

Production of consumer goods proceeds in high gear

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Constant efforts are being made throughout the country to increase the production of consumer goods, in order to implement the tasks set forth at the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the administrative policy of the DPRK government.

The production of August 3 consumer goods is regarded as the main task.

The production movement of August 3 consumer goods was initiated by Chairman Kim Jong Il.

While visiting the exhibition of light industrial products in Pyongyang on August 3 1984, the Chairman said that the consumer goods made by home welfare service networks should not be transferred to wholesale stores or

commercial networks, but be sold at direct sales shops by building them in relevant districts. When minor goods produced at industrial establishments and consumer goods made by household producers' cooperatives and housewives' workteams are sold, districts would hold competitions to produce many more quality consumer goods, he added.

Since then, the movement has briskly been conducted, with the popularity of such goods growing day after day.

At present all units, from complexes in key industry sectors to local producers' cooperatives, have staged an intensive drive to increase consumer goods like in the 1980s.

While confirming production indexes in high demand, they continue to boost their varieties and

output and steadily renew the quality of products based on the evaluations by the people.

According to an official of the Ministry of Light Industry, this year many units established a well-knit recycling system and are putting spurs to the development of new products.

This is evidenced by exhibitions of August 3 consumer goods which were held recently in all provinces.

On display at the shows were many consumer goods including clothes, bags and shoes which were made by using locally-available raw materials and other resources or by recycling waste from production processes.

In the exhibition in Pyongyang, millions of presented products in over 10 000 kinds were

highly appreciated for their convenient use and smartness. Typical products included plastic box, water jug, basin, paper bag and flowerpot made from recycled materials.

A woman living in Rangnang District, Pyongyang, said after visiting the exhibition that she would take an active part in the procurement of idle materials as waste materials that had been thrown away uselessly in the past were turned into useful products.

Direct sales shops in every district of Pyongyang now sell many consumer goods made from by-products and idle materials from housewives' workteam management stations, workteams under direct sales shops, factories and enterprises in districts.

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We love you, Mum

Children's congratulations to their mothers add warmth to families, society

By Kim Rye Yong PT

November 16 is Mother's Day in the DPRK.

With the day just around the corner, people take pains to prepare presents and greetings cards for their mothers.

A variety of Mother's Day cards are seen in souvenir shops, and flower shops and stands are full of beautiful fragrant flowers.

Mothers take immense pride and happiness in the looks of their children who have grown up as respectable persons, and their grown-up sons and daughters call on their mothers at any time, happy or sad, and even when they are advanced in age.

Back on November 16 1961, President Kim Il Sung delivered a speech entitled *The Duty of Mothers in the Education of Children* at the National Meeting of Mothers.

He said that mothers should teach children properly to build an ideal society where everyone is well fed and well clothed and lives a long life, a society where everybody is progressive and works devotedly and a society where all people live in harmony, and that they should prepare themselves first to this end. His speech served as precious guidelines for mothers in educating their sons and daughters and preparing

themselves.

Six decades have passed since then.

In those years the socialist cause has been advanced considerably in the DPRK and underlying the innumerable heroic feats performed in each period is noble self-sacrifice and devotion of mothers who reared the performers of the feats.

That's why Chairman Kim Jong Il highly valued the feats of mothers and added lustre to them and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made sure that the day when the President delivered the speech at the first National Meeting of Mothers in 1961 was designated as Mother's Day and celebrated in splendour.

At present, mothers on this land feel great pride and happiness in being mothers amid the blessings of the Workers' Party of Korea, the leader, the country and the people, as well as their children who have grown up into honourable persons.

As mothers lead and devotedly back them to go along the right path of life with integrity, not merely giving birth to them and bringing them up, children greet their mothers "We love you, Mum" with deep reverence for them on Mother's Day.

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Efforts concentrated on completing key state projects

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According to information available, scientists and technicians at ministries, national agencies, scientific research institutions, universities and industrial establishments have completed many key national projects so far, and are stepping up others at the final stage.

Different sectors and units achieved phased targets in a responsible way in their efforts to finish major national projects for metallurgical and chemical industries.

A scientific and technological guarantee has been provided for boosting iron and steel production with the completion of projects for the introduction of a technology for increasing granulated iron production and for the mass production of manganese concentrate relying on low-grade wad. A step forward was made in strengthening

the chemical industry thanks to the development of an additive for polypropylene fibre and the solution of several sci-tech problems arising in putting phosphate fertilizer production on a normal footing.

Meanwhile, due attention was paid to the research for developing electric power and machine-building industries.

The Pukchang Thermal Power Complex introduced a digital automatic excitation control device to ensure stable power generation and completed an automatic combustion control system based on oxygen concentration analysis to reduce coal consumption and increase combustion efficiency in its efforts to increase the output of generating facilities by developing and applying technical innovation plans.

The Chollima Steel Complex opened up prospects for saving time and electricity consumed in steelmaking process

and lowering the norms of materials consumption per unit by introducing an oxygen-pulverized coal injection technology into the UHP electric arc furnace.

The Wonsan Youth Power Station boosted power output by remarkably improving turbine efficiency of electric generators and contriving and applying more than 10 technical innovation plans. In particular, the Pyongyang Thermal Power Station boosted power output in a stable way by establishing a plasma heavy oil-free kindling and combustion stabilization technology and introducing a technology of building boilers air-tight with hollow slag insulating bricks and a new dust collecting technology.

The Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326 established a coating material production process relying on recycled raw materials, while the Kyongsong Insulator Factory increased the production of different

kinds of insulators and electrical appliances by remodelling the major section of an induction furnace and introducing efficient jigs and equipment. The Pyongyang Bearing Factory also improved the quality of products and remarkably increased productivity by remodelling a press and other equipment.

Some key national projects which are of significance in providing the people with more stable and affluent living conditions have been pushed to provide a guarantee for strengthening the material and technical foundations of light industry and agriculture.

The light industry sector developed raw materials for sugar and tanning agents, and the agricultural sector is stepping up at the final stage the research projects for breeding salt-tolerant rice strains and increasing the production of progenitors by introducing advanced farming technologies.

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Premier inspects agricultural sector in South Hwanghae Province



Premier Kim Tok Hun (second from left) looks round the Jonggok Cooperative Farm in Paechon County.

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, inspected the work of the agricultural sector in South Hwanghae Province.

Looking round farms in Pongchon, Paechon, Yonan, Chongdan, Pyoksong and Sinchon counties bustling with the struggle for successfully concluding this year's farming, he called for minutely doing threshing, drying and storing and pushing forward the preparations for next year's farming in a foresighted way.

He stressed the need to increase the areas for cultivating wheat and barley and positively introduce advanced farming methods so as to decisively raise the per-hectare yield. The field consultative meetings discussed the issue for officials in the agricultural field of South

Hwanghae Province to fulfil their responsibility and role, the issue of further raising the zeal of agricultural workers for production and others. Earlier, the Premier inspected the Sunchon Cement Complex and the construction site of the project for the establishment of C1 chemical industry, and took relevant measures.

Live-fire artillery competition held by sub-units under mechanized units of KPA

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An artillery fire competition of artillery sub-units under mechanized units at all levels of the Korean People's Army was held on November 6.

Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea at the first workshop of military and political cadres of the KPA and further intensifying the competitive training throughout the KPA.

Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, guided the artillery fire competition.

Army General Rim Kwang II, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, and commanders

of the combined units greeted Pak Jong Chon on the spot and inspected the competition with him.

In the competition firing positions and the firing sequence were set by drawing lots, and then the tactical and firepower duties of supporting mechanized units entering the decisive battle with artillery firepower were issued to the commanders of the combined units so that they could make their decisions and personally

command the firing of artillery sub-units to destroy the targets.

In the competition, the unit which had an excellent score and won first place received a certificate of crack shot and medal and badge of crack artillerymen, and the sub-units which had excellent scores were awarded certificates and badges of crack artillerymen sub-unit.

Pak Jong Chon was greatly satisfied with the competition results.



A live-fire competition of artillery sub-units under KPA mechanized units is held under the supervision of Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.



KCNA, Prensa Latina co-sponsor online photo show

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The Korean Central News Agency and Cuba's Prensa Latina News Agency hosted a joint internet photo show "DPRK-Cuba Friendship, Century after Century" between October 20 and November 6 to mark the 55th anniversary of Raul Castro Ruz's visit to the DPRK.

Posted on internet hompages were photos showing the undying exploits performed by President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for the development of relations of friendship together with Cuban leaders.

The exhibition gave a deep understanding to the people of the history of friendship between Cuba and the DPRK and the special intimacy forged by leaders of two countries, said a deputy director of the international affairs department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, adding that the CPC posted on its homepage photos that were presented to the show, together with

commemorative articles. This shows once again the CPC's will to value the relations with the DPRK and constantly strengthen and develop the bilateral ties, he noted.

The president of the Prensa Latina News Agency said:

"This photo exhibition has served as a good occasion for demonstrating traditional ties between the two countries that have developed from one century to the next. The friendly ties provided by Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, prominent leaders of both countries, are further developing on under the care and concern of Miguel Diaz-Canel and Kim Jong Un. By continuously activating exchanges and cooperation, we will make a tangible contribution to the development of friendly relations that have been sublimated by the leaders of both countries."

On the other hand, the Cuban media featured articles on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of Raul Castro's visit to the DPRK.

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East coast Fishery stations launch fishing campaign

Fishery stations along the coast of the East Sea of Korea are waging an intensive fishing campaign.

They are concentrating all efforts on fishing as they ensure the rapid move to main fishing grounds and contrive and introduce efficient fishing implements.

South Hamgyong Winter wheat, barley sowing area increases 1.7 times

South Hamgyong Province finished the sowing of winter wheat and barley as it increased their sowing area 1.7 times.

By emulating the Sangsan Cooperative Farm in Kowon County, which harvested a good crop of wheat and barley, all other cooperative farms in the province are effectively manuring and tending crops in every field at the right time as they ensure the rate of wintering and apply regeneration fertilizers.

North Phyongan Forest science institute renovated

The Forest Science

Institute of North Phyongan Province has undergone renovation.

The modernization of the institute has provided firm foundations for satisfactorily solving sci-tech problems arising in forest planting and protection in the province.

Its inaugural ceremony was held on November 9, attended by Kim Thae Song, secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials and employees of the provincial forest management bureau and the provincial forest science institute.

South Hwanghae Cocoon producers exceed all-time high

Cocoon production companies in South Hwanghae Province stepped up the production of manure and managed mulberry fields by introducing advanced technology in order to produce more mulberry leaves, repaired young silkworm rearing rooms and built cocooneries for adult silkworms.

As a result, they have exceeded the peak year level in production this year.

Drive for innovation brings tangible results

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Technical innovations help boost quality, cut time and cost

At present, new technical innovations are being made in many units.

The Tanchon Smeltery raised the quality of electrolytic zinc from 99.97 to 99.995 percent this year.

Purifying nonferrous metal by 0.001 percent brings great benefits in the economy.

Although the smeltery made the most important reagent on an experimental basis in improving the quality of products last year, the construction of its production process was in a stalemate.

Technicians set a goal of improving the quality of electrolytic zinc from the third class to the first, finished the construction of reagent production process in several months and normalized the production of first-class electrolytic zinc at present.

The East Pyongyang Thermal Power Station came up with a rational valve seat processing method and applied it to practice, thereby finishing the repair of high-pressure valve in five hours though it took three to five

days in the past. The Namdok Youth Coal Mine dipolarized drilling heads to prolong their lifespan and lower the norm of consumption per unit and established a pump slide bearing production process based on plastic waste.

The Wonsan finishing-materials production company remodelled a moulding machine and found out a rational mixing ratio to produce quality artificial stone slates, thus contributing to the construction of dwelling houses for 10 000 flats in

Pyongyang, and has ensured the domestic production of reagent for the production of air-bubble building parts and elements and the automation of production.

Over 260 units have obtained the title of model technical innovation unit throughout the country amid brisk activities of mass technical innovation drive to step up the modernization and informatization of production processes, realize the domestic production of raw and other materials and recycle waste.

Scores of technical innovation plans created

The Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex has recently brought about innovations in the repair of locomotives and passenger cars.

"Our complex mapped out a phased technical innovation goal in a realistic way, while centring on further improving the level of technical upgrading of equipment and the efficiency and quality of repair. Based on this, we have conducted brisk activities for its implementation, thereby contriving and introducing dozens of technical innovation plans this year alone," said deputy chief engineer Pak Yong Jin.

Technicians established a method of making sulphuric nickel, which is one of the main materials in the plating process, with concentrated sulphuric acid, not the refined one.

According to lead developer Rim Chol Su, sulphuric nickel is an important reagent which is indispensable to the plating process and it is much used to plating nickel and chrome as it contains less impurities as compared to nickel chloride. In the past, the factory used imported sulphuric nickel for plating electric locomotives and accessories of metro cars.

The establishment of a new process has made it possible to realize the domestic production of plating solution and fully ensure the quality of repair of locomotives and passenger cars while reducing production costs.

And the technicians newly made and introduced a small gear disassembling machine to reduce the damage rate of locomotive parts and markedly shorten the separation time of small gears and motors to be repaired in the past period. They also made a plating rectification device based on an inverter which can be

applied rationally to different kinds of plating devices. The device can troubleshoot the unreasonable defects of previous plating devices, decrease production costs and economize on electricity by 30 percent.

Besides, they introduced dozens of other technical innovation plans including the remodelling of ventilator of axle box, the installation of automatic temperature sensor of an annealing furnace and the manufacture of gear assembling and disassembling jig of passenger car.



Technicians of the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex discuss how to improve the quality of braking device.

Research hits for mining industry

The Central Mining Research Institute under the State Academy of Sciences has achieved successes in scientific research efforts that are conducive to the development of the mining industry.

A typical example is the development of a pneumatic flotation machine, also

known as air power loader. "It is an international trend to make flotation machines large by applying the method of adding air from the outside and, accordingly, we developed a pneumatic flotation machine technology," said Jong Chol, chief of the institute, adding they are now trying to extend the range of its application.

According to him, ore dressing plant No. 3 of the Komdok Mining Complex, one of the country's largest nonferrous metal production bases, has been equipped with lead and zinc dressing processes using pneumatic flotation machines, thus saving electricity and labour by more than 50 percent, lowering the reagent

consumption standard to less than 80 percent and increasing the actual extraction rate of dressing by over 2 percent.

The air power loader was also introduced into the Yongyu Mine and Hyesan Youth Mine, among others.

The institute has established a metal manganese production

method based on low-grade wad and contributed to ensuring domestic production of ferromanganese.

Besides, it developed a variety of efficient functional additives like water activator, anion generating additive for paint, electromagnetic field screening material and medicinal stone from

tourmaline which is abundant in the country.

These products are drawing public attention as they can help protect the environment and promote people's health with the mysterious effectiveness in accelerating biological growth and the purifying, refining and anion-generating functions.

Following the road of patriotism

GEM OF WORKPLACE



Ri Chol Gyu, repairman of the cutting workshop of the Songyo Knitwear Factory.

Ri Chol Gyu, a repairman of our workshop, has been dedicating himself faithfully to ensuring the full operation of all facilities in his charge at the same occupation for over 30 years, irrespective of whether others see or not and whether his services are appreciated or not. That is why employees of our factory call him a "treasure" of workplace in reflection of their affection and emotion, said Ho Jong Suk, workshop manageress of the Songyo Knitwear Factory.

He contrived it to prolong the serviceable life of the cutter. He made particular efforts to secure repair tools. His attachment to his job is evidenced by a tool-box containing more than 70 pieces of tools in over 20 kinds. His tools always lead others in the factory-wide tool show held in March every year.

"Chol Gyu pays close attention to technical innovation for enhancing the production capacity of facilities as well as their repair. This year, he contributed greatly to increasing production capacity while lowering the norm for consumption per unit by remodelling a tape cutter," said Ho. There was a significant event which he always cherishes.

In the summer of 2003, he decided to restore a cloth unrolling machine, which had been out of order for a long time, and buckled down to its repair. He repeated thinking and quest and worked day and night, thus restoring it to its original state in a week.

Just at that time, Chairman Kim Jong Il visited his workshop and expressed satisfaction over the operation of equipment.

He is working devotedly while dedicating his pure mind without looking for any appraisal or reward.

To meet the people's tastes, demand

Plastic vessels, shoes favoured by customers

By Kim Il Jin PT

Many people visit our shop every day. Products of our district are now highly demanded not only in Nampho City but also in all parts of the country, said Pak Ok Hwa, manageress of the Kangso District direct sales shop in Nampho City.

According to her, the shop serves consumer goods in dozens of kinds. The most popular products include plastic vessels including bowls, plates, cups and lunch boxes as well as trainers.

They are produced by the housewives' production company in the district.

"No one will believe that housewives made plastic vessels and trainers by recycling waste vinyl," said Kim Chun Hui, director of the company.

Plastic vessels and soles of trainers are mainly made by recycling waste vinyl and they are smart and of high quality. The company pays special attention to constantly improving types and colours of products without repetition and similarity.

Its staff go to service networks every week to hear opinions of users and it holds a product show on a regular basis.

"Generally, recycled products are known to have

black colour, but there is a knack to make them light," said workteam leader Kim Jong Hui.

"The secret is to improve skills and heat-treat well," she added.

Plastic bowls and shoes from Kangso District won a high appraisal at the recent trade fair held in Nampho.

The types and quality of consumer goods made by the housewives' production company are improved day after day, said O Jong Sun, department director of the Kangso District People's Committee, adding that they feel stronger attachment to and greater pride in the products they have made themselves.



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Customers buy some plastic goods made by the Kangso District housewives' production company.

Housewives' workteams specialize in specific varieties of products

By Yun Ki Song PT

The housewives' workteam management station in Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang, has nearly 20 dong housewives' workteams.

What is distinctive of the station is that each workteam specializes in the production of a particular variety of goods.

For example, the Ryul-dong housewives' workteam specializes in men's suits, Taesin-dong workteam sportswear and Saesallim-dong workteam bags.

And the producers frequent different service units including the district direct sales shop to get feedback from saleswomen and consumers and reflect their opinions in production.

Therefore, the products of the station are always

original and distinctive.

"This year we unveiled clothing for babies. Nursing mothers favour the clothes very much as they have good air permeability and are convenient to dress and particularly easy to change diaper," said Kwon Kum Suk, leader of the Munsin-dong No. 1 housewives' workteam.

The workteam specializing in children's clothing makes a variety of articles like jogori (traditional jacket) with multi-coloured sleeves, one-piece suits, outer garments and underwear with various materials lying idle to suit juvenile mind.

As the station steadily presses on with specialization in production of consumer goods, its men's shirts and trousers, children's clothing and various kinds of bags like bath bag are recognized as

best products in the city.

Especially, consumers are attracted by chic clothes for men and women and the bath and other useful bags which are made in various shapes and decorated with unique patterns that are formed with by-products from production

processes.

"At present every workteam is striving to come up with goods representative of their unit and the products show our station arranges at the beginning of each month serves as a spur to

such endeavour," said the director of the station.

The ornamental toy animals the Saesallim-dong housewives' workteam made with colour paper cuttings were highly appreciated in the show held this November.



Children's wear is produced at the Tongdaewon District housewives' workteam management station.

Bags come in more diverse shapes, sizes

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The housewives' production workteam of the Tongdaewon District Direct Sales Shop in Pyongyang is a unit specializing in the production of handbags for women.

It was over 20 years ago when they began to make bags.

"At that time, we organized a small workteam with housewives and started to make handbags out of a desire to do good things for society," said workteam leader Ri Song Bok.

They used scraps of cloth or leather pieces that had lain idle in families.

Their products impressed people favourably. And customers suggested different opinions including which colour would be better and how to fix pocket.

Some women volunteered to join the workteam, saying they wanted to make such products. Now, its members number over 20.

Among them, there are a woman who comes up with good ideas and designs well and a cutter and needle worker with high skills.

They buckled down to making bags for different uses with confidence.

"At first, we started to imitate others. When a new type of bag came out, we strived to make the same



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Stylish women's bags are produced at a housewives' production workteam under the Tongdaewon District Direct Sales Shop.

while grasping characters of each bag. In the course of this, we came to have a desire to make something new," said designer Ri Ju Ok.

Their first product was a basket bag.

As if weaving the baskets that have long been associated with Korean women's life, they made the bag by weaving thinly-cut scraps of cloth piece by piece to enhance its ornamental effects. It won public favour of users all of sudden.

They made elegant winter bags and patchwork handbags by quilting thin leather or cloth crosswise. The products came into being in the course of seeking rational and effective ways to use the scraps to suit the likings of people in different ages and with different occupations.

The variety of their products expanded little by little, from small handbag to medium-size bag, satchel, knapsack and makeup bag, which were highly appreciated in various exhibitions of consumer goods.

They presented more than 100 kinds of products to the Pyongyang exhibition of August 3 consumer goods this year.

"Their delicate and elaborate products are so smart and of high quality that I can hardly decide which one would be better," said a visitor to the exhibition.

Today, the workteam under the Tongdaewon District Direct Sales Shop is widely-known throughout the country as a unit with many talents and a group with special skills in making bags.

Restaurant allures customers with wheat starch noodles

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

There are many restaurants specializing in wedding party in different parts of Pyongyang.

Among them is the Kwangbok Wedding Restaurant located in Mangyongdae District. It now provides wedding service after furnishing the third floor into a wedding hall in a distinctive style, and it has growing orders.

One of popular foods of the restaurant is noodles.

"The most favourite food of our people is noodles, especially buckwheat noodles. We racked our brains to make noodles to suit the characteristic features of our restaurant and finally brought out the dish made of wheat starch," said manageress Ri Kyong Suk.

The noodles made of wheat starch and wild fruit, instead of the traditional material of buckwheat, have the same colour with buckwheat noodles. So it is difficult to know that their main material is different from the traditional one at a sight.

"One of the most important thing in making noodles is meat stock. We preserve the taste peculiar to meat stock with pork alone, rather than chicken or beef," said cook Choe Yong Sun.

Condiments made with sesame, red pepper and other materials further enhance the taste of noodles.

If you have smooth black brown noodles in meat stock with slices of boiled meat, seasoned cucumber and cabbage, pear and half of a boiled egg as a garnish, you can enjoy a savoury and attractive taste and refreshing feelings.

Those who have once tasted wheat starch noodles at the restaurant become regular diners, attracted by the special flavour that they have never felt before.

Besides, the restaurant serves some 30 kinds of foods including catfish soup, steamed trotters and fried chicken.



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The Kwangbok Wedding Restaurant serves wheat starch noodles and other special dishes.

Soft drinks house enjoys enduring popularity

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Mansugyo Soft Drinks located on the banks of the picturesque Pothong River is one of the favourite haunts of Pyongyang citizens.

With a history of nearly 50 years, it serves different kinds of breads, ice cream, beer, snacks, tea and coffee.

"The number of customers has doubled since it was given a total facelift nine years ago," said manageress Pang Ok Hwa.

According to service staffer Ham Kang Song, bread is representative of the catering facility and is diverse in kind including yeast bread, gâteau, pie, hamburger and sandwich.

Its cooks make much of the tradition of the eatery and display their skills in making various kinds of breads.

"It prepares delicious

gâteau, pie and yeast bread stuffed with red-bean jam. In particular, hamburger and hot dog are very similar to the same kinds of choice foods I took when I was abroad," said Han Song Guk, staffer of the Chongsong Trading Company.

"I frequently visit here as it is well furnished and has good environment. I feel relaxed as I see the gracefully decorated ceiling with the pattern of flower petals spreading out and the gorgeously decorated floor and walls and it is impressive to enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Pothong River through large windows," said regular customer Kim Jang Sok.

The cosy tea and coffee shop serves the DPRK's famous Unjong tea and coffee as well.

Outdoor stalls sell pastry and ice cream favoured by housewives and children.



Sinsolla

Sinsolla, a typical traditional dish of Korea, is also called *Yolgujathang*, meaning it is appetizing and tasty.



Congratulations extended to mothers on their day



Choe Su Gyong's father and mother encourage their daughter, telling her to continue to become an honour student.

By Jong Chol PT

Choe Su Gyong, 15-year-old student at Thaeagam Senior Middle School in Sunan District, Pyongyang, who was awarded Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize, the top honour for Korean boys and girls, last April, decided to prepare a bouquet of beautiful flowers and present it to her mother on Mother's Day. "My mom would be most pleased whenever my dreams came true and

was good at her studies and displayed her talents one after another. In her third year at the primary school, she even wrote a poem to the surprise of teachers. Sun Myong travelled about 10 kilometres by bicycle every day to bring her daughter to and back from the district schoolchildren's hall as she joined its literature group. She never brought her daughter up on a bed of roses. On holidays and vacations, she visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, together with her daughter and brought her to major socialist construction sites to encourage builders by

Daughter prepares beautiful flowers for her mother

the citations I received for studying hard and doing lots of good things increased. I want to present the most beautiful flowers to her who has devoted her all to me," said Su Gyong. Her mother Han Sun Myong has put in a great deal of effort for the growth of her only daughter, Su Gyong. It is her dream to bring up her daughter to be the joy of the family and a pride of the village and school, just like her lecturer husband who earns love and respect of his colleagues and students at a university. So she made every effort to give her a decent education from the time when she learned how to speak and make the bud of her talent develop. As if she knew what her mother wanted, Su Gyong

was good at her studies and delivered aid materials, reciting poems she wrote and singing songs. Su Gyong grew mentally and became an honour student every year. A first-year student of senior middle school now, she has obtained several citations including Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize and school commendations. Several poems she wrote were published on the "Collection of works produced by students with remarkable creative talents" (2019) and her three works were carried on a collection of works to be presented to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. As her mother lavishes growing affection on her, Su Gyong hardens her determination to live up to her expectations and hope without fail.

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'I am the mother of this young man'

Kim Yong Sil tells a story with pride in her son who starts with a clean slate

There may be no mother who is not worried about their children when they bring them up, but I think I was more troubled than anyone else by the son who was so troublesome from his childhood. But congratulations are already flooding in from many people this year as Mother's Day is approaching. In fact, my son Ju Hyok was so kindhearted that he earned lavish praise from village seniors and teachers in his childhood. But he began to lose affection for the family after his father died unexpectedly. His class teacher often complained about his breach of school discipline. The teacher showed him affection, asking his late father who was sports teacher at the same school to teach him how to play football, but in vain. He failed to rid himself of his lifestyle and became unmanageable. As he left for a coal mine after finishing his middle school course, he said quietly to me that he would become a labour innovator without fail. Later, he sent surprising news from the coal mine. He volunteered to do hard and challenging work before anyone else and spared nothing for the good of his friends. The coal mine highly praised him as a labour innovator. For three years he changed a lot beyond imagination. And he did not want to leave the coal mine. "Mom,

I have been so attached to the officials and fellow coalminers, who led and cared for me and put me forward step by step, sharing good and bad with me, that I do not want to part from them. I made up my mind to settle and build a new life here where I started with a clean slate," he said. In less than a month after he volunteered as a coal miner, he attended the Youth Day anniversary celebrations on behalf of the youth of his coal mine and was honoured to meet Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea. I could hardly control the surging excitement, seeing on TV the respected General Secretary giving an affectionate pat on the

check of my son and warmly shaking hands with him as he met young people who volunteered to work in the difficult and labour-consuming sectors and started with a clean slate. That day the respected General Secretary earnestly requested the Party and youth league organizations to take warm care of the work and life of the young volunteers in their areas and units and lead them by becoming a walking stick to them when they have difficulty and pushing them forward when they lag behind so that they could obtain the best diploma of life. I, his mother, complained about my good-for-nothing son, but the General Secretary felt proud of the first step of

my son who made a fresh start of his life and expressed his great trust and love for him. Now, my son is not what he was in the past. I can read the determination of my son whenever I hear the news that he is overfilling his production plan every day. And for me it is the most valuable present from my child on Mother's Day. Now, I proudly say "I am the mother of this young man", the words I've longed to say so much.



Kim Yong Sil is happy to see a photo from her son, who has become a labour innovator.

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Kim Yong Sil, living in Singan-dong No. 1, Hyongjesan District, Pyongyang



Newly-built houses in the Rimhung-dong area of Taesong District, Pyongyang.

Blessed people

By Ri Sung Ik PT

There was a happy event in Rimhung-dong of Taesong District in the suburbs of Pyongyang on October 2. Over 140 households in the village moved into new homes on the same day and at the same time. For the residents in a place which was designated as a construction site, the city built cosy single-storey houses far larger and more splendid than their original ones and provided them with full living conditions. Kim Pyong Nam, 56-year-old staffer of the Samsin Coal Mine,

expressed his impression of that day: "It seemed to me like a dream when my wife, showing me the licence of our new house, told me that we received a new home after I returned home from work in the evening." Not only Kim's family but also other families sat up all night on October 1. The next day the whole village was enlivened with a happy event of moving into new houses. The city provided even trucks for their house-moving and builders warmly greeted house owners at new houses and handed the house keys over to owners.

Ko Yong Gil, aged 68, who retired from scientific research at the zoology institute of the State Academy of Sciences, said that everything seemed to be waiting for house masters—the walls of living rooms were covered with colourful wallpapers, water was boiling in a new pot in the kitchen as if rice would readily be cooked if he put rice into it and the washroom and toilet were covered with coloured tiles. He added that he was very grateful to the state for providing him with such a good house for the reason that he was an evacuee. The residents of Rimhung-dong unanimously said that

though they had seen on TV and newspapers many people in other areas shedding tears of gratitude after receiving fully furnished houses, they were deeply moved when they themselves enjoyed the good luck. Jon Chun Nyo, a 66-year-old woman who moved into new house with her son, said that the socialist system which devotedly serves the people is really good. Though it has been over a month since they settled down to new homes, they are still filled with the joy of moving into new homes and their relatives and friends continue to visit them to congratulate them.



Ri Song Chol's family living in neighbourhood unit No. 47, Rimhung-dong of Taesong District (top), and Kim Yong Su's in neighbourhood unit No. 46 of the same dong (above) enjoy time together after moving into new houses.

Houses to new owners' mind

Pak Sun Gum, aged 56

Grandson's smile makes the house brighter. My grandson used to say he wanted to have his own room. His wish has been fulfilled as my family moved into a new house. I'm very happy as there are a cosy room of moderate size for our old couple, a smart and large one for my son's couple and a small one for my grandchild. Our flat is furnished with a large anteroom, washroom, toilet and storeroom that are all convenient. As my grandson is so pleased with the new flat, my home is always ringing with laughter.

Pak Yong Hyok, aged 63

I felt as if I was dreaming when I opened the door of my new home with the key I received along with the licence to use the flat on the house-moving day. The rooms were sunny, there was a new cooking pot in the kitchen, the floors were warm and the bathtub was filled with water. I never contributed even a bit to building the house, and so I did not imagine that I could possess such a wonderful flat furnished with all furniture. The house key seems to me the treasure key to enter the "gate of happiness" in a legend. Therefore, I finger it several times a day these days.

Ri Hye Gyong, aged 26

My flat is very splendid. It is cosy and smart as well. It is very useful as it has both sun porch and windowless balcony. Everything of the flat is to my liking and I like it even more as every corner of it is associated with the builders' devoted efforts. I want to extend my thanks to them.

Telemedicine proves effective at grassroots level

Telemedicine contributes greatly to curing patients and improving the qualifications of medical workers

By Ri Myong Jun PT

In November nine years ago, the DPRK expanded the telemedicine service system to city (district) and county people's hospitals throughout the country.

As a result, the well-knit telemedicine service system has been established, involving not only central-level hospitals and each provincial people's hospital but also city (district) and county people's hospitals.

When a technical conference of the Southeast

Asian Regional Office of the World Health Organization was held in Pyongyang in July 2013 in connection with telemedicine service, the participants in the meeting pointed three characters of telemedicine service in the DPRK.

First, it has been applied to a nationwide scale.

Second, all the ordinary working people have free medical services, not any specific class or section.

Third, it has been established in a short span of time on a high level.

And they said that it was the present reality of socialist Korea in which what is convenient to the people just becomes the policy of the state and investment is made unsparingly to implement it.

"Thanks to the benefits of telemedicine service, patients can receive the medical assistance of competent medical teams of central-level hospitals at local hospitals," said Kim Myong Ho, official of the Ministry of Public Health.

Last year, the Jongju



Doctors provide telemedicine at the Kim Man Yu Hospital.

A few years ago, a case who fell into coma was taken to the Onsong County People's Hospital in North Hamgyong Province after he got a heavy bruise on his brain due to an accidental fall.

Through the telemedicine service system linked to the Kim Man Yu Hospital in Pyongyang, the hospital discussed measures concerning blood pressure, breath and cerebral edema, nutrition management for the patient and other possible circumstances in the future, thus saving his life in the balance.

City People's Hospital in North Phyongan Province successfully conducted a difficult operation on an unconscious patient by consulting with able neurosurgeons of the provincial people's hospital through the telemedicine service system.

A few months ago, the Kyongsong County People's Hospital miraculously restored the health of a baby, who fell into a critical condition not long after its birth under telemedicine consultation with medical workers of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital.

The telemedicine service

system makes tangible contributions to developing the medical service for patients and improving the qualifications of medical workers.

Through this system, doctors acquire up-to-date knowledge of medical science and technology and learn new diagnosis and treatment methods.

Amid the brisk operation of telemedicine service system, the ratio of dispatch to higher-level hospitals has remarkably been decreased, physical and mental burden of patients greatly relieved and correct diagnosis and curing measures taken.

Centenarian regains her eyesight

By Kim Kum Myong PT

Medical workers of the Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital have recently conducted a successful operation of cataract on centenarian Ri Chae Sun.

"This is the first time to carry out an eye operation on a 100-year-old macrobian since the inauguration of the hospital. The operation was successfully performed, though there were some misgivings about whether the aged could endure the operation," said Hyon Chung Sin, doctor in charge of her.

According to him, the grandmother wrote the letters "Thank you" on a sheet of paper on the day of undoing an eye bandage after having the operation on October 5.

After a week-long hospitalization, she left the hospital in good health.

The old woman living in neighbourhood unit No. 1 of Ryul-dong in Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 21.

Daughter O Myong Suk recalled that her mother led an optimistic life after receiving the gift of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. In October, she groped around,

suddenly saying it was too dark in the daytime and switched on a light.

Therefore, she immediately made a phone call to inform the Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital of her mother's condition.

As a result, the grandmother underwent an operation at the hospital.

"Medical workers put their heart and soul into my mother's eye operation. During the treatment, they clearly removed the cause of eye disease that even my mother did not know and took care of her health and life with the feeling of her own flesh and blood after the operation for her recovery and treatment. My mother regained her eyesight thanks to the benefits of socialist free medical care," said Myong Suk.

The grandmother now reads newspapers and watches TV like previously in good health.



Ri Chae Sun, centenarian living in neighbourhood unit No. 1, Ryul-dong of Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang, reads a newspaper after recovering her eyesight.

“My mother regained her eyesight thanks to the benefits of socialist free medical care.”

O Myong Suk, daughter of centenarian Ri Chae Sun

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Advanced cure for incurable disease developed

By Kil Chung Il PT

A collaborative research group of the chemical biological institute of the University of Sciences and the radiotherapy institute of the Academy of Medical Sciences developed a radiation sensitizer for the treatment of cancer and established a technology for treating cancer based on dynamic radiotherapy.

The dynamic radiotherapy is a method of selectively treating cancer by means of the cytotoxicity of active oxygen which is generated by radiosensitization when the local region of tumour is irradiated after being injected with tumour-selective photosensitizer like PORFIMER.

PORFIMER is used as a new material for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer as it has the property of amplifying the action of radiation in the local tumour region with tumour-selective localization.

It is now monopolized by a few countries as its manufacturing process is complicated and its process technology remains secret.

"Our research group intensified research with a goal of developing a radiosensitizer. We separated protoporphyrin

from the haemoglobin of a vertebrate and purified it and, by using it as precursor, finally succeeded in synthesizing PORFIMER with high purity and activity. On this basis we developed the PORFIMER injection, a world-level radiosensitizer for the treatment of cancer," said Pak Song Jin, professor, PhD and director of the chemical biological institute of the University of Sciences.

Medical workers including Ri Jun Hyok, section chief of the radiotherapy institute of the Academy of Medical Sciences, verified the effectiveness of the dynamic radiotherapy relying on the PORFIMER injection through sufficient clinical trials and established the treatment method.

They say that this therapy, as compared to previous radiotherapy, remarkably increases the reduction rate of neoplasm while exposing human body to much less radiation, and reduces side effects from radiation and the risk of relapse.

Years of clinical trials on patients with cancer of uterine cervix, oral cancer, carcinoma of paranasal sinuses and other cancers show that the therapy ensures over 80 percent of curative ratio.

Autumn colours tinge Moran Hill

By Kil Chung Il PT

Moran Hill, which was garbed in green "clothes", has now changed into another suit.

There are shrubs tinged with golden colour, maple trees ablaze with red and pine trees always boasting green leaves.

The brook water flowing down through a ravine all the year round carries fallen scarlet-tinged leaves.

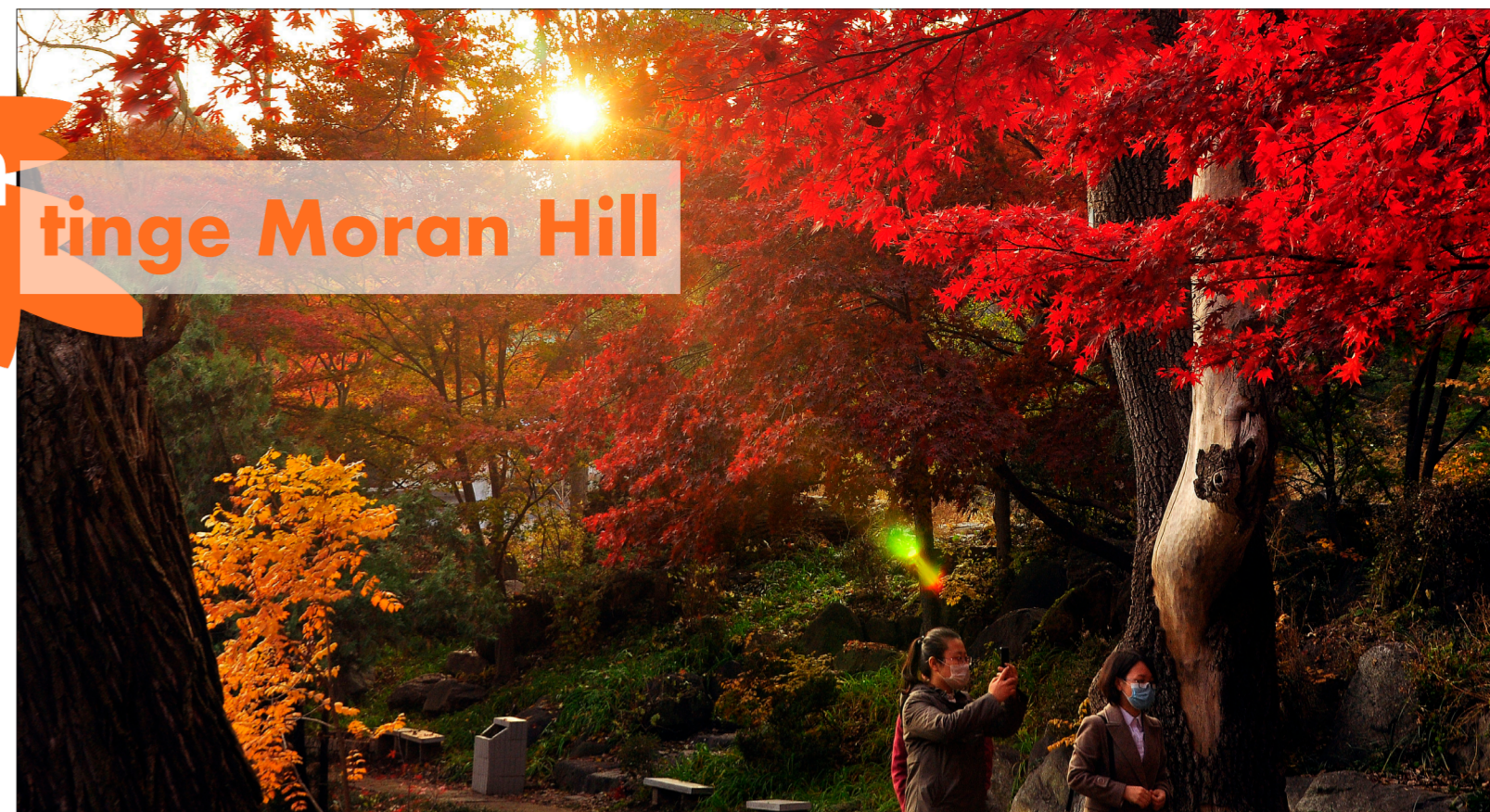
Artists carrying drawing boards on their shoulders take seats to portray the autumnal scenery of Moran Hill, while others take photos as they change positions frequently.

A pretty girl poses for a photo against the backdrop of red maples and a young man with an evergreen pine tree in the background, and some parents take photos of their children in succession.

Each artist has different creative inspiration even from the same natural landscape.

A painter draws the picture of passionate young people against the background of maples putting on autumnal tints in the sunshine, and another one portrays an old couple strolling over fallen leaves that are blown off in autumnal wind.

"The beauty of maples on Moran Hill is attributable to that of people, I think. Among them, there are innovators, workers who finished their yearly plans and honour students. So, the maples on Moran Hill seem to be more ablaze with red," Kim Chol Min, artist of the Korean painting production unit of the Mansudae Art Studio, told the people who were talking about the art of drawing in their own ways.



The scenery of Moran Hill with autumn tint of golden, red and green draws citizens.

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East Sea of Korea everlasting name of our sea (2)

By Kim Sol Hwa

Marking of “Sea of Japan” is criminal product of Japanese policy on occupation of Korea and its colonial rule

In the mid-19th century, Japan embarked on the road of capitalist development. It opened several ports including Nagasaki port with the purpose of introducing European capital and technology, and arbitrarily named the sea facing the Pacific as the “sea of great Japan”, “Japanese sea” or “east sea of Japan” after its state name.

This is the origin of “Japanese sea” claimed by the Japanese, and the area connoted by “Japanese sea” was obviously the east side of Honshu of Japan.

It is well explained by the map of Japan drawn by Kemper from the Netherlands in 1727 and also by the map of Japan made by Bering in 1752, all of which marked the Pacific coast along the east side of the Japanese archipelago as “Japanese sea”.

The book entitled “Sea of

Great Japan” published in Japan in 1942 presented 15 maps which had shown that “Japanese sea” is located along the Pacific coast, saying that during the period of Edo shogunate, the sea east of the Japanese archipelago was marked as “sea of great Japan”, “Japanese sea” or “east sea of Japan”.

But after “Meiji Restoration”, the Japanese ambition to occupy Korea grew wilder and its policy on occupation of Korea became increasingly undisguised. Against this backdrop, the original “Japanese sea” gradually moved to the west, stretching its tentacles of aggression toward the west.

The name of the “Sea of Korea” started to change into “Sea of Japan” right after the Russo-Japanese War in 1904 when the Japanese invasion of Korea started to be carried out on a full scale. Already at that time, Japan deprived Korea of its right to publication and media coverage. Not daring to suddenly change the “Sea of Korea” into “Japanese sea” at first, Japan resorted to a cunning trick of marking

the area adjacent to Korea as “Korean sea” and the area adjacent to Japan as “Japanese sea”. This can be illustrated by the “Map of Korean Empire” made by Japan-Korea Printing Co. Ltd in 1908, the stock of which had been held wholly by a Japanese.

The name of the “Sea of Korea” disappeared altogether by the Japanese imperialists in the wake of the “Korea-Japan annexation” in 1910. Since then, the word “trans-Japanese sea” appeared, and Japan considered the East Sea of Korea as its own lake.

Moreover, as the activities for standardizing sea names had been conducted on a global scale in the 1920s, the Japanese imperialists, by abusing the suzerain state position, officially registered the East Sea of Korea as the “Sea of Japan” with the International Hydrographic Organization in 1929. This is how the abnormal case had been created where the “Sea of Japan” illegally took the place of the East Sea of Korea as an international standard name.

Since the Japanese occupation of Korea and its colonial rule are completely illegal and criminal, there is no need at all to discuss the “legitimacy” of the marking of “Sea of Japan.”

After all, the Japanese imperialists’ scheme for the marking of “Sea of Japan” was a planned act of aggression aimed at seizing the maritime sovereignty of the East Sea of Korea and a criminal product of the colonial expansion policy which presupposed the domination over the whole of Korea.

Japan’s persistent insistence on the marking of “Sea of Japan” also in the new century cannot be construed, in essence, otherwise than its sinister intention to realize at any cost the wild dream of the “Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere” Japanese imperialism had failed to achieve in the past.

(To be continued)

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Strenuous efforts needed to prevent, treat diabetes



Sin Pong Chol
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The worldwide disaster caused by the pandemic is posing a greater danger to diabetics.

Many diabetics lose their lives or suffer from fatal complications, infected by COVID-19 in all parts of the world.

Under the greatest burden, medical institutions fail to offer medical assistance to diabetics in time.

Therefore, the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) appeals to all public health institutions, health workers and diabetics to make positive efforts to counter this crisis on

the occasion of World Diabetes Day (November 14).

According to information available, those who suffer from diabetes number over 400 million and their number is expected to rise to 642 million in 2040.

In the DPRK, diabetes is rated as a serious disease in terms of morbidity and disability rate.

To cope with it, the Diabetes Committee of Hospitals Association of Korea is seeking a new method to prevent, treat and control the medical condition.

The amount of information service is being increased

to prevent, treat and control diabetes through mobile phones and computers. The diabetes curing app for mobile phones which was launched last year and updated this year is winning popularity.

Meanwhile, the diabetec classification manual, which was introduced into terminal medical service units across the country, namely primary health care units, proves effective.

The manual helps household doctors and primary health care workers easily distinguish between diabetes and its complications in regular check-ups and the diagnosis for

inpatients.

New technological findings in the treatment of diabetes and experiences gained in the use of the manual were widely exchanged at the 30th endocrine and metabolic symposium in September.

The diabetes committee also conducts activities in collaboration with IDF to train relevant medical workers and acquire the world’s advanced-level successes in treating diabetes. Twenty medical workers have already received internet lectures for education in diabetes which were organized by the federation.

We will make redoubled efforts for the treatment of patients and the promotion of health of residents as challenges get bigger.

OPINION

True colours of ‘human rights judge’

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The US undersecretary of State for civilian security, democracy and human rights maliciously spoke ill of the DPRK over its human rights situation, talking about “supernational oppression” and “serious abuses”, when she met with the “special rapporteur” of the UN on the situation of human rights in the DPRK on October 26.

This is just like the guilty filing a lawsuit first. The US is not qualified to talk about other countries’ human rights practices, given its track record covering the whole gamut of human rights abuses.

According to the annual report released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 30, the number of hate crimes that occurred in the US in 2020 amounted to 7 759, an all-time high since 2008. And the number of crimes against Afro-Americans reached 2 755, an appalling increase compared to 1 930 in 2019, and the number of crimes targeted at Asian-Americans soared from 158 in 2019 to 274.

As to this, an American lawyer lamented that acts of racism are being further aided and abetted at home, saying that the FBI report would have dealt with part of the hate crimes and there might be actually much more cases.

The *New York Times* said on October 31 that more than 400 drivers were killed in the US by police overreaction over the past five years since September 30 2016, adding that there were only 32 lawsuits filed against the police and they ended up with no more than five convictions.

CNN reported on November 1 that there were 11 shootings in the US between October 29 and 31, in which 12 people were killed and 52 were injured, and that gun violence has added up to 599 cases so far since January this year.

Recently, an American citizen exposed such a world-startling fact that he had been subjected to horrendous tortures in a CIA prison.

According to *The Hill*, he suffered such horrifying tortures as forced feeding, enema, waterboarding and sexual abuse while in an overseas secret CIA detention centre from 2003 to 2006.

What made his statement come as a terrible surprise is that the US—which has posed itself as “human rights judge” inquisitively meddling with human rights situations in nooks and crannies of the world—is still committing medieval tortures.

It is an insult to human rights and a mockery of the international community that such a country points an accusing finger at other countries over human rights.

That is why the international community is increasing the voices against the US, saying that the latter has lost a sense of decency or qualification to talk about human rights and the world is turning from bad to worse for humans due to the US.

The US is well advised to remember that the more it finds fault with others, the more it will reveal its stinking social evils.

EXPANSION OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS AIMED AT TERRITORIAL SEIZURE

By Song Jong Ho PT

The Israeli authorities recently announced a plan to build thousands of blocks of apartment houses for Jews in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs immediately issued a statement, which said that Israel’s expansion of Jewish settlements runs counter to the efforts of the international community to promote the Middle East peace process and it would

have serious impact on providing an opportunity to establish peace based on the “two states solution”. Israel would be wholly to blame for all the ensuing consequences, it warned.

As is known, Israel has persistently harboured a wild territorial ambition since it illegally built a Jewish state in the Palestinian territory. The construction of Jewish settlements is a typical example of such bid.

It continues to expand Jewish settlements in the occupied territories including al-Quds,

expelling the Palestinians from them. As a result, many Palestinians have been displaced, with their rights to existence being mercilessly trampled on.

However, the Israeli authorities announced the plan for building thousands of blocks of dwelling houses this time again, which fully shows that the current Israeli regime differs little from the previous ones in territorial ambition.

Israel’s persistent settlement activity is an expression of its wild territorial ambition to make al-

Quds part of its own territory and then occupy the whole Palestinian territory.

The Palestinian people are strongly opposed to these Israeli moves. They express their firm will to continue their struggle until they recover their occupied territories and found a complete and legitimate independent sovereign state.

The Palestinians’ just cause to build an independent state with East al-Quds as its capital wins widespread support from the international community.

Significant events in development of DPRK-Vietnam ties

By Pak Sang Gil

November is quite a significant and meaningful month in the 71-year history of friendship and cooperative relations between the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

President Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, paid an official goodwill visit to the then Democratic Republic of Vietnam from November 28 to December 2 in 1958.

Before his visit, President Ho Chi Minh, the respected leader of the Vietnamese people, saw to it that the second edition of “Short Biography of Comrade Kim Il Sung” was issued which had already been published in Vietnam in 1956, out of his boundless respect and admiration for President Kim Il Sung. He also took a step to publish the Chinese edition of book “Experiences of Socialist Cooperativization in the Northern Half of Korea” published in our country after translating it into Vietnamese by himself.

During the three rounds of talks with the Vietnamese counterpart, President Kim Il Sung expounded on the experiences gained in the building of socialism in the DPRK with his meaningful saying that the two countries wanted to see each other fare well as they had lived under the same difficult circumstances, that the Vietnamese people would also be better off in the near future and that now was a good time when the east wind overpowers the west wind.

Ho Chi Minh expressed his admiration, saying that Comrade Kim Il Sung was creating miracles with unparalleled firm will and capabilities. He also officially suggested that books on the experiences in the building of socialism in the DPRK be translated into Chinese and sent directly to Vietnam.

President Kim Il Sung paid another visit to Vietnam from November 9 to 16 in 1964, when the danger of an all-out war was looming in Vietnam following the incident in the Gulf of Tonkin, and inspired the Vietnamese people to fight with confidence in victory.

He pointed to the need to render active assistance to the struggle of the Vietnamese people both morally and materially and spared no efforts to provide material and moral support and encouragement to them.

November is cherished deeper as a precious memory in the hearts of the two peoples. That is because the excellent DPRK pilots went to the front of Vietnam in November, remaining true to the noble internationalist fidelity of President Kim Il Sung.

In November 1966, the pilots of the Korean People’s Army went to the front of Vietnam and reliably defended the blue sky of the country shoulder to shoulder with its fighting people, sharing life and death with them.

On July 15 2015, the People’s Network of China gave a full account of the meritorious services of the KPA pilots, noting that the Korean pilots trained the pilots of North Vietnam with themselves being engaged in air battles at the same time, and they encircled and shot down the enemy planes by relying on “MiG-17” which was not so fast but had a strong

manoeuvrability and “MiG-21” which was fast and had a great firepower.

The friendship and cooperative relations between the DPRK and Vietnam, which were nurtured by the noble sense of revolutionary obligations and personal relations between President Kim Il Sung and President Ho Chi Minh, have met the greatest heyday in their development as they were improved onto a higher stage as comradely and strategic relations thanks to the historic official goodwill visit to Vietnam by Comrade Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, in March 2019.

The bonds between the DPRK and Vietnam, which have been strengthened while withstanding the test of time, will be developed much more vigorously and dynamically along with the raging flow of the River Taedong in Pyongyang and the River Hong in Hanoi.

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Briefly

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Iran Large-scale military drill launched

The Iranian troops embarked on a large-scale military exercise in the Sea of Oman and its environs on November 7.

The army, navy, air force and anti-aircraft force of the country are conducting the drill in the waters ranging from the eastern part of the Strait of Hormuz to the northern part of the Indian Ocean.

Different homemade military hardware including advanced reconnaissance and fighter drones are reportedly to be used in the exercise.

Thailand

Floating solar power station built

According to a foreign news report, a floating solar power station has been built and opened in the northeastern part of Thailand.

The power production capacity of the power station, which is equipped with 144 000 solar panels on the surface of a reservoir, amounts to 45 000 kilowatts.

A hydropower station is already operative in the reservoir. So it can safely produce electricity by using solar heat in the daytime and hydraulic power at night.

India

Zika virus spreads

According to the local mass media, 30 people were newly infected with Zika virus in Kanpur city of Uttar Pradesh, India, making the city’s total number reach 66 as of November 5.

Earlier in July, 16 locals in Kerala were confirmed to be infected with the virus.

Though its death rate is low among the infected persons, pregnant women infected with it are highly likely to give birth to babies with microcephaly.

Such babies would reportedly die of atelencephalia or remain crippled all their lives.

WMO

Flood, drought damage

According to the recent report of the World Meteorological Organization, the incidence of water-related disasters has increased worldwide over the past 20 years.

Flood has seen an increase of 134 percent up against 20 years before since 2000 and the incidence and duration of drought a 29 percent rise.

Flood mainly hit Asia and Africa suffered almost all the loss of life by droughts.

The temperature rise has changed rainfall on a worldwide or regional scale and farming season, which has seriously affected food security and people’s health and welfare, the WMO reported.

BYWORD

Fresh innovation, bold creation, steady advance

It is the steadfast intention of the WPK to markedly increase the country’s own strength, its internal motive force, by dint of fresh innovation, bold creation and steady advance so as to speed up the victorious advance of

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powerful country through a revolutionary upsurge.

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Country seethes with enthusiasm for sporting activities

Mass sports have promoted physical strength of people and pushed progress of professional sports over the past ten years

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Making sports mass-based is a constant policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

During the past ten years, sports were widely encouraged in the DPRK, with the result that enthusiasm for sports bubbled over the whole country and the people took an active part in socialist construction in good health. And young sporting talents were picked out on a nationwide scale to provide a sure guarantee for developing professional sports.

The country found the best way to rapidly develop sports in making them mass-based and organized a series of big and small mass sports games every year.

The National Inter-Provincial Games, the largest sports event for the working people, began in 2013 to stoke up the enthusiasm for mass sports to the maximum.

Excellent players and cheering squads selected from provinces and cities competed fiercely in Pyongyang on the honour of their local areas, which remarkably aroused public

enthusiasm for and interest in sports.

The Paektusan Prize games of civil servants were held each year to make the whole society brim with vibrant spirit.

Sectoral sports games were also conducted with full vigour.

The 50th sports contest of artistes was held and that of health workers took place for the eighth time.

Schools improved the quality of sports education and organized brisk after-school sporting activities. The whole country buzzed with sporting activities to win the titles of Model Sports County and Model Sports Unit.

Activities for sports month were conducted and national physical fitness examination arranged across society to ensure all people could contribute to production and national defence in good health.

Working people, youth and schoolchildren enjoy playing sports games at the newly-built sports parks and recreation grounds throughout the country—it is one of the new scenes of the DPRK which has changed over the past ten years.



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Photos show some of mass-based sporting activities conducted in the past 10 years, a period that has witnessed unprecedentedly growing public enthusiasm for sports and injected renewed vigour into the whole society.

Samgyethang, speciality of Kaesong

By Pang Un Ju PT

A special food of Kaesong made by putting Kaesong Koryo insam in the main material, *samgyethang*, chicken boiled with insam, is a national food the Korean people have taken since ancient times.

According to a legend, a doctor, deeply moved by the filial devotion of a young man who spared no pains for his ailing mother, said that she would recover from her health when he picked the roots of a wild insam growing in deep mountains, put it into the stomach of chicken to boil it hard before serving it to the mother and it would cure her disease.

The young man finally cured his mother of her disease as the doctor indicated after going up and down mountains and digging a rare wild insam.

Since then, it has been called *hyosongthang* in a sense that the soup is associated with the filial duty of a child and people used insam as it was mass-cultivated.

Samgyethang is made of a chicken which is four to five months old. Astragalus, jujube, glutinous rice and insam are filled in its stomach before sewing it and then it is boiled in a stone pot or earthenware bowl.

Bring it to the boil and simmer it for an hour to steep the ingredients of insam and chicken. Its fragrance is

so sweet that it stimulates appetite.

Samgyethang is taken after hard boiling or is squeezed to drink its juice.

It is boiled in plain water

without adding salt.

It has long been known as a nourishing food as it is effective for the treatment of anorexia, dyspepsia and anaemia.



Samgyethang, special dish of Kaesong.

Pujon community of mountain scallion

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There is a rare community of mountain scallion in Handae-ri of Pujon County, South Hamgyong Province.

The reserve of the community covers an area of 20 hectares and there grow over 100 mountain scallions per *phyong*.

A perennial plant growing naturally in marshland in alpine areas, the mountain scallion has hair roots and green leaves and roots 30cm deep under the ground.

It has horizontal striped patterns on its surface and is hollow and cylindrical in shape.

The diameter of its leaf is about 1cm and it is 40-50cm

long on average and 80cm to the maximum.

The shape of a flower stalk is the same with the leaves and it blossoms while forming an umbrella-shaped inflorescence.

The bud is surrounded by a thin membrane and when the membrane bursts, the flower blooms on the short flower stalk.

The mountain scallion is used as edible herb or seasonings in spring and summer.

Since the community of mountain scallion in Pujon represents that of the country and is of academic significance, it was designated as living monument No. 422 in December 1982 and is under good protection.

