

National meeting celebrates 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il



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A national meeting took place in front of the statue of Chairman Kim Jong Il in the City of Samjiyon, the holy land of revolution, on February 15 to commemorate his 80th birth anniversary.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the meeting.

When the General Secretary appeared, all the participants burst into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" upon him who has put the might of socialist Korea, the highest patriotic heritage of the Chairman, and its position on the highest level with his continued revolutionary leadership and carried into brilliant reality the Chairman's cause of building a powerful country.

A flower basket in the name of General Secretary Kim Jong Un was laid at the statue of the Chairman.

Also placed before the statue were flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs

Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un together with leading officials of the Party and the government paid high tribute at the statue of the Chairman, the eternal Sun of Juche, venerable image of socialist Korea and great sage of the revolution.

Present at the meeting were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet.

Also present were Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Kim Yong Chol, Jong Kyong Thaeck, Kim Yo Jong, O Il Jong, Ho Chol Man, Pak Thae Dok, Kim Hyong Sik, Pak Myong Sun, Ri Chol Man, Kim Song Nam, Jon Hyon Chol, Yang Sung Ho, Ri Son Gwon, Ri Thae Sop, U Sang Chol and other leading Party and government officials, senior officials of ministries and national agencies, officials and working people in Ryanggang Province and the City of Samjiyon, and commanding officers and shock brigade members of 216 Division.

Ri Yong Gil and other senior officials of the armed forces organs and officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces were present at the meeting.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a report "Let us accomplish to the end the cause of the great Comrade Kim Jong Il in the revolutionary spirit of Paektu".

He said that all the people across the country greeting the greatest auspicious

holiday of the nation recall with deep emotion the profundity and significance of February of Korea while looking back on the most proud era in the nation's history spanning 5 000 years marked by leaping progress based on the revolutionary heritage left by the Chairman under the uplifted red flag of the revolution shining with his immortal august name.

Recalling the noble revolutionary career of the peerlessly great man characterized by his unusual birth and growth, he praised the undying feats of the Chairman who instilled the spirit of self-respect into the people and provided them with the best asset for building a powerful country.

He called on all the Party members, other people and servicepersons of the People's Army to uphold the leadership of the Party Central Committee led by Kim Jong Un with ardent loyalty and truthful revolutionary practice and turn socialist Korea, fruition of the life-long dedication of the Chairman, into a developed and highly civilized prosperous country admired by the world.

Ground-breaking ceremony held for construction of 10 000 flats in Hwasong area



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A new project for building 10 000 flats started in the capital city of Pyongyang. The construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area will begin according to the plan for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the decision made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Also present were Ri Yong Gil, Kim Jong Gwan and other officials of the armed forces organs. When the start of the ceremony was declared, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech, entitled *Let Us Further Glorify the Golden Age of Capital City Construction by Bringing About a Sea Change in the Hwasong Area*. In the speech he expressed expectation that the construction units deployed in the Hwasong area would dedicate all their wisdom, enthusiasm and high spirit to the sacred construction campaign by taking the lead in the campaign to perfectly and thoroughly carry out the Party's policy on construction and becoming examples to be copied by the builders of other construction sites.

When Kim Jong Un finished his impassioned speech, all the builders raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", filled with a firm will to build a thriving street symbolic of socialism in the Hwasong

area and ensure the continuity of the heyday in the capital city construction by dint of indomitable tenacity and inexhaustible spirit of creation, true to the noble intention of him who puts his heart and soul for a new great era of the development of Korean-style socialism, for the capital city of Pyongyang and for the people's happiness to be brought into full bloom along with new magnificent streets.

A resolution to the Party was read out by Kim Jong Gwan at the ceremony. He referred to the builders' high enthusiasm to live up to the deep trust of the Party Central Committee which unfolded a grandiose blueprint for turning the area near the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche, into an icon of the civilization of Korean-style socialism and called them to the sacred construction site.

Noting that all the builders regard it as a due obligation and bounden duty of them who are the descendants of President Kim Il Sung and soldiers and disciples of Chairman Kim Jong Il to spruce up the area near the palace, he said they will surely build a model street, fresh wealth of the people vividly representing the great era of Kim Jong Un and the ideal of the Party, as scheduled by its Central Committee, in the Hwasong area, on which the global attention is focused and about which the local people have expectations.

The letter expressed the steadfast will of the builders to create a new construction speed of Hwasong, the legend of Hwasong, in the decisive campaign of loyalty, holding aloft the flag of the headquarters of the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, which Kim Jong Un personally handed over to them, as a banner of struggle and advance.

All the soldiers and other builders solemnly made a pledge of loyalty toward the Party that they would strikingly demonstrate to the world what kind of miracle will be made under the grandiose plan of the Party Central Committee remaining faithful to the people by bringing about a tremendous change in the Hwasong area through an all-out drive with full confidence in victory.

Then there was a blasting, signalling the beginning of the construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area. Following the blast, fireworks were displayed in the sky along with thunderous cheers.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the trustworthy soldiers and other builders as a token of his encouragement to them who have gone all out for another grand construction campaign for demonstrating the militant might of the great WPK and the revolutionary spirit of socialist Korea, true to the intention and will of the Party Central Committee.

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First of all, I, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, would like to extend warm congratulations and greetings to the builders of the capital city and the service personnel, who are starting our struggle in the grandiose year of 2022 through this grand ground-breaking ceremony for a project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area true to the decisions adopted at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party.

This project, one of the major tasks facing the construction sector this year, is the second of its kind for hitting the long-term goal of housing construction in Pyongyang, which our Party aspires to and which started last year; it is also the first stage of building a new, modern urban district in this area.

The long-term capital city development plan approved by our Party and the government envisages creation in this area, which is near the sacred place of the sun and adjoins September 9 Street, of splendid streets and a new administrative district with flats, numbering well over ten thousand, public buildings and welfare service facilities. This will be done within three years or so.

If the goal of building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, including that of this gigantic project, is hit with success, our Party will have fulfilled the most important promise it made to the people and the housing problem of the citizens of our capital city will have been solved once and for all. This is why the Party and the government is forcefully pushing ahead with the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang every year even though the present conditions and circumstances are more difficult than ever before.

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Comrades, We have become able to launch this important and gigantic project in the Hwasong area as planned in the second year of implementing the decisions of the Eighth

Congress of the Party entirely thanks to the efforts of the builders and service personnel, who have turned out in Pyongyang's development.

Last year the project to build 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa area was conducted under arduous conditions, where the country's economic situation was harsh and difficulties piled up.

However, our builders bravely promoted the construction as planned, overcoming all the trials with indomitable will and a strenuous effort, thus building at the eastern gate of Pyongyang a splendid street, lined with high-rise and superhigh-rise apartment houses, in less than one year.

As a result, we can now visualize many citizens of the capital city moving in delight into new houses on the new street in the run-up to the Day of the Sun.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee made a high appreciation of this.

As there was such a struggle and substantial success, our Party Central Committee could decide on and organize the construction of 10 000 flats of the next stage with confidence, and today we are holding a ground-breaking ceremony, officially proclaiming the start of housing construction in the Hwasong area.

Our Party has no doubt in the least that the elated enthusiasm for labour and aggressive spirit for advancement witnessed last year will be displayed in this year's project and more inspiring and more meaningful successes will be achieved.

Our builders are proud artists and dignified trail-blazers who, possessed of miraculous power, write a new chapter of the history of prosperity and development in the era of the Workers' Party.

As the Party's people-oriented policies have been put into reality wherever the workers of the country's major construction units and service personnel of the People's Army are dispatched, homes where many people will live generation after generation are appearing and monumental creations symbolic of the civilization of the era springing up each and every year.

In the course of a fierce struggle for grand construction, vacillation and inability are overcome, courage and wisdom displayed, backwardness and stagnation eliminated, progress and innovations made, and our state's and people's might for shaping the future increased.

In short, our vigorous advance and development will be proved in practice and all that hampers this, that is, objective and subjective challenges, will be broken to

pieces and lose power. And this itself will be a crushing blow to the forces hostile towards us.

This is the very change, revolution and victory we aspire to.

And the masters who stand in the vanguard of this revolution are none other than you, builders.

Our builders are pioneers and dependable vanguard fighters of our era, who conceive tomorrow though they are living today and bring the beautiful future earlier.

I am convinced that, thanks to our Party's correct policy of construction and to the builders' creative labour, our construction will change and develop into a more advanced and progressive sector, while sustaining its socialist character, the original feature of our people-first architecture, which consistently serves the purpose of promoting the people's wellbeing.

In building apartment houses in the Hwasong area this year, we should push ahead with the grand construction project in a more dynamic and scrupulous way by making the most of the experiences and lessons we learned from the construction of 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa area.

The grand construction campaign is a gigantic creative effort to bring new entities into existence by concentrating human, material and technical potentialities of the country on it. Therefore, whether it results in complete success or not depends on how it is planned and commanded.

The construction headquarters should, by taking into careful consideration the existing building forces, capacities of building materials production and transport as well as seasonal factors, make a well-thought-out plan for each process of designing and building work, and push ahead with it forcefully.

In construction we should aspire to giving definite precedence to the supply of building materials and ensuring both the quality and speed of construction by enhancing the role of building units and supervision organs.

What is important here is to steadily execute scientific proposals and plans, aimed at developing the construction sector in a prospective way, by eradicating the short-sighted view of laying stress only on immediate building tasks in planning and commanding construction projects.

The grand construction campaign of national importance, including the development of Pyongyang,

Chairman Kim Jong Il's 80th birthday celebrations

People throughout DPRK pay floral tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il

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On the occasion of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il, officials, working people, service personnel, youth and schoolchildren across the country visited statues and beaming images of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il to pay boundless tribute to them.

Baskets of flowers in the name of the Workers' Party of Korea, the government, military organs, social organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and Public Security Forces and institutions, industrial establishments and universities at all levels in Pyongyang were laid at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.

The representative and members of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-imperialist National Democratic Front laid a basket of flowers at the statues.

The visitors respectfully made a deep bow to the statues.

Flower baskets and bouquets in the name of the KPA and PSF units, institutions and industrial establishments were laid at



Service personnel and people visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill to pay homage to them.

the great leaders' statues and beaming images at Kim Il Sung University, the

Ministry of National Defence and the Mansudae Art Studio and in many other places of

the capital city. Officials, working people, service personnel, youth

and schoolchildren across the country also visited the statues and beaming images

of the great leaders in their localities to pay their respects to them.

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is far from something to be done in a year or two; it is a long-term undertaking to be continued on an ever higher level even when all our people live in good houses and even after our country has undergone a facelift.

Therefore, there should be no delay or stagnation in whatever is related with our construction sector, typically in consolidating its material and technical foundations in terms of both quality and quantity, in producing various kinds of building materials domestically, in raising the proportion of work done by machines and in introducing advanced methods and architectural technology extensively.

In the whole course of construction such tasks should be reflected in planning, designing, materials supply and standards at every building stage, carried out and reviewed. And innovative initiatives, reasonable technical proposals and audacious endeavours should be actively encouraged and presented.

In this way, when a new street of 10 000 flats is built year after year, not only the appearances of the capital city and further that of the country will be changed but also our construction forces should grow in strength and a new development should be made in the mode of construction.

All in all, with the simultaneous promotion of the work of successfully carrying on the construction of houses and putting our construction sector on a modern basis, we will prepare ourselves to carry on more gigantic and greater construction projects in the future.

Our Party regards as an important and decisive factor

that is vital to its success the great enthusiasm, sense of responsibility and sincere efforts of every official and builder towards construction.

This is why inspiring slogans are put on, red flags flutter and marches resound at our socialist construction sites.

Novel and moving political work encourages every one to cherish ennobling ideals and beautiful hopes, to feel the honour and pride that their enthusiasm and endeavour has become a source of great strength of their collective, and to get inspiration from other's positive examples and merits. It is a dynamic force peculiar to socialism, which trains ordinary working people into performers of innovations and feats and which works miracles under any conditions.

You should conduct vigorous frontline-style political work so that all the builders can feel the sense of mission and pleasure that they create with their own hands the daily-renewing happiness and development of our times, and so that they can take great pride in bringing a more cultured future earlier through their own efforts.

You should create a hot wind of collective emulation drive for overtaking and learning from one another and give fuller play to your patriotic enthusiasm. By doing so, you can build flourishing socialist living quarters, which are permeated with a great generation's indomitable perseverance and untiring spirit of creation and which are brimming with the people's laughter of happiness, in this very Hwasong area before the eyes of the world.

Comrades,

Today our grand construction front covers not only this construction site of 10 000 flats in the capital city

but the whole country.

A large number of construction projects, which have been designed for our great state's prosperity and development and for the people's well-being, are being prepared or under way in large metallurgical bases, chemical industry bases, construction sites of new power plants, tideland reclamation sites, Komdok and Ryonpho areas and rural communities across the country.

Among all the construction projects that will constitute a powerful engine of the comprehensive development of socialist construction, the house construction project in the Hwasong area is the main theatre that should take the lead.

In implementing the Party's policy of construction in a perfect and thoroughgoing way and conducting intense and energetic campaigns in high spirits, the construction units deployed in the Hwasong area should naturally become standard-bearers and models for all other theatres of construction.

I firmly believe that all the builders and service personnel present here, bearing in mind an extraordinary sense of glory and pride in building a new street for the people, will complete with credit the construction project in the Hwasong area as scheduled with redoubled wisdom, enthusiasm and fortitude.

For the great new era of the development of our own style of socialism,

For our Pyongyang, and

To bring earlier the happy day, when our parents, brothers, sisters and children will move into new flats of the dramatically transformed Hwasong area,

Let us all struggle dynamically.

Senior Party, government officials visit Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in Paektusan Secret Camp



Senior Party, government and military officials visit Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp on the occasion of his 80th birth anniversary.

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Choe Ryong Hae and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior Party and government officials, leading officials of the armed forces organs and those of the ministries and national agencies visited Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp on Wednesday, his 80th birth anniversary.

Entering the sacred place of the revolution, they laid bouquets at the mosaic mural portraying the peerlessly great persons and made a deep bow.

Being briefed on the history of the sacred

revolution of the Chairman, they recollected with deep emotion the noble life of the peerlessly great man who led the country and its people to one victory after another while weathering the stern tempest of the revolution with his strong faith and spirit of staunch attack of Paektu at the forefront.

They looked round with deep attention the historic mementoes preserved with much care at the historic home.

At the Headquarters log cabin where the red flag of the revolution is vigorously fluttering today, too, they deeply cherished the immortal feats of President Kim Il Sung who led the hard-fought anti-Japanese revolutionary war to a

brilliant victory.

Bearing deep in mind the phrases of the immortal monument inscribed with the poem "Shining Star" written by the President in February 30 years ago wishing the rosy future of Juche Korea, they cherished deep again what a great man the WPK and the Korean people had held in high esteem as the leader in making revolution.

The senior Party and government officials hardened the strong will to accomplish to the end the revolutionary cause of Juche that started on Mt Paektu under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un while eternally glorifying the immortal revolutionary life and feats of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Commemorative coins to be minted on the occasion of the greatest national holiday



Front and back of commemorative gold coin (top) and silver coin (above) minted to honour the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

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A decree of the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly on minting commemorative coins to mark the 80th birthday of Kim Jong Il was issued on February 10.

The commemorative coins named "The 80th Birth Anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il" will be minted into golden and silver ones.

Embossed in the centre of the front of each golden and silver coin is the beaming image of the Chairman with 80 points in a circle around it, on the upper part of the fringe the letters "The 80th Birth Anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il" and on both sides of the bottom the figures of the years "1942" and "2022" as well as a magnolia blossom.

Carved in relief in the centre of the back are the Chairman's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp and Jong Il Peak with 80 points in a circle around them, on the upper of the fringe the letters "The Central Bank of the DPRK" and at the bottom the figures implying the fineness, weight and minting year.

Celebratory banquet in Samjiyon

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A banquet was given in the City of Samjiyon on Wednesday in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

It was given in honour of officials in the field of the preservation of revolutionary relics, including lecturers of the Paektusan Secret Camp performing an important duty of firmly defending and glorifying the revolutionary traditions of the Workers' Party of Korea, exemplary working people and soldiers in the city.

Joining them were Choe Ryong Hae and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a speech.

He said that they were significantly celebrating the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il in the City of Samjiyon, the time-honoured sacred

place of the revolution where the Juche cause originated, where his native home in the Paektusan Secret Camp is situated and in which yearning for the Chairman gets stronger with the passage of time.

He, upon authorization of the Party Central Committee, warmly congratulated the genuine owners of the modern mountainous city, honourable frontline soldiers of the sacred place of Paektu who are reliably defending the eternal treasures of the Korean revolution rain or shine, regarding it as their greatest happiness to live and work in the yard of Mt. Paektu, which is the spiritual mainstay of the Korean people and the source of inexhaustible strength of the country.

He stressed the need for all of them to more wonderfully spruce up the native land of the revolution with ardent loyalty, being aware that the Chairman is wishing them a happy future while always watching them who have made a great stride forward in the drive for the overall development of socialist construction.

Fireworks explode in Samjiyon to celebrate Day of Shining Star

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There was a firework display in the City of Samjiyon on February 15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Among the spectators were Choe Ryong Hae and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior Party, government and military officials, and those from ministries and national agencies.

Fireworks were set off to the sky over the area of Mt Paektu amid the

playing of the song *Fireworks*.

Different kinds of fireworks burst one after another in reflection of the eruption of ardent loyalty of all the people to hand down the eternal exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il, who dedicated his whole life to bringing about the prosperity of the country and people's happiness always cherishing Mt Paektu in his mind.

The sound of fireworks shook the centre of the earth like a stirring thunder heralding a new victory of socialism and colourful fireworks spluttered in the sky above the City of Samjiyon.



Residents see the wonderful display of fireworks in the City of Samjiyon in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star.

Kim Jong Un sends gifts to children

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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent gifts to all orphaned children, pupils of primary schools and other children to mark the significant Day of the Shining Star.

The happy looks of children at kindergartens, baby homes, orphanages and primary and middle schools for orphans, who received Haebargi-brand pencils, erasers, crayons, watercolour paints, Mindulle notebooks and other school things and foodstuffs, added joy to the people enjoying the significant spring holiday.

Gifts were also sent to the children across country, from remote mountain villages in the northern parts of the country to rural villages near the military demarcation line.

SONG OF PRAISE REVERBERATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

First People's Art Festival opens to celebrate Day of Shining Star

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The First People's Art Festival in Celebration of the Day of the Shining Star opened in Pyongyang.

The festival, which brings together more than 2 900 artists, officials and working people from 40-odd groups selected in each region and unit, is to be held in the form of provincial performances and performances by art groups from ministries and national agencies.

An opening ceremony took place at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on February 11.

Present there were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Song Hak, vice-premier of the Cabinet, officials concerned and the participants in the festival.

In his opening address, Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture and chairman of the festival organizing committee, declared the festival open, expressing the belief that all the participants

would actively contribute to revving up the festive mood of the auspicious February holiday and making the whole society burn with enthusiasm for the revolution and struggle by singing loudly of the immortal revolutionary feats of Chairman Kim Jong Il and fully displaying the ideological and spiritual qualities and artistic abilities of the revolutionary people.

The flag of the festival was hoisted amid the playing of the song *Shine, Jong Il Peak*.

Then followed an opening performance.

There was the curtain-raiser to the First People's Art Festival in Celebration of the Day of the Shining Star (birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il) in Pyongyang on February 12.

The performance was seen by officials of ministries and national agencies and working people, youth and students in Pyongyang.

Through their performances nicely decorating the February spring festival, artists of

provincial art troupes and artistic motivational teams and officials and working people of ministries, national agencies, industrial establishments and cooperative farms represented the deep reverence of all the people for Chairman Kim Jong Il and their pride in opening up a new era of national prosperity under the guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Artists from Jagang and South Hwanghae provinces gave performances at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre and those from North Hwanghae and Kangwon provinces a performance at the Ponghwa Art Theatre.

Performances were staged by artists from North Phyongan and South Hamgyong provinces at the Central Youth Hall and a performance by art groups from ministries and national agencies at the People's Palace of Culture, adding to the festive mood.

The performances continue.



Joint performance given by Samjiyon City, Construction Division 216 mobile artistic motivational teams



A joint performance is given by Samjiyon City and Construction Division 216 mobile artistic motivational teams.

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A joint performance "Song reverberating through face-lifted Samjiyon City in February" was given by the City of Samjiyon and Construction Division 216 mobile artistic motivational teams at the Samjiyon City Hall of Culture on February 15 to celebrate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

It was seen by Choe Ryon Hae and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, other senior

Party, government and military officials, officials of ministries and national agencies, commanding officials and members of the shock brigade of Construction Division 216 and officials and working people of Ryanggang Province and the City of Samjiyon.

The performers highly praised the noble revolutionary career of the Chairman who continued his long journey of patriotic devotion for the well-being of the people while cherishing in his mind his beloved people all his life.

The performance won enthusiastic applause of the audience.



A performance is given as part of the First People's Art Festival in Celebration of the Day of the Shining Star.

Grand performance given to celebrate 80th birth anniv of Chairman Kim Jong Il

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A grand performance in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il *Shine, Jong Il Peak* was given at the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on February 14.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played and then the performance began with mixed duet and chorus *Ode to Comrade Kim Jong Il* and orchestral music and chorus *Shine, Jong Il Peak*. The programme of the performance included monumental hymns, songs in praise of the Workers' Party and famous songs on the theme of patriotism.

Our Comrade Kim Jong Il, The General Is the Son of the Guerrillas, an immortal classic masterpiece *O Korea, I Will Add Glory to Thee* and other songs in praise of the Chairman and famous songs of the times were played to arouse the deep yearning and reverence of all the people for Kim Jong Il, the father of the nation.

Through famous songs in praise of his rare and outstanding personality as

a great man, the performers showed that the Korean revolution could always emerge victorious and glorious thanks to the February holiday which brought great fortune to the Korean nation.

Male quintet *People Are of a Single Mind*, female chorus *Our Comrade Kim Jong Un* and others vividly showed the pride of the Korean people led by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who translates into a brilliant reality the Chairman's patriotic desire for building a powerful country.

Instrumental music and song for sand picture *We Are the Happiest in the World*, male trio and chorus *O Party, It's Thanks to Your Care* and other numbers well represented the stamina of the socialist country dynamically advancing with confidence in victory.

Pyongyang citizens enjoyed the performance given by national art troupes and creators, artists and students of art educational institutions.

The performance will continue.



A grand performance in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il *Shine, Jong Il Peak* is given at the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on February 14.

Schoolchildren stage art performance

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An art performance "General and Children" was given by art group members of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace and Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace on February 14 in celebration of

the Day of the Shining Star. The performance started with prelude "We sing in the whole world, the brilliant Day of the Shining Star".

Put on the stage were the numbers showing the noble love for posterity of Chairman Kim Jong Il, who dedicated himself to defending the

happy life of schoolchildren day and night.

The performers showed all schoolchildren's deep gratitude to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for realizing the dreams and hopes of the rising generations.

The performance was seen

by Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, youth league officials and schoolchildren in Pyongyang.



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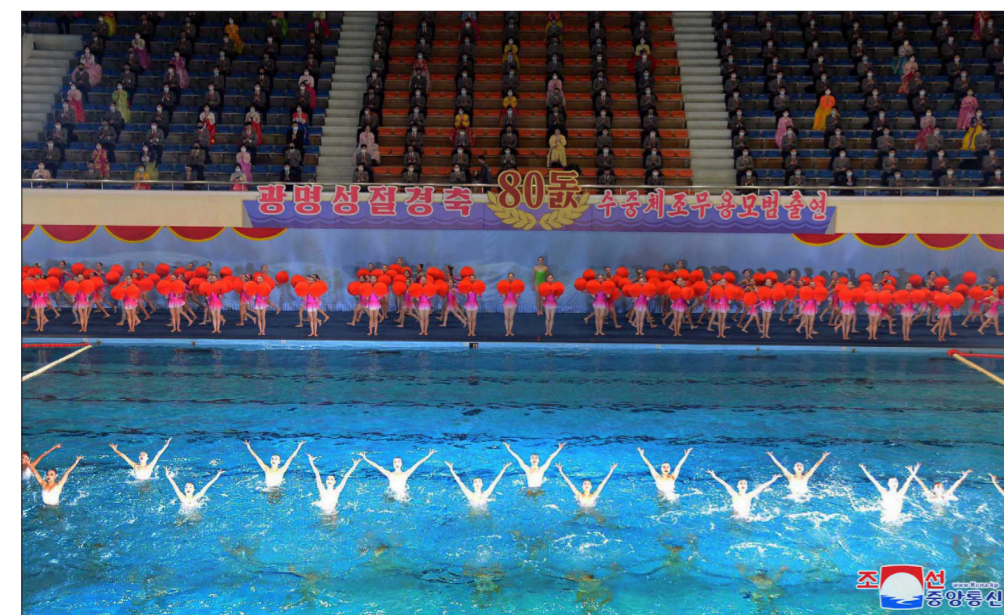
Synchronized swimming demonstration held to mark Day of Shining Star

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A synchronized swimming demonstration was held at the Swimming Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang on February 13.

It was seen by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Song Ryong, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Ri Tu Song, department director of the WPK Central Committee, and other officials and youth and students in the capital city.

Such synchronized swimming numbers as of two and three persons, group and child group fully reflected the boundless reverence of the Korean people for Chairman Kim Jong Il.



A scene from the synchronized swimming demonstration in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star.

Youth league art squad puts on show to mark Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthday

KCNA

The artistic motivational team of the Central Patriotic Youth League gave a performance at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on February 11 to commemorate the 80th birthday of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Among the audience were Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League,

youth league officials, and young people and students in Pyongyang.

The performers sang highly of the revolutionary career and exploits of the Chairman who was born in Mt Paektu and dedicated his all to the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people all his life.

They also vividly represented the great honour and happiness of the Korean youth of holding in high esteem the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a heyday of the Juche-oriented youth movement.

Dance party held by women's union officials and members

KCNA

A dance party of officials and members of the women's union took place at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph in Pyongyang on February 14 to celebrate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The dance party started with the playing of the song *Fortune of Korea*.

The participants danced to the tunes of such songs as *February Is Spring* with boundless reverence for the

Chairman who brought about a bright future for socialist Korea.

All the faces of the participants shone with pleasure and happiness of leading a fulfilling life as flowers of the country, life and families while pushing one of the two wheels of the revolution under the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The dance party reached its climax amid the playing of such songs as *We Like Your Embrace Best* and *Victory Generation after Generation*.

Performance given by workers' art group of GFTUK Central Committee

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The workers' artistic motivational group of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) gave a performance "The Great General Is Our Eternal Father" at the Central Hall of Workers on February 14 to celebrate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

When the performance started with narration

"Ode to the Shining Star", performers paid high tribute and eternal glory to Kim Jong Il who demonstrated the dignity and might of the country and provided an eternal foundation for building a powerful nation.

The performance was enjoyed by Pak In Chol, chairman of the GFTUK Central Committee, trade union officials, workers and trade union members in Pyongyang.

Peasant dance of agricultural workers

KCNA

There was a peasant dance of agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea (UAWK) at the Chonsam Cooperative Farm in Anbyon County, Kangwon Province, on February 14 to celebrate the 80th birthday of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

At the dance party that began with narration and dance *A Dear Name*, performers represented through dancing their joy of celebrating the Day of the Shining Star.

It was seen by Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the Central Committee of the UAWK, and other senior officials, relevant officials, officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers of Kangwon Province.



Youth and students dance merrily as fireworks go off to light up the sky in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star.

Day of Shining Star celebrations climax with evening gala, firework extravaganza

KCNA

There were an evening gala of youth and students and fireworks display at Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square on the evening of February 16 to celebrate the Day of the Shining Star.

It started with the playing of song *A Dear Name*, a popular song in the DPRK.

Youth and students unfolded a sea of dance

with profound reverence for Chairman Kim Jong Il, who performed undying exploits for the country, revolution, times and history by leading the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered on Mt Paektu on the strength of outstanding ideology and energetic leadership along the road of brilliant victory.

The event hotted up as they formed such letters as "Celebration of 80th

anniversary" and "February 16" and changed formations on the square floor in reverence for the Chairman.

Beautiful fireworks soared to the nocturnal sky. The evening party climaxed with the playing of song *We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives* in the square in which the flags of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK and youth league fluttered in all places.



Exhibitions, festival and other events

National book exhibition opens



People see the national book exhibition held at the Okryu Exhibition Hall in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

KCNA On display were over 10 000 kinds including the works of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. An opening ceremony was held at the Okryu Exhibition Hall on February 10. It was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials, journalists and editors in the publishing sector. Ri Il Hwan said that the Chairman authored lots of immortal masterpieces to strengthen the leadership role of the WPK in every way and illuminated the way ahead of the struggle for opening up the age of our-state-first. After the opening ceremony, participants looked round the venue.

Industrial design exhibitions are on across DPRK



On display at the industrial design exhibitions are new designs and products conducive to economic and cultural development and improvement of people's life of relevant areas.

KCNA Industrial design exhibitions in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star are running in Pyongyang and the provinces. Industrial artists and amateurs from across the country presented new designs and products conducive to the development of the economy and culture and the improvement of the people's living in their local areas. The exhibitions will run until mid-March.

Cooking contest held in each province

KCNA A cooking contest took place in each province to mark the birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il. At the contests held at famous restaurants in provinces, designated dishes and drinks were prepared on the spot and new and traditional food shows were given. There were also demonstrations by excellent cooks, waiters and waitresses. The competitors presented wonderful dishes peculiar to their local areas and various other dishes conducive to developing the food culture. After the contests were over, excellent units were given certificates and prizes.

National sketch, calligraphy festival opens

KCNA A national sketch and calligraphy festival opened as part of the national art festival "Career of Patriotic Devotion" for celebrating the Day of the Shining Star. An opening ceremony took place at the Okryu Exhibition Hall on February 11, which was attended by Jo Kyong Jun, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, creators and working people in Pyongyang. Minister of Culture Sung Jong Gyu made an opening address. After the opening ceremony was over, participants looked round sketches and calligraphic works on show.



Hundreds of excellent artworks are on display at the national sketch and calligraphy festival.

Week-long film show given

KCNA A week-long film show was given in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star. Its opening ceremony took place at the Pyongyang International Cinema House on February 10. It was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Myong Chol, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Party Committee, officials, creators, actors and actresses in the film sector and other working people in Pyongyang. Similar events took place in all provinces that day. Documentaries and feature films showing the immortal revolutionary career and exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il were screened at cinemas and halls of culture in Pyongyang and local areas.

Day of Shining Star highlighted by meetings

Joint national meeting of KCU organizations held

KCNA A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations was held in Pyongyang on February 11 to celebrate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il. It was attended by students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School, schoolchildren in Pyongyang and those to be newly admitted to the KCU. Invited to the event were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Yong Hwan, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of the youth league and merited persons in the city. Mun Chol, chairman of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report. He referred to the undying exploits Chairman Kim Jong Il performed by bringing up rising generations to be pillars of future Korea with ardent love for the posterity.



A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations is held in Pyongyang in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

He called on all KCU members to do study and organizational life well keeping in steps with the gigantic advance of the country. Then, there was a ceremony of accession to the KCU. Led by Secretary Ri Il Hwan, schoolchildren to be admitted to the KCU took an admission oath. Officials and merited persons put red ties around their necks and pinned KCU badges on their uniforms. Congratulatory speeches were made by Pak In Ho, a lecturer of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, Choe Yong Rim, a section chief of Kim Il Sung University, and Kim Chun Hui, secretary general of the Weightlifting Association. They congratulated the schoolchildren on their joining the KCU to mark the significant Day of the Shining Star and asked them to prepare themselves to be the future pillars who would shoulder a powerful socialist Korea.

Young people honoured

KCNA Kim Jong Il Youth Honour Prize and Kim Jong Il Children Honour Prize were awarded to exemplary primary and sub-primary youth league committees, youth league officials and members were awarded Kim Jong Il Youth Honour Prize. Kim Jong Il Children Honour Prize went to 112 children's union members. According to a decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, 24 primary and sub-primary youth league committees and 25 youth league officials and members were awarded Kim Jong Il Youth Honour Prize. Kim Jong Il Children Honour Prize went to 112 children's union members.

State academic degrees and titles conferred on intellectuals

KCNA State academic degrees and titles were conferred on intellectuals on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star. Professorship went to 27 persons including Kang Chol, department head of Kim Il Sung University, and Kim Yong Chol, faculty dean of Kim Chack University of Technology. Doctorate was conferred on 105 persons including Ri Nam Hyok, deputy faculty dean of Kim Il Sung University, its section chief Kim Kwang Son and its lecturer Kim Myong. Associate professorship went to 110 persons and master's degree to 991.

Oratorical meeting held

KCNA An oratorical meeting was held at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on February 14 to celebrate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il. The performers praised the noble revolutionary life and immortal exploits of Kim Jong Il and conveyed the great personality traits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who has written a new history of devoted service for the people on this land. Present there were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, and officials and working people in Pyongyang.

Youth meet to pledge loyalty

KCNA An oath-taking meeting of the young vanguard took place on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on February 10 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the birth of Chairman Kim Jong Il. The meeting held on the hill where the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il stand was attended by Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, youth league officials and youth and students. Prior to the meeting, participants laid a basket of flowers and bouquets at the statues and made a bow to the great leaders. Then, led by Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, the participants took an oath promising to hold Chairman Kim Jong Il in high esteem forever and speed up the comprehensive development of socialist construction under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.



Youth and students get together on Mansu Hill to vow to uphold the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star.

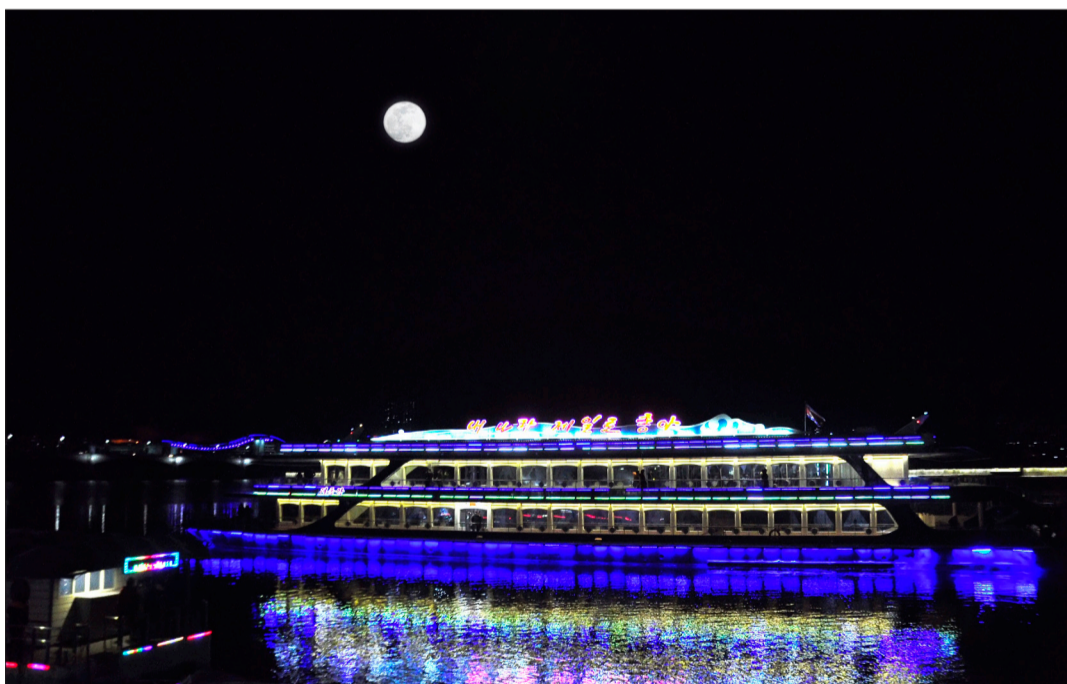
Workers and trade union members meet to take oath

KCNA Workers and trade union members held a meeting in front of Chairman Kim Jong Il's statue in the City of Samjiyon on February 10 to pledge to hold the Chairman in high esteem forever and remain loyal to the ideology and leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un. It was attended by Min Sung Chol, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kang Sin Chang, secretary of the Ryanggang Provincial Party Committee, officials concerned, trade union officials and workers and trade union members in the city. The participants laid baskets of flowers and bouquets at the statue of the Chairman and made bows to the statue. Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, read a letter of pledge to the General Secretary. The letter reflected the firm will of workers and trade union members throughout the country to unstintingly dedicate themselves to the current general onward march out of patriotism.

Nation celebrates folk holiday *Jongwoldaeborum* with fresh hope



Koreans have celebrated in grand style the first full moon day after lunar New Year's Day since ancient times, calling it *Jongwoldaeborum*



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Citizens of the capital city view the first full moon on the Ryongwang Pavilion and other places to celebrate *Jongwoldaeborum*.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The whole country was in a festive mood on *Jongwoldaeborum* (the 15th day of the first month by the lunar calendar), a folk holiday of the Korean nation.

On February 15, public

catering facilities in Pyongyang kindly served people with traditional national foods on the occasion of the holiday.

The Okryu, Chongnyu and other restaurants were enlivened by diners who had a good time relishing various national foods and dishes.

Pyongyang cold noodles, *ogokpap* (boiled rice mixed with four other staple cereals), *yakpap* (glutinous rice mixed with sugar, dates, chestnuts, pine-nuts, sesame oil and others), mung-bean pancake and dishes made of nine kinds of dried greens served by the restaurants

added to the delight of customers.

The Kyongam Restaurant in Sariwon, the Kyongsong Tangogi Restaurant in Chongjin, the Kaesong Folk Hotel and other similar facilities were crowded with people who relished local specialities.

As soon as the first full moon rose, people welcomed it in diverse ways on streets in the capital city including Ryomyong Street and Mirae Scientists Street and on scenic spots and in each house across the country.

The laughter of people who are optimistic about

their future reverberated throughout the country including Samjiyon, an ideal mountain city, the Komdok area turning into miners' town and new villages and houses which appeared under the benevolent care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

