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Politburo of WPK Central Committee holds consultative meeting



The Political Bureau discusses political and practical measures for rapidly controlling and managing COVID-19 and firmly grasping strategic initiative

KCNA

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened a consultative meeting

Committee on May 14 to overhaul the top consultative meeting. emergency epidemic prevention system under operation and take additional political and practical measures.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of at the office building of the Party Central the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the

It was attended by members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Present there as observers were officials in the state emergency epidemic prevention sector and a leading official of the Ministry of Public Health.

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WPK Central Committee holds Politburo consultative meeting again



Kim Jong Un issues a special order of the WPK Central Military Commission for stabilizing the supply of medicines in Pyongyang by committing powerful force of KPA medics

KCNA

Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened an emergency consultative meeting again on May 15 to discuss measures to fight epidemic.

the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the situation in which the Political Bureau prosecutorial sectors that are obliged to He said that if all leading officials do consultative meeting.

Committee.

officials of the state emergency epidemic have not yet been carried out properly immediately and exactly carried out, tension and vigilance in the acute prevention sector and a leading official and medicines have not been supplied to he censured the director of the Central of the Ministry of Public Health.

report of the state emergency epidemic by the state have not been supplied to without feeling any responsibility and lead the anti-epidemic campaign with prevention headquarters on the spread inhabitants through pharmacies correctly compunction and playing any role. of the epidemic as of May 15.

discussed the issue of reexamining the in charge of the supply have not their prevention work and took practical nationwide anti-epidemic situation after own themselves into their job, without measures for correcting them SEE PAGE 3

the state epidemic prevention system a correct understanding of the present immediately. was switched over to the top emergency crisis and only talking about the spirit He issued a special order of the The Political Bureau of the Central anti-epidemic system and quickly of devotedly serving the people. He chairman of the WPK Central Military correcting the deviations revealed in the strongly criticized the Cabinet and public Commission for immediately stabilizing supply of medicines.

throughout the country, the respected ability Kim Jong Un, general secretary of General Secretary analyzed the current Pointing out the fact that judicial and field of the People's Army. pharmacies in time.

in time, he noted it is because officials He referred to a series of deviations

health sector for their irresponsible work the supply of medicines in Pyongyang Referring to the supply of medicines attitude and organizing and executing Municipality by committing the

of the Party Central Committee issued powerfully guarantee the implementation not exert themselves and fully display Attending the meeting were members an emergency order to immediately of the Party's policies by law have their fighting spirit, extraordinary of the Presidium of the Political Bureau release and timely supply the state failed to exercise legal supervision and ability and wisdom, they cannot take the of the WPK Central Committee and reserve medicines to swiftly contain and control properly and correct various strategic initiative in the ongoing antimembers and alternate members of the control the spread of the epidemic and an undesirable practices in the handling epidemic war. Political Bureau of the Party Central order for all pharmacies to switch over and sale of medicines across the country Stressing that officials should not to the 24-hour operation system, but so as to make the administrative order allow any slightest imperfection and Present there as observers were the system is not yet mobile, the orders concerning the supply of medicines be vulnerable points by maintaining high Public Prosecutors Office for the organizing and guiding every work in a The Political Bureau heard the Saying that the medicines provided negligence and dereliction of his duty scientific way, he said that they should

powerful forces of the military medical

anti-epidemic war and scrupulously effective work and beneficial results.

On the basis of the detailed analysis The consultative meeting intensively of the Cabinet and public health sector revealed in the overall epidemic of the present anti-epidemic situation



of the country, he discussed ways for enforcing the anti-epidemic policies more efficiently and indicated the struggle

discussed the issue of improving the senior officials of relevant departments state's administrative control over the of the Party Central Committee. emergency anti-epidemic work, the issue of thoroughly ensuring the hygienic safety of medicines at pharmacies, the issue of further strengthening the legal visited pharmacies in Pyongyang to control over the anti-epidemic work and the issue of enhancing the state's capability for coping with crisis.

pharmacies in Pyongyang Municipality to acquaint himself with the supply of

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Choe Kyong The consultative meeting also Chol, minister of Public Health, and

and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee

He dropped in at pharmacies in Taedonggang District and learnt in detail Just after ending the meeting, he visited about the supply and sale of medicines.

hold consultations with patients, what kinds of antipyretics and antibiotics

for transporting medicines.

how much they cost.

Saying that most of the pharmacies and people.

He acquainted himself in detail with have not been arranged so as to properly what kind of medicines have been fulfil their function and are in such supplied to them after the top emergency a poor situation that they don't have epidemic prevention system was in medicine stores separately except operation, whether medicines have been showcases, he also pointed out the kept as required by regulations, whether situation in which saleswomen offer the pharmacies have been turned into a service without wearing proper white 24-hour service system, whether they gowns and hygienic environment that does not reach the standard. Noting that today's anti-epidemic

According to his instruction, members they have and what kinds of medicines campaign is that of the people, for the inhabitants demanded most now and people and by the people, he repeatedly called on all the officials to make He repeatedly stressed the need to selfless, devoted efforts for the good of correct the vulnerable points in medicine the people with the mindset that they supply system and take strong measures would bear full responsibility for the security and well-being of the country









Presidium of Politburo of WPK Central Committee meets



The General Secretary makes an important conclusion in regard to the implementation of the Party and state anti-epidemic policy at present

KCNA

Political Bureau of the Central Committee study of relevant measures. of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the office building of the Party Central Party organizations at all levels, leading inspection to make all Party organizations in medicine supply, the Committee on Tuesday.

Workers' Party of Korea, directed the confidence, boundless devotion and meeting.

of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee by of the WPK Central Committee.

Chang II, department directors of the severe health crisis. WPK Central Committee.

immediate anti-epidemic policy and the due to lack of experience, and studied overcoming them. state policies under the top emergency their leading role, creativity and activity. anti-epidemic situation.

of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The Presidium of the Political Bureau state organs.

It discussed the issue of helping the officials and officials of the state organs and officials of the state organs fulfil Presidium of the Political Bureau assigned Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the enhance their role with firm will, responsibility and achieve remarkable for vigorously implementing the Party's of a medicine supply centre and regional Attending the meeting were members progress in implementing the policies grand line of socialist construction. Committee, and Kim Jae Ryong and Ju national defence and overcoming the Committee.

The meeting made an analysis of the leading officials of the Party and state activities of the Secretariat and the from the early period of the trials of the current state of the health crisis, studied organs fail to properly handle affairs in Political Bureau of the Party Central epidemic prevention efforts facing us for and discussed the enforcement of the the emergency anti-epidemic situation Committee and clarified the measures for the first time since the state founding, and orientation for executing the Party and and discussed the issues of enhancing

It also examined a report on the grasp of and closer control over the work, execution of the Party and state policies activities and role of the Party organizations of May 17 and recognized the justness, hardships only in the early period of the for the first half of this year as of May at all levels, leading officials and officials efficiency and scientific accuracy of the epidemic prevention campaign when 17 before discussing the documents and of the state organs so that they would not state emergency anti-epidemic policy time is of the essence. agenda item on an organizational matter to maintain their position with incompetence now in force. And it discussed the issue be submitted to the Fifth Plenary Meeting and self-protection and to exercise strong of continuously maintaining the good analyze in depth the evil practices and working discipline in the whole Party and chance of winning on the overall anti-

and demerits in the activities of the intensifying the discipline inspection policy in keeping with the sustained members of the leadership body of the within the Party, strengthening the Party A meeting of the Presidium of the Party Central Committee and made a organizational and ideological life and enhancing the guidance and control including organizational control and their duties and further perfecting the a task to study such additional antiorganizational and institutional measures epidemic measures as the establishment

Importantly discussed at the meeting country. holding fast to its unified leadership as was the issue of further enhancing the Present there as observers were Ri Il their lifeline and thus play a leading role functions and role of the Secretariat Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central in building the socialist economy and and all departments of the Party Central

> The General Secretary analyzed the He said that immaturity in the state It analyzed the reality in which the limitations and defects revealed in the crisis management capacity revealed

The Presidium of the Political Bureau inactivity of the state leading officials examined a report of the state emergency fully disclosed the vulnerable points It discussed measures to get a firmer epidemic prevention headquarters on and openings in our work and resulted the spread of the infectious disease as in further increasing the complexity and epidemic front by adjusting steadily and made a comprehensive analysis of merits
It discussed the issue of further in a mobile way the state anti-epidemic
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favourable turn like today and changing anti-epidemic situation.

Intensively learning about the work launched to immediately rectify the medical treatment centres throughout the

At the meeting, the General Secretary made an important conclusion in regard to the implementation of the Party and state anti-epidemic policy at present

the non-positive attitude, slackness and

He stressed the need to criticize and defects revealed in every sector in the



early period of the anti-epidemic war from the developmental point of view and take prompt counter-measures, further perfect the methodology of disseminating in all sectors and arming them with relevant policies of the Party Central Committee and reinforce the state unified command system and obedience system. All units and officials should not allow negligence of the lack of recognition and preparations, wilful interpretation and wilful action in recognizing and overcoming the graveness of the situation, but intensify the education and control to eliminate such practices and increase the intensity of struggle against them, he noted.

He underlined the need to concentrate efforts on the prevention of the spread of the malignant infectious disease and medical treatment for the present under the state emergency anti-epidemic the justness and scientific accuracy of all state activities. situation and simultaneously push ahead the emergency steps taken by the Party

with the material and technological preparations to cope with the future threats and challenges in an all-round way, remedy the recently revealed defects, shortcomings and vulnerable points and reinforce the health and anti-epidemic systems so as to make the health crisis we have faced at present an opportunity for accelerating the development of the state anti-epidemic capacity building.

Saying that redoubled efforts should be made to stabilize the people's life, he stressed the need to more scrupulously organize the work for providing living conditions and supplying daily necessities and make every effort to meet the inhabitants' demand for medical treatment and ensure the conditions and actions of all Party organizations, emergency situation to make the tested for it as much as possible.

Party organizations at all levels should attach importance to the public trend and Party Central Committee and make them Party fulfil its responsibility and thus voices of the masses, learn about them keep unified pace with the Party Central defend the wellbeing of the country and and take measures in time, explain well Committee voluntarily and obligatorily in the people without fail and demonstrate

and the state, raise their awareness of the anti-epidemic challenge with the Party members, he said. united efforts of all the people by relying on them, he said.

board to distinguish between merits and fighting areas and fronts, fight valiantly demerits of all working systems of our as scouts and fully discharge their duty state, he noted, stressing that we should and role as bulletproof walls, he noted correctly scrutinize all the phenomena of repeatedly. the emergency situation and take measures from the critical and developmental point whole Party to turn out like an erupting of view, unconditionally unify the thoughts volcano once again under the state power organs and all sectors of society leadership peculiar to our Party verified with the decisions and orders of the by the history and times and make the

It is imperative to implant again the the whole world once again.

idea of the Party Central Committee on the critical points of and responsibility attaching importance to Party cells and for the grim state emergency situation, the role of Party members in all Party educate and guide all of them to sincerely organizations and Party cells so as to fulfil their voluntary duty and overcome enhance the core and vanguard role of

In particular, it is important to make the cadres lead the Party members and The crisis we have faced offered a test broad masses of people in the van of the

He affirmed that he would inspire the the strength and spirit of heroic Korea to

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The Political Bureau first heard a report of the state emergency epidemic the infectious disease as of May 13.

The report referred to the data on the the disease. spread of the disease in every region and unit and the characteristics of its progress, and notified that in most cases the loss of life was caused by mistakes of scientific medical treatment methods.

The consultative meeting focused on spread of the disease. released as required by the top emergency to raise public awareness of scientific epidemic prevention system.

The respected General Secretary said that just as the worldwide spread of COVID-19 other relevant organs to scrupulously is very serious, the spread of this malignant organize the work for informing disease can be claimed to be a great upheaval broad masses of people of the general in our country since the founding of the knowledge needed for the prevention crisis if we do not lose balance in carrying diverse presentations and programs out the epidemic prevention policy but for improving the understanding of the maintain the strong organizing ability and masses at the same time and widely control based on the single-minded unity of the Party and the people and intensify the epidemic prevention campaign.

spread between regions but the spread in locked areas and relevant units, and we should be confident that we will be able to overcome the malignant disease in the

Stressing again the rationality and efficiency of the regional blocking and unit-isolation steps taken by the Party and government actively and decisively, like overdosing of drugs, being unaware he called on the emergency epidemic prevention units at all levels to more The Political Bureau discussed political scrupulously organize the operation and practical measures to rapidly curb and for and command over the epidemic control the nationwide spread of the disease prevention work of their regions and brigade and bulletproof wall in the would settle again in all families across so as to firmly hold the strategic initiative. units to surely reverse the trend of the present acute anti-epidemic war.

upon the curative and preventive and disseminate them through mass media.

Noting that the public health crisis facing

prevention headquarters on the spread of shortest possible time as we can see from who are suffering difficulties, share joy of the country and people by displaying the smooth progress of most courses of and sorrow with them and always become infinite loyalty and devotion, and repeatedly to firmly ensure a good chance of winning a great victory in the epidemic prevention the epidemic prevention campaign.

> He also stressed that the Party organizations at all levels should

the issue of timely supplying reserve In order to overcome the present public taking care of each other which prevails our medicines to a family in difficulty medicines, which would be urgently health crisis quickly, it is important society in any adversities are the key to and It is also very important for our epidemic guarantee of a great victory in the epidemic prevention sector to study well the antiepidemic prevention, he noted, calling prevention campaign which is more epidemic policies of advanced countries powerful than any latest medical science and successes and experience in their fight and technologies, he said, calling upon all against the epidemic, he said, adding it is the Party organizations to scrupulously good to actively learn from the advanced conduct the organizational and political and rich anti-epidemic successes and work so that our best communist virtues experience already gained by the Chinese DPRK, but we can surely overcome the and treatment of the epidemic, produce and beautiful traits, which no one on earth party and people in their efforts to combat can possess or imitate, are given fuller the malignant epidemic, in particular, play to in the present difficult and rigorous

The consultative meeting also discussed epidemic prevention campaign.

current situation is not an uncontrollable effort, he said that officials of the Party we are needed and for whom we have to prevention efforts.

organizations at all levels, who know fight at the cost of our lives and that our our Party's public health and epidemic Party will bravely discharge its important prevention policies better than anyone responsibility and duty and take full else, should go deep among the people responsibility for the security and wellbeing competent pacemakers and kind explainers expressed his determination and will to win campaign without fail.

Saying that he was donating reserve medicines prepared by his family to the resolutely turn out in the campaign for Party committee of the WPK Central defending the people with boundless Committee with his resolution to always devotion and invariable loyalty to them share his destiny with the people and with and always become the vanguard, shock a fervent prayer that peace and laughter the country at an early date, he suggested The virtues and feelings of helping and to the Party committee that they send the

such issues as taking practical measures Noting that the time has come when to quickly strengthen the material and our Party Central Committee will prove technological foundations of the public us is also attributable to the incompetence, its leading role once again in the face of health sector and taking legal measures to Analyzing the nature and source of the irresponsibility and no-role of Party the trials of history, he said that it is time strongly condemn all negative practices crisis in a scientific way, he said that the organizations in the epidemic prevention for us to more deeply realize for what hindering the emergency epidemic

KPA medics hold oath-taking meeting, launch into combat against epidemic in Pyongyang

A strong contingent of medical personnel in the military medical sector of the Korean People's Army was urgently committed to the battle for the supply of medicines which is vital for victory in the anti-epidemic campaign on the special order of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The combatants held a meeting on May 16 at the Ministry of National Defence to pledge themselves to perform their assigned duty in the fight to control the prevailing health crisis in the capital city of Pyongyang.

It was attended by the combatants in the KPA military medical sector to be dispatched to perform the mission of service of medicines and transport of medical supplies in the capital and ministry officials.

The platform was taken by Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political



KPA combatants have an oath-taking gathering on May 16 at the Ministry of National Defence to fulfil their responsibilities in the campaign to control the prevailing health crisis in the capital city of Pyongyang.

Bureau and secretary of the Central Military Commission WPK Central Committee on urgently committing a and commanding officers of contingent of medics of their determination to work the provision of medical of the Supreme Commander

Speeches were made

the KPA to the front of hard for the transport and supplies is not merely a to the people. anti-epidemic supply of medicines with practical work for medical They ardently called for

whose mission it is to serve patriotic undertaking to The speakers expressed the people, fully aware that convey the heartfelt sincerity

resolutely overcoming the epidemic crisis created in the capital and becoming honourable victors by putting their heart and soul into the anti-epidemic campaign so that they can proudly review how the revolutionary medics in the era of Kim Jong Un carried out the battle order of the WPK in the war against the malignant virus in the distant future.

A letter of pledge to Commander Kim Jong Un was adopted at the meeting.

The letter expressed the resolve of loyalty of all the participants in the meeting to faithfully carry out the special order of the WPK Central Military Commission and thus win victory in the antiepidemic war without fail.

After the meeting, certificates of dispatch in the name of the KPA committee of the WPK were awarded to officers and NCOs who were urgently dispatched as members of the medical treatment and medicine supply teams to resolve the epidemic crisis in

Upon arrival at the spots, the combatants launched into

In keeping with the top

across the country are

Anti-epidemic campaign intensified to reverse unfavourable trend

19 in the shortest possible period, the medical sector Army dispatched powerful in detail. forces to all the pharmacies

including Choe Ryong Hae, units. Kim Tok Hun and Pak Jong

the Presidium of the Political and

in Pyongyang on the special Cabinet and leading officials of patients with fever in the to obstruct reinfection. order of the Central Military of government organs in capital city, officials of the The public health sector worker training institutions Commission of the Workers' all parts of the country Pyongyang municipal Party has set up databases based took part in the concentrated Party of Korea to start the have taken direct charge committee are taking the on the good grasp of clinical disease screening and up production supply of medicines under a of the transport of medical lead in visiting hospitals, experience, remedies, medical check-up and supplies and provided them clinics, pharmacies, food good and side effects of treatment for all citizens maintaining a state of and to relevant pharmacies, supply stores and cereal drugs, period of recovery, for finding out patients with tight closure according officials clinics and neighbourhood shops to take timely steps treatment methods and fever and taking necessary to work and production

primary Bureau of the WPK Central committees and other basic inspected Party organizations are anti-epidemic sector is choice and use of drugs campaign to reverse the pharmacies and medicine scrupulously arranging endeavouring to find out all and plans for nursing factories trend of spread of COVID- management stations in organizational and political patients with fever, bring according to the conditions appliances different districts to acquaint work for stemming the spread examination of those with of patients. themselves with the demand of the epidemic immediately abnormal symptoms in for and supply of medicines and stabilize the people's step with the discovery and to increase the ranks of livelihood.

Party for living.

fundamentally prevent the medical workers, more than needed medicines and Civil servants of the Given a high incidence spread of the epidemic so as 11 000 officials, lecturers medical consumables and

All provincial, city and medical check-up, drug out correct tactics for alone.

Chon, who are members of county Party committees supply and material supply treatment. It is also drawing up and releasing standard The central emergency guidelines specifying the

> and students of medical for disease screening and the like, and is working steps nationwide on May 16 units and taking stricter





All out in emergency anti-epidemic battle





Locals in South Hwanghae Province burst into tears of gratitude as they receive officinal medicines prepared by General Secretary Kim Jong Un's family and other medicines from officials of the Party Central Committee and their families.

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

A proactive anti-epidemic campaign is going on in the DPRK by involving all the people in order to overcome in the medical sector of to completely block and the serious public health the Korean People's Army eliminate the source of

prepared by General delegates of the Party Central million officials, lecturers Secretary Kim Jong Un's Committee upon arrival at and students in medical family were sent to needy hundreds of pharmacies in and anti-epidemic sectors families in South Hwanghae the capital city of Pyongyang are applying themselves

the departments of the Central Committee of the

Party and power organs on remote islands and in country and the people in were also handed over to frontline and mountainous a more intensive way and other families experiencing areas.

established a well-organized and daily necessities medicines under the 24-hour corresponding areas.

As leading officials in each

spread of the malignant The officinal medicines system of work as befit the epidemic, more than 1.428 and launched into the to scientific and intensive The medicines, foodstuffs procurement and supply of examination and treatment in transport and test of analytes while law enforcement

The central emergency province, city and county has established a new channel main efforts into the commanding system for civil servants of ministries transport and distribution of organizing and conducting

taken timely measures to intensive settle issues arising in the Nearly 3 000 combatants anti-epidemic campaign work, while making an inthe situation and necessary preparations so as to rapidly respond to the ever-changing

> It also pushes ahead with sufficient treatment and practices.

and mass production of and stabilizing their living medicines effective for conditions. curing COVID-19 and the establishment of more convoys have been rational diagnostic and

Provincial, city and county emergency epidemic lots of officials and working prevention sectors are people are now working as supplying on a preferential basis such anti-epidemic articles as protective clothing and gloves, which they had stored up to provide against the world health crisis, to medical workers needy families, while people and preventive and curative join their minds and efforts institutions standing in the and share affection as they van of the campaign to ward off the malignant virus.

Nearly 500 rapid mobile the infected, sending of them depth study and analysis of to hospitals and treatment of

The hygienic and antiare actively conducting information with the work to provide activities for residents in scientific and technological accordance with the national support for the collection, standard treatment guide, from persons with fever organs are tightening legal and set up more quarantine supervision and control

Officials of Party and Officials and researchers power organs at all levels sectors are working hard and national agencies medicines, they are being emergency anti-epidemic in the medical science are directing primary efforts to boost production while and leading officials of sent to all destinations in work on which hinges the research field have buckled into minimizing discomfort maintaining a highly alert provincial, city and county time, especially villages security and destiny of the down to the development and other sufferings of locals anti-epidemic posture.

organized and kiosks set up in each ri and dong for the convenience of residents and volunteers all across the

In particular, every possible step is being taken to look after those engaged in the anti-epidemic campaign and display noble communist virtues and traits in all parts

Builders are stepping up as scheduled major construction projects for 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and Ryonpho greenhouse farm and agricultural workers and helpers are doing the immediate farm work including rice-transplanting in a responsible manner while simultaneously pressing on drought campaigns.

are organizing and epidemic prevention sector facilities to provide patients over possible negative directing economic work scrupulously and producers in different economic

Guide to treatment of COVID-19 drawn up and issued

By Kim Kang Ju PT

While state emergency measures are being taken day after day to quickly control the spread of the infectious People's Republic of Korea, pregnant women and nursing the confirmation of dosage a guide to the treatment of mothers respectively. the disease has been drawn up and issued to curative definition of the novel parts of the country.

loss of lives among people of the indexes. because they did not know the criterion for estimating well about scientific medical the seriousness of the

treatment methods.

The guide contains the infectious disease— disease. The public health and anti- epidemiological relations,

epidemic sectors completed clinical symptoms, RT- tactics of treatment for the scientific and rational PCR tests and antibody different treatment guide through tests—and tells that the accompanying diseases and a dynamic campaign to diagnosis of the disease is idiosyncrasies of patients write out a specialized one confirmed if a patient is and the criteria for judging immediately as there was the tested positive for any one treatment effects.

owing to drug overdose It also describes in detail

disease and the general cure The guide is classified into principles including those disease in the Democratic those for adults, children and related to the selection of and of medicines according to age, constitution and weight and preventive institutions at coronavirus and the indexes individualize medicinal all levels and relevant units for confirmatory diagnosis treatment according to the in Pyongyang and all other of the patients with the course and seriousness of the

And it refers to various

Medics of the Korean People's Army launch into the procurement and supply of medicines upon arrival at pharmacies.





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May 20 Top emergency anti-epidemic system in operation Nine days

COVID-19 situation in DPRK

More than 263 370 people contracted fever, over 248 720 others fully recovered and two were dead in the DPRK between 18:00 of May 18 and 18:00 of May 19.

A total of more than 2 241 610 persons caught fever nationwide in the period between late April and 18:00 of May 19 and of them, over 1 486 730 were fully recovered and some 754 810 others were undergoing treatment.

So far, 65 people have been dead.

The hall of culture for workers newly built at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill.

culture for

workers

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Hall of

AGRICULTURE

All people turn out to reduce drought damage







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Positive efforts are directed to minimizing drought damage in different parts of the country.

By Yun Kyong Il PT

are concentrating will go down. II corn suriers drought damage in the early

in most areas of the country per-hectare yield finally. are ill-fed and worked out and and have been watering in using waters of wells, pools

the Academy of Agricultural transplanting qualitatively in All counties in the province, spray Science, now is the heading time, he added.

concentrating will go down. If corn suffers limit drought damage. If there is lack of water, it

when they suffer damage the biggest agricultural to ensuring enough irrigation scrupulously from drought, their ripening province of the country, has water by operating pumping communities rate and 1 000-grain weight taken active measures to and power equipment at full

The provincial rural period of growth, there will economy committee surveyed covered with vinyl sheets mobilized to give water and be gap in the growth and fields vulnerable to drought around fields and fill them apply additional fertilizer of reservoirs. thus will see decrease in the damage and those where crops with water at the daytime for the leaves by effectively issued a technical manual so mornings and evenings. According to a researcher of is impossible to do rice- that they could take measures. On the other hand, they Meanwhile, multi-element they believe in their strength

South Hwanghae Province, counties, are directing energy promoter to crops while fertilizer are actively used to late

capacity.

organizing work to water fields.

In North Hwanghae Province, all kinds of vehicles existing wells, tube-wells Farms made water holes and water pumps have been and pools again and urgently and underground reservoirs. they can overcome drought, if highly-effective mineral fertilizer and amino and struggle, and with the including Anak and Samchon nutritious solution and growth acid microelement compound

improve the growth of crops. South Hamgyong Province examined the states of

watering with the faith that

Rural communities busy with rice-transplanting

By Kim Il Jin PT

Rice-transplantation is in full swing in every paddy field Plain are pushing ahead carpet paddy fields with

Province taking the lion's on Yonbaek Plain are Hwanghae Province are share in agricultural carrying out their daily production of the country plans for rice-transplanting transplanting. is speeding up rice- by giving precedence to They are focusing on transplanting, one of the the drawing of water into the raising of healthy most important farming paddies and harrowing. seedlings as they regard it

The provincial rural South Phyongan Province per-hectare yield. They economy committee are also launching into also keep drawing of arranged a demonstration rice-transplanting in the water into paddies and of rice-transplantation at right time as they made harrowing ahead of other is in full swing in the Sambong Cooperative thorough preparations for processes and ensure wellevery paddy field. Farm in Kangnyong it including the growing knit scheduling of such County on May 8, which of healthy seedlings in operations as seedling highlighted the practical the face of unfavourable plucking and transport issues arising in growing weather conditions and the so as to rapidly carry out and transplanting rice maintenance and repair of rice-transplanting in a seedlings in an efficient farm machines. way as required by the Now that the country Agricultural workers in Juche farming method has switched over to Kaesong are also working

conditions. another after raising good seedlings in a scientific seedlings per bunch.

rice seedlings by manuring and and tending seedbeds in a way and boosting the

with rice-transplantation seedlings. Hwanghae as scheduled, while those

also pressing ahead with

Cooperative farms in as a major way to increase qualitative way.

even in the current the top emergency hard to increase the unfavourable weather anti-epidemic system, proportion of work done the farms are allotting by machines and ensure Cooperative farms in the manpower rationally, the prescribed number of province buckled down to managing the nutrition bunches of rice seedlings rice-transplanting one after of various types of rice per phyong and that of



Rice-transplantation



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Newly registered intangible cultural heritage elements

By Pang Un Ju PT

national and local intangible Protection of Cultural Heritage culture and developing their cultural heritage elements in (NAPCH) of the DPRK.

are of great significance in kindness to others. maintaining and glorifying after century as they reflect heritage that is clear in the one for using metal as the main worshipped the mountain tastes of the Koreans and art. mettle of the nation as their the nation," said Sin Kwang Koryo medicinal treatments, of social life

finding how to brew

They are Kim Won Bom

in Phyongchon District of

There is a story about how

they volunteered to find out

traditional liquors of the nation

was engaged in the field of

through generations.

Pyongyang.

the lifeline of the nation and Institute under the Academy stimulating manually certain ecently, art and good admired its magnificent and of Social Sciences. manners associated ever-changing mysterious with the Korean appearance and scenery," nation's wisdom and talent said Choe Il Hyok, staffer of Korean people's knowledge have newly been registered as the National Authority for the of the nation's traditional tea

"Korean greeting etiquette" They are "Legends of Mt as part of the nation's traditional

typical national cultural thoughts, feelings way of expressing politeness material to make receptacles

In search of old liquor-

ratio and distilling process.

in the periods of the Koguryo

making recipe

One day in 1984, Kim who liquors of other countries.

Jong in his 80s who had extent, they started their career

traditional liquors in Pyongyang Munbae liquor, national liquor

of the fact that Jong's was an and feudal Joson dynasty

who had carried forward the speciality of Pyongyang.

children during the Fatherland suitable for brewing it.

That day, he was informed Kingdom (277 BC-AD 668)

significance in broadening the conducive to the promotion of traditional dietary culture. The culture covers all

processes of tea production heritage elements. Paektu", "Korean greeting social custom and manners is and usage, including tea leaf etiquette (josonjol)", "tea a moral code peculiar to the production, heating, drying and culture", "metallic industrial nation handed down among storage of the leaves, selection and "traditional embroidery the Koreans in relation to the of water, the temperature for of Anju" of South Phyongan "Legends of Mt Paektu' manners to express respect and and adjustment of hour for Province belong to cultural boiling the water, tea cups and heritage handed down until "Josonjol is part of the custom of drinking tea. "Metallic industrial art" is the

ancestral mountain that links II, researcher of the Folklore is the one to cure diseases by

and "traditional embroidery of Anju" were newly registered as local intangible cultural

"Legends of Mt Jongbang" of North Hwanghae Province now since being created by the Korean ancestors long ago.

"The newly registered and aspiration of all the to others, complies well with and decorations and it shows cultural heritage elements will Koreans who have infinitely the sentiments and aesthetic well Korea's tradition of the be conducive to making things of our own valued and actively associated with the soul and displays the good qualities of "Manual therapy", one of preserving them in all aspects

By Yun Ki Song PT

textile mill

hall of culture for workers has recently been built at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk

floor space of thousands of square All employees are glad about the construction of a new hall, an official

The two-storey hall has a total

of the mill said, adding that mass artistic activities could be conducted more briskly.

The mill is widely known for doing both production and mass artistic activities well.

The skill of its mobile artistic motivational team members is very high, and workers attribute increased production to the powerful artistic motivational activities.

The mobile artistic motivational team members said that artistic performance is often given by reflecting the production and life of workers and that their lively and powerful performance has great influence.

They gave a performance in front of Chairman Kim Jong Il who visited the mill over ten years ago and they have been placed first in national singing contest.

On display at the hall are such pride along with photos.

The hall has rooms of artistic groups where workers can conduct mass cultural artistic activities including vocal, instrumental music, narration and dance according to their cultural attainments and talents, several curtains and stage equipped with audio and illumination

According to the director of the hall, most of workers are women and almost all of them are involved in artistic groups.

They hone their skills in hobby groups after daily work and a performance is given by each artistic group or workshop on the occasion of May Day, the holiday of all working people around the world, and other major occasions to fire everyone with enthusiasm, said the director of the hall.

The hall seats hundreds of people. Women workers are called innovators in production sites and stars on the stage, the director of the



Kim Won Bom and Hwana Kyona Suk pose with old famous liquors they have unearthed and further developed. They have all been inscribed as elements of national intangible

uncommon patriotic family (1392-1910), as well as a one of the three choicest liquors After drinking it, overseas

named after King Tangun, the Munbae liquor and Kamhongro

maintaining the tradition of materials and brewing them and It attracted the attention effects on health and longevity. the nation, not merely a family using sophisticated equipment of people at an event for Their popularity is growing tradition," recalled Won Bom. through painstaking efforts for commemorating the National day after day. That's why he buckled down more than 10 years. Afterward Foundation Day held before the The old liquors were to the unfamiliar work of they rounded off Pyongyang's Mausoleum of King Tangun in inscribed as national intangible uncovering traditional recipes another speciality Kamhongro, Pyongyang in 2015.

in Korea, Riganggo from the compatriots gave the thumbstraditionalliquormanufacturing They travelled scores of Hwanghae provincial region up sign for Tangun liquor technique through generations kilometres carrying heavy and Kyedang liquor renowned which had been obscured for and Jong was worried about knapsacks full of materials and as a speciality of Pyongyang. thousands of years.

a successor to his family visited so many places to look In 2014, they developed Such old renowned liquors because he had lost all of his for an old large earthenware jar a recipe of Tangun liquor as Tangun liquor, Pyongyang They completed the secret of founding father of the Korean Kim and Hwang found out and "His speech touched my distilling Pyongyang Munbae nation. The liquor has been distilled are much sought-after heartstrings when he described liquor by applying traditional held sacred and drunken by the by liquor specialists at home

it as a patriotic work for methods for composing Koreans since ancient times. and abroad for their good

cultural heritage elements.

COMMENT

Mastermind behind increased tension on the Korean peninsula

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joint statement calling for tests of various strategic imbalance in the region as "united response by the weapons. community". them as "threats to regional and international peace and security"

This can never be tolerated, exercise of the legitimate right the waters off the Korean situation. to self-defence by a sovereign peninsula. Even at this

Non-Proliferation US has staged hundreds of we steadily bolster up our kinds of war equipment to Group joint military drills targeting military power to cope with south Korea. our country and conducted ever-worsening military

> It also seriously threatened security of our country by Korean peninsula.

A few days ago, the US

the increased tension on the DPRK, staging a combined up self-defensive defence Korean peninsula is the United air force exercise with south capacities though they conduct

In recent years alone, the It is only too natural that tests and continue to sell all well as insecurity and volatile situation created on the Korean

self-defensive military offensive weaponry in that it should become a exercise our right to selfdefence capabilities labeling south Korea and successively legitimate right to self- defence to actively cope with sending nuclear strategic defence and a core state policy the security situation created weapons to the vicinity of the for a sovereign state to make on the Korean peninsula efforts to possess a powerful and in the region and ensure military strength, which it security of the state and as it is an act of undisguised deployed a nuclear aircraft should never miss, be it in people infringement upon the carrier strike group in peaceful or confrontational

The problem is that G7 the invincible military power, moment, it is hell-bent on the including the US are picking which no one would dare to The mastermind behind military pressure against the on our measures to build provoke.

This is certainly the case

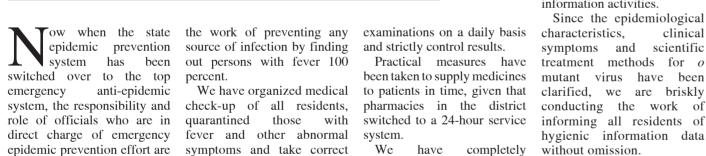
It is the legitimate and It is our steadfast position sovereign state that we

we will continue to increase

'We strive to hold initiative in anti-epidemic war'

An Hyok Chol

Senior staffer of the public health department of the Phyongchon District People's Committee in Pyongyang



Our district maintains cooperation with public health heightened vigilance to firmly grasp the initiative in the fierce

strongly pushing ahead with scrupulously

BYWORD

symptoms and take correct treatment measures in close

Since the latent period of

Practical measures have treatment methods for o been taken to supply medicines We have organized medical to patients in time, given that switched to a 24-hour service informing all residents of

We have completely separated places of work and life and strictly make sure that people disinfect everything the people deeper and closer, in offices and living rooms. sharing sufferings with o mutant virus lasts even Especially, we try to eliminate them, and warm affection We are scrupulously and a few weeks, we organize any rooms for the existence overflows in villages and medical of virus by doubling the workplaces.

disinfection of keyboards, door-knobs and articles for

We also intensify hygienic information activities.

Since the epidemiological characteristics, clinical symptoms and scientific mutant virus have been clarified, we are briskly hygienic information data

without omission. When the situation gets worse, officials go among

'Thank you'

prevention system switched excited feeling of gratitude in Workers' Party of Korea, have taken loving care of, to the top emergency anti- tears after receiving officinal public health officials who consoled and helped each epidemic system, Party and medicines prepared by the have engaged in a treatment other, saying they would state officials find themselves family of the respected campaign while overcoming share trials and difficulties among the people, who Comrade Kim Jong Un. heavy physical burden for with each other.

epidemic Province gave rein to their Military Commission of the many well-wishers who

medicines in Pyongyang convenience of residents and loudly.

Now that the state Those in South Hwanghae on the order of the Central in life and neighbours and

suffer hardships, closer and Genuine voices, "Thank the defence of the people, Despite the greatest ever more familiarly. As state you", resounded through officials from people's turmoil, called the spread of emergency measures are everywhere thanks to committees at all levels, malignant infectious disease, taken one after another to the service personnel dong officials and chiefs of since the foundation of the relieve people of suffering and who stay up all night to neighbourhood units who country, the words "thank pains, their grateful thanks provide all pharmacies with have devoted their all to the you" resound more widely

OPINION

What is 'possession of counterattack capability aimed at?

By Pak Hak Song

Recently, the president of the Department of Diplomacy of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan said that "land-based intermediate-range missiles should be deployed in Hokkaido to contain missile attacks from China, Russia and north Korea".

To state the conclusion first, this clearly indicates that Japan would build up strength once again to invade others–a hostile remark detrimental to peace and stability in the

Recently, Japan is busy with the preparation for a law which enables it to possess attack capability. This includes submission to the prime minister by the Liberal Democratic Party a proposal for security including the possession of "counterattack capability" that would allow it to strike the missile bases and others of its opponent before the latter's

Japan is playing with words calling it "containment" and "counterattack". However, striking the opponent before its missile is launched means preemptive attack, and it goes without saying that this immediately constitutes an aggression.

Japan is proceeding with domestic development and overseas purchase of fighter-launched long-range cruise missiles. This is also an act of building up strike capability aimed at preemptive attack, which goes beyond the mere defense.

What is worse is that Japan, not content with alleging that the neighbouring countries such as China and Russia are "threat" to it, denounces even our measure to enhance national defence capability as a "threat" and comes up with an argument that it has to possess "counterattack capability" to contain it, an argument tantamount to a guilty party filing a suit first.

The world vividly remembers the bloody history of Japan which expanded its aggressive war as far as Pearl Harbour, professing itself to be the "leader of Asia".

No one will buy the assertion that other countries constitute a "threat" to Japan, the country which had inflicted, in the past, immeasurable misery and sufferings upon the peoples of many countries through its war of aggression aimed at domination of the world.

Japan should reflect on its hostile remarks and their consequences again and put an immediate stop to its arms buildup which would endanger peace and stability in the

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WHO POSES A REAL NUCLEAR THREAT?

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Asaid that the US is faced expanding its nuclear forces overseas which it had only a few times in its on modernizing nuclear weapons, Congress about "nuclear threats" to the use of nuclear weapons. the US from Russia and China.

newspaper The Global Times made "absolute security" pursued by a commentary to the effect that the US in the nuclear issue will "nuclear freedom" by inventing countries including the US. a "nuclear threat" from China. In expansion" of strategic nuclear "nuclear threat" from somebody. arsenal of China, and the possibility

energy

he excessive use of fossil fuel Olympic swimming pools.

in the world. And the gravity of 700 households a year.

On May 6, Singapore's first solar nationwide scale.

countries take an active part in the dioxide emission every year.

abnormal climate phenomena to produce energy much enough to

in a temporary open ground of about capacity of 188.8MW in Biopio,

10 hectares in Tuas, Singapore, was Benguela Province, in March 2021

accelerates global warming

and often causes calamitous

inflict great disasters on humankind

destructivity and damage is getting

In connection with this, many

production and use of clean energy

by reducing dependence on fossil

power plant with an integrated

It is expected that the establishment

By Om Ryong PT

more serious.

of the "use" of nuclear weapons in US has possessed more than 5 550

It continued to reveal that the US, few days ago, the commander though it has the biggest arsenal of the US Strategic Command of nuclear weapons on earth, is

The commentary also emphasized

This does not stand to reason at

an amount of water can fill 68

supply electric power to about 4

This has the same effect as

In recent years, Angola has

It started the construction of a

publicly established by Sembcorp, and another one with the capacity of At present, the world trade

an energy and urban development 26MW in Lwena, Moxico Province scale of green hydrogen, the main

using rainy weather will annually now carrying on the construction platinum and palladium (element of

on May 2 this year.

buckled down to the production of ecosystem—the

with the capacity of 17.6MW can people

Nations strive to produce and use clean

for their highest performance. Such capacity is 370MW.

planting 150 000 trees, thus Mogalakwena mine in Limpopo,

reducing about 9 000 tons of carbon South Africa. The president said

electric power by solar energy on a transport and use of hydrogen—by

industry.

nuclear warheads which account for 43% of over 13 000 nuclear warheads bombers and nuclear-powered existing in the world at present.

Notwithstanding this, the US, mouthing phrases about "nuclear with a "crisis of nuclear threat", while spending a huge sum of money threat" from somebody, is rather threat and blackmail to the countries history, while kicking up a row at the and maintaining a low threshold of amount of budget for the upkeep against imperialism. and upgrading of its nuclear arsenal to US\$ 34.4 billion in its defense In this connection, Chinese that "absolute superiority" and budget for the 2023 fiscal year from US\$ 27.7 billion of last year.

Washington is trying to obtain its certainly bring insecurity to all technology on building nuclear-peace and stability. powered submarine to Australia, it, it sharply criticized the US for all that the US, which is the one joint statement of "AUKUS" justifying its "nuclear freedom" and and only nuclear criminal state in committing itself to cooperating "nuclear hegemony" by arousing the world and has a huge nuclear in the development of hypersonic public opinion about an "alarming arsenal, is sounding an alarm about weapons and electronic warfare capacity. Like this, it is open in its According to data available, the attempt at nuclear proliferation.

The Sembcorp solar power plant on May 6, attracting the attention of for platinum and palladium.

truck exhibition in the world took

place in the presence of South

can complete the total hydrogen

developing hydrogen cars and, at

the same time, contribute to global

in the way of building zero-carbon

component of clean energy, is

Even now, US nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, nuclear strategic submarines are roaming around the their own houses, posing constant scheming to drastically increase the which stand for independence

The reality clearly shows that the US is the main culprit that poses real "nuclear threat" to other countries and it is indeed a root cause of After its decision to transfer threatening and undermining global

All the countries and peoples in and justice should remain vigilant about and categorically oppose and nuclear hegemony the US seeks to plunge the world into a scourge of

South Africa holds 80 percent

South Africa which started the

has pushed ahead with hydrogen

production and transport and fuel

A hydrogen-powered truck of world platinum deposits and

exhibition was held in South Africa supplies 40 percent of world demand

The largest hydrogen-powered development of hydrogen in 2007

Foreign intervention would only jeopardize the regional security situation, he said, stressing that differences of opinions between regional countries should be settled by their mutual cooperation.

African President Ramaphosa at the cell development for the past 15 years and has come to complete a cyclic hydrogen ecosystem through in his speech that South Africa the development of hydrogen-In the future, it plans to produce hydrogen from natural gas in

"Fischer-Tropsch" process of the local chemical giant "Sasol" and rainfall collecting system, located photovoltaic power plant with the efforts to cope with climate change expand the existing oil pipeline system into hydrogen pipeline system so as to produce and export 500 000 tons of hydrogen. eliminate it, it stressed.

The development of renewable energy, which is being activated in An enterprise of this country is estimated to be US\$300 billion and many countries over the world to protect nature and environment, is collect 170 000 cubic metres of plan for seven photovoltaic power platinum group) are used as major gaining the support and sympathy water to cool and clean solar panels plants whose total generating catalysts in hydrogen production. of the international community.

Hypocritical nature of 'human rights defender'

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that the FBI, under the pretext of collection of private information rights defender". preventing the "cyber-attack" in like this more than once. advance, conducted a full-scale

considerable controversy among the relevant agency. Americans over how such an illegal

few days ago, American connivance of the government even foreigners. But this only serves to on one plea or another.

investigation into private data of hypocrisy and absurdity of the "US" rights violation and abuse of power of the century". more than 3 400 000 Americans last Freedom Act" which stipulates were committed beyond human year, i.e. names, phone numbers, that the collection of telephone imagination at the public organs itself as "beacon of human rights" e-mail addresses and passwords. communication record of an under the tacit approval of the US and "exemplary state of human This reportedly has stirred up individual requires permission from administration.

With regard to the FBI's illegal number of people killed by police's human rights violation under the investigation into private data on investigation, the high-ranking abuse of power reportedly amounted active protection and patronage of so many American citizens could officials from the US administration up to 249 in the US in the first the reactionary and anti-popular have been conducted, without any are coming out with lame excuses, quarter of this year, and its annual state ruling system.

saying that the actual figure may figure reaches more than 1 100 on The problem is that FBI went scotbe smaller than the announced and average. The US police authorities, free under the active patronage and the figure also includes data of however, are evading responsibility

newspaper Wall Street though it has set such a precedent highlight the foul and hypocritical The CIA is also gaining its Journal conveyed the news of having been blamed for its illegal face of the US posing as a "human notoriety for mediaeval violation of human rights of detainees, along In fact, numerous are the with the Guantanamo Bay detention This reveals in all nakedness instances where all kinds of human facility stigmatized as a "living hell

> It is the US, which professes rights," but where the people eke According to a media outlet, the out existence in the inferno of

Briefly

Anti-epidemic effort intensifies in Beijing

China's Beijing keeps putting great efforts into controlling the spread of the malignant

On May 17 the city's disease prevention control centre made public a guide to the prevention of the epidemic at its farm products wholesale markets during the prevalence

The guide drawn up by the city's commercial bureau requires that officials and shop managers at the markets get a nucleic acid test once in 24

President rejects foreign intervention in regional

Iranian President Seved Ebrahim Raisi rejected foreign interference in regional affairs at a diplomatic meeting on May

Finland's attempt to join **NATO** rejected

The Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement on May 12 to reject Finland's attempt to join

The statement asserted that in case Finland joins NATO, it would inflict serious damage on the relations between Russia and Finland and regional stability and security of Northern Europe

As a threat is to be posed to its national security, Russia would take military, technical and other countermeasures inevitably to

President calls for planting

Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh called for actively planting trees on May 14.

He stressed that all families, institutions and enterprises would have to plant much more trees around their houses and working places in order to create hygienic and cultured environment for production and

The government reportedly plans to not only actively encourage tree planting but also widely cultivate fruit trees and medicinal herbs to satisfy domestic demands and export them to other countries.

The country has set second Saturdays in May and October as national tree-planting days every year.

Pandemic casualties

According to a foreign news report, 524 630 463 people contracted COVID-19 in the world, 6 294 383 died of it, and 23 915 731 were undergoing treatment as of 24:00 on May 18.

NATURE&HISTORY



By Han Kwi Hun PT

Rome time immemorial,
Korea has been widely
known as a "country of scenic beauties".

Among them is Pagyon m

Among them is Pagyon Falls, one of the three famous falls in Korea.

It is located in Pagyonri, Kaesong City, and is 37 metres high and 1.5 metres wide.

The crystal-clear water, which runs down into the rugged ravine between Songgo and Chonnim mountains, falls down a rock wall and flows into Pak Pool before cascading down as a waterfall.

There is a singular

pond called "Pag Pool", originally a broad and flat rock which was hollowed in the shape of bucket, on the top of the falls with a standing-stone in the centre.

At the bottom of the falls there is another pond named "Komo Pool". And there is a round rock named

"Ryongbawi" (dragonshaped rock) by the side of the pond.

The Pomsa Pavilion on a hill west of Komo Pool overlooks the falls and surrounding scenery.

Pagyon Falls look more beautiful in good harmony with rocks of fantastic shapes and forests around it. Therefore, Hwang Jin I, Korean poetess in the first half of the 16th century who was well-known as one of "three famous figures of Songdo" along with philosopher So Kyong Dok (1489-1546) and Pagyon Falls, praised the waterfall in the namesake poem as follows:

The falling water roars inside the valley like thunder Water drops scatter into the sky like beads

You have to know Mt Chonma (Mt Chonnim at present), the best in Korea.

Today, there are a holiday camp and various service facilities around the falls.

Historical relics in Mt Taesong

By To Kyong Chol PT

There are a lot of historical relics in Mt Taesong which is invariably tinged with green even in early spring and late autumn as it is thickly covered with evergreen pine trees and therefore is renowned as one of eight scenic attractions in Pyongyang

The relics date back to the period between around the 3rd century and the mid-7th century when Koguryo advanced to the Pyongyang area.

Typical of them is the Taesongsan Fort, one of Koguryo's exemplary mountain fortresses, which was great in size and built by making good use of natural features.

The fort was built by linking

six peaks of Ulji, Somun, Jangsu, Pukjang, Kuksa and Jujak from the south with the first peak as the centre. It had two valleys wide and deep enough to keep lots of people and combat equipment and materials.

Unearthed in the fort were sites of granaries, arsenals and barracks, over 170 ponds such as Ingo, Sasum, Kuryong and Jangsu ponds, Koguryo roof tiles, gilt-bronze images of Buddha, a stone box that had contained the Buddhist scriptures and many other historical sites and relics.

There is the site of Anhak Palace that Koguryo used as a royal palace for a certain period after it moved its capital to Pyongyang in 427.

The palace site is surrounded in a square by the

earth-and-stone palace walls, and there are gate sites in each of four cardinal points at the walls.

Royal buildings inside the palace were arranged on a shaft line from south to north with the middle gate on its south wall as the centre, and large and small buildings are arranged in an area of about 380 000 square metres. cornerstones and stones on the footstone sites in the palace site, and many relics

The buildings were linked by corridors.

This alone shows the comparatively advanced architecture of Koguryo.

And there remain

cornerstones and stones on the footstone sites in the palace site, and many relics were unearthed from different places, including various kinds of roof tiles, antefixes, hip or gable ridge tips with queer faces and earthenware.

Relics in Mt Taesong and

its vicinity serve as good data that testify to the long history of Korea and the excellent cultural tradition of the Korean people, and thus are under good protection and management as national treasures and relics of conservation value.





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The South Gate of the Taesongsan Fort (left) and a section of the fort (right).



