revolutionary cause at all times.

The Party expects a great deal from our scientists and workers in the munitions industry.

Our self-defence capability will keep changing in the future, too.

As long as there are the strong will and correct leadership of our Party and there are the defence scientists and workers in the munitions industry unflinchingly loyal to the Party and the revolution, more brilliant successes will be scored in carrying out our just and patriotic cause, in the course of which more perfect, more complete and more powerful strategic might, that is war deterrent, will guarantee the security and future of our country and people.

Comrades,

Today's large-scale exhibition is, of course, aimed at encouraging defence scientists and technicians and workers in the munitions industry and inspiring the people with fresh confidence and courage on this occasion. But the main purpose is to propel more powerfully the development of the country's

defence capability.

We should not rest on our laurels while looking back upon the glorious history of the defence industry, in which we have so far built up our defence capability satisfactorily to the level required by the stage of the developing revolution. We must think about making a higher leap forward, regarding the tenacious efforts and achievements we have made for more than half a century shedding blood and sweat as a firm springboard.

The defence industry sector should, through this exhibition, analyze and appraise its successes and level of development in an accurate and comprehensive way, and on the basis of this, should draw up a plan and design for the rapid development of its every field, share the excellent experiences gained so far and take measures for a higher and faster leap forward in the future.

We should all bear in mind again the grand strategy for defence development set forth by the Eighth Congress of our Party, and thus contribute to its development with redoubled courage.

Comrades, Our Party has been frank enough to tell you about the requirements of the revolution and the state of situation as they are and found great encouragement in your steadfast attitude and ardent patriotism.

I stress once again: It is our Party's invariable priority policy and goal and unwavering will to possess and further strengthen the military capability which no one would dare challenge.

All those present here should critically analyze the situation of their sectors and units in the light of the great successes achieved by our defence

industry, decide once again on which results they would present in front of the Party, state and people in the future and make a fresh determination also in the aspect of fully supporting our defence industry for its further development.

Of course, the economic situation in the country is still difficult and other sectors must have important and pressing tasks. All the sectors, however, should never forget the overriding importance of consolidating the defence capability, but remembering that any development and success of our revolution is inconceivable separated from the preferential development of the national defence capability.

Without strong self-defence capability we can neither expect successful progress of the internal and external policies of the Party and the government nor think about stability and peaceful environment of the country.

All the people, too, should support the consistent and iron will of our Party and government by regarding it as the highest expression of patriotism to strengthen the defence capability and rendering unsparing material and spiritual assistance to it.

We must be powerful also for our coming generations. This is our first and foremost task.

Let us all devote ourselves heart and soul, our wisdom and enthusiasm to the sacred cause of bolstering up in every way the defence capability of our great state without forgetting the pledges we made before the country, revolution and people and filled with conviction on and confidence in sure victory.

I once again welcome you for attending this event in which you will witness yourselves our proud military strength.



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He said that the grand exhibition is an intensive and intuitive reminder of the great ambition and leadership and practical abilities of the Party ushering in a new turning point in building up the national defence capabilities by invariably maintaining the invincible line of self-defence, and is also a striking manifestation of the state power as important as a large-scale military parade as it demonstrates the marvellous aspects of development that the DPRK has attained in defence science and the munitions industry and their shining prospects.

Recalling the path of effecting a revolution in the defence industry in

a do-or-die spirit, the untrodden path, which the Party had to take in the past five years, the General Secretary referred to the validity of the Party's defence policy which set the buildup of the defence capabilities as a prerequisite and vital state affair which has to be maintained all the time, and ardently appealed to the people to devote themselves both physically and mentally as well as their wisdom and enthusiasm to the sacred cause of consolidating the defence capabilities of the great country in every way.

At the ceremony, commendations were awarded to those who made distinguished services for the development of the defence capabilities of the country.

Kim Jong Un personally conferred Kim Il Sung Order and Kim Jong Il Order, the highest orders in the country, Kim Il Sung Prize, Kim Jong Il Prize, the title of Labour Hero of the DPRK and Gold Medal (Hammer and Sickle) and Order of National Flag 1st Class, and watches bearing the names of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Un looked round the exhibition hall together with the participants.

The exhibition is an epitome of the powerful defence capabilities of the DPRK as it mainly shows various kinds of weapons and military equipment developed and produced in the country in the recent five years.

Looking round with deep emotion the weapons and equipment one by one, the General Secretary once again spoke highly of the WPK's faithful soldiers in the defence science field who devoted their patriotism and loyalty to the sacred cause to be etched in the history of the nation for consolidating the most powerful self-defence capabilities in the world.

In commemoration of the exhibition which would be specially recorded in the history of the Party and the nation, he had photos taken with the leading officials in the field of defence science and then with the parachutist and combat pilots of the Air and Anti-Aircraft Force of the Korean People's Army who performed stunt flight and landing duties.





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General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivers keynote speech at Party lecture



General Secretary emphasizes principle, spirit, style of work to be maintained by leading Party officials

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, on October 10 made the important speech *Let Us Further Improve Party Work in Line with the Demands of the Period of Fresh Development of Socialist Construction* in a lecture to commemorate the 76th founding anniversary of the WPK.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un in his speech congratulated the participants in the lecture on the 76th founding anniversary of the WPK, and clarified issues of principle arising in enhancing the leadership and fighting efficiency of the Party in all fields of the revolution and construction as required by the developing revolution and the ways to resolve them as well.

He also explained the object of the arrangement of the Party-wide lecture on the occasion of the Party founding anniversary.

He said that the successes of relevant units hinge on how Party organizations at all levels accept and implement the revolutionary ideas and struggle policies of the Party Central Committee and that

only when such successes are organically linked and amplified, can the WPK correctly demonstrate its ability to lead the revolution and construction and steer their dynamic development. He stressed that the Party-wide lecture was organized to comprehensively re-explain to the leading officials of the whole Party the main struggle policies which have been already set forth and to emphasize the principle of work, working spirit and style of work to be thoroughly maintained at present.

First, he referred to the fact that the WPK has written the longest history spanning 76 years as a socialist ruling party and performed great exploits while leading the most arduous and complicated Korean revolution along the road of victory.

Briefing on the efforts of the WPK with the strong root of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to advance policies for building socialism and to prepare for the birth of the people's government from the very day of its foundation and the historic revolutions and tremendous changes it brought about by firmly maintaining the independent

line and strategic and tactical policies, he appreciated the exploits of the WPK which has defended the dignity, honour and heroic nature of the state and demonstrated the viability of true socialism with its seasoned leadership, breaking through the unprecedented fateful difficulties facing the country.

He said the greatest exploit the Party performed in the whole course of its revolutionary leadership is that it brought up the people of a distress-torn nation, small and weak, to be a great and excellent people single-heartedly rallied around the Party and the leader with strong self-esteem and creativity, noting that as it has always given precedence to educating, training and rallying the masses of the people, the motive force for the revolution, it could preserve the true nature of socialism and advance the Korean revolution in the violent vortex of history.

Explaining that the key to the Party's great ever-victorious performance lies in that it has pioneered and invariably followed the most correct and scientific path of party-building, he stressed that in order to successfully lead the

revolutionary struggle and construction, it is necessary to strengthen the Party itself, the general staff of the revolution, into the iron-willed vanguard and continuously intensify the buildup along with the changes of the times.

He noted that the WPK displayed its originality in resolving the issue of party-building and firmly followed the orbit proper to its development from the starting line.

He said that the Party defined the realization of the people's independence as the essence of the revolutionary struggle and the building of socialism and communism and made clear its raison d'être as a party which was organized and struggles for the people.

Accordingly, he stated, the great Juche idea with the idea of "The people are God" and the people-first principle as the core was established as the guiding ideology of the Party and has steadily been enriched and developed as required by the times and the developing revolution, and the Party's supreme programme on modelling the whole society on the Juche



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idea was determined.

Saying with deep emotion that the autograph President Kim Il Sung gave to the first graduates of the one-year course of Central Party School in August 1948 reflects well the character and work style of the WPK, he described the autograph, which reads that Party and state work which is divorced from the people and which does not rely on them is meaningless, as a great proposition of eternal value which intensively enshrines the immutable guideline and principle consistently maintained in the whole course of the WPK's building and activities.

As the WPK has consistently embodied in its building and activities the principle of the Juche idea that the masses of the people are masters of the revolution and construction and they are also the motive force for the revolution and construction, the unconditional service for the people was established as a trait peculiar to the Party and the WPK was honoured with the title of motherly Party for the first time in the history of revolutionary party building, he appraised with great pride.

He said the WPK firmly maintained its principle and stand also in strengthening its leadership system, noting that the Party made it clear that the Party's leadership system based on democratic centralism is, in essence, the leader's monolithic ideological and leadership system over the revolution and construction and defined the establishment of the Party's unified leadership system as the basic line of party building, thereby hardening the ideological and theoretical backbone and political backbone for thoroughly overcoming mistakes and deviations in the matter.

Kim Jong Un referred to the brilliant achievements made in the building of the WPK for the last ten years.

He said that as the Party and the revolution entered a new period of succession and development, the party building for strengthening the WPK into the powerful general staff and the guiding force of the revolution was further intensified and thus the guiding ideology of the Party was formulated

as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism to meet the fresh demands of the developing revolution and its leadership ability and fighting efficiency were readjusted in an all-round way and in detail.

He stated that the overall work of the Party and the state was propelled and developed with clear opportune character and dynamism in accordance with the innovative measures taken to enhance the Party's leadership functions and role and that the authority and fighting efficiency of the Party leading the development of the revolution were boosted drastically.

An undertaking was carried on to train the ranks of cadres and Party ranks into elite ones, the duties of Party organizations at all levels ranging from the Party Central Committee to primary Party committees and Party cells were defined more definitely and efforts were intensified to establish a well-organized work system and stricter discipline throughout the Party.

He made clear that with the Eighth Party Congress as an occasion, the WPK revised its rules, the main standards of Party building and activities, as required by the developing revolution and the Juche-based principle of party building and that the original features and popular character of the Party became more distinct in the struggle for establishing the devoted service for the people as a revolutionary Party trait.

He said that the Party established a firm system and foundations for preserving its character and original features as the militant general staff leading the revolutionary cause of Juche in the face of any hardships, the genuine Party serving the people, and continuously enhancing its leadership ability by determinedly carrying forward the Juche-based idea of party building and exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, and stressed that this is a brilliant success achieved in party building for the past ten years.

Saying that the WPK faces the task of the times of building itself into a more sound and powerful party to meet the present revolutionary situation, he made an analysis of the subjective and objective environment of the Korean revolution facing unprecedentedly manifold difficulties and of the importance of

thoroughly implementing the crucial policy tasks set forth at Party congresses and other major Party and state meetings in bravely overcoming the difficulties.

The enormous tasks of readjusting and developing the state economy as a whole require a correct development plan and scientific guarantee, he said, adding that the only way to dynamically push forward the unprecedentedly crucial work in the grim situation is for the entire Party to get united and concentrate Party guidance on one direction following the fighting line and principle set forth by the Party Central Committee.

Any tasks set forth by the Party and government can certainly be carried out if Party organizations are mobilized and the masses turn out, he said, noting that if all the units ranging from those in the capital to those in local areas creditably fulfil the revolutionary duties assigned to them, the DPRK's advance will be expedited several times more than it is now and better tomorrow craved by the Korean people will come earlier as much.

He set forth important tasks for all the organizations and leading officials of the entire Party in dynamically hauling and the new development of socialist construction by further improving the Party work, being well aware of the main fighting line and policies of the Party Central Committee and the DPRK government.

He called for continuing to intensify the work for establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee, which constitutes the invincible and ever-victorious might of the WPK.

The establishment of the unified leadership system in the entire Party is the most precious political achievement of the WPK has made in the arduous and severe struggle, he said, stressing that the strength of the WPK constitutes the inexhaustible might which can surmount whatever hardships and challenges, as it has the firm centre of leadership, unity and cohesion and has thoroughly ensured the uniformity of ideology and leadership and all the people are single-heartedly united around its Central Committee.

In the 1960s, the work of strengthening

the unified leadership system was intensified as the top priority in Party building thanks to the gifted far-sightedness and under the outstanding leadership of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, he said, adding that the high prestige and authority of the Party and the state shining all over the world today and all the miraculous victories won by the Korean people in socialist construction and in the struggle for defending socialism are unthinkable apart from the Party's unified leadership system. He added that herein lies a shortcut to the prosperity of the state and happiness of tens of millions of people.

To protect the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee, which symbolizes the dignity and might of the Party and the state, as precious as one's own life and to thoroughly establish it is a sacred and bounden duty of all the Party organizations and members and all the citizens on this land, he noted.

The ideal goal of establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee is to make sure that the entire Party and the whole society form one head and one body, i.e. to make the whole country a single organism which shares the same thought and intention with the Party Central Committee and ensures uniformity in action with it, he emphasized, referring to the important issues arising for Party organizations and leading Party officials in making the establishment of the system the main line of their work, being well aware of its requirements at present.

Kim Jong Un pointed to the importance of internal work of the Party in improving and strengthening Party work at the present time.

He specified matters of principle to be maintained in the Party's organizational work including the issues of solidly building up the ranks of cadres, of transforming the Party ranks into those of elites and intensifying Party life organization and guidance for its members, of doing the work with the masses well to suit the changing environment and their mentality, of strengthening control, inspection and guidance and of promoting Party inspection and guidance, all by putting efforts into the internal work in line with the requirements of the changed times and the developing reality.

Kim Jong Un pointed to the need for Party organizations and leading Party officials to improve and strengthen ideological work.

Ideological construction is a prerequisite for the existence and development of the Party and a fundamental guarantee for ensuring political guidance over the revolution and construction, he said, noting that ideology is the most powerful and sole weapon for the Korean revolution which has to blaze an untrodden path and accomplish the great cause of building a prosperous country with a powerful army by the nation's own efforts.

Improving and strengthening ideological work presents itself as vital requirements today when great changes are seen in people's awareness and in the social environment, he said, adding that as the people-first principle has definitely become the trait of the Party, state and society and the era of our-state-first principle has been ushered in in recent years, the loyalty, self-esteem and patriotic enthusiasm of the Korean people have been sublimated.

Ideological work is the core of the Party

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work that requires maximum attention and efforts all the time and there can never be any limit in enhancing its efficiency, he said, calling on Party organizations and leading Party officials to carefully analyse the situation of ideological work in their sectors and units and take decisive measures to improve the Party's ideological work.

The main requirement of the Party's ideological work at present is to prepare all the members of society to be genuine loyalists and ardent patriots who cherish the Party Central Committee's revolutionary ideas as part of their faith and mental qualities and, at the same time, to bring about steady innovation in the work as required by the times and the developing revolution while keeping intensifying it uninterruptedly, he stressed.

The most important task arising from the basic requirements of the Party's ideological work is to dynamically step up the work of imbuing the whole Party and the entire society with the revolutionary ideas of the Party Central Committee, he stated, adding that Party organizations and leading Party officials should thoroughly establish and keep ratcheting up the climate and habit of studying in order to firmly arm Party members and other working people with the revolutionary ideas of the Party Central Committee.

He explained in detail the matters of combining this work with the practical struggle for implementing Party policies, of steadily carrying on the work of conveying, disseminating, explaining and publicizing the Party's new policies from the central organs down to the lowest units correctly, in depth and in time, of making sure that all the Party members and other working people regard the revolutionary ideas of the Party Central Committee as the firm creed and absolute standard of their thinking and activities and of conducting five-point education in an efficient way.

Socialism is our lifeblood, life and future, he said, emphasizing the need to pay attention to intensifying education in faith in socialism.

One of the tasks our Party's ideological work should always prioritize is to make the three-revolution red flag movement a powerful mass movement propelling socialist construction and an actual motive power for the development of relevant units, he clarified.

The three-revolution red flag movement is the highest form of mass movement which Party organizations should directly keep up to give guidance over, he said, stressing that the information and publicity departments of Party committees at all levels which are in direct charge of this movement should

work out detailed plans and take correct executive measures in order to conduct the movement on a high level as required by the times, steadily intensify guidance over the lower units and thus make the whole country seethe with the three revolutions.

Kim Jong Un clarified a series of tasks arising in pushing ahead with the Party's ideological work.

He specified all the issues for the progress of the Party's ideological work, including the tasks for Party organizations to actively explore and apply new and efficient forms and methods of ideological work, which are suited to the specific situations and characteristics of their areas and units while conforming to the people's mentality and aspirations and the trend of the developing times, the issue of giving full play to the might of the information and publicity forces and means, the tasks for the field of culture and art, which holds a big share in educating the masses and firing them with revolutionary enthusiasm, to redouble efforts so as to kindle the flame of another revolution at the earliest possible date, and the issue of enhancing the role of full-time Party information workers and junior information workers.

Kim Jong Un also referred to improving and strengthening the Party's guidance over administrative and economic work.

He called on all the leading Party officials to admit that the actual state of their sectors and units represents the level of guidance and ability of their own Party organizations and themselves, and make redoubled efforts to bring about remarkable improvement in the Party's guidance over administrative and economic work.

A key in the Party's guidance over administrative and economic work is to firmly and consistently maintain the principle of political guidance and policy-oriented guidance, he said, emphasizing the need for Party organizations to properly play the role of a steering wheel in directing the economic work of relevant units and, to this end, to properly run Party committees and promote collective discussion and collective guidance.

He defined the mental power of the masses and science and technology as the key factor decisive of the success in economic work and called on Party organizations and officials to arouse the enthusiasm of working people by thoroughly maintaining the stand of giving precedence to political work in carrying out economic tasks and by keeping supply service in step with the political work, and to augment their own scientific and technological forces.

He stressed the need to enhance the role of Party organizations of ministries and national agencies in carrying out the Party's economic policies, and

urged Party organizations and officials, chief secretaries of provincial, city and county Party committees in particular, to intensify Party guidance over judicial organs.

He noted Party organizations and leading Party officials should bear in mind that Party guidance over working people's organizations constitutes important part of Party work and do Party guidance over them well.

Party organizations and leading Party officials should put the main emphasis of guidance on making working people's organizations fulfil their mission as ideological and educational organizations, and build up the ranks of the officials of working people's organizations well and provide them with guidance and support in every way so that they can discharge their duty as political organizations loyal to the Party, he said.

Kim Jong Un stressed that in order to improve and strengthen Party work, it is needed for all the leading Party officials to maintain revolutionary, militant and healthy working spirit and give full play to it.

Whether the Party's line and policies are correctly carried out or not entirely depends on how Party officials accept those line and policies and on what fighting mettle and spirit they work with, he said, noting that the WPK demands its officials should be the first to renew their fighting spirit, revolutionary mettle and work style in implementing the fighting programme, line and policies for the new victory in socialist construction.

He pointed to the tasks for leading Party officials to arm themselves with the revolutionary ideas of the Party Central Committee and Party policies more firmly than anyone else and enhance their political awareness, to make it part of their mental qualities and habit to carry out Party policies without fail, to thoroughly apply the traditional Korean-style work method which has demonstrated tremendous might in developing the Party and victoriously advancing the Korean revolution, and to maintain the popular character in Party work and possess wholesome morality and personality.

He earnestly said that the ideas and policies of the Party, a motherly party and servant which exists for the people and absolutely serves them without condition, are conveyed to the people through Party organizations and officials and that the dignity, authority and image of the Party are shown to the people through the looks of Party officials.

Stressing that leading Party officials should certainly become models in preserving the popular character of the Party and realizing the people-first politics, he said that they should always seriously consider whether any one of the work they organize goes against the

interests of the people or causes trouble to them, and deal with every problem from the standpoint of the people and on the principle of providing them with convenience.

Only the Party officials who find a new material for work for the people in their casual words, strive to relieve their anguish and resolve their problems and share bitters and sweets with the masses can win support from them and be successful in their work, he noted, adding that it is an important demand consistently emphasized by the Party that its officials should be upright and honest in life without wishing for any privilege and preferential treatment.

Stating that the WPK serving the people does never tolerate the acts of encroaching on the interests of the people and divorcing the Party from the masses, he underlined the need to take strict precautions against deviations manifested in Party work.

Stressing the need for leading Party officials to respect the people and remain infinitely modest with noble moral traits, he said it is the demand of the Party Central Committee that Party officials become the revolutionaries who are transparent in idea and best in moral traits.

He also urged leading Party officials to become examples in heightening their sense of organizational duty to their Party, voluntarily taking part in Party life and respecting the dignity of Party organizations.

He said that the leadership of the Party Central Committee over the revolution and construction is realized through its departments and that the leading role of the Party is decided by how those departments fulfil their duties, before referring to the need for them to increase their role.

He clarified once again the determination and will of the Party to make the period of five-year plan set by the Eighth Party Congress the efficient five years in shoring up the national economy and solving the people's problems of food, clothing and housing and the five years of bringing about great changes of the country by racing against time and thus build a powerful socialist nation envied by the world by successively carrying out a gigantic operation of the next stage.

Noting that the WPK has the irresistible force of invaluable trust of all the people and great and firm single-hearted unity, he ardently appealed to the participants to dynamically fight on by devoting all their wisdom and passion to achieving rapid progress in socialist construction guided and encouraged by ever-victorious Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and to bringing earlier a great era when the ideal and desire of the people are translated into a reality.

Lecture held to commemorate WPK founding anniv

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The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea organized a commemorative lecture at its office building on October 10, the founding anniversary of the Party.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, took part in the lecture.

Attending the lecture were Jo Yong Won and Pak Jong Chon, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the WPK Central Committee.

Present there were secretaries Ri Il Hwan, Jong Sang Hak, O Su Yong and Thae Hyong Chol, department directors Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Kim Yong Chol, Ho Chol Man,

Pak Thae Dok, Kim Hyong Sik and Yu Jin and other leading officials of departments of the WPK Central Committee, chief secretaries of the Party committees of provinces, cities, counties and complexes and leading officials of the Party committees of commissions, ministries and national agencies.

Political workers of the armed

forces organs including Kwon Yong Jin, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, also participated in the lecture.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a historic speech *Let Us Further Improve Party Work in Line with the Demands of the Period of Fresh Development of Socialist Construction*.

When the General Secretary concluded his speech, all the participants broke into cheers of "Hurrah!" that shook the venue.

All the senior Party officials who participated in the lecture for commemorating the 76th founding anniversary of the WPK hardened their confidence in the greatness of the Party and victory of the revolutionary cause and made a firm pledge to discharge their heavy responsibility and duty in the struggle for thoroughly implementing the decisions made at the historic Eighth Congress of the Party and the administrative policy of the government of the DPRK.

Nation celebrates 76th birthday of the Workers' Party of Korea in splendour



People from all walks of life pay floral tribute at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and artistic performances are given in different parts to celebrate the 76th birthday of the Workers' Party of Korea. Young Koreans dance to merry tune amid fireworks display at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang to rev up festive mood.

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People across the country significantly celebrated the 76th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea. An endless stream of people flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, founder and builder of the WPK, lie in state to look back upon the undying exploits of the great leaders. Working people, service personnel and youth and students visited the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and the statues of the great leaders and mosaics depicting their smiling images in different parts of the country and offered floral tributes.

There were performances in Pyongyang and local areas. There was a concert of the National Symphony Orchestra at Moranbong Theatre and an outdoor performance of the Phibada Opera Troupe before the Pyongyang Grand Theatre. Revolutionary drama "Blood at an International Conference" was performed at the National Theatre. There was magic suite "Mysterious Wonder" at the Magic Theatre of the National Acrobatic Troupe. The central youth artistic motivational team, central workers' artistic motivational team of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, central agricultural workers' artistic motivational team, the women's union central artistic motivational team, railway artistic motivational team, artistic

motivational teams of the Capital City Construction Commission and Pyongyang Municipality and of different industrial establishments and districts and artistic motivational squads of the women's union also gave outdoor performances in different parts of Pyongyang. Provincial art troupes gave similar performances. There were dancing parties of youth and students and members of the women's union across the country. At the Taekwon-Do Hall, there were men's and women's individual pattern and sparring competitions between the Taekwon-Do team of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee and the Pyongyang Municipal Taekwon-Do team. Decorative illuminations were

seen on streets of Pyongyang and other areas, brightening the festive mood. An art performance was given at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre on October 10. Put on the stage were excellent music pieces singing of the WPK and songs reflecting the determination of all the people to go along the road of loyalty upholding the Party. The national instrumental ensemble, national percussion instrument ensemble, kayagum ensemble and national dance were highly praised as they showed the people's joy brought under the care of the Party and their high spirit with cheerful tunes of folk songs and dance rhythms. Children's chorus *We Are Eager to Meet Marshal Kim Jong Un*,

unaccompanied chorus *Ardent Desire* and others enlivened the atmosphere of the performance with fervent reverence for the General Secretary. And other distinctive numbers were staged, including dance and acrobatic pieces accompanied by 3D projected screens, ice dancing and sand picture to show the development aspects of rich and fantastic Juche-oriented art. The performance ended with orchestral music and mixed choruses as the finale. There was an evening gala of youth and students and fireworks display at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on October 10. Fireworks soared up brightly decorating the nocturnal sky over the capital city, enlivening the evening gala.

Premier Kim inspects agricultural sector in North Phyongan



Premier Kim Tok Hun (second from left) acquaints himself with farming at Chojang Cooperative Farm in Kwaksan County.

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Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, inspected the agricultural sector of North

Phyongan Province. At the Chojang Cooperative Farm in Kwaksan County, the Premier called on officials and agricultural workers to gather in time the crops they cultivated with much effort by conducting harvesting and threshing in a proper way. And at the food administration stations in

Jongju City and Kwaksan and Pakchon counties, he pointed to the need to responsibly organize the work of sprucing up city and county food administration stations and modernizing grain processing lines and to timely tackle technical problems arising in increasing the operating rate of facilities in order to carry out the tasks set forth in the

administrative policy of the government. The field consultative meetings stressed the need for farms to round off this year's farming and make full preparations for next year's farming and for food administration stations to further raise the qualitative level of grain drying, storage and processing.

The afflicted in South Hamgyong move into new homes

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People in the flood-hit areas of South Hamgyong Province moved to new houses amid the celebrations of the founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea with splendour. Officials, working people and service personnel in the province conducted a restoration campaign on the strength of army-people cooperation to build new homes in the flood-stricken areas of Sinhung, Hongwon and Yonggwang counties and Hamhung City in a matter of two months. Those are the cradles of happy life epitomizing the noble view on the people of the WPK and the valuable outcome brought about by the might of the great army-people unity.

Meetings for moving to new houses took place in Sinhung, Hongwon and Yonggwang counties and Hamhung City on October 10. Present there were Kim Yong Sik, chairman of the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, officials concerned, service personnel, builders in the province, inhabitants in the areas and working people. House licenses were conveyed to inhabitants and speeches were made. People began moving to new houses. Officials of Party and power organs of the province and commanding officers of the People's Army units visited families that moved to new houses and shared joy with the owners.

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Presentation GFSTK hosts sci-tech presentation of animal husbandry, veterinary sector
A national scientific and technological presentation of the animal husbandry and veterinary sector was held by way of videoconferencing between October 12 and 13 under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea. It was attended by scientists, technicians, field officials and others from over 20 units. More than 50 pieces of study papers were submitted to the presentation.

insulators until October 9. It mapped out a realistic plan for readjusting and reinforcing its production foundations and established a strict system of repairing equipment to produce and timely supply parts and standardized articles of electrical equipment. It ensures a timely supply of electrical equipment and insulators for the construction sites of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang and Tanchon Power Station and different other sectors of the national economy.

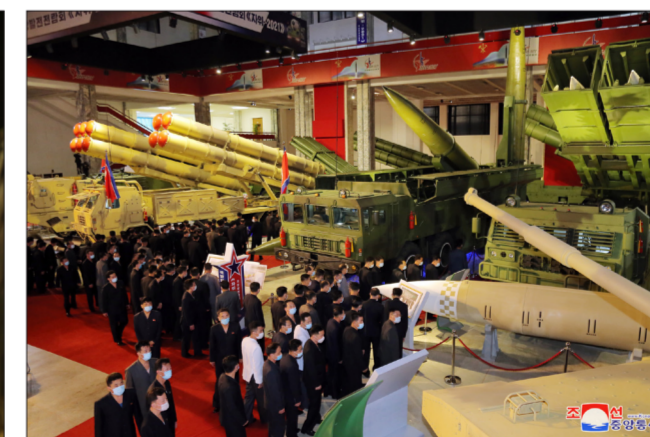
Land management General mobilization for land management in autumn gains strength
North Hamgyong Province rounded off river improvement, the earth piling and stone covering of banks and river dredging for dozens of objects in a short period. Cholsan County of North Phyongan Province carried out the building of a retaining wall covering an area of more than 2 000 square metres and set up protection wooden poles at well over a hundred places according to a model road construction plan.

South Hamgyong Coalmine pushes construction of coal silo
The construction of a coal silo is nearing completion at the Inpho Youth Coal Mine of the Pukchang Area Youth Coal-mining Complex. The new type of coal silo is designed to greatly reduce the area as compared to the existing coal yard and save much labour and electricity. Also, it does not require any heavy machines.

South Hwanghae Winter wheat, barley sowing completed
Cooperative farms in South Hwanghae Province which planned to increase sowing area by 1.5 times completed the sowing of winter wheat and barley at the right time by introducing advanced farming methods and technologies.

North Hamgyong Insulator producer fulfils yearly plan
The Kyongsong Insulator Factory in North Hamgyong Province carried out its production plan for electrical equipment and

Military hardware show pulls crowds



Visitors see sophisticated military hardware and other pieces of combat and technical equipment on display in a show at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang.

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The Defence Development Exhibition Self-Defence 2021 was visited on October 12 by officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, leading Party officials of cities, counties and complexes, officials of ministries and national agencies and officials and

people in the field of mass media. After attentively listening to the commemorative speech made by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, the visitors looked round the sophisticated military equipment showing the level of marvellous development

and prospects of the DPRK's defence science and munitions industry. The Defence Development Exhibition continues to be visited by lots of people amid the increasing public interest in the show epitomizing the tremendous defence capabilities of the DPRK. Officials of ministries, national agencies and

armed forces organs and service personnel visited the exhibition on October 13. Being briefed on sophisticated military hardware and other combat and technical equipment showing the rapid development of the self-reliant defence industry, the visitors realized once again the great might of the DPRK.

With self-reliance as treasure sword for prosperity

By Ri Hyang

The DPRK has made eye-opening achievements in succession in the recent ten years, thereby ushering in a new era of self-respect and prosperity.

It was not that easy to open up the new era.

Hostile forces got wilder in their vicious attempt to stop the dynamic advance of the socialist cause in the DPRK by taking mean advantage of the demise of Chairman Kim Jong Il and many other difficulties stood in its way.

At that juncture, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un declared at the military parade in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung that the permanent strategy of the Korean revolution and its final victory lie in marching straight along the road of independence and socialism indicated by the President and the Chairman.

The passage of the speech reflected his faith and will to faithfully follow the revolutionary mode of the great leaders who solved all problems arising in the revolution and construction on the principle of independence and self-reliance.

General Secretary

Kim Jong Un opened up a broad avenue for socialist construction by holding self-reliance as a treasure sword for national prosperity in the face of unprecedentedly trying ordeals.

He repeatedly stressed that the only road the DPRK should follow is self-reliance at important meetings including Party congresses and his New Year addresses in the past ten years.

The Korean people say from the bottom of their heart that the many structures built and precious wealth created in the past ten years and everything of their own to be created soon are the brilliant monuments of the faith of independence and spirit of self-development first of the General Secretary.

It is the people that he firmly believed in wherever he put forward the line and policies for independent development.

He is convinced that no obstacle is insurmountable and no fortress is impenetrable as long as there are the people who grew up learning the history of Yongil Bomb and the epic of the Chollima era under the care of the great leaders and who have made self-reliance and self-development their life, part of their mental qualities and mode of existence as

they learned how to defeat enemies and overcome difficulties and how to defend their dignity and rights.

That is why he unfolded plans for revitalizing the economy as he implanted the truth that self-reliance is the only way to survive in the minds of the people wherever he went and highly praised whatever was made by their own efforts and technology.

Under his leadership, monumental structures representing the times sprang up one after another on this land.

Therefore, the Korean people say from the bottom of their heart that the many structures built and precious wealth created in the past ten years and everything of their own to be

created soon are the brilliant monuments of the faith of independence and spirit of self-development first of the General Secretary.

The Korean people, who have kept it as their faith through life experience that a shortcut to prosperity is to live by their own efforts with confidence in their own strength, are now dynamically advancing toward a new victory along the course illuminated by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

10 years of achieving prosperity by self-reliance



File photos show a new type of tramcar, shoes produced at the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory, the dam of the Wonsan Army-People Power Station, part of renovated City of Samjiyon, and a flying microlight to name a few of the achievements over the past decade.

Great changes made by their own efforts

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

Saying has it that even rivers and mountains change over ten years. But the DPRK has made big strides of development doing ten years' work in one year.

It has brought about tremendous changes by its own efforts, technologies and resources during that period.

Among the creations of the times are the Munsu Water Park, Mirim Riding Club, Wisong Scientists Residential District, Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp, Sci-Tech Complex, Mirae Scientists Street and Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station and

fairytale villages in Rason and other northern areas which were completely rebuilt after suffering natural disasters, renovated Songdowon International Children's Camp and Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace and dazzlingly changed Samjiyon, huge greenhouse farm in the Jungphoyong area and fantastic hot spring resort in the Yangdok area.

The construction speed displayed in the Ryomyong Street project was, in truth, mythical.

The framework for dozens of blocks of apartment houses was completed in just a little over four months

after groundbreaking as the construction speed was raised by 2.3 times as compared to the time of the Changion Street project. Especially, the framework for the 70-storey apartment house with a floor space being as large as several football pitches was finished in some 70 days and its tiling in some 10 days.

Factories that epitomize the age of knowledge-based economy were built in different parts of the country and efforts were directed to revitalizing the production of iron and fertilizer by Juche-based methods, while a new history of gold mountains, golden fields and gold seas

was being made. New home-made trucks, tractors, tram cars and trolley buses run in the fields and streets and light airplanes fly high in the air.

The Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex made a new metro car. Over 5 000 sheets of blueprints were drawn and over 100 000 parts in thousands of kinds were made for the production of the metro car.

Products labelled "Made in the DPRK" are constantly increasing in kinds to give Koreans pride in and attachment to their own goods, such as foodstuffs of the Kumkhop, Sonhung and Kyonghung brands, Macbongsan and Ryuwon shoes, Choljuk-brand socks, Arirang electronic products, Sonamu schoolbags, Mindulle notebooks and Unhasu, Pomhyanggi and Mirae cosmetics.

Having undergone the biggest facelift over the past ten years, Pyongyang is continuously changing its looks.

A group of gargantuan structures are rising up in a distinctive way in the Songsin-Songhwa area and dwelling houses with beautiful gemlike terraces and flower gardens are being built on the banks of the Pothong River.

The ideal society desired by the DPRK is not far away in the future.

It is a grand plan and firm decision of the Workers' Party of Korea to build a prosperous socialist country where the people live happily as soon as possible by turning the coming five years into productive years of radical development in socialist construction and launching a gigantic, uninterrupted struggle of the next stage.

Kangwon thrives by dint of self-development

By Kim Il Jin PT

Kangwon Province is not so big in area, but as mountains account for over 90 percent of its area, it has less arable land and is hard of access.

Though the locals have less developed industrial infrastructure and live in unfavourable physiological conditions, they took a vigorous step towards the high peak of happiness.

The motive power which made them put spurs to their

advance was the meticulous and energetic guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who led them to build up the Masikryong Ski Resort, Kosan Combined Fruit Farm, livestock farming base in the Sepho area, Wonsan Baby Home and Orphanage, Songdowon International Children's Camp and many other exemplary structures of the times in the province and made a history of the "gold sea".

The provincial population found the basic way to

revitalize the local economy and improve their living standards in building a hydropower station and buckled down to the construction of the Wonsan Army-People Power Station.

The large-scale power plant, which was designed to generate electricity by creating a high head after diverting the stream of a river flowing to the West Sea of Korea to the East Sea of Korea, was a gigantic nature-harnessing project, which required builders to dig dozens of kilometres of

waterway tunnel through steep mountains of the Masik Pass, build a dam by heaping up nearly 2 million cubic metres of earth and stones and lay out thousands-of-metre-long pressure iron pipeline.

Builders wound up the construction of huge temporary drainageway, which was believed to take more than two years, in four months by introducing new construction methods and completed the construction of a dam in a little over three years.

While visiting the power station in December 2016, General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that the power station proved once again that self-reliance is the only way out and nothing is impossible for those who hold fast to self-reliance and self-development as the motive power and it is a plant which is associated with the unyielding fighting spirit of the Workers' Party of Korea.

He put forward the officials, Party members and other working people

of the province as creators of the spirit of Kangwon Province, saying that they are indomitable fighters who translated the great vitality of self-development-first principle into practice.

They erected lots of bases of self-reliance in different places of the province while pushing the construction of the power plant.

Their numbers amount to dozens including the Munchon Steel Works, Ryongdam Cement Factory, Anbyon Ceramic Factory, Wonsan

Disabled Soldiers' Essential Plastic Goods Factory, Wonsan Furniture Factory and Wonsan Glass Bottle Factory.

Such production bases mass-produce steel materials, cement and finishing building materials needed for the construction projects in the province.

The province is now stepping up the construction of several power stations under a plan to turn the province into an area producing more than enough electricity to meet its demand in the near future.

Mountainous county makes use of natural advantages

Catfish farm raises output

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

The Rinsan Catfish Farm is located in Taechon-ri of Rinsan County, North Hwanghae Province.

It uses hot spring water gushing out of the point between limestone and granite areas.

"Taechon-ri produced only mud snails using hot spring water in the past. But it is now well known to the province as a catfish producer," workteam leader Sin Chun Il said.

According to him, the temperature of the hot spring water is between 24 and 33 degrees centigrade, an ideal condition for the growth of catfish.

The farm established an

integrated production system to control water temperature, pH and amount of oxygen of indoor and outdoor ponds in real time and therefore the quantities of water and feed are adjusted accordingly.

What is noticeable is that it set up a scientific system of producing pure and seed fish to increase the survival rate of fries.

"We introduced a production method stimulating hypophysis and discovered a way to improve incubation rate, while establishing a scientific method of raising and tending seed fish," said manager Jang In Hak.

It also put a water recycling system on a scientific basis to better the quality of water flowing into fry ponds and

raises the level of scientific water management based on the water analysis system, including the sterilization and supply of water and an efficient way of changing water according to growth conditions.

It established a system of raising fish with floating feed with high protein content and actual feeding rate while reducing the norms of feed consumption.

It has recently introduced a gravity-fed water supply system to fill ponds of an indoor fattening block with water without using electricity.

The farm turns out millions of fries a year to send them to fish ponds and paddy fields in cities and counties of the province.



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The Rinsan Catfish Farm mass-produces catfish by adopting advanced methods.

Herbs grown with advanced methods

By Kim Kum Myong PT

Rinsan County has favourable conditions for the cultivation of medicinal plants for its comparably cool climate and suitable atmospheric humidity.

Herb fields are evenly distributed all over the area and, particularly, the Rinsan Herb Farm located in Sangha-ri cultivates herbs in large quantities.

The farm turns out tens of species of medicinal herbs including peony, broad bellflower, *Angelica gigas*,

elecampane, thistle and adlay. "Koryo medicines that our people have used since ancient times are unthinkable apart from medicinal herbs. To increase the production of herbs arises as a very important issue in positively encouraging and developing traditional medicine," said manager Ko Jong Ryol.

While sowing seeds at the right time to meet the characteristics of medicinal plants, the farm is doubling production by introducing seed- and land-saving cultivation methods.

The farm also conducts

research to breed new varieties of herbs and improve cultivation methods.

One or two species of medicinal plants including *Rehmannia glutinosa* were produced by way of tissue culture in the past, but now positive efforts are made to introduce the method into different species of herbs.

Meanwhile, close attention is being paid to soil improvement in keeping with the biological features of seeds.

"Herb farming is greatly contributing to improving the life of locals," said chief engineer Kim Chun Nam.

Wild fruit trees of good species naturalized

By Jong Chol PT

Forests play an important role in economic development for our mountainous county. We are trying hard to cover the mountains in the county with different kinds of wild fruit trees, said Han Hong Chol, manager of the Rinsan County Forest Management Station.

He added that his station secured saplings of good species of wild fruit trees from across the country, including pine-nut, black walnut, *Evodia daniellii* and large chestnut trees.

"Chestnut trees have borne well this year. It took several years to acclimatize and get the trees to produce large and tasty chestnuts," said Kim Sok Gyu, staffer in charge of nursing young trees.

What is important in producing wild fruit tree saplings is to correctly select healthy seeds and suitable time.

The station scientifically carries on seed treatment, sprouting, sowing and selection of right time.

At present, it produces tens of thousands of

saplings a year.

It is now producing wild fruit tree saplings by focusing on planting mixed and oil-bearing forests with such useful trees as pine nut, *Evodia daniellii* and black walnut.

The station turned out tens of thousands of tree saplings this year alone.



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Workers tend tree saplings in a sapling greenhouse of the Rinsan County Forest Management Station.



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Employees discuss how to increase the varieties of herbs at the Rinsan Herb Farm. The herb garden of the farm.



Weaver girls enjoy evening hours



Girl weavers play a board game and prepare dinner at the hostel of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill.



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The hostel of employees of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill provides a happy living to weaver girls as it is equipped with all communal amenities for the life of hostellers including cosy rooms, dining hall, beauty salon, shop, library and bathroom.

"For the young women who have finished their daily work, evening hours are the most pleasant time,"

said Rim Su Hyok, a hostel management official.

Hostellers tell about the pride of native places in the rooms built brightly and neatly and all the inhabitants of a room burst into uproarious laughter by the humour of a funny weaver girl.

Meanwhile, those who like to read books go to the library, while others who are involved in the study-while-you-work system receive online lectures in the

e-library.

"With the help of online lectures, I could become an innovator of the factory and make inventions and come up with brilliant ideas," said weaver Rim Song Hui.

Rim who came from Hoeryong in the northern part of Korea recently graduated from the online course of Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry with top honours.

The beauty salon is always crowded.

"I try my best to make the look more beautiful than any other girls," said beauty artist Hyon Jong Sim.

The distinctively-built cooking practice ground is a favourite haunt of residents of the hostel.

According to keeper Kim Kyong Suk, many girls are said to have become skillful in cooking in the course of preparing dishes they saw on TV or in cookery books by themselves at the practice

ground. "Seniors competitively prepared a birthday party for me by showing off their cooking skills in the cooking practice ground, saying it is the first birthday I had in the hostel after leaving home. I will never forget today," said Yun Hyang Mi who greeted her birthday.

Hostel dwellers sing songs in reflection of their merry life using the karaoke instrument in the halls of every floor.

Sugimoto Tetsuya, a staff member of the Kasumi International Co, Ltd, made an entry in the visitor's book on April 18 2018 after looking round the hostel: "It is very surprising. The hostel furnished with a library, treatment room and big bath is as nice as a hotel. Employees might make innovations in their work as they live in such a wonderful hostel. I have a daughter and I hope she could work and live in such a modern hostel."

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Human rights violations and aggression should never be tolerated

By **Kim Jun Ryong**

Voices accusing and denouncing the United States and other Western countries were heard during the 48th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council recently held in Geneva.

A number of countries including China, Cuba, Venezuela, Belarus, Iran, and Syria unanimously condemned the US and the West for overtly interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign states while avoiding the reflection on their own dismal situation of human rights violations.

These countries made clear that the attempts by

the US and the West to label the countries they dislike as human rights violators by fabricating and distributing fake information about them are an act of interference in their internal affairs aimed at undermining the social stability and blocking the development of the countries.

And they revealed that the US and the West are persistently refusing an open and candid dialogue about the grave situation of their cruel human rights violations at home and abroad.

They noted that the United Nations Human Rights Council does not dare to utter a word of denunciation of the US and the West for their

apparent acts of infringement upon human rights, threat and blackmail, and aggression against sovereign states, which are universally acknowledged facts.

The US and the West are blaming only certain countries in an importunate way in the international human rights arena, and impudently keeping silence about the heinous human rights violations committed by themselves and their allies in all parts of the world.

This is an expression of their evil intention to dilute the poignant focus and complaints directed at them and to legitimize their overt interference in and military invasion of other countries.

Negative and abnormal phenomena are now widespread in the international human rights arena where truth does not work and high-handedness rather gains upper hand.

The international society should resolutely fight, without any connivance, against human rights violations, interference in internal affairs, and aggressive acts incessantly committed by the US and the West at home and abroad, and should definitely bring the most heinous human rights criminals to justice.

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‘Our Future is at Hand – Let’s Move Forward Together’



Chon Yong Nam
Staffer of the Grand People’s Study House

October 15 is Global Handwashing Day. Handwashing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent infectious diseases.

This simple behaviour can save lives, cutting deaths associated with diarrhoea by almost one-half and deaths from acute respiratory infections by nearly one-quarter.

All the people around the world wash their hands with water, but they do not habitually wash hands with soap at the time when they surely need to wash hands with soap after using toilet, washing children, before preparing foods and having

meals.

According to information available, pneumonia and diarrhoea kill well over ten million children under five every year.

Under the circumstances, handwashing with soap can prevent diarrhoea and pneumonia, the main causes of deaths of children under five.

Accordingly, the Global Handwashing Partnership initiated the first Global Handwashing Day on October 15 2008, mobilizing 120 million children in 73 countries to wash their hands

with soap.

Today, Global Handwashing Day is endorsed and commemorated by governments, international institutions, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, private companies, and communities around the globe.

Annual Global Handwashing Day provides children, teachers, parents, personages and government officials with an opportunity to advocate and raise awareness of the importance of handwashing with soap. In particular, unprecedented

attention is directed to the importance of handwashing for preventing diseases amid the spread of COVID-19.

The theme of this year’s Global Handwashing Day is “Our Future is at Hand-Let’s Move Forward Together”.

Marking the day, seminar, photo and picture exhibitions and a variety of other information activities related to water sanitation and handwashing have been conducted in the DPRK since 2011 to raise social awareness of the health and welfare of women and children.

Handwashing places were built in dozens of educational institutions in North Hwanghae, South Hamgyong and other provinces to raise the awareness of handwashing method, and gravity-fed water supply systems was built in different areas.



BYWORD

Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism

People who are called Meritorious Persons of Socialist Patriotism are increasing in the DPRK.

The title is awarded to those who unassumingly leave remarkable traces of life with pure conscience

and inexhaustible passion. They have worked hard, voluntarily looking for good things of help for the country, irrespective of difficult or easy tasks, as they devote their sincere efforts in their workplaces

for scores of years. They take on any task, be huge or small and be their own or others’, if it is for the good of the country, and they don’t mind any workplace as they believe they can display patriotism everywhere.

As such people, who subordinate family affairs to state affairs and devotedly work to lighten the heavy burden of the country even a bit, continue to increase, Korean socialism is secure and sound.

EDITORIAL

DPRK-Russia friendship develops steadily

October 12 was the 73rd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and the Russian Federation.

Since then, the two countries have strengthened friendly ties while closely cooperating with each other in politics, the economy, culture and many other fields on the principle of independence, equality and reciprocity.

President Kim Il Sung paid the first official visit to the Soviet Union in 1949 to conclude the agreement on economic and cultural cooperation, the first agreement between the two countries. After that, he frequently met leaders of the USSR to consolidate the friendly relations.

Chairman Kim Jong Il visited the Russian Federation on several occasions, thereby ushering in a new era of friendship. Therefore, the DPRK-Russia Joint Declaration and Moscow Declaration were adopted to serve as a historic milestone for propelling the development of relations between the two countries and securing world peace and security.

Consequently, travel and contact at various levels got animated between the two countries as they exchanged views on bilateral relationship and international affairs on a broad scale.

The friendly ties have reached a new higher stage underpinned by the intimate relations between the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and President Vladimir Putin.

Kim Jong Un officially visited Russia and met with Putin for the first time in April 2019 in order to boost the bilateral ties as required by a new era and a new situation.

At the meeting, they agreed on the specific direction and measures for bolstering up mutual understanding, confidence, friendship and cooperation and promoting the development of the bilateral relations in the new century and reached a full consensus of views on immediate matters of cooperation through earnest discussions.

It was a historic event which is of great importance in further consolidating and soundly developing the ties that have a long history and tradition.

At present, the friendly and cooperative ties continue to develop in conformity with mutual interests and requirements of the new era.

The fraternal Russian people are now waging a dynamic struggle for building a powerful prosperous country. Despite the continued challenges at home and abroad, Russia is making positive efforts to stabilize and improve the country’s economy and the people’s livelihood, build up its defence capabilities and safeguard its strategic interests. It is also expanding and developing cooperation and exchanges with many countries while enhancing its role in regional and international organizations.

The Korean people are very pleased with the remarkable successes the Russian people have achieved with diligent and sincere efforts, as much as their own.

The DPRK will continue to strengthen the strategic and traditional friendly ties with Russia on a new high level to meet the requirements of the new century.

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Briefly

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**Syria
President stands firm against terrorism**

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said on a diplomatic occasion on October 9 that his government would continue to fight against terrorism until it wins back the whole territory of the country.

Noting that all the outside forces illegally stationed in Syria without the consent of its government should withdraw, he clarified his stand to end the presence of foreign forces.

**Russia
Attempts at turning space into theatre of dispute rejected**

The director of the non-proliferation and arms control department of the Russian Foreign Ministry asserted in a statement on October 7 that no attempt to make outer space a theatre of dispute should be allowed.

Saying that the adventurous moves to make outer space a theatre of dispute have really taken actual shape, the statement disclosed that some UN member nations are pursuing the objective of deploying weapons in space and attaining military superiority.

**Lebanon
Large-scale power failure**

According to foreign news reports, Lebanon is suffering a large-scale power failure which has plunged society and the economy into confusion.

As of October 9, power supply through the national grid was totally cut off and thousands of enterprises stopped business activities.

The cause is reportedly the suspension of oil import from foreign countries.

**Anti-terrorism
Pakistan, Sudan launch mopping-up operations against terrorists**

According to foreign news reports, the Pakistani security forces recently carried out a counterterrorist operation in Baluchistan, thereby killing four villains and seizing large numbers of weapons and ammunition.

Meanwhile, the Sudanese security forces assaulted a hide-out of Islamic State terrorists on the southern outskirts of Khartoum, killing four and arresting other four.

**Afghanistan
Terrorism inflicts heavy casualties**

A terror attack occurred in a mosque in a northern city of Afghanistan on October 8.

A terrorist sneaked into the crowd of people who came to attend a Friday prayer, and set off a bomb to kill 46 and injure 143.

According to some sources, about 60 people were killed and the death toll might rise.

UNETHICAL RASH ACT THREATENING HUMANKIND



Choe Yong Nam
Columnist for Japanese affairs

Japan announced a plan to discharge radioactive wastewater from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the sea after two years at the recent general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Its bid to do so is a criminal and adventurous attempt which threatens the life and health of humankind and destroys ecological environment of the earth, only seeking its own interests. Therefore, the international community is now raising voices against Japan.

The UN special rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound

management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes expressed concern, saying that discharging radioactive wastewater from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the sea is premature, at the 48th meeting of the UN Human Rights Council.

China and other Pacific nations are strongly condemning Japan’s move. The Pacific Islands Forum asserted that the main worry of its member nations over Japan’s decision on the discharge has not yet been removed, denouncing Japan for obstinately pushing ahead with the preparations for the release.

It is a just criticism of the international community against

the criminal attempt of Japan which threatens the global ecological environment and security with selfish desire in disregard of others’ lives.

When there was the accident at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in 2011, a large quantity of radioactive substances leaked to spread around the world in an instant.

Since March this year there have also been three rounds of leaks from the waste container of the power plant.

According to information available, in case Japan discharges radioactive wastewater into the sea, not only the East Sea of Korea but the whole of Pacific Ocean will be contaminated to inflict serious damage on humankind.

Actually, the radiation leakage caused by the explosion of the plant has seriously affected the ecological environment of the whole world beyond continents and oceans and

the damage has not been cleared away yet. Now that large quantities of radioactive substances have already spread to air and sea, it is as clear as day what consequences will ensue when more radioactive wastewater is released into the sea. Needless to say, the entire Pacific will be contaminated and humankind will be under threat of nuclear calamity.

Lots of countries operate nuclear power plants around the world. But only Japan has dumped nuclear waste without discretion for its own sake, threatening the very existence of other countries and nations.

The international community will never tolerate the contamination of the blue sea with nuclear waste to be caused by Japan’s unethical act.

Japan should heed the stern warning of the international community, refrain from rash acts and abandon the plan to discharge radioactive wastewater into the sea.

‘Cyber-Security Strategy’ a scenario for undisguised re-invasion

By **Kim Sol Hwa**

The Japanese government, at its Cabinet meeting on September 28, decided to adopt the “Cyber-Security Strategy” which designated the DPRK as well as China and Russia as cyber-threatening countries.

This decision intended to publicize the groundless “threats from neighbours” prompted strong reaction and denunciations from the neighbouring countries immediately after its release.

It is a well-known fact that Japan has painted our peaceful satellite launches and self-defensive buildup measures as “threats” and abused these measures for modernizing its

Self-Defence Forces and enhancing its actual combat capability and for providing itself with legal and institutional mechanisms for overseas aggression.

In retrospect, the Japanese imperialists annexed our country in the last century by fabricating all kinds of “treaties” and ran amuck for the invasion of the Asian continent under the deceptive slogan of the “Greater East Asia Co-Prosperty Sphere”.

Japan, a criminal state, is attempting to expand at the earliest possible date its present cyber defence unit into cyber defence corps involving its ground, maritime and air SDFs under the pretext of countering cyber-attacks by its neighbouring countries, and

even to set up a cyber-department under its Police Agency.

Simultaneously, it is hell-bent on establishing specialized units for these domains while investing huge funds in the domains of outer space and electromagnetic field.

Such military moves of Japan being undertaken under the pretext of “threats from its neighbours” betray its sinister intention to become a military power by expanding the fighting theatre of SDF into new domains of outer space, cyber and electromagnetic field. This proves that the Japanese “cyber-security strategy” is a scenario for undisguised reinvasion designed to undermine regional peace and stability.

History has engraved with

blood who is the aggression force, belligerent force, threatening peace in Northeast Asia.

Japan should behave with discretion, keeping in mind that its dirty trick of having created a pretext for aggression by resorting to falsehood and deception would not work any longer in this bright world of the new century.

If Japan embarks on the road of reinvasion, being oblivious of the lesson of history, it will inevitably face the fate of a tiger moth flying into the flame only to perish.

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By **Min Chol PT**

Global warming invites frequent calamitous meteorological phenomena

Enormous damage has been caused in recent years as extreme weathers have occurred more frequently in different parts of the world.

The temperature soared up to nearly 50 degrees centigrade in the northern hemisphere in June, causing scorching hot wave and intense heat, and brought unprecedented downpours and floods in many regions of the world including Western Europe.

In particular, some West European countries had heavy rainfall equivalent to the precipitation of two months in only two days in July, suffering the worst damage in scores of years.

In mid-August, rain dropped on the summit of glacier of Greenland in the Arctic. Temperature has ever risen above the freezing point there, but it is the first time that rain fell.

Researchers asserted that it is a vivid sign of global warming. Every year 234 billion tons of ice, nearly 10 times more than the annually melting quantity of ice in the 1990s, melt in Greenland due to temperature rise.

According to information available, the mean earth surface temperature has risen 1.09 degrees centigrade higher than that before the industrial revolution between 2011 and 2020 and the speed of rise in sea level increased about 2.85 times.

It should not go unnoticed that some islands are in the danger of submergence due to sea level rise.

An opinion poll conducted by the UNDP in early this year on 1.2 million people in 50 countries found that 64 percent of respondents regarded climate change as the most serious threat to humankind and a state of emergency in the world.

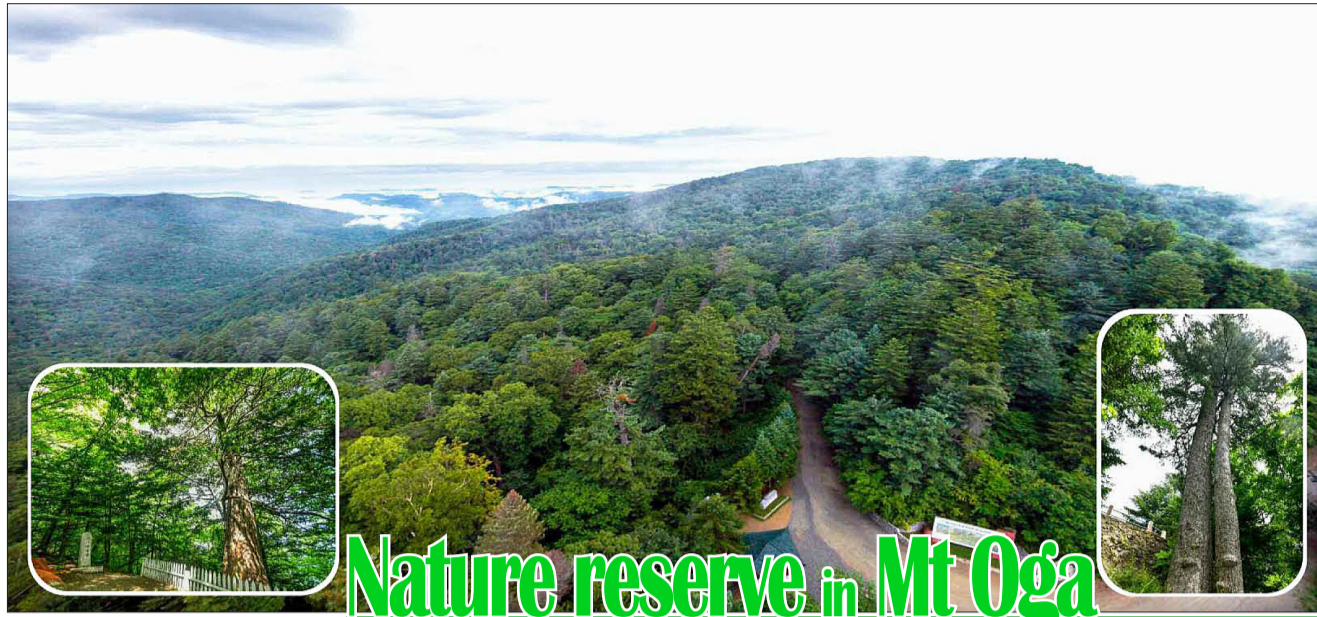
According to the analysis

of downpours conducted by climatologists, the probability has increased 1.2 to 9 times higher than that before the industrial revolution in the western parts of Europe and the highest daily precipitation grown by 3 to 19 percent in summer.

At present, the disaster caused by extreme weathers numbered five times more than 50 years ago and the amount of losses caused by them got seven times greater.

It is estimated that 216 million people may be reduced to refugees in Latin America, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia until 2050 as the consequences of climate change including water shortage, grain output reduction and sea level rise.

Some meteorologists stress the need to declare a state of climate emergency, saying humankind may be faced with a destructive situation due to 3 degrees centigrade rise in temperature in the present century.



Nature reserve in Mt Oga

put on natural monument list

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The Ogasan Nature Reserve is situated on the boundary between Hwaphyong County of Jagang Province and Kim Hyong Jik County of Ryanggang Province.

The name of Mt Oga is derived from the meaning that five 1 000-metre-high beautiful peaks rise in primeval forests.

In the reserve there are a pass President Kim Il Sung crossed twice in his teens with the lofty intention of liberating Korea and the trees bearing the slogans written by the members of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army during the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

It has diverse flora as it

is located in the boundary between boreal and temperate plant areas.

In the areas below 700 metres above sea level, needle-leaf trees are hardly seen, but different kinds of broadleaf trees including Mongolian oaks and elms form dense forests.

Needle-leaf, broadleaf and mixed forests are distributed in the area between 700 and 1 000 metres above sea level and such needle-leaf trees as *Abies nephrolepis*, spruce, pine-nut and fir and such broadleaf trees as linden,

white birch and Korean poplar grow at altitudes of over 1 000 metres.

The thick forests and diverse natural and geographical conditions provide animals with a favourable living environment.

There are over 130 species of animals and the number of them is larger than those in other areas.

The nature reserve covers an area of more than 6 500 hectares and has recently been inscribed on the list of natural monuments as

it is of great significance in scientific study and dissemination of scientific knowledge for the long history of formation and richness of diverse and unique biological resources.

According to an expert, 800 hectares of it were already registered as natural monument "Ogasan primeval forest" and some individual trees including a 1 100-odd-year-old yew and 700-odd-year-old linden were designated as living monuments and are under good protection.

National dog Phungsan

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Phungsan dog is an indigenous species of Korea and widely-known as clever and valiant. Originated in the areas of Kapsan, Phungso and Phungsan (today's Kim Hyong Gwon County) in Ryanggang Province, northern highlands of Korea, its fur is mainly white, relatively small ears are pricked forward and a tail is coiled up on the hip.

Its small round oval eyes look like apricot stones and their pupils are black or grey.

Ordinarily, it has gentle character and follows its master well, but it fights its rival to the last without stepping back.

At that time, it bites the enemy's throat by getting through its legs with agile movements, rather than biting the back of its neck like other ordinary dogs.

Phungsan dog does not pounce on children nor recklessly provokes fight with other dogs nor behaves unreasonably. Instead, it protects the family and assets of its master as it has

strong mind to protect its area and group.

It is highly resistant to cold and hot weathers and grows well even in unfavourable conditions.

Moreover, it is highly resistant to diseases as it has strong constitution.

Phungsan left many anecdotes in history.

Among them is a story about a Phungsan which breathes its last after saving its drunken master from flames by wetting him with brook water. Another story says that a Phungsan takes care of a blind parentless child while showing him the way. And the other one goes that a Phungsan defends the corpse of its master, who was killed by foreign invaders, for several days.

According to another story, the dog would win the fights against other wild rivals with larger frames like bulldog and shepherd in the period when a dogfight was rampant in the Phungsan area in the past.

Phungsan dog has been designated as a living monument of the DPRK and national dog to be under good protection.



Phungsan, national dog of the DPRK.

FIRST-GENERATION SOCCER ACE STILL ON PITCH



CHAE MYONG RIM / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Ri Hong Sil, teacher at Pyongyang International Football School, trains students.

By Sin Pyol PT

Ri Hong Sil is over 50 years old, but she is running in the playground with her students full of passion and pep she had had in her twenties, said Jang Sung Dok, headmaster of Pyongyang International Football School.

Ri Hong Sil is one of the first-generation female soccer players of the DPRK, one of the first Merited Athletes in women's football event and now a competent teacher who has trained lots of football reserves.

Many of her students have been awarded best player, best scorer and best boy goalkeeper prizes at different international tournaments.

Football star Han Kwang Song was also her student.

Ri was born as the third of eight children of an ordinary fisherman's family in Chongjin, North Hamgyong Province, and demonstrated a remarkable sporting talent

in her childhood.

As she originally wished to be an athlete, she became a runner at the then provincial sports club after finishing middle school course.

But she made a switch to football according to the state measure to set up the female soccer event in all sports clubs.

"When joining the newly established female soccer team most of girls dared not enter, I was not confident of my success. I only devoted myself to the sport with the intention of returning the trust of the collective that backed me up and exalt the honour of the country," Ri recalled.

She soon became a seeded player and distinguished herself in the People's Games in 1988 and then came to play as a centre-forward of the first national women's football team of the DPRK.

She flaunted her skill as she scored more than ten goals in different international games

and made a big contribution to her team's advance to the top three in women's football at the 11th Asian Games in 1990.

After her playing career was over, she graduated from Korea University of Physical Education, worked as referee of the DPRK Football Association and obtained the qualification of international women's football referee.

She was active as a chief referee at lots of international competitions including the 13th Asian women's football championship and was the first to become

the international women's football referee of the DPRK rated as the best referee of Asia.

As Pyongyang International Football School was set up later, she put all her energy into training football reserves as practical technique teacher.

"All her thoughts and passion are devoted to football. She dreams of training aces of younger generation who will shoulder the future of the women's football of the country," said Jon Suk Yong, goalkeeping teacher.

