

## General Secretary Kim Jong Un inspects Sohae Satellite Launching Ground

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground.

Accompanying him were Kim Jong Sik, Jang Chang Ha and other leading officials of the munitions industry and national defence scientific research sectors and relevant officials of the National Aerospace Development Administration.

Making the rounds of several places of the launching ground, the General Secretary set them a goal of modernizing it and specified the detailed orientation and ways for achieving it.

As he learned about and evaluated the present state of the launching ground, he advanced the task to modernize it on an expansion basis so that various rockets could be launched to carry multi-purpose satellites, including a military reconnaissance satellite, in the future, and to build some facilities in the launching ground.

To enable large carrier rockets to be launched there, he assigned the tasks for reconstructing on an expansion

basis the launching ground zone and the facilities for the general assembly and trial gearing of rocket and for the trial gearing of satellite, establishing extra facilities and systems for the injection and supply of fuel and modernizing parts of the launch control facility and major technical posts on an expansion basis.

He also gave detailed instructions as regards the matters arising in modernizing the Sohae Satellite

Launching Ground on an expansion basis, including the matters of expanding the capacity of the engine ground jet test site, ensuring the convenience of carrier rocket transport, improving the ecological environment around the launching ground and building a grandstand in the safe zone on the ridge opposite to the launching ground.

He said that the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground is a place associated with the desire of President

Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il for a space power and it is a significant place where our state successfully launched artificial satellites twice with its own efforts and technology, true to the lifetime intention of the President and the Chairman. And he stressed that it is the noble duty of our Party and space scientists and technicians in our era to turn the launching ground, associated with our state's great dream and ambition for a space power, into an ultramodern advanced base and a starting line of space conquest for the future suited to the prestige of the DPRK.

Encouraged by his teachings, the officials, scientists and technicians hardened

their strong will to turn the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground into the best model suitable for the dignity and prestige of our state by devotedly carrying out the militant tasks set forth by the General Secretary, fully aware of their mission as space pioneers who should surely carry into practice the grand plan of the Party Central Committee for building a space power, true to the behest of the President and the Chairman.



### DPRK leader sets a goal of modernizing the launching ground on an expansion basis



# General Secretary Kim Jong Un inspects National Aerospace Development Administration

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected the National Aerospace Development Administration (NADA).



Accompanying him were Department Director Yu Jin and Deputy Department Director Kim Jong Sik of the WPK Central Committee.

The General Secretary was greeted on the spot by leading officials of the NADA and the Academy of Defence Science.

Kim Jong Un learned in detail from leading officials of the NADA about the process of scientific research and development intended to attain the goals of space defence science and technology set forth at the Eighth WPK Congress and the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

After acquainting himself with the development and preparations of optical photographing equipment, video transmitter and other communication data transceivers and various kinds of sensors and devices for satellite, he heard reports on the results of the major tests recently conducted by the NADA.

Seeing the vertical and oblique high-resolution images on specific regions on the ground taken through the major tests, he highly appreciated the successes the NADA has recently made including the image composing and processing technology, the ability of processing a large volume of data communication, the accuracy of control command system and the communication encryption technology, true to the space development policy of the Party.

Saying that the development of

reconnaissance satellite is not merely a scientific research work, the development of information-gathering means, but the protection of our sovereignty and national interests, the exercise of the legitimate rights to self-defence and the elevation of national prestige, he stressed that this urgent project for perfecting the country's war preparedness capacity by improving our state's war deterrent is the supreme revolutionary task, a political and military priority task to which our Party and government attach utmost importance.

He called on the officials, scientists and technicians in the space and defence science research sectors to successfully accomplish the development of a Korean-style reconnaissance satellite within the period set by the Party Central

Committee by getting united and closely cooperating with each other, true to the WPK's policies for space development and national defence development.

The General Secretary also learned about the construction of the Academy of Space Science and a cosmic environment experiment centre.

Noting that it is very important to lay a solid material and technical foundation for the field of space science research so as to attain the high sci-tech goal for space conquest set forth by our state, he stressed the need to give more state support to the space science research sector and examine the important measures for its steady development.

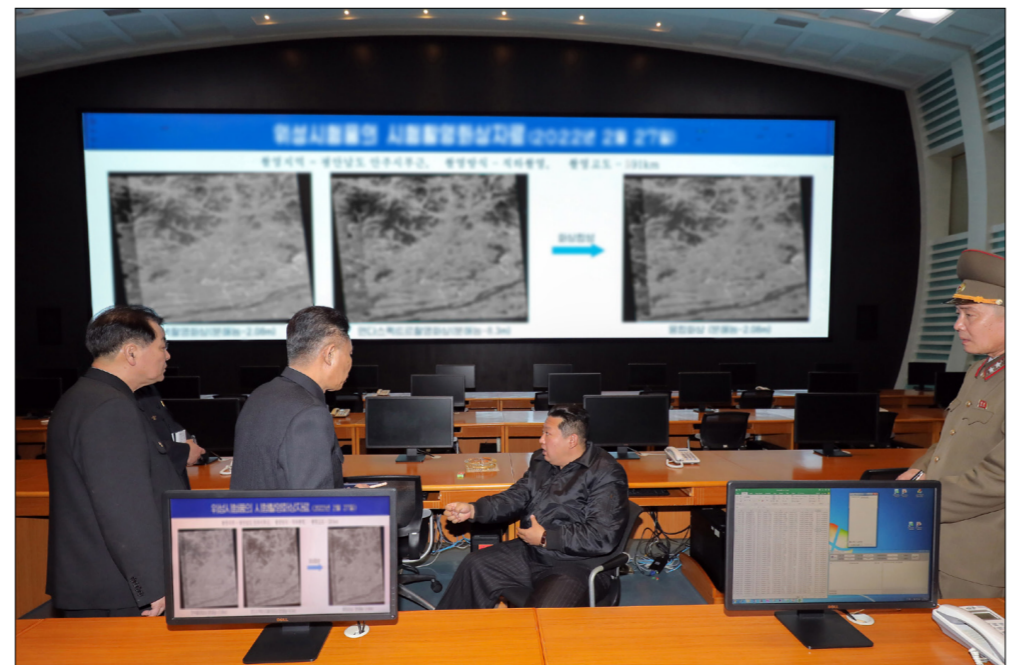
He said that it is our Party's important strategic and tactical policy on bolstering the national defence capability to keep a

close eye on and distinguish the character of hostile military actions against the DPRK committed by the aggression troops of US imperialism and its vassal forces in and around the Korean peninsula and enhance the capability for controlling situation and improve the rapid counteraction capability of the armed forces of the state according to the relevant situations. And he set forth the militant goals related to the development and operation of the reconnaissance satellite in the period of the five-year plan to implement this policy.

He noted that the purpose of developing and operating the military reconnaissance satellite is to provide the armed forces of the DPRK with real-time information on military actions against it by the aggression troops of US imperialism and its vassal forces in south Korea, Japan and the Pacific. And he said that the Party Central Committee fully supports the decision of the National Aerospace Development Administration on diversely putting a lot of military reconnaissance satellites into sun-synchronous polar orbit in the period of the five-year plan so as to possess the strong capability for gathering intelligence by satellites.

He expressed high expectation and belief that the space and national defence scientific research sectors would fully demonstrate the heroic mettle of the defence science group remaining boundlessly faithful to the Party and revolution by rising up in the scientific research campaign to thoroughly carry out the strategic plan of the Party Central Committee and making strenuous efforts.

## Kim Jong Un stresses strategic significance of the recon satellite development



## NADA and Academy of Defence Science conduct another important test for developing reconnaissance satellite

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The DPRK National Aerospace Development Administration (NADA) and the Academy of Defence Science conducted another important test on March 5 according to the plan for developing a reconnaissance satellite.

The test helped the NADA confirm the reliability of the data transmission and reception system of the satellite, its control command system and various ground-based satellite control systems.

## Continued successes attained across economic sectors

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The metallurgical industry sector is increasing the production of iron and steel.

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex is pushing ahead with the production of pig iron and rolled steel as scheduled by introducing efficient working methods to fully ensure the feeding of raw materials and fuel.

It is also stepping up the construction of an energy-saving oxygen blast furnace in parallel with the current production.

After the foundation excavation was over, the concrete placing for the foundation proceeded followed by the manufacture and assembly of steel structures including columns, beams and roof trusses. A project is also going on for the installation of a large-size oxygen plant and the foundation work for the construction of a crushing plant, a settling basin and so on.

The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex has introduced an advanced technology of furnace operation to shorten the melting time and increase the molten iron output per charge. The Chollima Steel Complex is raising the actual output ratio of rolled steel.

Iron ore production is on the increase at the Musan Mining Complex and Unnyul and Jaeryong mines.

Medium-sized and small power stations in Jagang Province are taking measures to ensure electric power production on a high

level.

Huichon Power Station Unit 3 is increasing power generation by 1.5 times, and the Hungju Youth Power Station is producing a great deal of electricity with the same volume of water as before by rationally adjusting the hydraulic turbine blades. Power stations in Hwaphyong, Janggang and many other counties manage well their hydraulic structures in line with seasonal conditions.

The Tujang Area Coal-mining Complex is increasing the production of coal to be supplied to thermal power stations.

Coal mines under the complex have sufficiently secured rich coalfields and raised the level of face mechanization, thus overfulfilling their daily production plans.

The Pyongyang Railway Bureau is making innovations in transporting freight necessary for the construction of apartment houses for 10 000 families in the Hwasong area.

The West Pyongyang, Sinsongchon and Sariwon locomotive corps are increasing the transport volume by raising the operation rate of locomotives and employing rational driving methods in accordance with the railway conditions in different sections of their routes. In close collaboration with adjacent railway stations, every freight station quickens the uncoupling of wagons and the formation of



The Sangwon Cement Complex increases the operating rate of facilities with the help of the integrated production system.

trains, making it possible for much more freight to reach their destinations in time.

Cement producers across the country ensure sufficient production and supply of cement for the construction sites of major projects by raising the operation rate of equipment.

The Pyongyang Bag Factory overfulfills its daily production plan through a vigorous drive to improve the quality of products and develop new ones.

It ensures the efficiency of cutting and printing at over 90 percent and raises the decorative effect of the products by introducing distinctive picture designs that suit the psychology of schoolchildren. It found the way to ensure the quality of various plastic parts, including the elasticity and softness of adjusting rings and locks, in improving the performance of equipment and thus produced hundreds

## Syrian ambassador pays farewell call on DPRK officials

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Kim Song Nam, director of the International Affairs Department of the Workers' Party of Korea, on March 10 had a talk with Syrian ambassador to the DPRK Tammam Sulaiman, who paid a farewell visit, in an amicable atmosphere at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang. Officials of

the department and staff members of the Syrian embassy were present there.

That day, Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, met Tammam Sulaiman at the assembly hall. Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations and chairman of the DPRK-

Syria friendship association, officials concerned and Syrian embassy staff were in attendance.

Earlier, Ri Son Gwon, minister of Foreign Affairs, met the Syrian ambassador who paid a farewell call on him.

Tammam Sulaiman was awarded an Order of DPRK Friendship 2nd Class that day.

## HOME NEWS

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### Agriculture Vegetable greenhouse farm gathers good harvests

The Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm has gathered a bountiful harvest of vegetables to bring benefit to the local people in Chongjin City and North Hamgyong Province.

The farm paid attention to manuring and cultivation from the outset of this year, thus producing thousands of tons of vegetables.

### Health New types of appliances supplied to hospitals, clinics



Hundreds of lowest-level medical institutions in Jagang and North Phyongan provinces have been equipped with medical appliances produced by the Myohyangsan Medical Appliances Factory and the Huichon Hospital Bed Factory.

The medical appliances factory produced new types of medical appliances to suit the actual conditions of ri people's hospitals and clinics in rural areas.

### Education More technical senior middle schools to be set up

The Education Commission and provinces, cities and counties push ahead with the establishment of more technical senior middle schools or technical classes.

They have taken measures to select and convert appropriate senior middle schools into technical ones and train more teachers who can teach students special technical subjects according to the new curriculum.

## Ninth Congress of KCU to be held

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The Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union (KCU) is to be held in Pyongyang in early June 2022.

According to the announcement of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League on March 5, the congress will review the five-year work of the KCU after its Eighth Congress and discuss the tasks and ways for strengthening and developing the KCU into the children's organization of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

# Factory puts more effort into technical innovation

## High-speed air jet loom developed



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Technicians discuss technical problems to improve the performance of air jet looms.

By Kim Chol Nam PT

The Pyongyang Textile Machine Factory has introduced technical innovation plans conducive to improving productivity and quality.

Based on a sci-tech development plan, the factory is implementing it by focusing on the modernization of production

processes and the domestic production of equipment and raw and other materials.

Researchers and developers of the technical development section have always played an important part in the effort.

In the past, they established a resin powder painting process and precision casting process based on the combustion model, thereby

saving costs and manpower and improving quality in the production of weaving machine parts.

Recently, they developed and completed a high-speed air jet loom surpassing the hydraulic jet loom which had been imported in the past.

The factory is conducting a dynamic mass technical innovation drive. All employees are

enrolled at the study-while-you-work system and acquire advanced science and technology in the sci-tech learning space in the factory. Therefore, everyone takes part in the technical innovation campaign and introduces new and innovative inventions into production.

Among them, there are technical innovation plans which contributed to improving the speed, quality and precision of processing by developing several kinds of jigs needed for the production of looms.

The factory has participated in the national sci-tech festivals, exhibitions and technical innovation competitions and actively worked to expand horizons of technical insight through technical innovation prize contest, experience sharing meeting and technical study tours.

Textile machines of the factory are used effectively across the country, including the Pyongyang and Sinuiju textile mills and Nyongbyon Silk Mill.

Shortly ago, it was awarded the title of thrice model technical innovation unit.

# By building up technical force



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A technician helps an employee introduce a new creative idea.

By Han Jong Ho PT

The Pyongyang Bearing Factory is reenergizing production and pushing its modernization by building up its own technical force.

"In February last year, the factory established an industrial technology research institute and doubled the

technical staff of the design institute with field engineers to increase production," said Kim Kwang Ho, chief of the technical section.

It is noteworthy that the factory pushes ahead with the training of technical personnel according to a far-reaching plan.

The factory operates on a regular basis its sci-tech

learning space provided with tens of thousands of pieces of modern scientific and technological information.

The number of the employees enrolled at the study-while-you-work system is on the steady increase.

In the course of this, not only technicians but also all other employees search

for the solutions to the technical problems arising in expanding production and updating equipment and present valuable new ideas and technical innovation plans.

The factory also holds a sci-tech prize contest every week and every month, and those who propose valuable technical innovation plans are admitted to the new technology development team.

Jang Ki Bom, staffer in charge of technology, said that during the recent prize contest, the rational forging methods, considered impossible previously at the bearing production process, were presented and now they contribute to overfulfilling the daily plans by over 50%.

The factory laid the foundation for mechanizing the process of making insulating bricks by manufacturing a slag crusher, a mixer and a moulding machine, and set up a phosphate treatment process to prevent bearings from rusting and prolong the lifespan of guard rings.

# All employees learn to develop new techniques

## Fifty percent of employees have access to study-while-you-work system

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Rangnang Ponghwa Garment Factory was awarded the title of model technical innovation unit for the third time.

At present, 50 percent of its employees have finished the course of the study-while-you-work system and thus technical innovation has become work of the producers' own, said chief engineer Choe In Chol.

The sci-tech learning space near their workplace plays an important role.

In the facility, the technical study is arranged for workers according to their grades every Tuesday and technical problems arising in production are studied classified by workteams and by type of occupation.

In connection with other units like the Sci-Tech Complex and Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry, they have established up-to-date database on garment processing, including an automatic garment design support program, which now pays off, said the chief engineer.

Needle worker Ri Kum

Ju said, "In our spare time we talk about what we learned in the sci-tech learning space and about experiences and lessons acquired during work. In this way, we deepen the relevant discussions with one another. This results in the remarkable improvement of per unit productivity and that of the products' quality."

Now the employees enthusiastically take part in the development of new products.

This year, all of them have taken part in developing new products to produce various products, including new types of padded clothes, sportswear and jumpers, which are good sellers in commercial service amenities.

After its products were highly rated in different festivals and exhibitions like the national festival of science and technology and the Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 commodity exhibition in the past period, the factory, through a mass technical innovation movement, increased the production of the clothes popular with people and modernized the production line to add to its fame.



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Efforts are made to develop new products and improve the employees' technical knowledge and skills at the Rangnang Ponghwa Garment Factory.



# Farm normalizes mushroom production

By Yun Kyong Il PT

The Ryugyong Mushroom Farm ensures the normal production of quality mushrooms.

Recently, the farm has reduced the production cost by introducing multi-functional natural mineral nutrients in the production of *Pleurotus eryngii* and recycling waste substrates twice and thrice.

It pushes ahead with the introduction of science and technology for normalizing the production while saving energy in accordance with the completion of an integrated manufacturing system from raw material feeding to production.

It saved a large amount of coal and ensured the sterilizing efficiency at 99 percent by upgrading two boilers used for the operation of the sterilizer, and manufactured a high-efficiency filter badly needed for making the production free from germs and dust in cooperation with a relevant unit.

It intensified waste substrates research to increase their utilization rate, and a technical group was formed to speed up research to attain the goal of employing highly productive liquid spores.

Members of the group have intensified research for various nutrients and substitute substrates needed for the production of a high-grade stock fungus and the cultivation of mushrooms, thus helping normalize the mushroom production.

In particular, the method of producing *Pleurotus eryngii* on the basis of clay minerals developed by them was highly appreciated at the national sci-tech festival last year and also received a certificate of registered national sci-tech achievement.

The farm pays due attention to selecting varieties for each season to ensure sufficient production and providing the optimized conditions for the culturing and raising of mushrooms in accordance with the sorts of them and their characteristics in each stage of growth.

It improves the quality of spore by scientifically securing stock fungus and producing first and second spores, and ensures accuracy in the quantity of substrates, humidity, compatibility and mixing ratio in the formation of raw materials.

It also ensures humidity, temperature and concentration of carbonic acid gas in cultivation rooms as required by the relevant standards and increases the mushroom output and improves their quality by properly culturing and managing mushrooms on the basis of nutritive solution.

In order to enhance the technical knowledge and skills of its employees, the farm regularly operates its sci-tech learning space and organizes a field passing-on-technique session without fail under detailed plans.

Now, it produces over a dozen species of quality mushrooms including *Pleurotus eryngii*, *Pleurotus ostreatus*, *Flammulina velutipes* and *Auricularia polytricha*.

The Ryugyong Mushroom Farm increases mushroom production.



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# School grows mushroom with help of solar heat

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Vocational technical school for nursery teachers in Mangyongdae District is one of the units well known for cultivating mushroom well.

The mushroom cultivation ground of the school is not big, but it is covered with appetizing mushrooms that grow competitively.

According to its principal Choe Kyong Sil, the school

began to cultivate mushroom 20 years ago.

It is noticeable that it grows mushroom by making use of solar heat.

Generally, proper temperature, humidity and air are believed to be the three major factors in the production of mushroom.

The school grows Anbyon black agaric, a low-temperature strain.

Teachers of the school say that it sprouts at the

temperature of 4-5 degrees centigrade and grows well even at temperatures below 10. And it is highly nutritious and productive.

The temperature needed for mushroom cultivation is provided with the help of solar energy.

The cultivation ground uses solar heat in daytime and is covered with vinyl sheets at night to maintain the internal temperature in winter.

Humidity is increased

by plastering the edges of substrate seedbeds with mud and spraying water over them in the morning and evening. Spores are also cultured scientifically to grow mushroom in tiers in all four seasons.

Its mushroom yield is rising year after year.

Mushrooms cultivated by the school are supplied to nurseries in the district and its experience is widely introduced into other units.

# New research findings conducive to promotion of people's health

By Kil Chung II PT

Medical workers of the Pyongyang University of Medical Science Hospital have brought about research findings conducive to the improvement of medical service.

Research into advanced methods of diagnosis and treatment and pushed the projects, thus achieving success." The hospital established a digitalization standard for prognostic estimation of acute pancreatitis to suit the physical characteristics of Koreans and applied it to clinical practice, thus raising the recovery rate of acute pancreatitis patients to the advanced level.

Researchers of the abdominal surgery laboratory, who already completed methods of laparoscopic surgery for different abdominal diseases, have succeeded in making surgery of children scientific to further widen the domain of laparoscopic surgery. The cerebral nerve surgery and thoracic surgery departments completed a method of operation for hypophysoma without



Surgeons of the limb orthopedic surgery department perform syndesmoplasty at the Pyongyang University of Medical Science Hospital.

removing the skull and an advanced method of operation for esophageal carcinoma respectively, making it possible to make treatment of obstinate diseases more effective. The members of the department of limb

orthopedic surgery and those of the department of abdominal surgery completed a method of syndesmoplasty and a method of conserving the spleen by using retroperitoneum in case of traumatic splenic rupture respectively.

All the research findings of the hospital are widely introduced in clinical practice, pleasing the relevant patients. "We will set a higher goal for this year to improve the quality of medical service and strive to attain the goal," said Chae.

# For increased production of quality medicines

Antibiotics, antimicrobial and other medicines of the factory are favourably commented upon by users



Medicine production is on the increase at the Sinuju Pharmaceutical Factory.

By Jong Chol PT

The Sinuju Pharmaceutical Factory is putting spurs to the normalization of medicine production and the improvement of their quality. Bearing in mind that the key to the normalization of production lies in using locally-available raw and other materials and recycling, employees of the factory are making strenuous efforts to that end.

the masses, the factory has pushed the modernization of production processes and solved the problem of raw and other materials, which had been imported previously, with its own efforts and techniques. Although it encountered lots of difficulties and bottlenecks in that course, the factory fully mobilized its scientific and technical potentials and translated valuable technical innovation plans into reality to remarkably increase the rate of use of locally available raw and other materials.

Besides, it is striving to eliminate the shortcomings of its products by frequently organizing a show of them and consulting with their users. This makes it possible to steadily increase production and raise the quality of products. Antibiotics, antimicrobial and other medicines of the factory are favourably commented upon by users as they are diverse in kind and of high quality. To make the medicines preferred by the people—the factory's major goal.

# Proactive efforts for domestic production of medical appliances, facilities

By Jang Kyong Nam PT

Our institute directed efforts to solving scientific and technological problems arising in manufacturing badly needed medical appliances and equipment so as to develop new ones with our own efforts instead of relying on imports like in the past, said Kim Tong Chol, director of the medical appliances institute of the Medical Appliances Industry Management Bureau under the Ministry of Public Health. Researchers of the institute set the development of such medical appliances and facilities as a major research task and conducted research at production sites.

In the course of this, they made it possible to produce medical appliances such as ophthalmic micro-scalpel by relying on locally-available raw and other materials. "The prospect of the homemade ophthalmic micro-scalpel is good since it can be applied to clinical practices as it is on a par with those of developed foreign countries in terms of material and precision and is cost-effective," said Kim Man Sok, department chief of the Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital. High-tech development and electronic medical appliances research groups of the institute conducted a joint research project to develop automatic life-saving apparatuses which

are simple in structure with high reliability. "At present, the development of the homemade respirator is of great importance," said Kim Tong Chol. Besides, the institute completed the research into medical appliances badly needed for resuscitation including a mechanical chest pressure machine and laid a foundation to put production on a normal footing. "The development and production of medical appliances and equipment are an undertaking which requires a great deal of efforts and funds. We have taken an initial step and we will continue efforts to send more homemade medical appliances to hospitals," said Kim Tong Chol.



Technicians conduct research to ensure domestic production of medical appliances and facilities.

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March 8 International Women's Day is significantly celebrated across the country.

By To Kyong Chol PT

The 112th anniversary of March 8 International Women's Day was celebrated significantly across the country. After entering the plaza of 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, masses recollected with deep emotion the benevolence of the great leaders who regarded "The people are

God" as their lifelong maxim and cultivated the flower garden of attaching importance to and respecting women on this land. They visited the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and their beaming images in different parts of the country, presented baskets of flowers, bouquets and flowers and made a deep bow to them. Marking the day, officials of every province, city, county, industrial establishment and farm congratulated exemplary women workers.

Officials told them about the Workers' Party of Korea's great love for and trust in women, congratulated them on their innovative achievements and encouraged them to be true women revolutionaries who perform their duties they assume on behalf of society, collective and families. A variety of congratulatory performances and amusement games took place in different parts of the country. A concert was given by the National Symphony Orchestra at the Moranbong Theatre in Pyongyang and drama



# Women's dance parties held

International Women's Day. The dance party fully demonstrated women's great pride in leading a happy life as flowers of the country, life and families. Similar events took place in the seats of provinces, cities and counties across the country. Officials and members of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea held a dance party in the plaza in front of the Arch of Triumph on March 8 to celebrate the 112th anniversary of the happiness of their families.

# Horse race run to mark March 8

There was a horse race in Pyongyang on March 8 in celebration of March 8 International Women's Day 2022. Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Il Hwan, Ju Chang Il, Ri Tu Song and other senior Party and government officials appeared at the platform with their wives. Women officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea including Pak Myong Sun and Kim Yo Jong, officials of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and female labour innovators and meritorious persons watched the event with working people, youth and schoolchildren in the capital city. Before the start of the race, sweet children appeared on horse-drawn carriages to give bouquets of congratulation to women officials. An opening remark was made by Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports. Buglers and drummers in uniforms of Koguryo warrior signalled the start of the horse race as they blew horns and beat big drums. Male and female dancers in traditional costumes danced sword and warrior dances and other performers demonstrated the might of the orthodox martial art of the nation to add to national emotion. It was followed by a demonstration of the club's horse riders and equestrian feats of the actors and actresses of the National Circus. The riders entered the venue to light music and represented a formation in the shape of March 8. Spectators were fascinated by the world of horse riding as they watched the dressage demonstration, the most typical event of equestrian games. The opening ceremony was followed by the horse race. There was a race of couple riders selected from Pyongyang and provinces in which each spouse of every couple led a horse by the bridle by turns, which drew special interest of spectators adding zest to the race held in celebration of the March 8 holiday. On the outdoor racecourse there were 1 600-metre races of riders and male and female amateurs amid the deafening cheers of spectators. They were also very pleased to see various other competitions such as a 100-metre cattle riding race on the racecourse and a steeplechase, hurdles on an unsaddled horse, women's trotting race and pony canter at the indoor training ground. And the racers were greeted with warm applause of spectators. After the race was over, cups, medals, diplomas and prizes were awarded to winners. The race was followed by a congratulatory performance to mark March 8 International Women's Day.



A family is full of joy on International Women's Day. The husband looks on in cooking suit while two sons show a gift set of cosmetics and greeting card to their mother.

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# Kim Po Hyon University 75 years on with agricultural development

## University trains competent farm managers

By Sim Chol Yong PT

Kim Po Hyon University in Rangnang District, Pyongyang, is an educational institution dedicated to the training and retraining of agricultural management specialists. It was established on March 11 1947 as the very first training school for economic management officials.

It continued its educational work even in the harsh period of the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953) and, after the war, evolved into a university that exclusively trains managers of cooperative farms in accordance with the requirements of the socialist transformation of

agriculture. Today, its campus encompasses an area of over 14 000 square metres and has a dormitory, a canteen and amenities and other attached buildings as well as the main building equipped with advanced education facilities.

The government has provided it with tractors, farm machinery and other equipment needed for experiments and practical training.

The university trains agricultural engineers at the agronomics, agricultural statistics and agricultural design departments and also runs an in-service training course for incumbent management officials.

In order to keep abreast of developments,

it has recently built an educational science exhibition hall and agronomic research lab. It constantly upgrades the teaching content and methods, while improving the multi-functional level of lecture rooms and the qualifications of lecturers.

It frequently organizes departmental discussions and presentations on new teaching methods and devices and pushes ahead with the creation of new subjects that reflect practical issues.

The university has many prominent lecturers with academic degrees and titles and some of them won the title of October 8 model lecturer. Over the past 75 years, it produced some ten Labour Heroes.

Lecturers make redoubled efforts to improve the quality of education at Kim Po Hyon University.



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## In keeping with the new era of rural development

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, which was held in December last year, set forth a new programme for socialist rural construction.

Kim Po Hyon University strives to train students into administrators who are possessed of great administrative and business

abilities and advanced science and technology.

Yun Phung Sik, director of the agronomics department, said that it is the Workers' Party of Korea's view on strategic development in the present time to convert the country's agriculture into an advanced one and achieve stable and sustained growth in agricultural production with science and technology as the major driving force of agricultural development.

"As it is an era of science, we have to believe in science and technology and develop by relying on them," he noted.

He continued to say that each farm has different environment from others, adding that it is important to renovate teaching contents and methods in line with changed reality.

Accordingly, the university makes sure that lecturers go out to cooperative farms to

gain experience of actual life and find out new teaching contents and methods in reality.

And the university sees to it that students acquire general elementary knowledge badly needed for agriculture including biology and chemistry and different advanced technologies like scientific farming method, mechanical engineering, and water and soil management

techniques.

"I did farming in Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province, before entering the university. I have learned a lot indeed. While studying, I came to keenly realize what I did wrong and right in my work in the past. And I came to know what I should do in the future," said Kim Yong Jin, student at the agronomics department.

According to him, what he likes at the university is that

it gives priority to discussion in lectures unlike the past period.

Discussion is another reality, said Yun Phung Sik, adding that not only students but also lecturers learn many things through discussion.

Kim Yong Jin said that he decided to learn much more things during university days so as to develop the farm where he worked into a model unit of rural development.

# Dwellings provided free of charge



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Residents dance as they move into new homes in Phoehae-dong, the City of Samjiyon.

By Ri Sung Ik PT

In recent years the DPRK has put efforts into the building of houses for the people as it set this as its most important work.

Thanks to the people-first politics of the Workers' Party of Korea, modern Changjon Street, Mirae Scientists Street and Ryomyong Street sprang up in the centre of Pyongyang along with apartment houses for lecturers of Kim Il Sung University and Kim Chaek University of Technology in the past ten years alone.

In addition, the Wisong Scientists Dwelling District and Unha Scientists Street were built, Samjiyon turned into a model of civilized mountain city and the mining

villages in the Komdok area are developing into the world's best mining town, a town in mountain gorges.

Fairlyland villages appeared with the completion of cosy modern houses and public buildings in flood-stricken areas including Taechong-ri of Unpha County and Kangbuk-ri of Kumchon County.

The Korean people are allotted such houses free of charge. Nobody knows the price of the houses they move into full of joy.

Having planned to usher in a golden age of construction and build apartment houses for 50 000 families during the period of the five-year plan, the WPK and the DPRK government are striving to

implement the plan.

Last year alone, the "Kyongru-dong" took shape as a new residential district for ordinary people in a good place of Pyongyang, followed by the completion of apartment buildings for 10 000 families in the Songsin and Songhwa area.

Under the warm care of the WPK that put forward the large-scale construction of apartment buildings for the people as the most important task and ushers in a new golden age of construction, all those who will move into the apartment houses free of charge cannot find words to express their gratitude to the socialist system, to the WPK and the DPRK government that spare no expense for the people.

# Supply of uniforms, school things to children high on Party and state agenda

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

In February all kindergarten children of the DPRK received *Haebara*gi (sunflower)-brand school things on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star.

It was thanks to the policy of love for rising generations pursued by the Workers' Party of Korea and the state which spare no expense for them.

At the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held at the end of last year, General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that to provide all the students of the country with uniforms and other school things at the state's expense is a consistent policy of the

Party and the state, set forth a task of supplying all of them with good quality uniforms and bags of new styles and took a crucial measure of the Party Central Committee for implementing it.

Every mother is solicitous about raising their babies well and providing their children with good school things like satchels.

Schoolchildren of the country are growing cheerfully under paternal care as warm as mother's.

The Koreans still do not forget the benevolent images of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who cared so much about schoolchildren's uniforms. On a visit to a school some decades ago, the President was so satisfied to see students in new uniforms that

he spent a long time taking photos of them and writing his signatures on the photos. And the Chairman gave detailed instructions on the style of new uniforms to be provided to students across the country to mark the 80th birthday of the President.

True to the great leaders' intention of loving the rising generation, Kim Jong Un regards children as treasures more valuable than billions of tons of gold and the hope and future of the country and has done his best for their bright future.

One day in January 2017, during his inspection of the newly-built Pyongyang Bag Factory, he found the shoulder straps of a satchel stuffed with sponges even in their lower parts in the sample products hall and

said that if sponges were put even in the lower parts of the shoulder straps, children with small hands would feel inconvenience in holding the straps, and in the sewing workshop he repeatedly stressed the need for the workers to make even a single shoulder strap well with motherly sincerity.

During his inspection tour of the Mindulle Notebook Factory, too, the General Secretary repeatedly instructed that it should produce quality notebooks as much as possible in the way mothers would bind such books for their dear children. And he frequently called in relevant officials to give them instructions as to the supply of uniforms, bags and other school things to all schoolchildren and students

of the country and spent a long time examining the designs for new uniforms.

Kim Jong Un regards himself as father of millions of children and takes pleasure in his painstaking efforts for the good of them. And he

gave top priority to the supply of uniforms to students as the work to do unconditionally.

Now relevant workers across the country are devoting themselves to the production of new types of uniforms and satchels.

After receiving *Haebara*gi (sunflower)-brand school things.

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# State responsible for provision of schooling

By Pang Un Ju PT

The DPRK Cabinet adopted a decision on comprehensively abolishing school fees of students in March 1959 and enforced universal free education from April 1 that year.

The DPRK government not only dismantled school fees but also took full responsibility for everything needed in education.

This remained unchanged even in the country's hard times.

During the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953), orphans' schools and orphanages were built in all parts of the country and war orphans were raised at the state's expenses. The educational conditions and environment were provided as ever and the regular supply of uniforms, school things and soya milk had never been disrupted in the 1990s which was recorded in history as a period of the Arduous March.

The DPRK set up the universal 11-year compulsory education system based on free education in September 1975 and has enforced the universal 12-year compulsory education across the country since April 2014.

The state supplies everything from teaching aids and school fixtures to materials needed for experiments and practical training free of charge through the whole course of the 12-year compulsory education and covers the expense for students' extracurricular activities, socio-political activities, excursions, school trips and camping.

It also finances various types of education systems such as the social education or the study-while-you-work education.

Therefore, the state investment in education continuously increases in the DPRK which set education as the foremost national affair.

Saying that the supply of school uniforms and things to the students across the country at the state's expense is a consistent policy of the

Party and the state, General Secretary Kim Jong Un put forward a task of supplying all students with new types of quality uniforms and satchels without exception and took an important measure of the Party Central Committee for its implementation at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The DPRK set it as the main objective of the educational revolution in the new century to train all schoolchildren as genuine revolutionary personnel, competent and creative talents and reserves of socialism by developing education into the most advanced and ideal one to which the country can entrust its future.

The DPRK, the majority of whose population had been illiterate some 70 years ago, has become a country of learning and education where everyone makes the most of their talents thanks to the popular free educational system. It is now realizing its dream of making all the people well versed in science and technology.

# Product of ignorance bereft of even an ability to distinguish matters

By Kim Sol Hwa

Recently, the Defense Minister of Japan picked again on our important test for developing a reconnaissance satellite, saying that it is a "threat to peace and security of Japan, the region and the international society" and a "violation of the UNSC resolutions", while asserting that it is a "launch of a ballistic missile".

To state the conclusion first, this is clearly the result of ignorance and benightedness of the Japanese who are bereft of even an ability to distinguish matters, obsessed with their inveterate repugnance, prejudice and hostility toward

our Republic.

Our test this time is an open and aboveboard test conducted under the phased plan for developing a reconnaissance satellite.

Even at this moment, the US and other hostile forces are perpetrating espionage acts against us while keeping a close watch over the whole Korean peninsula in real time by mobilizing huge assets for gathering reconnaissance information including reconnaissance satellites.

Especially, Japan clamoured about the need of reconnaissance satellite of its own as if it got an opportunity when we had launched a peaceful artificial

earth satellite in 1998. It has been operating seven spy satellites since its first launch in 2003 and is attempting to establish a reconnaissance satellite system consisting of 10 reconnaissance satellites in the future.

It is an open secret that its main purpose is to make preparations for aggression on the Asian continent at any moment by strengthening espionage on military movements of our country and other neighbouring countries.

Whatever we launch, Japan has neither justification nor qualification to criticize the matter that belongs to the sovereign rights and internal affairs of ours.

As we have already clarified several times, all of our measures relating to the exercise of the right to self-defence do not inflict any harm on the security of the neighbouring countries.

Japan should clearly know that the more it picks a quarrel with us on each and every case, the stronger our people's hatred towards Japan will only grow.

Any attempt to violate our self-defensive right can never be tolerated, and Japan shall certainly pay dearly for that.

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# Education, prerequisite for noble and civilized mode of life and morality



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Moral perfection is of importance in perfecting human beings.

Today, intensifying moral education of the new generation arises as an important issue. This is because the future of a country and nation depends on how young people and children are trained.

A noble and excellent moral world is never cultivated of its own accord.

To thoroughly establish a sound moral habit among young people and children, it is necessary to closely combine school education,

home education and social education.

Everyone receives home education in their early days, and they perfect themselves through school education and social education.

School education in particular plays a very important role.

School is in charge of education for those who are most sensitive and grow quickly in their life.

Teachers' role and responsibility should be enhanced in order to ensure good school education.

It is the mission of our education to train students

into not only sci-tech talents but also useful people sound mentally, culturally and morally.

There is an old saying, "A good teacher is behind a good student."

As the phrase "personal example" implies, teachers should set examples through practice in order to educate their students. When teachers have moral defects, they are not respected by students, and whatever good words the former may say, the latter would not believe the words. This is why teachers have to possess good moral qualities as well as high ability.

Intensifying social education is also important.

Public institutions should educate young people and schoolchildren to further perfect them morally and exert a good influence upon them to that end.

At the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the fine virtues and noble traits, which are peculiar to our people and which are fully being displayed day by day, should be made social and national traits.

We will educate students to respect revolutionary seniors and teachers, keep the social order and public morals and regard it as their great pride to live for the good of society, collective and the country.

## OPINION

# Such a country pretends to be a 'human rights initiator'

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Everybody greets New Year's Day with new hopes and aspirations for the future. But in France, murder incidents occurred on this day in which three women were killed by their husbands or boyfriends, throwing everyone into consternation.

In this connection, organizations for the protection of women's human rights revealed that more than 200 000 women in France are suffering family violence every year and the incidents of murder this time are only the tip of the iceberg.

They also strongly berated the government authorities for not having taken proper measures to eradicate serious act of family violence deeply rooted in French society.

While women, who deserve respect from family and society as the housewives of families, are dying being subjected to pains and misfortunes, children are also withering away even before opening the bud, to say nothing of warm love of their parents.

According to information available, more than 50 000 children are living in temporary accommodations or on streets in France and 7 000-10 000 minors are forced into prostitution every year with the number of victims to child prostitution increasing by 70% over the last five years.

Besides, 700 000 students—equivalent to one in ten middle-school students—are subjected to different acts of violence at schools throughout the country, and the number of suicides continues to increase among them, causing great apprehension and concern in society.

In recent years, human rights violations of using excessive violence against innocent residents are committed in succession among French policemen under the pretext of exposing crimes such as drug trafficking.

In July 2016, a policeman killed a young black man by committing an outrageous act while arresting him. Reportedly, this incident has not properly been explained yet, although it still remains vivid in people's memory.

What French people, who adopted the "Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen" in 1789, wanted then might not have been France of today where the records of all sorts of human rights violations are piled up, nor it might have been France at all that habitually instructs others instead of clearing its own household affairs.

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# History of friendship carried forward along the road of independence against imperialism

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It has already been 36 years since President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il had an emotional meeting with Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz, the historic leader of the Cuban revolution, who visited our country.

Fidel Castro Ruz paid a visit to our country from March 8 to 11 1986, leading the Party and government delegation of the Republic of Cuba.

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il personally welcomed Fidel Castro Ruz and his entourage, the goodwill envoys of the Cuban people, who came to Pyongyang over the continents and the oceans, and bestowed heartwarming hospitality on them during their visit.

President Kim Il Sung held exclusive and plenary talks with Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz and his entourage, and hosted a welcome banquet and luncheon for them who were standing with

our people in the common trench of joint struggle for independence against imperialism. He also made arrangements for them to see the music and dance epic "Song of Glory" and to have a tour of several places. And he awarded the title of Hero of the DPRK to Fidel Castro Ruz who contributed to the anti-US and anti-imperialist struggle and to the development of friendly relationship between the two countries.

Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz confirmed his determination to always keep in mind the title of the DPRK Hero awarded to him by President Kim Il Sung not as a simple honorary title but as the symbol of firm will to contribute to strengthening and developing the friendship and solidarity between the DPRK and Cuba.

Chairman Kim Jong Il always paid close attention to consolidating and developing the relations of friendship between the DPRK and Cuba which are revolutionary, comradely and fraternal ones, and clarified the principled stand of our Party and government to attach importance

to the relations with Cuba by issuing several works including *Helping the Cuban People Is an International Obligation of Socialist Countries and We Should Render an Active Assistance to the Cuban People in Their Struggle*. He also met with several high-ranking delegations of Cuba who visited our country, and gave valuable instructions concerning the development of the bilateral relations.

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il established the friendly relations between the DPRK and Cuba together with Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz, which are based on revolutionary principles, a sense of comradely obligation and socialist principle. These relations are now developing onto a new higher stage under the close attention of Comrade Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK.

Comrade Kim Jong Un sent his sincerely arranged gift to Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz in August 2016 when he celebrated his 90th birthday. When Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz passed away, he personally sent a message of condolence and wreath, and paid a mourner's visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba in the DPRK and made a significant entry in a book of condolence. He also took benevolent measures to urgently dispatch a high-ranking delegation of the Party and the state to Cuba to convey the warm consolation sent to the Cuban people by the Korean people.

Our people rejoice as their own at the wonderful successes achieved by the Cuban people in the vigorous struggle to oppose imperialism and to build socialism in the Western Hemisphere.

We always send full support and solidarity to the fraternal Cuban people who are safeguarding the revolutionary gains and socialism and steadily moving forward towards victory while smashing at every step the anti-socialist manoeuvres of the hostile forces which are getting more undisguised. We will make continuous efforts to strengthen and develop the strategic and comradely relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries.

# March 8 revolution in Syria

By Choe Yong Nam PT

March 8 is the day of revolution in Syria.

Syria, which had been subjected to exploitation and plunder by colonialists for a long period, finally achieved the country's independence in April 1946. When an unstable situation was created in the country due to the schemes of the imperialists and reactionaries at home, patriotic soldiers and other people of the country waged a struggle under the leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party and established a new government on March 8 1963.

The victorious revolution on March 8 served as a turning point that brought about a radical change in the life of the Syrian people, who were striving to consolidate the country's political independence and build independent society, and opened up a broad avenue for building new society.

Over the past 59 years, Syria

has safeguarded the country's sovereignty and national dignity while consolidating the unity and cooperation with Arab countries and maintaining the anti-imperialist and independent stand.

Regarding Syria as a thorn in their flesh, hostile forces work viciously to isolate and suffocate it.

In recent years, the hostile forces have gone to extremes in their manoeuvres to overthrow the Syrian government and disintegrate its territory.

However, the Syrian people have struggled unyieldingly to protect the country's sovereignty and dignity and achieve territorial integrity by keeping to the path they chose.

They are steadfast in the stand and will to advance along the road of independence.

The Korean people actively support their just cause and hope they would bring about good results in their efforts to safeguard national sovereignty and achieve economic development.

# Pompeo's brazen trip to Taiwan

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Some days ago, Chinese newspaper *China Daily* issued a commentary on the trip of Pompeo, the former US state secretary, to Taiwan and sharply criticized that he is trying to paint China as a devil with his usual trick of "safeguarding of democracy".

The commentary disclosed that Pompeo, even after his retirement,

has never stopped criticizing China while supporting separatists on the island of Taiwan in order to retain his image and influence, and that there is no doubt that he is seeking to make use of Taiwan to fulfil his selfish purpose.

Recalling that the spokesperson for the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs once described him as a "clown on the Day of Judgment and the laughing stock of the century", the commentary ridiculed him that

he still finds a pleasure in playing the role of the clown.

Chinese major media including the *Global Times* strongly condemned him as an anti-China element who, during his tenure of office, lifted the decades-long restriction on formal contact of the US government officials with Taiwan, designated China as a strategic rival and made up the decisions wrecking China-US relations.

The US has recently kept

provoking China over its core interests by openly sending to Taiwan not only Pompeo but also the delegation consisting of the former officials of the US Department of Defense and dispatching a destroyer to the Taiwan Strait and others.

This is a clear expression of the sinister confrontational intention of the US to arrest the development and unification of China by deliberately creating tension in the region.

## Briefly

**Iran**  
Leader calls for promoting environmental protection  
Seyed Ali Khamenei, leader of Iran's Islamic revolution, called on his people to channel big efforts into environmental protection on March 6 to mark tree-planting day.  
The environmental issue, soil and water conservation in particular, is one of the most fundamental issues of the country, he said, adding that government officials and experts should cooperate to completely prevent the practice of forest and farmland destruction.

**UN**  
Apprehension about seriousness of global warming  
The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change expressed concern over the seriousness of global warming in a recent report.  
Saying that 3.3 or 3.6 billion people of the world are in a situation that makes it impossible for them to cope with climate change and makes them vulnerable to adverse effects of flood and high temperature, it called on the government of every country to intensify measures to reduce the damage.

**Venezuela, Morocco**  
Gangs mopped up  
Recently, the Venezuelan security forces conducted a mopping-up operation against organized groups of criminals.  
It was geared to locating and neutralizing illegal armed groups active in Apure.

During the operation, an armed gang involved in drug trafficking was detected and 1.2 tons of cocaine, marijuana, weapons and ammunition were confiscated.  
The Venezuelan forces are intensifying efforts to destroy criminal para-military organizations in the western border areas backed up by foreign forces and get rid of drug manufacturing facilities and cultivation areas in the border areas.  
Meanwhile, the Moroccan police confiscated 1.4 tons of different kinds of drugs and arrested two smugglers on March 5.

**US**  
Ceaseless gun violence  
A criminal shot dead a man strolling with his children all of a sudden in Washington, the US, on March 4.  
That day, a deadly shooting occurred in Albuquerque, New Mexico, injuring several persons.  
Earlier on March 3, a gun-related crime around a university building caused seven casualties in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**COVID-19**  
Pandemic casualties  
According to a foreign news report, 449 446 592 people contracted COVID-19 worldwide, 6 034 115 died of it and 59 662 212 were getting relevant medical treatment as of 24:00 on March 8.  
About 10 000 people died of it in a day.

## BYWORD

The sound and cultured way of life and morality based on collectivism are the basis of Korean-style socialism and a vitamin for its progress and development.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea stressed the need to consolidate virtues and traits, which are peculiar to the Korean people and are highly displayed day after day, as social and national traits.

# Life style, morality of Korean people

Upholding the slogan "One for all and all for one!", the Korean people have thought the interests of collective before individual interests, and the state affairs before family affairs, and devoted their all to society, collective and the state. The course of their struggle for socialist construction is just

the period during which they have displayed such sound spiritual world and traits to a high degree.

All the DPRK people lead a harmonious, healthy and civilized life by establishing beautiful human relations of comradely love, cooperation and revolutionary ethics.

The sound and cultured way of life and morality have an important role in encouraging people to make strenuous efforts, regarding it as a moral obligation to disburden the Party and state of their trouble, and making them overflow with warm comradely love and affection.

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# RIM UN SIM, FOUR-TIME NOMINEE FOR TOP TEN PLAYERS OF DPRK HONOUR



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**The strong point of Rim Un Sim is that she is so preserving she never leaves the training ground before perfecting her technical movements by making exact demands on herself.”**

Kim Chun Hui, secretary-general of Korean Weightlifting Association

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Rim Un Sim (pictured), weightlifter of the Kigwancha Sports Club, won three gold medals in the women's 64kg weightlifting at the Mangyongdae Prize Games in Celebration of the Day of the Sun last year and two other golds and one silver at the national championships.

The younger sister of world weightlifting ace Rim Jong Sim started to learn the sport at the then Juvenile Sports School of the Weightlifting Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang in

2005.

With a strong competitive spirit, she made persevering efforts to acquire basic techniques while competing with her elder sister with an ambition to become a world weightlifting ace in the future.

Starting her weightlifting career at the Kigwancha Sports Club, she steadily honed her skills after setting an ambitious goal to set a new world record.

She made remarkable achievements in different international games including the 18th Asian Games where she took first place in the

weightlifting event.

In 2019 alone, she bagged a bronze medal in snatch and a silver in jerk and took second place in the total standing in the women's 64 kg category of the 2019 IWF World Cup. And she went on earning three gold medals at the 2019 Asian Weightlifting Championships in the same category.

She also bagged three silvers in the women's 64kg category of the 2019 IWF World Weightlifting Championships and won three golds at the women's 71kg event of the 2019 IWF World Cup.

Therefore, she won over 30 medals including 20 golds at a dozen rounds of international games.

“The strong point of Rim Un Sim is that she is so preserving she never leaves the training ground before perfecting her technical movements by making exact demands on herself,” said Kim Chun Hui, secretary-general of the Korean Weightlifting Association.

A winner of Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and Merited Athlete, Rim Un Sim was nominated as one of the top ten players of the DPRK four times until last year.

## Matured mussel, a traditional Korean food

By Sin Pyol PT

Matured mussel is one of the traditional foods of the Korean people.

This shellfish inhabits the east and west coasts of Korea.

There are many kinds of mussel in Korea, including *Mytilus edulis*, *Mytilus coruscus*, *Mytilus grayanus* and *Modiolus modiolus*.

Its protein contains all kinds of essential amino acids evenly.

It also contains fat, sugars, minerals and vitamins A, B and C and provitamins, which are good for preventing

rickets.

Mussel is effective in treating frailty, dizziness, hypertension, impotence and cold sweat.

The ingredients of matured mussel for 300g of mussel are 200g of lobster, 10g of vinegared and spiced and red peppered bean paste and 5g of mustard. Put mussels into boiling water for a moment before separating their flesh. Sprinkle lobsters with salt and parboil and shell them before halving each of them. Arrange the mussel and lobster in a dish in two different colours and serve the food along with mustard and the red peppered paste.



## Horse riding, a traditional Korean custom



The murals in the Tokhung-ri tomb from the Koguryo period located in Tokhung-dong of Kangso District, Nampho, depict mounted archers in hunt.

By Yun Ki Song PT

Horse riding is one of the fine customs of the Korean people which have been passed on for a long period of time.

Korea has various kinds of traditional national sports

and especially horse riding, archery and arrow-shooting on horseback have been recognized as its national sports for a long time.

It has a long history of horse breeding.

In Ancient Joseon (the early 30th century BC-108

BC) the Koreans made bits with copper to tame horses and decorated them with ornaments.

The people of Koguryo Kingdom (277 BC-AD 668) are known to have been most proficient in riding in the history of the Korean nation.

They learned how to ride horses and shoot arrows in their childhood.

These skills were used as a standard to select talents during the period of Koguryo.

On March 3 by the lunar calendar every year, all the warriors across the country got together on Rangnang Hill to play a hunting game.

It was the game of martial arts during which they fought against wild beasts while riding horses and shooting arrows.

The Tokhung-ri tomb mural vividly portrays competitors shooting arrows at fixed targets on horseback.

The spirit of attaching importance to military affairs based on the horse riding custom of Koguryo, which existed as a powerful country for nearly a thousand years, exerted a great effect on later generations.

Koguryo's riding custom, tools for handling horses and ornaments for horses had marked influence on the countries of the same nation—Pakje, Silla and Kaya—and on the neighbouring country of Japan as well.

The riding custom was carried on through Palhae (the late 7th century-early 10th century) and Koryo (918-1392) to the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910).

The people of Koryo, who named the country thus as they succeeded Koguryo, inherited the tradition of archery, swordsmanship and spearsmanship on horseback established in the latter.

From its early years, Koryo set it as a state law to select brave, powerful and agile young people and teach them horse riding and archery.

Competitions were often held among folks who were proficient in horse riding and archery and the losers would treat winners to meals.

In Koryo, warriors who were good at horse riding and archery were drafted from counties to form special forces including *singi* force, or a unit with excellent horsemanship, and *mabyolcho*, or a special cavalry, to guard the royal palace and defend the country.

There are many stories about such special cavalry

units in *Koryosa* (History of Koryo Dynasty).

In particular, *kyokku*, or a kind of polo played by two teams on horseback using wooden sticks with hammers at the end to hit a ball, was very popular.

Historical records say that even women played the game in Koryo.

Horse riding and archery were also encouraged in the feudal Joseon dynasty on a nationwide scale.

It is by no means accidental that Sejong and other kings frequently said that “our specialities are good bowmanship and horsemanship”.

It is said that warriors of the feudal Joseon dynasty, who went over to Japan for negotiations at the closing stage of the Imjin Patriotic War (1592-1598), showed excellent skills on horseback, drawing the admiration of the people of Japan, the enemy state.

Horse riding is still encouraged among the Korean people as it is beneficial to health and helps them develop bravery and tenacity.

