

General Secretary Kim Jong Un has photo session with those attending WPK information officials workshop



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, had a photo session with the participants in the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK on March 31.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Ju Chang Il, Ri Tu Song, Ri Hi Yong and Kim Yong Gwang.

The venue of the photo session was seething with the great joy and excitement of the participants who were to have a significant photo taken with the General Secretary in the wake of receiving the immortal great programme, which

brightly shows the path for making an ideological revolution in the new era, at the workshop of epochal significance in bringing earlier the great new victory of Korean-style socialism under the uplifted banner of the ideology-first principle.

As the General Secretary came to the venue, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him, symbol of the dignity and glory of the WPK and the state and the great leader of the Juche revolution who, with his distinguished wisdom and tested leadership, sounds the bugle of advance inspiring all the people and ushers in a new period of socialist construction with the great power of ideology.

He gave an encouraging warm salute

to the participants who have devoted themselves to the sacred and responsible work for cementing the politico-ideological position firmly supporting the Party, revolution and social system while making the masses have the same idea and breathe the same air with the Party at every workplace and post of the country.

Saying that the Party information workers should become the undying torchlight and thunder of the WPK in strengthening in every way the politico-ideological might, the greatest national power decisive of the victorious advance of Korean-style socialism and the invincible might peculiar to Juche Korea, the General Secretary expressed belief that the participants in the

workshop would hold fast to the Juche theory of giving importance to ideology as the motive force of innovation, creation and advance and dynamically accelerate the revolution through a powerful ideological offensive rocking the whole country and had a photo taken with them.

All the participants hardened their strong will to glorify their high honour of being the information workers of the WPK in the sacred struggle to model the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary ideology of the Party Central Committee, the immutable truth and the ever-victorious banner of the Korean revolution, and to dynamically propel the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

Kim Jong Un has photo taken with defence scientists, technicians, munitions industry workers



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had a photo session with the officials, scientists, technicians and workers in the field of the defence industry who contributed to the successful test fire of new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17.

Kim Jong Sik and Jang Chang Ha were present there.

The venue of the photo session was seething with the great joy and excitement of the participants who were to have a significant photo taken, which will be the one of their lifetime honour, under the loving care of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and amid the blessings of the people across the country, with the great pride and honour of having produced a core nuclear strike means representing the DPRK strategic forces, another fruition and great creation of self-reliance born of our own efforts in the course of the sacred struggle to sharpen the treasured sword for defending the dignity and sovereignty and peace of the country.

As General Secretary Kim Jong Un came to the venue, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of

"hurrah!", paying highest tribute to him, the symbol of the mightiness of Juche Korea and the ever-victorious banner, who brought about the remarkable event of demonstrating once again the innovative development of the country's defence capability all over the world with the faith of Mt Paektu, steel-strong will and extraordinary leadership ability.

He returned a militant salute of warm congratulations to the reliable soldiers in the field of the defence industry who made a contribution to consolidating the war deterrent, more perfect and stronger, for reliably defending the security and future of the country and the people with the indomitable spiritual strength, boundless devotion and matchless creativity whereby they have wrought unprecedented miracles to meet any demand of the Party and the revolution, unconditionally and absolutely supporting it.

He also offered warm congratulations and all glory to our great people who built by their own efforts the absolute force of self-defence that cannot be bartered for nor be bought with anything and held it firm without the slightest vacillation in the face of harsh trials and difficulties, saying that this signal development of the Juche-based

national defence is unthinkable without the trust and ardent patriotism of all the people who rendered unconditional and absolute support and encouragement to the indispensable sacred cause of building up the country's nuclear war deterrent.

We must be strong under whatever circumstances to defend peace, accelerate socialist construction and ensure the security of the rising generations, free from any threat, he said. He expressed once again our Party's will to build the strong defence capability in order to defend the security and future of our country and people with the more solid and perfect and stronger strategic force, an absolute power.

The defence capability in the true sense of word precisely means the powerful strike capability, he said, adding that only when we are equipped with the formidable offensive capability, overwhelming military power that cannot be stopped by anyone, can we prevent a war, guarantee the security of the country and contain and put under control all threats and blackmails by the imperialists. He declared that we would continue to attain the defence build-up goal and develop much more powerful strike means to equip our army with them.

The unyielding revolutionary spirit and exceptional patriotism displayed by the defence scientists and technicians and the munitions industry workers who are devotedly carrying into practice the Party's unique idea on the self-reliant defence strategy are the inexhaustible strength of our Party, he said, expressing his expectation and conviction that they would as ever strive with redoubled courage for the development and security of our great state and the victorious advance of our revolutionary cause, and thus perfect the country's nuclear war deterrent at an accelerating pace.

Encouraged by his deep trust and warm benevolence, all the participants made their firm pledge to steadily and vigorously attain the ultra-modern goals for bolstering up the defence capability so as to make the military technological advantages, the absolute power possessed by Juche Korea, further irreversible with intense loyalty to the Party Central Committee's grand plan and determination.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea gave a reception for the officials, scientists, technicians and workers in the field of the defence industry who contributed to the successful test fire of new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17.

Letter sent to participants in First Workshop of Officials in Information Field of WPK

General Secretary Kim Jong Un calls on information officials to eliminate formalism and bring about a turn in Party's ideological work

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, sent an important letter to those attending the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK, entitled *On Eliminating Formalism and Bringing about a Fundamental Innovation in the Party's Ideological Work*, on Monday.

Noting that the workshop is held at a historic time when our dignified and powerful state unfolded a grand plan for its overall development and has demonstrated its great unity and tremendous, underlying strength, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in his letter said:

I extend greetings of enthusiastic encouragement to the participants in the workshop and all other information workers of the Party who have made significant contributions to the great work for bolstering the politico-ideological strength, the foremost power of our Party and social system, exerting efforts to make the Party and the popular masses breathe in one and the same idea.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend warm militant greetings to the primary information workers across the country who have spared no efforts for the ideological education and transformation of people, always finding themselves among the masses and in the ideological positions of the Juche revolution as well as to other comrades who are striving at such important posts of the Party's ideological front as the fields of the preservation of revolutionary relics, literature and the arts and media.

The thought-out and bold struggle which our Party and people have been carrying on after the historic Eighth Congress of the Party opened up a new victorious phase of bringing about significant changes in succession by courageously advancing in the face of the worst difficulties, and our revolution has finally and confidently reached its higher stage of achieving the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

Despite continued severe hardships and challenges, our revolution is vigorously advancing.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee decided to surely guarantee the successful implementation of the new five-year plan set forth at the Party Congress and make substantial progress in improving the people's living standard, and put forward a grand programme for ultimate solution to the socialist rural question.

To carry out such important tasks which would never be easy to fulfil owing to manifold barriers to our advance, we should regard the ideological and moral strength of the popular masses as the foremost weapon as ever and stir it up in every way.

The Juche theory of giving importance to ideology, which means that ideology decides everything and there is nothing impossible to do when the people are motivated ideologically, will fully demonstrate its

justness and vitality forever as our Party's principle in leading revolution and its political philosophy.

For our Party constantly holding fast to the Juche theory of giving importance to ideology, the ideological work is most important among all its works.

The ideology-first principle is just the fundamental key to emerging victorious from difficult situations and a way of revolution peculiar to the WPK. The Party Central Committee attaches the foremost importance to the ideological front in order to propel the victorious advance of the revolution and reliably guarantee it by dint of ideology.

The Party information workers play a very important role in implanting the ideas and policies of the Party Central Committee deep into the mind of officials, Party members and other working people and orienting all their efforts to the one goal of implementing the Party policies and inspiring them to attain it.

Not only the work for patiently and substantially educating all members of society to accept the idea of the Party Central Committee and arm themselves with it, but also huge share of the work for correctly embodying the Party Central Committee's plan and will in the whole field of the revolutionary struggle, socialist construction and social life are carried out through the operation and practice of the Party information field. Particularly important in steadily increasing the might of the single-minded unity of our revolutionary ranks and making the whole country keep strong faith and be full of vim and vigour is the duty of the Party information workers.

When they are well prepared enough to fulfil their duty, ideological purity and unity of the Party and the revolutionary ranks will be ensured, and the Party's leadership over socialist construction will produce satisfactory results. It is the truth proved by history and reality that socialism remains steadfast and advances victoriously as much as the Party ideological front is solid and vibrant.

The Party Central Committee organized this workshop to awaken all the Party officials to the importance of the ideological work once again and inspire the Party information workers to renewed efforts so that they can display enormous strength in their revolutionary work full of imposing dignity and honour.

It is the noble title awarded to the information workers particularly among all the Party officials that they are called faithful mouthpieces of the Party Central Committee and buglers of the revolution.

Our Party information workers should become powerful loudspeakers, microphones and hi-fi amplifiers in conveying and communicating the Party Central Committee's idea and intention down to the lowest unit correctly in time and arousing the entire Party, the whole country and all the people to their materialization. This is the main spirit of this workshop.

It has already been emphasized that the Party information field should become a hi-fi amplifier which correctly conveys the Party's idea and intention. The Party Central Committee's aim is to further raise the output of those loudspeakers and microphones, in other words, to remarkably enhance the role and might of the Party information field through the workshop.

"Let the Party information workers become powerful loudspeakers and hi-fi amplifiers faithful to the Party Central Committee!", this is the slogan to be upheld by our information workers and main spirit to be fully displayed by them at present.

The main mission of our Party ideological work is to model the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee.

This means, in a word, making the Party Central Committee's idea and intention dominate the struggle and life of all the members of society. In other words, it means fully arming the officials, Party members, other working people and the rising generations with the Party Central Committee's idea and policies before thoroughly and perfectly embodying them in the overall fields of Party building and activities, state affairs and social life.

The cause of modelling the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee urgently requires a great revolution in the ideological work. Now the revolution and the times demand fresh innovations, bold creation and continual advance, and for this the ideological front should make the first step and bring about fundamental changes as befits its mission of inspiring and leading all changes and development in practice.

Kim Jong Un stressed in the letter that an important matter in improving the Party ideological work is to intensify the theoretical study and the work of disseminating theories.

Noting that the Party building can be done without deviation and the victorious advance of socialism can be guaranteed only when precedence is given to the ideological and theoretical building, he said that to carry forward to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche generation after generation means just the inheritance of ideology and ism and traditions of struggle.

Saying that the political and theoretical circles should be powerful so as to steadily develop in depth the Party's ideological work as required by the revolutionary practice, he indicated the detailed orientation and ways for raising the level and role of the political and theoretical circles.

Noting it is the analysis made by the Party Central Committee at present that the revolution in the Party's ideological work should start in shattering formalism, he set forth the tasks for thoroughly eradicating formalism that remains in the Party's ideological work.

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In order to root out formalism, we should, first of all, make Party information workers keep as their lifeline the mission of paramount importance that they are entirely responsible for the ideological and moral life of all the people who live on this land, he said.

Noting that lack of awareness of being masters of the revolution is the ideological basis of formalism, he stressed that the attitude unbecoming for masters should be no longer allowed among Party information workers.

Saying that officials in the information field are the revolutionaries who are directly in charge of the Party's ideological front and the masters of our Party's ideological work, he added that the Party information workers should be responsible for the ideological life of the Party members and other working people in their areas and units before the Party and guarantee the mental growth of the rising generations before the country and the revolution.

Noting that if they forget such important mission even a moment, it will leave a vacuum in the brains of the people and break the Party's ideological front and such consequences cannot be made up for by anything, he said that the Party information workers should take charge of the ideological education among the people, be aware of their important obligations as professional revolutionaries guiding the ideological remoulding and positively find and use the fresh way and the best method for information work and education.

After analysing the forms of vivid manifestation of formalism in the Party's ideological work and aftermath of them, he stressed that in order to root out formalism remaining in the sphere of the ideological work, it is necessary to make it an iron rule and strict discipline for the Party's ideological field to hold fast to the important contents of the ideological work as intended and distributed by the Party Central Committee and conduct effective interactive ideological work.

He emphasized that the theoretical education is the first task for firmly arming all members of the society with the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee.

He said that it is necessary to make the officials, Party members and other working people and rising generations easily realize the essence, structural system and deep contents of the Juche idea, the guiding ideology of our Party, and explain the theory of the Party's politics in combination with the actual work and life and in a proper and reasonable way so as to make them grasp the Juche idea correctly and theoretically and adopt it as part of their outlook on the world and viewpoint on life.

He noted that the essence of ideological education is the education in the greatness of the Party and the education in the loyalty to it, adding that it would be no more than empty talks to call for modelling the whole society on the monolithic idea without implanting the greatness of the Party in the minds of the officials, Party members and working people and educating them to be faithful to its leadership.

He said that the education in the greatness of the Party and the education in the loyalty to it are inseparable, and the aim of implanting the greatness and exploits of the Party and the leaders in the minds of the officials, Party members and working people is to make them regard the loyalty as their faith and conscience. He noted that only when they are impressed by the greatness of the Party and the leaders through their actual life experience and absolutely follow the Party and the leaders, not just

based on the explanation of principles, their loyalty will certainly be honest and firm.

He said that it is necessary to conduct the education methodologically so as to help the officials, Party members and working people fully understand the greatness of the Party.

He said that our Party which keeps the people-first principle as its political idea has made all efforts to stabilize and improve the standard of people's living as soon as possible, adding that even on the harsh conditions, the works for realizing the Party's long-cherished desire for the people were conducted in a bold way and thus valuable fruitions have been attained and the attention of the Party and the state is focused most preferentially on protecting the people's interests and promoting their wellbeing.

It is important to provide the people with a happy and highly-civilized life but it is more important to educate them to be thankful for the benefits of the Party and the state sincerely and strive to repay them, he said.

He stressed the importance of effectively conducting the education through revolutionary relics in the ideological education at present.

He said that ideological degeneration originates from being oblivious of history and tradition, and a human being is little short of a corpse if he or she is devoid of mental source, adding that's why he prioritizes the education through revolutionary relics and leadership exploits and emphasizes several times that it should never be neglected.

He noted that it can be said that the education through revolutionary relics and Party's leadership exploits is the roots of our Party's ideological work and that the ideological education originates from it. He said that the education through revolutionary relics and leadership exploits means the education in the revolutionary traditions and the education in the greatness of the leaders and the education in the loyalty to them.

He stressed that it is necessary to courteously furbish the educational bases including revolutionary museums, rooms where revolutionary relics are exhibited, rooms for the education in the revolutionary history and rooms dedicated to the history of units and always pay deep attention to the education through them.

He said that the education in implanting the Party's leadership exploits associated with one's field, unit and area in the minds of the people is a crucial task for every Party official, senior Party official in particular, which should be examined and disseminated by them every morning and evening and be reviewed in strong terms by them on a daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly basis. He added that all the Party officials should regard it as their habit and peculiar daily task.

He stressed that it is necessary to conduct the education in patriotism steadily and effectively.

He said it is important to make all the people across the country regard patriotism cherished and embodied by Chairman Kim Jong Il all his life as their viewpoint on life, possess the noble ideological and spiritual qualities of a socialist worker and devote themselves to socialist construction with pure and ardent patriotism.

He noted that it is needed to make the people's daily life the course of nurturing, cherishing and hardening patriotism, adding that the aim of our Party in providing the rising generations with school uniforms, shoes, schoolbags, notebooks and other school things made by our own efforts at the state's expenses responsibly is to make them feel thankful to the Party and the state from childhood and acquire the nature of valuing their native home, motherland and their own things.

He stressed that the Party's information field should

understand that the education in patriotism should be neither a lecture nor instillation in any case and only when it helps the people realize and cultivate patriotism in their daily life, can it be possible to train them to be genuine patriots in the era of our state-first principle. He said that it is essential to positively seek the methodology for bringing patriotism closer to the people's life and work and put it to practical use.

He noted that the Party organizations at all levels should pay attention to preparing various political events with much care and holding them at the highest level so as to make them important occasions for education in patriotism, adding it is an opportunity of great effect to raise the people's awareness to remain faithful to their duty proper to a citizen for their great motherland shining with the august names of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and emerging victorious under the leadership of the Party while looking up to the national flag and singing the national anthem.

He said that it is necessary to take initiatives in the education in collectivism in close correlation with the education in class awareness and morality on the principle of helping all members of society overcome individualism and egoism and acquire the ideological and moral qualities befitting a socialist human being.

In the 1950s when the spirit of Chollima was created on the debris after the war, people regarded it as their bounden duty, honour and pride to devote themselves to the affairs of worksites and the country, overcoming hardships with confidence in the future though they lived in poverty because of tough economic conditions, he noted, saying that such a sound social trait should be carried forward as our peculiar national custom not only for today but also for the future.

Consciousness that anyone can overcome the difficulties encountered and bring about prosperity and happiness when he or she creates wealth of society by industrious efforts at a factory and a workplace should be implanted, he added.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to concentrate the ideological campaign on anti-socialist and non-socialist practice in a minute way.

Saying that mass oppressive offensive and social struggle atmosphere should be raised continuously and methodologically to beat all kinds of negative phenomena that gnaw away at our revolutionary position and crush them without mercy, he noted that the Party's information work is a keystone in sweeping away evil spirits of anti-socialism and non-socialism finding their way into the heads of the people.

Officials in the Party's information field should be a skilled physician to timely, quickly and correctly give diagnosis and precise prescription for alien ideological factors and phenomena and scalpel and remove the cause of a trouble in time, he said.

He stressed the need to fiercely unleash an information and agitation offensive so as to make the whole country seethe with struggle for achieving a new victory of socialism by implementing the idea and policies of the Party Central Committee.

The Eighth Conference of Ideological Workers of the Workers' Party of Korea put emphasis on building up the Party's ideological position in the direction of attacking formation, not defensive formation, but the Party's information field failed to get down to this work positively while repeating the words of revolutionary ideological offensive and ideological position of attack formation, he pointed out, saying: Information offensive

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spreading the idea of the Party Central Committee to the whole country and agitation offensive stirring up a hot wind of implementation of the Party policies should be the inherent nature of the Party's ideological work.

When the Party Central Committee advances a new fighting programme or policy, the Party information workers exclusively appointed for the post and primary Party information workers should turn out to give lectures and conduct explanatory statement offensive in succession, media should intensively and consecutively carry articles and programs reflecting the Party policies to foster the atmosphere, and the art squads and groups for agitation for increased production should wage vigorous performing activities for increased production at major worksites of socialist construction, he said.

He stressed the need to give priority to the information and inspiration by visual means in the information and publicity work and ensure the political and ideological principles and timeliness.

Revolutionaries of Juche type advocating the theory of giving precedence to ideology should attach importance to the ideological content, when forming a street and building a structure, and make sure that the features of world-level political power and the spiritual development of our times are retained, he said, adding: Visual means like slogans and watchwords are important information and inspiration means and a lever of the ideological work that can never be neglected. The Party's information sector should always bear this in mind.

Inspiring slogans and watchwords directly and visibly reflecting the idea and policies of the Party Central Committee should be displayed everywhere, thus making the whole country a collection of slogans and an education field.

Information and publicity should be the one to evoke sympathy of the masses and stir up their hearts. To this end, it is important to keenly penetrate into the people's consciousness and mentality and mobilize all the possible means and forces in keeping with circumstances and momentum and steadily improve the forms and methods.

Kim Jong Un detailed the issues of making the whole country seethe with enthusiasm for revolution and struggle by producing many masterpieces suited to the requirements of the new era of change and prosperity in literature and the arts field as a whole by bringing about a turn in the film creation, an ideological education means of the greatest influence, as the origin.

He stressed the need to steadily improve the forms and methods of ideological work on the principle of ensuring novel and popular character and raising the cognitional and educational effect.

Saying that the ideological work should be done substantially and deeply, he noted it is a consistent demand of the Party Central Committee that strict vigilance over imitation and repetition should be kept in the Party's ideological work and strenuous efforts be paid to create new modality and methods suited to the new era.

He said that *Rodong Sinmun*, organ of the Party, and other newspapers and publications should continue to renovate their styles while carrying many articles helpful to modelling the entire Party and the whole society on the monolithic idea befitting the guide of ideological revolution, and the TV and radio broadcasting sector which has gained public favour by recently producing in succession peculiar and fresh programs that give deep impression should further enhance the might of

our broadcasting while valuably nurturing the already made successes.

He underscored the need to stir up the wind for creating new and modern means and modes by widely introducing the latest sci-tech achievements into the information and publicity work.

He expounded the ways for conducting the work in the Party information field actively and creatively while stirring up the wind for putting it on modern and IT basis, including the issue of buckling down to the wide introduction of modern science and technology and other IT means to major forms of the Party ideological work like education, lecture and agitation, regarding it as an essential revolutionary task and the issue of adopting our own style of means and methods of the ideological work in a creative way by reinforcing and mobilizing talents.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to find out deviations from the Party's information field in all aspects and take proper measures to enhance the promptness and effectiveness of the ideological offensive.

He also called on officials in the Party's information field to raise their level and capabilities to the maximum to meet the requirement of the revolution, the desire of the times and the expectation of the people.

Those officials specialize in the work of dealing with the thinking of all sorts of people and therefore, they should possess high political awareness and multi-faceted abilities, he said, adding that only when the officials in the Party's information field are brought up to be perfect elite elements possessed of high insight and qualifications, is it possible to further strengthen the entire Party politically and ideologically and overcome conventional and stereotyped work style in the ideological work and effect a great turn.

He called on the officials in the Party's information field to create examples and set experiences in making all the members of the Party study, mindful that a main key to bringing about a fundamental change in the Party's ideological work lies in improving qualifications.

He detailed broad issues ranging from the issue of stirring up the revolutionary study wind throughout the Party and society, especially the issue for the officials in the Party's information field to make it a rule to study in a planned and serious way on a regular basis, the issue of establishing the trait of studying the Party's idea, the actual situation and one's work while racking one's brains all the time, the issue for the Party information officials to raise their composition and presentation skills, to the issue of building up the ranks of Party information workers with talents with extensive knowledge on the principle of selecting and promoting talents.

He underscored the need to enhance the key role of the Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee in radically improving the Party's ideological work.

The Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee has to be a control tower of the Party ideological front and put efforts into the work of doing the Party's ideological work in a tactical way on a long-term basis, he said, adding that it should take preemptive measures and set up the traits of doing all things in a perfect way so as to defend our revolutionary and ideological position.

All the officials in the Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee should raise their awareness as being masters in charge of the Party's ideological front and carry out tasks entrusted to them on the highest level without any defect in

practice.

He also called for establishing the strict discipline in the information field throughout the Party, for the Party officials to give priority to the ideological work and set up the traits of active cooperation in the information field.

Saying that in our country where the Juche theory of giving precedence to ideology is embodied under the leadership of the Workers' Party, all the officials should conduct the ideological work characterized by the mind of the people, he noted that they have to motivate the people. He continued that they have to find out and take charge of the work from the stand of assuming responsibilities if they are to help defend and consolidate the Party ideological position.

The leading officials of the Party committees at all levels including the provincial, city and county committees should show deep care for the Party's information field work ranging from designing and operation to execution, give their positive opinions and take the lead in solving knotty problems and creating examples, from the firm stand of taking full responsibility for the Party's ideological work in their regions, sectors and units.

The working traits of the Party committees should be the ones of orientating the overall work of its departments and officials to contributing to carrying out the ideological revolution and embodying the idea-first principle and solving all problems arising in the Party work through coordinated operation with the Information and Publicity Department, he said.

The officials in the Party's information field are doing lots of work, in fact, he said. He spoke highly of them, saying that our Party's ideological front is being defended thanks to the officials in the information field who render great exertions for the mass education and ideological transformation while burning their hearts with the resolution to prove the worthy of the expectation of the Party and the people although they are pressed for everything.

Genuine information workers desired by our Party are ardent loyalists who lay down their lives in order to defend the ideology and prestige of the Party, transparent-minded revolutionaries who are only intent on doing the revolution though they might be poorly fed and conscientious and able persons who fulfill the revolutionary tasks by displaying their qualification and good working traits, rather than their rights, he said, adding that our Party regards it as a great pride and strength to have the ranks made up of tens of thousands of loyal and stalwart Party information workers.

The ideological revolution in the new era will certainly emerge victorious as there are standard-bearers in the ideological front and dependable pillars inspiring the people with the idea and intention of the Party Central Committee while sounding loudly the advance trumpet century after century and generation after generation the same way it was blown by the anti-Japanese guerrillas and the great and faithful people throwing in their lot with the Party to the last, he said. He ardently appealed to all to work hard to bring earlier the new victory of Korean-style socialism on the great strength of ideology, full of courage and confidence.

The important letter sent by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the participants in the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK is an inspiring banner that instilled fresh vigour into the ideological front firmly guaranteeing and spurring the advance of the new era of state prosperity, and an immortal programme for opening up the new stirring era of the revolution by dint of ideology.

First Workshop of Officials in Information Field of WPK held

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The First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang from March 28 to 30.

Attending the workshop were officials of organizational and publicity departments of provincial, city and county Party committees and other Party committees that perform the same function, leading party officials of ministries and national agencies, information workers of institutions, industrial establishments and cooperative farms, officials in the field of the preservation of revolutionary relics and officials of relevant departments of the Party Central Committee.

The platform of the workshop was taken by Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Ju Chang Il, Ri Tu Song and other leading officials of the Organizational Leadership Department, the Information and Publicity Department and relevant departments of the WPK Central Committee, information secretaries of the provincial Party committees, information officials of the Cabinet and ministries and officials of important units in the information field.

As the workshop was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, courteously read out an important letter *On Eliminating Formalism and Bringing about a Fundamental Innovation in the Party's Ideological Work* sent by Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, to those attending the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK.

Ri Il Hwan delivered a report.

He said that the rapid progress in the new century of the Juche era put our country on the position of a superpower with tremendous might and ushered in a new era of great change and steady prosperity in which Korean-style socialism advances victoriously with confidence, stressing that this proud change is a miracle of history proving the greatness of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary idea



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and its great vitality.

Kim Jong Un put forward such unique ideas and theories as the strategy of lasting significance for our revolution, the idea on Kim Jong Il's patriotism, the politics of the people-first principle, the idea on our state-first principle and the idea on the comprehensive development of socialism, he said. They serve as an invincible great programme and a powerful weapon for inspiring all the people to turn out for the historic advance for maintaining Korean-style socialism and achieving a fresh victory, he noted.

Kim Jong Un always attached primary importance to intensifying the Party ideological work, clarified its general mission through his energetic ideo-theoretical activities and comprehensively expounded the theoretical and practical issues arising in improving the ideological work in accordance with the demand of the times and the developing revolution, he said, and went on:

The ideas and theories advanced by the General Secretary, including the idea and theory of strengthening the five-point education and turning the entire Party into a studying party and the policy on

setting the orientation, goal and method of the Party ideological work in a far-sighted way and thoroughly implementing them and on constantly enhancing the infiltration and effectiveness of the ideological work, are immortal important guidelines for bringing about an innovation in the Party ideological work.

The General Secretary has wisely led the work to strengthen the internal strength and advance socialist construction to victory by dint of ideology.

The report impartially criticized the Party organizations and officials in the Party information field for failing to conduct information and publicity activities in a novel and effective way.

Stressing it is the basic mission

and general goal of our Party's ideological work at present to model the entire Party and the whole society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the reporter called on the Party information workers to become vanguard fighters in carrying out the sacred cause of modelling the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary idea of the respected General Secretary.

Speeches were made there. The participants analyzed and reviewed in depth their past work in the light of the main idea and spirit of the letter sent by WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The speakers said that the important letter of the General Secretary is a great undying programme as it clarifies the most correct schemes and the best ways for drastically strengthening the political and ideological power, the greatest might of the Party and social system, by making a fundamental turn in the work of the information field of the Party, as required by the historic stage of switching over to the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialist construction.

They also referred to the experience in the past information

and publicity work and the successes made by the units which have taken the lead in implementing the Party policies by giving full play to the spiritual strength of officials and working people.

They said that they have made marked progress in implementing the Party policies by making every work of the Party committees consistent with the ideological work and strongly urging all officials to proactively conduct the information and publicity work as a priority, as intended by the Party Central Committee, stressing that all the Party members should be information workers and motivators.

The speakers also referred to the innovative working styles and methods they applied to effecting a great revolutionary upsurge by launching an ideological campaign with an unyielding offensive spirit.

Sternly analyzed and reviewed at the workshop were the tendency to formalism and failures to decisively improve the ideological work and the information and publicity work as required by the radically developing revolution.

There was a short course on the theoretical and practical matters arising in deeply studying and understanding the essence of the important letter of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and bringing about a signal innovation in all spheres of the Party ideological work under the uplifted banner of the ideological revolution in the new era.

Lectures were given by Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and educational workers of Central Cadres Training School of the WPK.

The short course called for regarding it as the general orientation and target of the Party ideological work to model the entire Party and the whole society on the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideas.

A letter of pledge reflecting the participants' steadfast faith and will to become standard-bearers in the ideological front who will prepare all the members of society as ardent followers, passionate supporters and credible implementers of the revolutionary ideas of the General Secretary was adopted at the workshop with their enthusiastic applause.



National photo exhibition opens to mark anniv of Kim Jong Un's election to top posts

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A national photo exhibition "A Decade of Great Victory and Change" was opened in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's election to the top posts of the Party and state.

On display in the venue of the exhibition are the photos of Kim Jong Un showing the sacred history of his revolutionary leadership.

Its opening ceremony took place at the April 25 House of Culture on March 27.

It was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, and officials in the Party information sector and those from relevant sectors.

Ri Il Hwan delivered an opening address.

He said that General Secretary Kim Jong Un has led the WPK and the state to make the noble revolutionary careers and immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il shine forever and make the Korean revolution pioneered on Mt Paektu enter a new era of its development.

After the ceremony, the participants looked round the exhibits.



HOME NEWS

KCNA

100 000-cubic-metre blast carried out

The Sunchon Limestone Mine conducted a 100 000-cubic-metre blast on March 29.

The mine attached significance to this blast in pushing ahead with the production of cement needed for rural construction and completed a design that helped increase the blasting efficiency. Also, it ensured full-capacity operation of the tunnelling equipment, thus overfulfilling the daily plans by over 20 percent every day.

Consumer goods shows held in North Phyongan, South Hamgyong

Consumer goods shows were held respectively in North Phyongan and South Hamgyong provinces with an eye to further revitalizing their production of consumer goods.

On display at the North Phyongan provincial exhibition were more than 34 500 pieces of consumer goods in over 1 000 kinds including different kinds of daily necessities, grasswork, highly-effective Koryo medicines and quality light industry products.

More than 400 000 pieces of products were presented to the South Hamgyong provincial consumer goods exhibition.

Different kinds of medical appliances, stylish and useful plastic and fibre products, fruit jams and processed

marine products are much favoured by the visitors.

Sowing starts in tree nurseries

Tree seed sowing is in full swing in different nurseries throughout the country. South Hwanghae Province secures good species of tree seeds and carries out its daily plan without fail.

Nampho City spreads over scores of tons of quality organic manure per hectare in the areas to be planted with trees and plants seeds that suits climatic and soil conditions and are of high economic value.

Kaesong City speeds up sowing while taking thorough measures for the prevention of damage caused by birds and animals.

University graduates volunteer to work at revolutionary battle sites, in remote schools

Dozens of graduates from Wonsan University of Education and Wonsan Ri Su Dok Teachers Training College volunteered to work at the revolutionary battle sites in Mt Paektu area and at schools in the frontline areas and mountain villages and on remote islands.

Among them are former students of schools for orphans who grew up under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea for the rising

generation.

A meeting was held at the Songdowon Youth Open-Air Theatre on March 27 to congratulate the volunteers.

Public support helpful to preparations for new school year

Public support for education grew in Pyongyang in March, a month dedicated to support for schools.

Dozens of units in the city secured a large quantity of materials and teaching aids and furnishings needed for education and sent them to universities and colleges, middle and primary schools and kindergartens.

The Pyongyang Municipal Garment Industry Management Bureau carefully looked after the students of Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans.

Macrobian receives birthday spread

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Han Hyon Sik living in neighbourhood unit No. 18, Jungsan-ri, Hwadae County, on her 100th birthday.

She expressed her gratitude to the respected General Secretary, saying that she received an undeserved birthday spread while enjoying a happy and comfortable life under the warm care of the Workers' Party.

The elderly woman has dozens of descendants and is now enjoying her remaining years in good health while doing household chores and tending the kitchen garden.

April Spring Friendship Art Festival to be held

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The 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival is to be held in Pyongyang on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Art, dance and acrobatic troupes composed of winners of international and national contests and celebrated artistes from dozens of countries, as well as art troupes of overseas Koreans, will take part in the festival by sending video footages of their performances through the international communications network.

The festival organizing committee will examine the videos from all the art groups, edit them by group, individual and general performances and televise them on the Korean Central TV. The progress of the festival and the jury findings will be published on internet websites like the "Korean Arts".

Posters brought out for Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival, 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival



Posters for the Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival (left) and for the 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival (right).



The Monument to the Great Victory in the Northern Area in Rimmyong-ri, Kim Chaek City of North Hamgyong Province.

Monument to the Great Victory in the Northern Area

Built in 1708
Height: 1.87m, Width: 66cm
Inscribed with 1 400-odd letters

The monument is 1.87 metres high and 66 centimetres wide with over 1 400 letters inscribed on it.

The name of the monument is written in seal characters on the top of its front.

The inscription of the monument consists of a preface and verses.

The preface is about the position of the volunteers' struggle led by Jong Mun Bu in Hamgyong Province, the whole story of Japanese invaders' aggression, insidious manoeuvres of traitors, the course of organization of Jong Mun Bu-led volunteers, the main battles which they waged and the details of how the monument was erected.

The main content of the verses is that volunteers rose up against Japanese invaders and fought bravely to restore

peace in the northern area and enable the people to do farming peacefully again and that the monument was erected to hand down the fact of the victory to all generations to come.

For the purpose of covering up the actual facts of their aggressive acts and disgraceful defeat and obliterating the precious historic relic of the Korean nation, the Japanese imperialists thieved the monument in 1904, during the Russo-Japanese War, and left it unattended in one corner of the Yasukuni Shrine, symbol of Japanese militarism. In March 2006 the north and south of Korea got back the monument with joint efforts.

The monument is now well preserved as a precious historical relic testifying to the history of the Koreans' anti-aggression struggle.



COACH OF WEIGHTLIFTING ACES

By Sim Chol Yong PT

Ri Song Gum (pictured) bagged three gold medals in the women's 44kg category of the 2014 Asian senior and junior weightlifting championships and broke the world junior record in jerk and took the first place in the women's 48kg category jerk of the World Weightlifting Championships in 2015. She also won three golds and set three new DPRK records in the national championships last year.

Receiving the medals, Ri said, "Today's success is unthinkable apart from my coach."

Her coach is Kye Song II at the April 25 Sports Club.

Kye picked Ri Song Gum as he saw in her good physical fitness, persevering effort to attain her goal and diligent pursuit of perfection.

He applied a training method suiting her physical condition and spotted in her an inborn talent as weightlifter.

Natural gift is important, but effort is more important.

The coach made it a rule to get Ri to acquire correct technical movements in snatch and jerk and as she advanced in technical skills, he set higher goals for her and employed different training methods.

"My coach used to make me repeat a movement hundreds or thousands of times to correct the errors that I could not realize. So, I would think ill of him and be doubtful about his training method. But we shared the one goal—gold medal and honour of the country," Ri Song Gum recalled.

Later, she came to enter the rankings in domestic competitions and became successful in international games.

She finally became a formidable competitor for many weightlifting aces in not only domestic but international games.

Not a few trainees of Kye have been successful like Ri.

That's why Kye was chosen as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK last year for the second time.

Natural monument—Gingko trees at Songgyungwan

By Song Jong Ho PT

Two gingko trees stand on the campus of Koryo Songgyungwan University in Kaesong, which are preserved as living monuments of the DPRK.

They have been preserved through history along with the historic building of the university which was the top educational institution in the period of Koryo Kingdom (918-1392).

The tree in the east is 30 metres high, 6 metres round at the root neck and 5.25 metres round at the chest height.

At the height of about 2.8 metres the main trunk divides into two boughs.

Lots of branches spread out from the boughs to form a round crown which is about 20 metres wide.

The one in the west is 31 metres high, 6.45 metres round at the root neck which is 2.6 metres in diameter, and 5.25 metres round at the chest height which is 1.7 metres in diameter. At the height of 4 metres, its trunk also divides into two boughs and the crown is about 27 metres in diameter.

The gingko trees which have beautiful shapes are of significance for scientific study and for enhancing the beauty of scenery. They were registered as a living monument in January 1980.



Gingko trees at Songgyungwan are called thus as they stand on the campus of Koryo Songgyungwan University.

