

## Enlarged Meeting of Fifth Plenary Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Committee held

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The Enlarged Meeting of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the conference hall of the office building of the Party Central Committee from June 8 to 10 amid the accelerated grand all-people advance for glorifying this historic year as a great watershed in developing the revolution while braving the unprecedented difficulties facing the nation with the faith, will and unity peculiar to Juche Korea under the guidance of the ever-victorious Party Central Committee.

The meeting, which was convened

amid great expectations and interest of all the Party members and other people of the country, made an interim review of the implementation of the major Party and state policies for 2022, which are of key importance in carrying out the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress, decided on the work orientation and fighting policies for the second half of the year and discussed the action plans for powerfully and correctly pushing ahead with the important national affairs.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended the meeting.

When he took the platform, all the

participants burst into thunderous cheers as a token of their highest tribute to him, the great leader of the WPK and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution.

The meeting was attended by members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the WPK Central Committee.

Present there as observers were officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee and leading officials of ministries, national agencies,

provincial-level guidance organs, cities, counties and major industrial establishments.

The presidium of the meeting was formed by members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee authorized Kim Jong Un to preside over the meeting.

The General Secretary referred to the purpose and importance of the convening of the plenary meeting.

He said that the first half of the year

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witnessed the accumulation of weighty experience and lessons in the overall state affairs through the efforts for firmly maintaining the struggle orientation to carry out the tasks set forth at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and dauntlessly overcoming lots of ordeals and crises.

He noted that the harsh situation accompanied by the severe health crisis requires us to correctly see through the current national crisis and proactively take far-sighted steps to cope with any

sudden future trials.

He stressed that the purpose and importance of the current meeting is to encourage and enlarge the positive achievements made in the struggle for the first half of the year to implement the policies of the Party and the state for 2022 set forth at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee, remedy shortcomings, provide a timely and scientific guarantee for the fulfillment of the colossal tasks for this year and awaken and inspire the entire Party and all the people once again.

The following agenda items were

brought up at the plenary meeting:

1. Organizational matters
  2. On the interim review of the implementation of major Party and state policies for 2022 and measures
  3. On the tasks for controlling the current emergency anti-epidemic situation and building the state anti-epidemic capability
  4. On amending and supplementing some parts of the Party Rules and the guide to them
- The plenary meeting unanimously approved the agenda items.
- It discussed the first agenda item,

organizational matters.

Members and alternate members of the WPK Central Committee were recalled and by-elected.

Pak Ji Min, Pak Su Il and Choe Son Hui, alternate members of the Party Central Committee, were by-elected as members of the Party Central Committee. Jo Chun Ryong, Pak Hui Chol, Kim In Chol, Ri Chang Dae and Han Kwang Sang were directly by-elected as members of the Party Central Committee.

Jang Chang Min, Kim Sun Chol, Sin Chang Nam, Ma Hyok Chol, Pak Hyong Ryol, Kwak Jong Jun, Ri Tu Il, Kim Tu Il, Kwak Yong Ho, Ryo Chol Ung, An Yong Hwan and Jon Sung Guk were by-elected as alternate members of the Party Central Committee.

Members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee were recalled and by-elected.

Jon Hyon Chol and Ri Thae Sop, alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, were by-elected as members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee. Pak Thae Song was directly elected as member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee to fill a vacancy.

Jo Chun Ryong, Pak Su Il, Ri Chang Dae, Choe Son Hui and Han Kwang Sang were by-elected as alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Secretaries of the Party Central Committee were dismissed and elected.

Kim Jae Ryong, Jon Hyon Chol and Pak Thae Song were elected as secretaries of the Party Central Committee.

Members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK were recalled and by-elected.

Ri Thae Sop, Jo Kyong Chol, Pak Su Il and Ri Chang Ho were by-elected as members of the Central Military Commission of the Party.

Department directors of the WPK Central Committee were dismissed and appointed.

Jo Yong Won, Jo Chun Ryong, Jon Hyon Chol, Ri Chung Gil, Ri Son Gwon and Han Kwang Sang were appointed as department directors of the Party Central Committee.

The chairman and a member of the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK were recalled and by-elected.

Kim Jae Ryong was by-elected as chairman of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party and Kim In Chol as its member.

Some cadres of government organs were dismissed and appointed.

Jon Sung Guk was appointed vice-premier of the Cabinet, Choe Son Hui minister of Foreign Affairs, Pak Hyong Ryol minister of Food Industry, Kwak Jong Jun minister of Commerce, Ri Tu Il chairman of the State Commission of Science and Technology, and Kim Tu Il director of the Political Bureau of the Cabinet and concurrently chief secretary of its Party Committee.

The plenary meeting examined and approved the proposal for a partial reshuffle of the armed forces organs put forward by the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

Ri Thae Sop was appointed chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, Jong Kyong Thack director of the



KPA General Political Bureau, Pak Su Il minister of Public Security and Ri Chang Dae minister of State Security.

The meeting discussed the second agenda item "On the interim review of the implementation of major Party and state policies for 2022 and measures".

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, reported to the meeting the results of the state work in the first half of the year for implementing the economic policies assigned by the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party.

He detailed, based on data, the successes and shortcomings witnessed in implementing the economic policies of the Party.

Ri Chol Man, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, reported to the meeting the situation of this year's farming.

The Party Central Committee heard, analyzed and appraised the reports.

The General Secretary made a conclusion on the second agenda item.

He first referred to the successes achieved in the aspects of state political activities and management, national development and response to and management of crisis for the past six months.

In the first half of the year the irresistible

might of Juche-oriented socialism was clearly demonstrated to the world on different political occasions by raising the spirit of our-idea-, our-system- and our-state-first principles and further cementing the single-hearted unity of the Party, state and people.

Responsible and indispensable measures were taken and a resolute struggle waged to cope with the rapidly-changing international political situation and the steadily-deteriorating security environment in the region around the Korean peninsula. As a result, historic progress was made in consolidating the foundation for the guarantee of and confidence in national security.

The economic field strived to implement the decisions made at the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee on shoring up overall production and providing a firm guarantee for carrying out the five-year plan, thus boosting production in many of its sectors and keeping the upward trend of the overall economy.

The success deserving important appreciation in implementing the state economic policies is that stability and development speed are being surely maintained in the sudden emergency anti-epidemic situation.

The economic field promptly tackled the temporary confusion despite the activation of the top emergency state anti-epidemic system and the nationwide lockdown, and scrupulously organized



and commanded the work in line with the requirements of the emergency situation, thereby perseveringly pressing ahead with the implementation of the economic policies.

For the past one month since the activation of the top emergency anti-epidemic system, the economic field underwent an important period of experiencing and training for further developing its capability for coping with crisis and enhancing its ability to meticulously organize and guide operations, thus gaining and learning invaluable experience and lessons.

The construction sector pushed ahead with the projects for building large modern streets for providing the people with better living conditions and environment and also different production bases as a follow-up to the last year's efforts, and important projects are nearing completion.

Precious successes were also made in the work to upgrade the major national industrial bases and create models in developing the local industry, true to the decisions of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The agricultural sector directed efforts to wheat and barley farming and simultaneously and vigorously propelled the campaign for combating drought and springtime farming, thus displaying a new ideological viewpoint and enthusiastic working manner of striving for the implementation of the Party's policies.



Appreciating that the buildup of the absolute confidence of all the people in the Party's leadership and policies is, indeed, a valuable political achievement never to be compared with any material assets, the General Secretary declared the will of the Party Central Committee to lead all state affairs to success so as to powerfully promote a faster development in all fields.

The conclusion pointed out the deviations manifested in implementing the implementation of the Party's policies.

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the policies of the Party and the state in the first half of the year and their causes, and referred to the ways and Party measures for tackling them.

The General Secretary referred to the importance of providing a new veering point in economic guidance and management with the plenary meeting as an occasion and clarified the tasks for thoroughly implementing the economic policies of the Party and the state in the second half of the year.

The conclusion specified the work orientation and the practical measures to be taken by key industrial sectors including metal, chemical, electrical power and coal industries in the second half of the year.

It set farming and consumer goods production as the most urgent of the economic tasks for this year.

It also referred to the practical ways for powerfully accelerating the implementation of the Party's agricultural policy. Among them are the issue of making the Party's new policy of agricultural revolution prove effective from the first year of its enforcement by successfully concluding the farming of wheat and barley that were planted as earlier crops, the issue of directing all efforts to making full advance preparations for protecting crops from natural disasters as much as possible, the issue of putting manuring and cultivation of crops on a higher scientific basis, the issue of increasing the proportion of the farm work done by machines and the issue of strengthening scientific guidance over and state support for farming.

It specified the feasible measures to be taken in the light industrial sector to substantially promote the living standards of the people by waging a vigorous

campaign for increased production with the demands of the people in their life as the yardstick.

It set forth the fighting tasks for the construction sector to complete without fail the important construction projects for this year one after another to demonstrate the mettle of Korean-style socialism to the world.

It pointed to the issue of making agricultural workers realize in practice the validity and vitality of the programme for socialist rural construction of the Party by making sure that the Cabinet, provinces, cities and counties carry out without fail the first year's task for the rural housing construction which was launched on a full scale this year, the issue of concentrating national efforts on rapidly developing science by holding science and technology as the lifeline of economic development and the issue of decisively innovating economic management.

The General Secretary placed a special emphasis on having a proper viewpoint on education at present.

Saying that education is not the work whose results are immediately visible but the long-term one and that correct efforts for it are the springboard to future development, he called for further enhancing guidance and assistance to the nationwide improvement in education, including the Party and policy-oriented guidance on the educational work and technical guidance on educational contents.

The conclusion stressed the importance of the roles of art and literature and media in dynamically encouraging the all-people advance this year, which is accompanied by unprecedented severe trials, and giving full play to the revolutionary spirit of implementing the Party's policies on all fronts of socialist construction, and indicated the orientation of the struggle for them.

The General Secretary stressed the need to steadily direct great efforts to strengthening the national defence capability.

The current security environment of the country is very serious and the surrounding situation carries a

danger of being further aggravated. This urgently calls upon the DPRK to attain the goal of bolstering the national defence capability as soon as possible.

The General Secretary said that the right to self-defence is an issue of defending sovereignty, clarifying once again the Party's invariable fighting principle of power for power and head-on contest in defending the sovereignty. And he set forth the militant tasks to be pushed forward by the armed forces of the DPRK and the national defence research sector.

The conclusion clarified the principles and strategic and tactical orientations to be maintained in the struggle against the enemy and in the field of foreign affairs.

It strictly analysed and reviewed the struggle against anti-socialist and non-socialist practices waged in the first half of the year and referred to the principled issues arising in steadily enhancing the intensity of the struggle.

It indicated the directions of work to achieve a signal success by enhancing the responsibility, role and organizing ability of the Party organizations at all levels and their officials and conducting the Party's guidance over the economic work in an effective way.

The General Secretary called for opening

up a new phase of the vigorous national development by taking the current harsh and difficult period unprecedented in the history as an opportunity of getting stronger and more tested and displaying the firm will and staunch and strenuous spirit, and for doing our best to make every work for this year be correctly executed at the scheduled development speed.

Finishing the conclusion, the General Secretary called for successfully carrying out the plans for this year of great significance by focusing all efforts on them, mindful that the fulfilment of the national economic plan means loyalty towards the Party and the people and devoted service to them.

With the enthusiastic applause, all the participants expressed full support to and approval for the conclusion made by the General Secretary, which indicated the struggle stratagem for strengthening the leadership and fighting efficiency of the Party in every way as required by the developing revolution and proactively overcoming all existing difficulties and obstacles with that absolute might to strongly propel the period of comprehensive development of socialism.

His important conclusion serves as a valuable action programme and a powerful militant banner as it showed the clearest guideline of struggle and scientific ways for reversing the current severe situation into an opportunity of bolstering our own strength and internal driving force and making definite progress in the year 2022, an important stage in implementing the five-year plan of development and change.

The meeting discussed the third agenda item "On the tasks for controlling the current emergency anti-epidemic situation and building the state anti-epidemic capability".

The General Secretary made a report clarifying the strategic and tactical plans for finally defusing the malignant epidemic crisis, restoring the stability and vigorously promoting the building of the state anti-epidemic capability and its capacity to cope with crisis.

He referred to the intention of discussing the anti-epidemic issue as a separate agenda item at the current plenary meeting after several major Party meetings had been held to discuss the emergency anti-epidemic issue since the outbreak of the global malignant pandemic.

He said that under the current situation

in which the state anti-epidemic work entered a new stage of turning into prevention work based on blockade and eradication of the epidemic from the blockade-based prevention after the unexpected serious crisis, the urgent task facing the Party and state is to immediately remedy the shortcomings and evils in the anti-epidemic work and take decisive steps for building up the country's anti-epidemic capability.

He said that the overall state anti-epidemic work should be correctly examined and the more intensified and developed anti-epidemic policy fixed and enforced to firmly guarantee the security of socialist construction and the state administration and provide the people with a reliable anti-epidemic environment.

He also underlined the need and urgency to strengthen the country's foundations for public health and speed up the building of the anti-epidemic capacity. He called for making an in-depth analysis and review of the evils and shortcomings revealed in every sector during the top emergency anti-epidemic work from a critical and developmental viewpoint and adjusting and reinforcing in a more scientific and

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integrated whole of a solid working system and order, technical personnel, material foundations and potentials able to contain, control and defuse any possible health crisis coming to the country on our own initiative and in a stable way, he said.

He reviewed and analysed the invaluable experience and lessons gained and learned in the course of ensuring the preventive security of the country for over two years by enforcing our style anti-epidemic policy and of running the top emergency anti-epidemic system. He said that all the emergency anti-epidemic policies and guidelines, measures and policies pursued so far by the Party and the government serve as a great foundation for building up the state anti-epidemic capabilities.

He set forth the immediate goal, long-term goal and detailed ways to firmly consolidate material and technical foundations for bolstering up the state anti-epidemic capabilities.

Noting that the current anti-epidemic war is an occasion of gaining priceless experience and stratagems for creditably defending the security of the country and the people in any future health crisis, he called for bringing about an unprecedented miracle in restoring stability in the anti-epidemic work by further intensifying the Party work, economic organization and public healthcare to give the fullest play to the organizing ability of our united society and the advantages of the socialist public health system.

He ardently called for firmly protecting the health and well-being of our dear people by organizing and conducting

the emergency anti-epidemic work scrupulously, flexibly and successfully with confidence and courage and powerfully accelerating the building of the country's capabilities for coping with any pandemic disease and crisis.

Listening to his report, all the participants hardened their resolve to give full play to their utmost enthusiasm, fighting spirit, capabilities and wisdom in the forefront of the anti-epidemic campaign out of their high sense of responsibility and loyalty to the revolution and the spirit of unconditional and devoted service for the people.

True to the idea and spirit of the important conclusion and report of the General Secretary, the enlarged meeting of the plenary meeting had sectional study and consultations for working out scientific counterplans for thoroughly implementing the fighting tasks for 2022 assigned by the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee guided the study and consultations.

Divided into nine panels, the study and consultations deeply studied and discussed the tasks specified in the draft resolution before presenting many constructive proposals amid the sincere and mobilized stand and high enthusiasm of the participants.

Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, reported to the plenary meeting the proposals

put together by the resolution-drafting group.

The plenary meeting made the final examination of the suggestions brought together and adopted with unanimous approval a resolution on the second agenda item "On adjusting some of the major Party and state policy-oriented tasks for the year 2022" and a resolution on the third agenda item "On taking a decisive measure to significantly enhance the state anti-epidemic ability".

It discussed the fourth agenda item "On amending and supplementing some parts of the Party Rules and the guide to them".

Members of the Party central leadership body unanimously recognized that the relevant contents referred to the discussion are of important significance in further enhancing the Party's fighting efficiency and leadership and consolidating its organizational and ideological foundations.

A relevant resolution was adopted at the meeting with unanimous approval.

The General Secretary of the WPK concluded the meeting.

Saying that the progressive and innovative plans worked out at the enlarged meeting of the plenary meeting are demonstration of self-confidence, great courage and firm will of the members of the Party central leadership body who bravely respond to the demands of the Party and the revolution without the slightest hesitation despite the unprecedented national crisis, he extended militant greetings of encouragement to them and, through them, to all Party organizations and members.

The important tasks facing us at

present are a supreme order our people gave to the Party and the government, he said, expressing his expectations and belief that all the members of the Party central leadership body would stand in the van of advancing ranks, deeply aware of their responsible duty before the Party, the revolution, the country and the people, to win brilliant victory on the two fronts of socialist construction and anti-epidemic war.

The meeting, which was held amid the high revolutionary enthusiasm of all the participants, successfully concluded its work, solemnly vowing to remain intensely faithful to the revolutionary idea and cause of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The Enlarged Meeting of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK will be significantly recorded in the history of the Juche revolution as a meeting of struggle and advance that clearly demonstrated once again the revolutionary appearance and indomitable militant spirit of the WPK courageously ushering in a new era of a prosperous and powerful country, a period of comprehensive development of socialism, by dint of the invincible driving force which has been consolidated in the trials with the revolutionary ideas and unified leadership of the Party Central Committee as the lifeline.

The full texts of the important conclusion and report made by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the enlarged meeting of the plenary meeting will be distributed to all the Party organizations at all levels after being published at the Workers' Party of Korea Publishing House.



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revolutionary way the state work system to cope with the epidemic crisis.

He advanced important tasks to be thoroughly carried out by the Cabinet, emergency anti-epidemic and public health sectors and the judicial, prosecution and public and state security organs with the aim of finally defusing the pandemic crisis and restoring the anti-epidemic stability and ways to this end.

He said that only when the anti-epidemic policy is enforced in a strict, scientific and advanced way, can it

prove successful, stressing the need to steadily improve the anti-epidemic system and methods.

Our anti-epidemic work is based on the unity in people's voluntary action, not on any institutional mechanism or material and technical means, he said, adding that a great victory in this work can be won through an all-people resistance, joint efforts of all people.

He called on the Party organizations at all levels to conduct vigorous ideological work for arousing all the people to the anti-epidemic war and guide the emergency anti-epidemic work in a responsible manner.

He said that the victory in the ongoing anti-epidemic war can be brought earlier only when all the Party cells proactively find the work to be done in the current anti-epidemic situation and lead the Party members to fulfil their duties and responsibilities with the same thought and action.

He called on officials to always lead other Party members and broad sections of people in the van of the anti-epidemic front, correctly learn about and grasp the enforcement of the emergency anti-epidemic system on the spot and take timely steps.

He repeatedly stressed the need for

the Party organizations at all levels to display the organizing ability and leadership which no others can have in the ongoing anti-epidemic campaign, and to make the overcoming of the crisis lead to the strengthening of Party organizations.

He also underlined the need to successfully tide over the urgent anti-epidemic crisis and simultaneously push ahead with the building of the state anti-epidemic capacity.

The state epidemic prevention capability we are to build is the

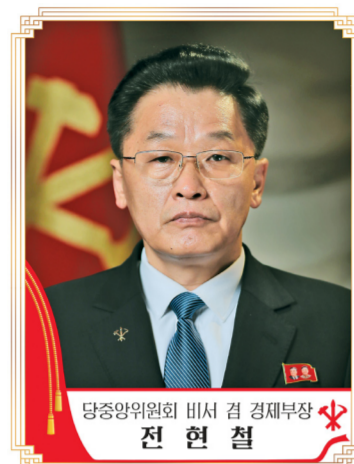
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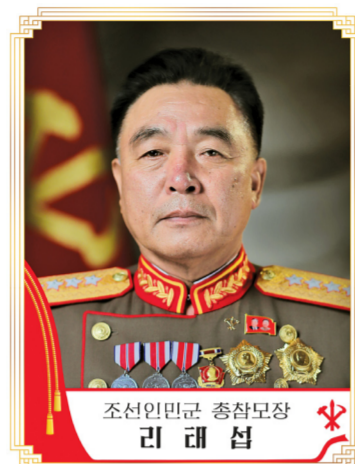
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## Members of the WPK Central Committee

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- Choe Son Hui
- Jo Chun Ryong
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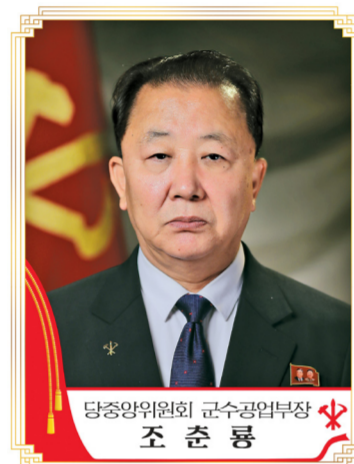
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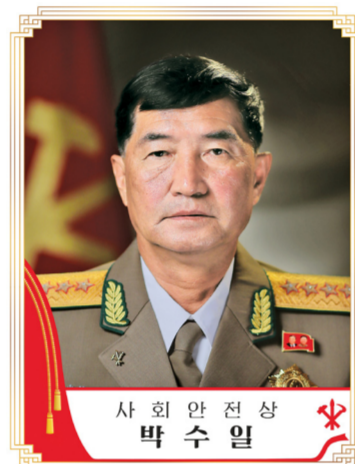
Ri Thae Sop



Pak Thae Song



Jo Chun Ryong



Pak Su Il



Ri Chang Dae

## Alternate members of the WPK Central Committee

- Jang Chang Min
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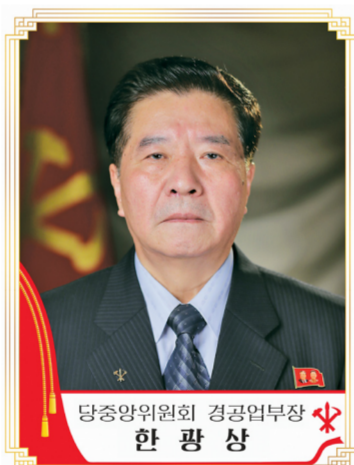
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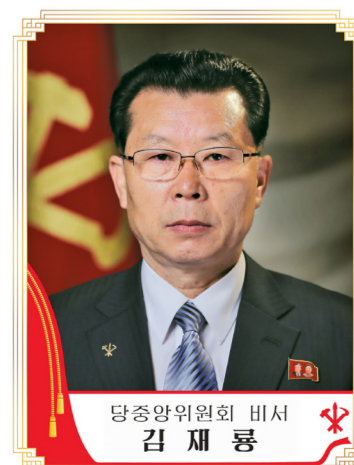
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Han Kwang Sang

The Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK elected secretaries of the Party Central Committee.

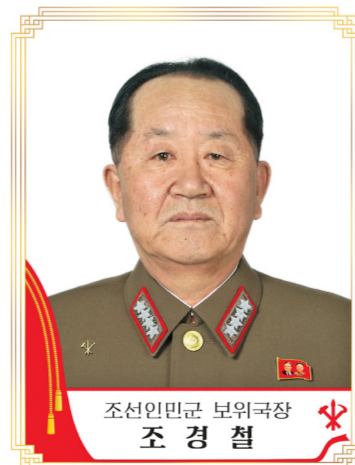
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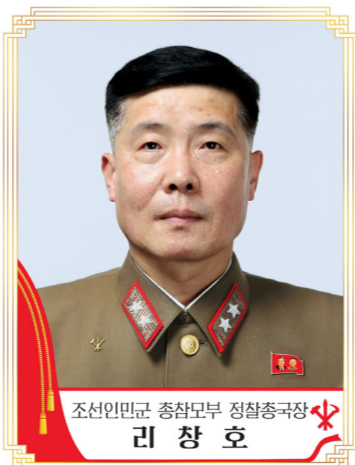
Kim Jae Ryong

The Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK by-elected members of the Party Central Military Commission.

- Ri Thae Sop
- Jo Kyong Chol
- Pak Su Il
- Ri Chang Ho



Jo Kyong Chol



Ri Chang Ho

The Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK appointed department directors of the Party Central Committee.

- Jo Yong Won
- Jo Chun Ryong
- Jon Hyon Chol
- Ri Chung Gil
- Ri Son Gwon
- Han Kwang Sang



Jo Yong Won



Ri Chung Gil



Ri Son Gwon

The Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK by-elected chairman and a member of the Party Central Inspection Commission.

- Chairman Kim Jae Ryong
- Member Kim In Chol



Kim In Chol

The Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK appointed officials of government organs.

- Jon Sung Guk, Vice-Premier of the Cabinet
- Choe Son Hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Pak Hyong Ryol, Minister of Food Industry
- Kwak Jong Jun, Minister of Commerce
- Ri Tu Il, Chairman of the State Commission of Science and Technology
- Kim Tu Il, Director of the Political Bureau of the Cabinet and Chief Secretary of the Cabinet Party Committee



Jon Sung Guk



Pak Hyong Ryol



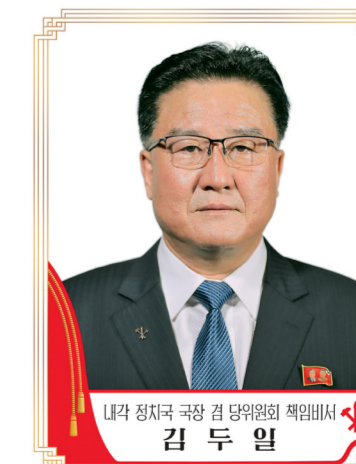
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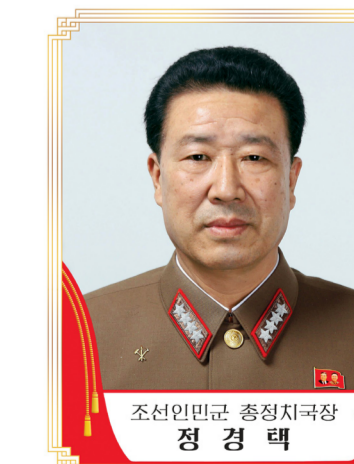
Ri Tu Il

The Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK appointed commanding officers of armed forces organs by approving the proposal on a partial reshuffle submitted by the Party Central Military Commission.

- Army General Ri Thae Sop, Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army
- Army General Jong Kyong Thae, Director of the KPA General Political Bureau
- Public Security Forces General Pak Su Il, Minister of Public Security
- Colonel General Ri Chang Dae, Minister of State Security



Kim Tu Il



Jong Kyong Thae

# Premier inspects different sectors



Premier Kim Tok Hun (second from right) looks round the Manhung Cooperative Farm in Mundok County.

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, inspected different sectors on the spot. While making the rounds of the construction site of dwelling houses for 10 000 families in the Hwasong area, he referred to the need to carefully operate and command the project in keeping with the top emergency anti-epidemic situation so as to push it according to daily schedules. At the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, he underlined the need to increase the production of fertilizers by raising the operational rate of equipment and wind up a renovation

project in a short time. After familiarizing himself with farming in different farms including the Oryong Cooperative Farm in Mundok County and the Yakjon Farm in Sukchon County, he pointed to the necessity to properly manure and tend such earlier crops as wheat and barley to cope with the lingering droughts and concentrate on finishing immediate rice-transplantation qualitatively at the right time. As he looked round several medical appliances factories and medicine production and supply units in Pyongyang, South Phyongan Province and Nampho City, he called for increasing the production of different kinds of medical appliances and highly-efficient Koryo medicines so as to contribute to strengthening the treatment capacity and epidemic prevention foundations of public health institutions. During his visit to different pharmacies and medical supplies management stations in Nampho City and Mundok and Sukchon counties, he acquainted himself with the supply of medicines and people's living. Discussed at the on-spot consultative meetings were the matters of satisfactorily supplying equipment and materials to major construction sites, of mobilizing all forces and means to the prevention of drought damage and rice-transplantation, and of consistently pushing ahead with the undertaking for strengthening the state epidemic prevention foundations as required by the top emergency anti-epidemic system, and relevant measures were taken.

# Different economic sectors make progress in production

**Coal production up**  
According to synthesized information, dozens of units under the Ministry of Coal Industry carried out their first half-yearly tunnelling plans ahead of schedule. The Tokchon Area Coal-mining Complex introduced a rational working method to increase blasting efficiency, with the result that over 20 tunnelling units fulfilled their first half-yearly plans before the set time.

the campaign for upsurge including the construction sites of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and Ryonpho greenhouse farm and overfulfilled its monthly production plan. This month, too, it is bringing about an upsurge in production. The Sunchon Cement Complex and Chonnaeri Cement Factory expand production successes by waging a mass technical innovation drive for reenergizing production.

**Power production daily increases by thousands of kilowatts at Wonsan Youth Power Station**  
The Wonsan Youth Power Station increases power production by thousands of kilowatts every day. The power station is scrupulously organizing the control of water and equipment and is boosting the output of power per generator.

**Mushroom production increased 1.5 times**  
The Hyesan Mushroom Farm boosts mushroom production more than 1.5 times. With a technical innovation campaign accelerated an efficient ventilation device was introduced to ensure proper temperature in the cultivation grounds.

are equipped with complete sets of milk processing facilities to produce tasty and highly nutritive dairy products including sour milk by themselves. An exhibition held in Sariwon City inspired other cities and counties to introduce advanced milk processing methods while exchanging good experiences obtained in manufacturing milk processing facilities. **Rice-transplanting nears completion in South Hwanghae**  
Over 200 farms in South Hwanghae Province finished rice-transplanting in main paddy fields, with the overall rice-transplanting of the province being pushed in the final stage. The cooperative farms in Anak and Jaeryong counties completed rice-transplanting before other farms in the province. Farms are carrying out their daily plans for each field without fail as they put efforts into raising the rate of rooting of rice seedlings.

**Light industry factories push production of school uniforms, schoolbags and school things**  
Several textile mills including the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill and the Pyongyang Rayon Yarn Factory push forward production of materials for school uniforms and bags.

**Growth in cement production**  
Even after the national anti-epidemic work was switched over to the top emergency anti-epidemic system in May, the Sangwon Cement Complex produced and sent large amounts of cement to the theatres of

**Province consolidates foundation for production of dairy products**  
North Hwanghae Province properly organizes the work to consolidate the foundation for production of dairy products. Cities and counties newly build large-capacity dairy products production bases and make sure that rural ris

**Cloth for school uniform is produced at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill.**



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# Preparations underway to enhance state anti-epidemic capacity

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The central emergency anti-epidemic sector and the Cabinet vigorously push ahead with the work to complete the active and preemptive anti-epidemic capacity from a long-term point of view. They make thorough institutional, human, material and technical preparations to control and manage the outbreak, inflow and spread of the malignant infectious disease. Practical measures have been taken to increase the state investment and supply, including the building of a unit specializing in bringing together all the information about the nationwide observation, reports, epidemiological examination, laboratory tests, analysis results and others as a modern and informatized anti-epidemic base. The project has been in full swing to develop antibody test reagents and improve their quality, making it possible to estimate the degree

of development of immunity to COVID-19 and use it for the nationwide survey of anti-epidemic situation. Telemedicine is widely applied across the country to give medical treatment to patients for whom antifebriles do not work after consulting with the rapid consultation and diagnosis teams of the central hospitals and problems arising in this course are analysed and synthesized to adopt standardized treatment tactics. The emergency anti-epidemic sectors at all levels judge the situation of inflow and spread of the virulent virus, while closely testing the river water collected in many areas and analyses gathered by air samplers in public places in Pyongyang on a regular basis. Anti-epidemic units disinfect and dispose of sewage from homes and other waste, birds and wild animals the cause of whose deaths are unclear with a high sense of responsibility and see to it that stockbreeding units take strict anti-



Medical workers of the Chongsong Polyclinic in Pohang District of Chongjin City are on their way to perform medical examinations.

# Optimized anti-epidemic approaches employed

By Pang Un Ju PT

The central emergency epidemic prevention sector is taking optimized anti-epidemic measures based on scientific and specific analysis and assessment of the anti-epidemic war situation. Meanwhile, strong measures are taken to establish a denser nationwide checkup network by introducing valuable anti-epidemic experience and technologies into hygienic and anti-epidemic establishments and research institutions and providing them with material foundations for guaranteeing the promptness and accuracy of various forms of examinations. All sectors and units are pushing ahead with the work for maintaining and reinforcing their epidemic prevention foundations from a strategic viewpoint and also putting efforts into diversifying material and technical preparations needed for the enhancement of the overall capability for coping with crises. Substantial efforts are also

# Priority given to timely supply of medicines

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Practical state measures are effectively in force to balance supply and consumption of medicines so as to continuously stabilize and promote the progress in the anti-epidemic campaign as required by the overall anti-epidemic situation. The central anti-epidemic sector takes practical measures for the timely supply of medicines by confirming the necessary amount of medicines based on a detailed survey and analysis of regional supply and possession. Plans are under discussion and decided on to expand pharmaceutical factories' production capacity and increase the variety of officinal and essential medicines so as to rapidly produce and supply Koryo medicines which have proved effective in prevention and treatment of the malignant infectious disease. Efforts have been made to supply medicines in a mobile way in order to maintain the trend of improvement on the anti-epidemic front and promptly cope with possible contingencies. Thus hundreds of millions of medicines in over 430 kinds have been supplied to treatment and preventive institutions across the country, ensuring progress in the treatment of fever patients and sequelae. Army medics have set and generalized excellent examples in medicine supply for citizens in the capital city of Pyongyang, guaranteeing a successful anti-epidemic campaign. Those dispatched to pharmacies acquaint themselves with what people require through notes put in opinion books put up at the stores and make medicine supply efficient. On the basis of correct diagnosis of symptoms, they also explain to visitors how to use relevant medicines. Keeping in mind the importance of medicine supply in overcoming the disease in the shortest period of time, officials across the country display a high sense of responsibility and self-sacrificing spirit, directly organizing on the



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Employees are busy packaging traditional medicines at the Ryonghung Pharmaceutical Factory.

spot the receipt and distribution of the medicines provided by the state. Treatment and preventive institutions and pharmacies at all levels have installed medicine storage facilities according to regulations and hygienic requirements and are displaying the spirit of serving the people kindly in their service activities. The pharmaceutical factories and Koryo medicine production units, also called the arsenals in the anti-epidemic campaign, are bringing about innovations from day to day in the production of medicines including antipyretic, cough medicine and digester by securing raw materials in advance while raising the operation rate of equipment.

# Efforts made to improve and readjust production, life order

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

All sectors and units are directing positive efforts to improving production activities and establishing well-knit life order, while consistently upholding all anti-epidemic principles and measures taken by the Workers' Party of Korea and the state. To cope with variable anti-epidemic situations, the central emergency anti-epidemic sector promptly issues relevant instructions, assignments and publicity materials for thoroughly implementing optimized anti-epidemic policies and has put in operation a strict system to overcome the immaturity of anti-epidemic capacity and eliminate passive attitude, slackness and inactivity. On the basis of isolating and blocking the spreading space of the malignant virus, practical measures have been taken to properly fix grades of epidemic prevention in all regions, sectors and units across the country. Research is intensified to enhance the scientific level of analysing the state anti-epidemic situation. Emergency anti-epidemic units at all levels are perfectly implementing realistic and dynamic plans to make their areas and units safe areas in preventing the epidemic. Rural communities in all parts of the country strengthen disease control and medical check-up for those who have come to help farm work and disinfect distributing reservoirs, wells and tube wells in a responsible way. Stoppers of migratory birds are under observation on a constant basis at over 1 800 places throughout the country and all the stockbreeding institutions, organizations and households take closer anti-epizootic measures to prevent the spread of the malignant virus from domestic animals. The Cabinet and other leading state economic organizations discuss and make practical ways to complete unified command and working systems so as to cope with the anti-epidemic crisis as they meet the anti-epidemic demand in production activities and properly control balance so that they can satisfy economic requirements. The ministries of Public Health and Land and Maritime Transport and other relevant institutions have promptly sent more medical workers, medicines and transport means to different regions and units in order to give precedence to the work of proactively responding to any crisis according to a well thought-out plan.



June 10  
Top emergency anti-epidemic system in operation  
30 days

# COVID-19 situation in DPRK

More than 45 540 people contracted fever and over 55 250 fully recovered in the DPRK from 18:00 of June 8 to 18:00 of June 9. A total of more than 4 349 920 people caught fever nationwide between late April and 18:00 of June 9. Of them, over 4 265 860 (98.068%) were fully recovered and some 83 980 (1.93%) were undergoing treatment.

# Every sector out for stable and sustainable economic growth

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

With the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as a watershed the Korean people have reached a new turning point in their efforts for the development of the self-supporting economy.

The metallurgical, chemical, electric power and coal-mining industries and other sectors and units of the national economy work hard to lay solid material and technical foundations for achieving stable and sustainable growth by holding fast to the WPK's strategy for readjustment and reinforcement.

Projects for sustainable development are dynamically pushed ahead, including the construction of new production bases, modernization of production processes and expansion of capacities by adding necessary production lines, while carrying on the current production.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK and plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee specified tasks and ways facing all economic sectors and units in producing substantial changes and development-oriented results.

Accordingly, officials of all economic sectors direct their economic planning and

command to achieving steady and sustainable development, while attaching importance to promoting long-term interests.

They constantly try to acquire economic and technical knowledge to promptly respond to the changing subjective and objective environment, work out the most optimal plans for readjustment and reinforcement with scientific and detailed calculation and unconditionally carry out the plans by vigorously pressing on with them once they are decided.

Stable and sustainable economic development is guaranteed by the powerful technical force.

Every unit now concentrates on strengthening their own technical force.

They have set specific goals and adopted correct methodology in training talented people who can shoulder their own development and scrupulously organized the work to boldly appoint talented personnel to more important jobs and train them in practice in a planned manner.

At the same time they encourage and provide conditions for all producers to keep abreast of the world development trend and constantly work towards the new goals so that they could become masterhands in technical

innovations and inventors. In particular, they conduct a mass technical innovation drive vigorously to suit their specific conditions to make it a good occasion for strengthening their technical force.

They also direct efforts to domestic production of raw and other materials and equipment.

The WPK laid down the line of promoting economic development by relying on locally available resources and had led the efforts to achieve it since the beginning of socialist construction.

The development of the metallurgical, vinalon and fertilizer industries by relying on local resources is a clear

manifestation of the validity and vitality of the WPK's economic policy.

Remarkable achievements have been made in various sectors and units of the national economy in recent years in their efforts to carry out the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK on adhering to domestic production of raw and other materials and to recycling as the lifeline and the main direction of growth.

Now all the economic sectors make steady effort to contribute to the comprehensive development of socialism by focusing on building up the foundations for stable and sustainable economic development.

# Technical innovation prioritized for production growth



The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex and the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex boost production through technical innovation.

By Chaek Hyang Ok PT

Key industries constantly press on with production by directing much effort to technical innovation even after the country switched over to the top emergency anti-epidemic system.

The metallurgical industry is boosting the production of iron and steel.

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex is expanding the output of pig iron by focussing on the technical innovation for increasing the daily amount of tapping at the oxygen blast furnace and the Chollima Steel Complex is improving several technical and economic indexes of the UHP electric arc furnace.

The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex put the operation of the oxygen blast furnace on a scientific footing in order to further lower anthracite consumption per ton of pig iron and sulphur content in molten iron, while increasing the rolled steel output by extending the cycle of repair of the heating furnace.

The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex and the Namhung



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Youth Chemical Complex overfulfilled their fertilizer production plans for May.

The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex increased its daily fertilizer production by ensuring the simultaneous operation of different pieces of equipment and newly confirmed technical indexes.

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex managed technology to raise the quality of coal and introduced a recycling technology to improve the grade of humic acid.

The February 8 Vinalon

Complex consolidated material and technical foundations to make remarkable progress in the production of caustic soda, vinyl chloride as well as vinalon. It also laid a foundation for normalizing butanol production.

The electricity and coal-mining sectors positively introduced innovations to produce more electricity and coal than planned in May.

The railway transport sector is transporting large quantities of freight as it explores ways to increase the

operation rate of locomotives and to reduce the round-trip time of goods wagons.

The machine-building industry is also achieving growth in production.

Especially, the Ryongsong Machine Complex employed a unique method to process the crankshaft of a compressor and adopted non-stop processing of its body to minimize the vibration of the machine. It also boosted the performance of a 300hp hoist while decreasing the weight of its speed reducer to a fourth.

# Domestic production of materials, recycling promoted

By Kil Chung Il PT

Factories in the light-industry sector are increasing the production of consumer goods by focusing on domestic production of raw materials and recycling.

The Chongjin Bag Factory uses scraps of cloth from bag production to produce various kinds of consumer goods, including different types of pencil which suit the sentiment of kindergarten and primary school children.

The Kowon county chemical necessities factory is increasing production by reinforcing the process for the preparation of raw materials to ensure the normalization of soap production.

While tapping the local resources, it confirmed the raw materials for soap in the course of learning from the experience of other units taking the lead in domestic production of such materials and manufactured appropriate equipment and increased the output of soap production four times by employing a method of making caustic soda.

The Anju Foodstuff Factory produces dairy products by culturing ferment bacilli on its own efforts.

It is said that the factory previously brought ferment bacilli from other factories.

Then it manufactured a machine for culturing bacilli and confirmed scientifically the culture temperature and time, the

mixing ratio of ferment bacilli and raw materials and so on for each process.

It also guaranteed safety in culturing ferment bacilli by refashioning several facilities, including the thermostat and the deodorizing machine, to suit the characteristics of the culturing machine.

The Onchon County Condiments Factory saved the grain materials by 30 percent by turning immature grains into the raw material of foodstuff and uses waste from production processes as fuel for steam production and the material for the detergent of equipment and containers.

They ascertained that they could obtain in no small measure food materials from immature grains through a detailed analysis of such grains of rice, wheat and barley.

If they processed immature grains from all farms in the county, they could get lots of such materials.

It manufactured over 10 facilities and laid out the processing ground for that purpose and improved the quality of products by completing the methods of producing different foodstuffs through synthetic culture of composite microbes

It uses rice chaff from the processing of immature grains as substitute fuel for the boiler to ensure the heat for steam cooking and fermentation and makes a quality detergent from combustion residues.

# Worker inventor



By Ri Jang Chol PT

Pae Jong Sop (pictured), cable maker at the Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326, looks like a prudent researcher rather than a blue-collar worker.

Every employee of the factory says he lives in contemplation all the time.

Over 30 years ago, Jong Sop hurt a leg in an unexpected accident a little after he began to work at the factory.

The enthusiastic young lathe operator had been resolved to work hard at the factory where his father had worked, but now he was heartbroken to the thought that he should be pensioned off for the injured leg in his early 20s.

"Though you were badly injured, you have your brain. You cannot do anything with a feeble mind," said his mother, who was also at the same factory.

Jong Sop braced himself up as he underwent medical treatment.

With the mind of being a beginner, he started to delve into electricity, chemistry and other knowledge of adjacent fields.

He always read books. One day, a piece of news came that the factory would undertake a project for modernizing the electric cable impregnation process.

He asked a relevant staffer to involve him in its technical innovation team before others and completed a program needed for the modernization project by making painstaking efforts.

The establishment of the process made it possible for the factory to save lots of electric power and labour.

When he learned that it has become a global trend to use plastic, instead of paper, in ensuring the roundness of cables, he came up with a new innovative idea, thus contributing to establishing the production process of a plastic filling material.

In recent years alone, he brought considerable benefits to the state by developing several valuable technical innovation and original plans conducive to recycling raw and other materials.

The country awarded him a model worker honour prize on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star last year in recognition of his distinguished services and provided him with a luxury house in Kyongru-dong in Pyongyang's Central District this year.

The country awarded Rim Kum Chol the title of Merited Urban Maintenance Worker, provided him with a luxury house in Kyongru-dong on the Pothong riverside



By Han Jong Ho PT

Frankly speaking, no one wants to work with sewage.

However, Rim Kum Chol (pictured), who has just turned 56 this year, has been working at the Rangnang Sewage Treatment Plant in Pyongyang for 30 years.

After his demob, he chose this job not because his ideal and ambition were not higher than others'.

In the early 1990s Thongil Street was newly built on the banks of the Taedong River, to be followed by the sewage treatment plant.

Kum Chol, who had loved the river since his childhood, did not mind purifying sewage if it were to make only clean water flow into the river.

Sometimes, old people of the plant wondered whether a young man could manage to repair the waste pipes with his body being stained with sewage when they were damaged, but Kum Chol was very faithful to his duty.

He tried hard to be proficient in his job and became a highly skilled worker in a few years and also came to be indispensable to the plant.

It happened on a holiday in spring a few years ago.

He was just about to leave his home to go to the Munsu Water

Park with his family members when he received an urgent call from his plant that a waste pipe in his charge was broken.

He ran to the field without a moment's delay.

He left home in street clothes saying he would come back soon, but returned home in the evening.

"I was very sorry for failing to enjoy the holiday with my father. But his sincere attitude to his job made me think a lot," recalled his son, Rim Kwang Hyok.

Kum Chol's life went on like this.

"It is not an easy job to work with sewage. I would like to bow my head to Rim who has faithfully performed his job for 30 years," said Min Song Guk, a fellow worker at the same plant now.

In recognition of his decades-long devoted service, the country awarded him the title of Merited Urban Maintenance Worker and provided him with a newly-built luxury house in Kyongru-dong on the Pothong riverside last April.

On the day when they moved into the new house, they promised to work harder for the country.

# Sincere efforts deserve honour

# 'Yulan mother'

Kang Pun Hui sent lots of yulan trees to the Arboretum of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun

By Ri Myong Jun PT

There is a woman called "yulan mother". She is Kang Pun Hui, a worker at the Chongjin supply station for vessel operation of the maritime transport management bureau under the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport.

She is called so as she has spent half of her lifetime tending the plant.

Nearly 20 years ago she began to gather and send seeds of the plant to the Chongjin Botanical Garden. And she has sent dozens of yulan trees she grew to the Arboretum of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance since some years

ago.

There is a reason why she did so. After her son joined the Korean People's Army, she happened to read in his notebook a composition "Our Mother" he had written in his middle school days.

Part of the composition read: "There is my mom's favourite pouch in my home. She puts yulan seeds in it every November. One day I asked her why she treasures the seeds. She answered that she wanted to spread the plant across the country in reflection of all the people's yearning for the President as it blooms in April (April 15 is the President's birthday). She is such a nice woman."

That day she made up her mind to live as a mother her son had

described.

Shortly afterwards, there appeared a small "tree nursery" in the compound of her workplace.

The woman broke up the soil and sowed it with yulan.

With the passage of time, the seeds sprouted and put forth leaves. She grew the seedlings with great care just like tending a baby lest the leaves should fall in the wind, lest the rainy wind should bring down the seedlings and lest they should be affected by any disease.

The plants grown like that began to be sent to the Arboretum. Thus dozens of yulan trees took root there for the past several years.

The "yulan mother" still spares no effort in growing the tree.

# Mastermind behind scheme to foment discord and undermine cooperation in the region

By Song Jong Ho PT

Recently, the US-ASEAN special summit was held in the US. As had been expected, the US has again loudly aired the “free and open Indo-Pacific”, “maintenance of rules and norms” and the importance of creating peaceful environment.

According to the US assertion, the freedom in the Indo-Pacific region is being restricted, “rules” and “norms” are being violated, and peace and stability are being undermined.

Then, who is the real mastermind that hampers common development and causes unstable situation in the Asia-Pacific region?

Chinese media are giving an answer to this question. *Global Times* laid bare the ulterior intention of the Biden administration to keep on implementing the Indo-Pacific strategy and drive the ASEAN countries into the competition with China, and warned that the US bid to create an Indo-Pacific version of NATO as well as camp confrontation would not be achieved in Asia.

The *Overseas Network* also

carried a commentary which points out that the countries in the region are not the geopolitical chessmen of the US and that the US would fail in its attempt to win over the ASEAN countries by honeyed words.

Recently, Chinese media outlets criticized the US for sparing no efforts to foment discord and hinder cooperation between the ASEAN countries and China, stressing that the Biden administration would better do more work necessary for cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The international community also voices growing scepticism

over the “rules” and “norms” which are unilaterally advocated by the US for achieving its own goals.

Some time ago, the Russian foreign minister also ridiculed the US and the West’s advocacy for “rules-based world order”, saying that nobody has either seen or drawn up this kind of “rules”.

In order to maintain its hegemonic position, the US attempts to undermine the international and regional cooperation in pursuit of camp confrontation in every part of world, but it will be unable evade the rejection of the international community.

# Unity, concerted action are guarantee of anti-epidemic campaign



**Kim Kwang Hyok**  
Chief of the Public Health Bureau under the Pyongyang Municipal People’s Committee

The whole population of the country has turned out in the struggle for curbing the spread of the epidemic as they are united as one and unconditionally abiding by the decisions and instructions of the Workers’ Party of Korea and keeping in step with the Party Central Committee voluntarily and from a sense of duty in all state activities.

Everyone absolutely follows the unified guidance of the Party Central Committee and takes an

active part in the campaign for ameliorating the severe anti-epidemic situation. Party organizations at all levels are making strenuous efforts to defend the lives and safety of local people, while the people make concerted efforts with a single mindset that they should contribute to resolving the health crisis of the country as soon as possible.

As a result, only some days after the introduction of the top emergency anti-epidemic system, we are holding the

initiative and controlling and managing the situation in a stable way.

This shows that unity and concerted action are the main guarantee which would bring about a victory in today’s anti-epidemic campaign.

Even though the situation is now on a stable curve, all sectors and units should ensure consistency in the thought and action of all people and continue to lead the efforts for stabilizing and improving the anti-epidemic situation of their regions and units in order

to emerge victorious in the campaign.

What are important in these efforts are to raise public awareness that today’s epidemic prevention campaign is a popular one which is executed for the people and by the people and to make them get voluntarily involved in the campaign with the thought that they are the participants in this campaign by explaining the validity and scientific accuracy of all the measures taken by the Party and government.

Thus, we will complete the anti-epidemic campaign with victory by making it an all-people campaign joined by the whole population.

## OPINION

### With concerted efforts against dominationist schemes

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The 21st ALBA-TCT (La Alianza Bolivariana Tara Los Tueblos De Nuestra America-Tratado De Comercio De Los Tueblos) summit meeting took place on May 27 in Havana, Cuba, with heads of state and government and representatives of its 10 member nations in attendance.

The meeting published a 12-article declaration, which expressed the will of each nation to strengthen ALBA as an organization for uniting people on the basis of the principle of solidarity, social justice, alliance and economic cooperation.

It indicates that the more the US has become disguised in its discrimination policy, intervention, division and estrangement, the more actively regional countries work to promote unity, cooperation and solidarity between them.

The US recently decided to exclude Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua from the summit of the Organization of American States to be held in Los Angeles this month by abusing its status as the host country. Such childish behaviour sparked immediate backlash from the international community as it is designed to violate the sovereignty of the countries that are not obedient to it and create division of the regional countries.

Many countries denounce the US decision as a revelation of a scheme to bring about an unstable situation by provoking confrontation and exacerbating disputes in the region, saying it is an apparent act of violation of the sovereignty of states and an insult to the peoples of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The results of the 21st ALBA summit clearly proved it.

It is too natural that the US attempt to use even the top-level meeting of the countries in the American continent as a tool for domination and instigate division and confrontation posing as a judge arouses strong opposition of the regional community.

“Divide and rule”—this is the dominationist doctrine devised by the imperialists long ago. Underlying it is their criminal purpose to destroy unity of the oppressed people by creating division and antagonism between countries and nations and weakening their opposition and realize their wild ambition of aggression, plunder and dominationism.

In the 21st century the US has tried in every way to bring about “colour revolution” in Latin American countries. On the one hand, it incited the opposition forces to create internal disorder and, on the other hand, egged neighbouring countries under the signboard of “protection of human rights” and “promotion of democracy” on to put increasing pressure and sanctions. As a result of its crafty tricks for division and estrangement, such abnormal situations took place in some countries as system overthrow and power change.

Today, many countries have awakened to such plots of the US and face up to them with the strategy of unity.

Latin American countries will reap the fruits of their efforts to tackle the dominationist moves of the imperialists with united effort.

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By Om Ryoung PT

Japan has dreamt of becoming a permanent member of the UN Security Council for nearly thirty years.

Having formally submitted its bid for permanent membership to the UN on the occasion of its 50th founding anniversary in 1995, Japan has been making a fuss on every major occasion, including the UN’s 55th anniversary.

It has been claiming that it deserves to become a permanent member since it is “playing a leading role in the UN reform”, and busying itself to this end. A typical example is the formation of G4 involving Japan and three other nations seeking permanent membership. But those who had always been dispirited since their pipedream would not come true heard something inviting recently. US President Biden told Japanese Prime Minister Kishida that he fully supports Japan’s bid for permanent membership.

Though it was like a long-awaited rain after a drought to Japan, the real intention of the US is to tighten its grip on Japan obsessed with the ambition for overseas expansion by tempting it with the position of a permanent membership and turn it into a shock brigade in implementing its strategy for world domination.

Backed up by the US, Japan is now in high spirits thinking that its permanent membership is a sure thing.

However, it met with an indifferent reaction from the international community. The world people make a mockery of the politics and diplomacy of Japan which is at the beck

and call of the US, devoid of a political view of its own.

It is a well-known fact that Japan’s diplomacy is the one of subordination and servile following. Whenever an important matter was discussed on the international stage, Japan never had an independent view but played to the tune of the US. It is the reality of the Japanese diplomacy that it has to do anything if it is asked by the US, even though they are against its interests. Japan’s standpoint in the UN arena is nothing but unquestioning sycophancy of a henchman who just echoes the US master’s opinion.

Late last year, the Russian foreign minister said if Japan becomes a permanent member of the UN Security Council,

By Pak Song Min PT

Recently, the global energy and food security situation has been aggravated due to the West’s sanctions racket against Russia and the worsening European political situation, among others.

The EU Commission expressed concern over the fact that the recovery from the pandemic in the euro zone is at a standstill and, furthermore, if Russia reduces its supply of natural gas greatly, it might accelerate the price hike.

The West is putting the main emphasis of its sanctions on Russia’s energy export.

This inflicts considerable harm to the energy security of the world.

The coal, oil and natural gas exports of Russia is said to take up 18, 11 and 10 percent in the global volume of exports respectively.

Experts predict that the skyrocketing fuel prices and inflation in the energy sector caused by the sanctions on Russia have a severe impact on the global economy and that the global energy prices would remain at a high level in future.

With a record-high inflation

rate last April, the economic growth rate for the first quarter in the euro zone went down while the energy price soared to a level 38 percent higher than the annual standard.

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The World Bank in a report issued on April 26 analyzed that the range of the energy price rise during the last two years was the biggest since the 1973 oil crisis and the price would increase by over 50 percent in 2022.

It is expected that the food security of the world might face great danger if the sanctions on Russia and the critical European situation drag on.

Russia is also a major fertilizer producer with a 13 percent share of the global fertilizer output.

Since the global fertilizer price

is soaring owing to restrictions on Russia’s fertilizer export by unreasonable sanctions, many countries are reducing their fertilizer consumption, which might exert adverse effects on the grain production of this year.

Consequently, food prices increased to a record high and some European nations fail to ensure proper sales of wheat flour, edible oil and other foodstuffs.

As many countries adopted trade protectionism and tightened control on export to cope with the shortage of domestic food supply and the food price rise, the inflation got accelerated in the world food market and the food crisis got aggravated.

According to information available, the number of countries restricting the export of food and fertilizer increased by 23 percent between February and late April this year.

Social insecurity caused by food and energy shortages, which

it would only add a yes vote to the “ballot box” of Western policies.

It is the general opinion of the world that the acceptance of Japan’s permanent membership would just add a favourable vote for the evil empire that destroys the global security and international order.

Japan’s promotion to a permanent member of the UN Security Council is also undesirable from the viewpoint of the US.

Biden might be well aware that if Japan, the first and only victim of the US’ atomic bombs, gained the status on a par with the US and exercised equal rights, there would be more losses than profits to the latter.

It was none other than the US which would encourage Japan to

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advance to the UN playing up its “support” and “approval” but would never cast an affirmative vote at official nomination events.

Japan’s much-hyped “contribution” to world peace through “cooperation in the UN peace-keeping activities” is also the butt of ridicule in the world, because it is not a contribution but a serious crime that threatens and destroys world peace. The only thing it did under the pretext of “cooperation in the UN peace-keeping activities” was to forge a path of overseas dispatch and military operations of the Self-Defence Force.

Moreover, Japan is an impudent nation which idolizes war criminals as “heroes”, rather than doing a sincere soul-searching and making due reparations for the past crimes. It is quite absurd to think about a war criminal state, which has not yet admitted or compensated properly for abominable war crimes and heinous unethical crimes, taking the position of a permanent member. And it is quite obvious that, in case it becomes one, Japan would rush headlong towards overseas aggression in a more undisguised way rather than towards realizing global peace and security and genuine international justice.

Most countries do not want Japan which denies its legal and moral responsibility for the blood-stained past to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Tokyo had better cool its head overheated with self-righteous subjectivity and ambition and take heed of what the international community thinks of it.

## Briefly

### China

**Manned spacecraft launched**  
On June 5, China launched “Shenzhou-14” manned spacecraft at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.

The spaceship, carrying three astronauts, was sent off by Long March-2 carrier rocket.

The astronauts, staying at the orbit for six months, would conduct scientific experiments, technical examinations and do such jobs as the adjustment and management of a space station, operation of mechanical arms, activities outside the module and movement in the module area.

### Russia

**Reacting to Canada’s hostility**

The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs took a countermeasure against the hostile action of Canada on June 3.

As the countermeasure, the ministry published a list of 41 entryforbiddenpersonsincluding high-ranking military officials of Canada and announced that they are permanently forbidden to enter Russia.

Canada applied sanctions against the leadership of the Russian Defence Ministry, army commanders and business representatives in May.

### WHO

**Joint action against monkey smallpox virus called for**

The World Health Organization in a statement on May 31 said that some 1 400 people have been infected with monkey smallpox virus this year in seven African countries.

In this regard, the director for Africa of the WHO asserted that the responses in the West and Africa where the virus is spreading should not be different.

They should cooperate with each other and take joint international actions reflecting the experience, expertise and demand of Africa, he said, adding this is the only way to enhance epidemiological monitoring of the disease and have a better understanding of the outbreak process and, at the same time, strengthen readiness and response for restricting additional dissemination.

### Palestine

**Another outrage committed against Palestinians**

On May 29 there was a conflict between Israelis and Palestinians in East Quds. Dozens of Palestinians were injured in the conflict.

On the day, scores of thousands of ultraright Israeli Zionists paraded, shouting slogans of racism, along streets of Palestinians to the vicinity of al-Aqsa mosque in East Quds.

On the other hand, Israeli troops committed an outrage against innocent Palestinians who were protesting against Israel’s oppression in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, injuring over 130 of them.

## BYWORD

### Helping and leading one another

The Korean people are overcoming difficulties in the anti-epidemic campaign, helping and leading one another forward.

The state cares for the people in agony, and the people intend to put their heart and soul into supporting the country which breaks through difficulties.

In the course of this, many

people often say, “Let’s overcome it together,” and display noble attributes and traits, thinking of others before themselves.

Officials busy themselves trying to help people be relieved of pain and suffering

as soon as possible, health workers spend every day visiting families in their charge to conduct medical checkups and neighbours find pleasure and happiness in preparing and giving goods to those in difficulties.

It is the thought of the Koreans that though there may be trials, nobody should suffer from misfortune and that though there may be those who suffer agonies temporarily, nobody should live in gloom.



# ON LIST OF TOP TEN COACHES OF COUNTRY FOUR TIMES



By Han Kwi Hun PT

Ri Chol Nam (pictured), Merited Athlete and weightlifting coach of the April 25 Sports Club, is an experienced coach who trained four Merited Athletes and therefore weightlifters are

proud of being coached by him.

Ri Chong Song, who won six gold medals and set three national records last year, also attributes his success to the coach.

Ri Chol Nam undertook the instruction and guidance of training while developing Chong Song's merit.

He makes an in-depth analysis of physical and technical preparedness of players as he racks his brains all the time and gives instruction and guidance suited to it.

Every coach can claim to do so, but Chol Nam's merit is that he is more correct and accurate in holding key points.

"When Ri Chong Song snatched three golds at the Mangyongdae Prize Games in celebration of the Day of the Sun, I felt dissatisfaction greater than joy. He might have set a new record, but he failed to do

so. That was all my fault," Ri Chol Nam recalled.

He analyzed his fault in the process of instruction and guidance of training, worked out a new training plan and exerted himself to give relevant guidance.

His goal was to make Ri Chong Song perform all the technical movements perfectly while enabling him to display his ability to the full.

Thanks to his energetic coaching, Ri Chong Song bagged three gold medals and broke national records in three categories in the men's 81kg weightlifting at the national championships last year.

In recognition of the success Ri Chol Nam was chosen as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK in 2021. As a result, he was honoured with such glory four times.

He is dedicating wisdom and passion with the ambition to train all players in his charge into world weightlifting aces.

Yangdok *Stewartia koreana* grows on the southern slope of the Puktaebong Mountains some ten kilometres away from Yangdok county town.



## Yangdok *Stewartia koreana*

By Kim Kang Ju PT

Yangdok *Stewartia koreana* is distributed on the southern slope of the Puktaebong Mountains some ten kilometres away from Yangdok county town in South Phyongan Province.

It is evenly spread in the forest of Mongolian oaks. The height of the tallest tree is 25m, the diameter at the height of 1-1.5 metres is 35cm, the average height is 12m and the diameter at the height of 1-1.5 metres on average is 25cm.

Yangdok *Stewartia koreana* is a living monument which has great academic significance in studying the distribution and features of the tree.



Taedong Gate.

National cultural heritage on the banks of the Taedong River

By To Kyong Chol PT

On the banks of the Taedong River in Pyongyang there imposingly stand ancient structures of natural beauty and

historic interest, testifying to the resourcefulness and talents of Korean ancestors.

The Taedong Gate, the Ryongwang Pavilion and the Pyongyang Bell, all with a long

history, add beauty to the river banks, attracting citizens of the capital city.

The Taedong Gate, which was built as the eastern gate of the keep of the Walled City of Pyongyang, the capital of Koguryo (277 BC-668 AD) in the mid-6th century, shows well the architecture of the resourceful ancestors.

"The arch of the gate, the elaborate embankment, the two-storey gatchouse on it, the skilfully built columns of the four corners that lean inside a bit, the smooth slope of the gabled roof and the eaves that look light and yet dignified always inspire a sense of security and excitement in the

beholders," said Jang Kyong Ju, lecturer at Pyongyang University of Architecture.

And the Ryongwang Pavilion built in the mid-6th century is also distinctive enough to add to the surrounding scenic beauty.

From olden times, it has been known as one of the eight scenic spots in North and South Phyongan Provinces and Jagang Province and is being regarded as the pride of Pyongyang for its original architectural beauty along with the beautiful landscape around it.

Its architectural type is breathtaking for the big and small gabled roofs that seem to

fly and the pavilion structure formed by adjoining two buildings.

Therefore, there were created a lot of poems and songs about the landscape of the Taedong River including the Ryongwang Pavilion from olden times.

A lot of national cultural heritage elements on the banks of the river including the Taedong Gate were destroyed by aggressors during the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953). Later, however, they were restored to their original states and are now preserved and managed as precious cultural heritage of the state.



Ryongwang Pavilion.



Pyongyang Bell.

