

Kim Jong Un pays homage to great leaders at Kumsusan Palace of Sun



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, together with the participants in the Special Workshop for Officials in the Party Life Guidance Sections of Organizational Departments of Party Committees at All Levels of the WPK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on the occasion of the greatest memorial day of the nation.

Accompanying him were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of

the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee.

The participants entered the palace with a feeling of solemnity, overwhelmed by the great honour and excitement of having received an important Party-building programme for the new era invested with the outstanding ideological wisdom of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the special workshop that marked an important historic occasion in the struggle for

developing the WPK.

A basket of flowers from Kim Jong Un was placed at the statues of the President and the Chairman.

Also laid at the statues were the flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central Committee and the participants in the special workshop.

Kim Jong Un, together with the participants, paid high tribute to the great leaders at the statues.

At the halls where the President and the Chairman are preserved in their lifetime appearance, he paid homage to them as a token of his best wishes for immortality of the great leaders who built the WPK

into a powerful Juche-type revolutionary party for the times and history and laid an organizational and ideological cornerstone of eternal value for the WPK to always emerge victorious.

The participants made a deep bow to the great leaders, the founder and builders of the WPK, respectfully presenting a report to them that they would launch a sacred struggle to put the WPK's leadership and fighting efficiency on a fresh high stage with a firm determination and confidence after successfully concluding the special workshop held under the direct guidance of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.



Special workshop held for officials in Party life guidance sections of organizational departments of Party committees at all levels General Secretary Kim Jong Un guides workshop



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The Special Workshop for Officials in the Party Life Guidance Sections of Organizational Departments of Party Committees at All Levels of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang between July 2 and 6.

The WPK Central Committee organized the special workshop to more definitely propel the strengthening of the whole Party and socialist construction by squarely impressing on the officials in the Party life guidance sections of organizational departments of Party committees the importance of their Party sense of responsibility in further strengthening the Party as required by the new phase, in which the revolution develops and the WPK's overall guidance is further deepened, and the tasks and ways for improving the Party life guidance at present.

The special workshop, the first of its

kind in the history of the WPK, is of great practical significance in establishing the Party Central Committee's unified leadership system more thoroughly across the Party and society, realizing the organizational and ideological consolidation of the Party ranks in every way and markedly enhancing the leadership functions and role of the Party.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the special workshop.

When he took the platform of the workshop venue, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him who has led the Juche revolution to a road of victory while strengthening the WPK into an invincible revolutionary party with ever-victorious leadership abilities.

Attending the workshop were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central

Committee, Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Jong Kyong Thae, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, vice-directors of the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee and relevant officials of the provincial, city and county Party committees and other Party committees performing the same function and the political departments at all levels of the KPA.

There took place a two-day meeting and a three-day technical course to comprehensively review the work of the Party life guidance sections of the organizational departments of the Party committees at all levels and improve the Party life organization and guidance in a revolutionary way by decisively enhancing the political and practical qualifications and ability of Party officials.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un declared the opening of the Special

Workshop for Officials in the Party Life Guidance Sections of Organizational Departments of Party Committees at All Levels of the WPK and made an important conclusion illuminating the unique ideas and theories on building the Party organizations at a new historic stage of the Korean revolution.

The General Secretary said that today when the revolution has entered an important stage of laying a foundation for the overall development of socialist construction while squarely overcoming trials and challenges in all fields, whether we translate the fighting programme set forth at the Eighth Party Congress into brilliant reality or not depends on the fighting efficiency, activity and leadership art of the Party organizations in relevant areas and units. To ensure the elasticity of organization and guidance on the Party life, the main function of the Party organizational departments, is

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important in enhancing the role of the Party organizations, he added.

He noted that the Party life guidance is the basis of the Party activities and the system of guiding the Party life of officials and Party members through the Party life guidance sections of organizational departments of Party committees at all levels is the main guidance line of the Party Central Committee for mobilizing the whole Party and enhancing the Party's leadership abilities and fighting efficiency.

Saying that the Party life guidance sections of the Party organizational departments can be said to play the role of blood vessel and nerve gland firmly linking the Party organizations with the Party Central Committee to

be an organism, he stressed that the strengthening of the basic organizations and the unity and oneness of the whole Party by and large depend on the role of the Party life guidance sections since the Party Central Committee's revolutionary policies on the Party organizations' activities and the Party members' life are conveyed and assigned to the Party organizations and the results of overall activities of the Party organizations at all levels are concentrated on the Party Central Committee through the Party life guidance sections.

Noting that the WPK has powerfully guided socialist construction while further cementing the political position and displaying its fighting efficiency despite manifold harsh trials and challenges, he said it is unthinkable without the activities of the Party life guidance sections of the



organizational departments of the Party committees at all levels. He added it is none other than the Party life guidance sections that are responsible for grasping and propelling the execution of such important tasks assigned to the Party organizations as those of applying the people-first principle, the main political idea of the Party, to the overall Party work, establishing a revolutionary Party climate of unconditional and devoted service to the people, making city and county Party organizations the powerful staffs steering their regional development, bringing about a revolutionary turn in personnel administration, transforming the Party ranks into elites and further strengthening the primary Party committees, the main combat units in implementation of Party policies, as well as turning the Party cells into healthy and viable ones closely

knitted in the bonds of kinship. Noting that it can be said that the Party life guidance sections of organizational departments of the Party are the main axis in implementing the ideas and policies on Party building set forth by the Party Central Committee as regards the eternal guidelines for the Party and the revolution, he said that this is the definition of the position and duty of the Party life guidance sections in Party building and activities.

Saying that the further the revolution advances, the more the responsible mission and important role of the Party life guidance sections are highlighted in ensuring the Party Central Committee's guidance over the Party organizations, making the Party an integral whole with a

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firm base and enlisting the masses in the implementation of the Party's policies, he stressed that it is the demand and principle kept in building the Party that its organizational departments should always take the lead in the work for strengthening the Party and the officials in the Party life guidance sections should be a standard-bearer in doing so.

He said it is the important work directly linked with the future development of the Party that the officials in the Party life guidance sections, who are the main force in enhancing the functions and role of Party committees at all levels and improving the political and practical qualifications of Party officials and are in the position of organizing and guiding the Party life of its members, are well versed in the method and the principle of Party work peculiar to the WPK and possess high political and practical abilities and qualities as befit genuine Party officials. From this viewpoint, the Party Central Committee places great importance on the current special workshop and demands that the officials in the Party life guidance sections surely fulfil their leading, core and vanguard role in further enhancing the Party's fighting efficiency and guide and help the Party organizations and officials firmly preserve the revolutionary Party spirit and effectively implement Party policies so that the good features of the Party would always be maintained, he stressed.

Referring to the purport of convening the current workshop with special care in the wake of several conferences and inter-section workshops held as part of the work for improving the Party work method of Party departments and sections in recent years, he said that to enhance the working ability of the officials in the Party life guidance sections is surely an essential and revolutionary process in the course of strengthening the WPK into a promising, revolutionary and socialist ruling party with high fighting efficiency, adding that herein lies the significance of the special workshop.

Analyzing in detail the reality in which the Party life guidance sections of the organizational departments of the Party committees fail to work as demanded and intended by the Party Central

Committee at present and the causes of that, he stressed it is the purpose of the Party Central Committee, which has organized the special workshop, and the most important and core issue to be resolved urgently in the development of the WPK to rearm the officials in the Party life guidance sections and improve their political and practical qualifications and political awareness so as to make the sections fulfil their duty, functions and role in steadily strengthening the Party life guidance system peculiar to the WPK.

In his conclusion, he clarified the main duty of the officials in the Party life guidance sections and four major principles and six major tasks to be upheld and fulfilled in the Party life organization and guidance.

He called upon the Party life guidance sections of organizational departments of Party committees at all levels to creditably discharge their functions and role as core and nerve departments of the Party by becoming the nerve centre thoroughly realizing the Party Central Committee's guidance over relevant areas and units and thus proficiently and fully enlisting Party organizations to the implementation of Party policies.

He stressed that it is the present main duty of the Party life guidance sections to fully ensure the Party Central Committee's leadership by thoroughly grasping and controlling the Party organizations at all levels and intensifying the Party life organization and guidance over officials and Party members.

Saying that it is the Party life guidance to raise the Party members' political awareness, organize and mobilize them to implement the Party's policies and train them thoroughly into the transparent revolutionaries, he noted that when the Party life guidance sections of organizational departments intensify the control and guidance to make sure that all the Party organizations arm officials, Party members and other working people with the Party Central Committee's revolutionary ideas, lines and policies and arouse them to their implementation as the political staffs of relevant areas and units while moving as one and conducting dynamic activities, they can firmly guarantee the successful implementation of the decisions of the Party Congress and

the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and perfectly realize the plan and determination of the Party Central Committee for national prosperity and development and the people's wellbeing.

He specially stressed they should regard it as the basic iron rule in Party life guidance to establish the discipline so that all the Party organizations absolutely obey the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee.

He said that Party life guidance should be oriented to making sure that practical achievements are made in implementing the Party's policies, including the decisions of the Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee, and directed to thoroughly establishing the revolutionary way of Party life among officials and Party members, building up the Party ranks and consolidating the mass foundation of the Party.

He called for providing correct guidance and active assistance to strengthen the ranks of cadres, thoroughly improve the work method and style of officials and decisively enhance their political and practical abilities.

He said that the officials in the Party life guidance sections should naturally be exemplary in further strengthening the Party's organizational work, steadily improving the work method and cultivating pure fighting traits and style, and become genuine revolutionaries and true communists fully embodying the Party's revolutionary traits and art of leadership.

Stressing repeatedly the importance of the responsibility and duty of the officials in the Party life guidance sections which should reliably defend the banner of Juche and stubbornly guide the Party organizations and masses of the people to the successful execution of the Party's action programme, the General Secretary said that the fighting efficiency of the Party life guidance sections is precisely that of the organizational departments and the WPK.

Expressing the firm belief that the participants in the workshop would fulfil their core role in accomplishing the sacred cause of the Party, he ardently appealed to everyone to more energetically and resolutely struggle for the fighting efficiency of the ever-victorious

Workers' Party of Korea, the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party, and for the strengthening and development of the great people's Party, rallying close in mind and purpose around the Party Central Committee.

When he finished his conclusion, all the participants burst into enthusiastic cheers with boundless trust, ardent worship and burning pledge of loyalty to Kim Jong Un, the great teacher, peerless political thinker-theoretician and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution who provided more seasoned and original tactics and methodology for the Party's political activities and a great immortal programme for the building of Party organizations in the new era to powerfully steer the new development phase of a Korean-style socialism, while constantly enhancing the fighting efficiency of the Party through his energetic ideo-theoretical activities for Party building.

His important conclusion is a classic document as it gave scientific answers to the theoretical and practical issues arising in turning the Party into an organizationally solid and powerful integral whole by improving and strengthening the work of Party life guidance sections as demanded by the important stage of the WPK's struggle and the historic period for overcoming the unprecedented challenges and bringing a fresh victory on the overall fronts of socialist construction and clarified a new Party-building idea on realizing the leadership of a socialist ruling party, and it is also a strong motive force for the developing revolution, a weapon for practice and a banner of struggle.

At the workshop, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, made a report on the review of the work of the Party life guidance sections of organizational departments of Party committees at all levels, which was followed by speeches.

The report referred to the immortal feats of General Secretary Kim Jong Un who provided more powerful ideo-theoretical and methodological weapons for the strengthening of the whole Party through

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his tireless ideo-theoretical activities for Party-building.

The reporter stressed that it is a fundamental guarantee for the strengthening of the Party and the victorious advance of socialist construction to establish in the whole Party and society a steel-like organizational discipline of moving as one under the unified leadership of



Jo Yong Won delivers a report on the review of the work of the Party life guidance sections of organizational departments of Party committees at all levels.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un, thoroughly arm the officials with his revolutionary ideas and implement his unique Party-building idea and political ideology in the new era perfectly, correctly and comprehensively.

The report and speeches analyzed and reviewed in depth the work of the past period in accordance with the intention

of the Party Central Committee to bring about a revolutionary turn in the Party life organization and guidance, the basis of the Party's organizational work.

Presented to the workshop were the successes, experiences, deviations and lessons gained and revealed in the work for establishing the unified leadership system of the General Secretary more thoroughly across the Party and society, building up the Party ranks and enhancing the functions and role of the Party organizations, strengthening the guidance over the Party life of officials and Party members, implementing the revolutionary mass line of the Party and grasping and guiding the execution of the Party policies.

At the workshop, the past work of relevant units and officials was estimated anatomically in positive and negative aspects. And emphasized was the issue for the officials in the Party life guidance sections to decisively enhance their political and practical level and work ability and fulfil their crucial responsibility and duty in the van of the struggle for strengthening the Party organizations.

At the technical course to firmly arm the officials with the ideas and policy set forth by the General Secretary in his important conclusion, the validity, scientific accuracy and vitality of the idea on building the Party organizations were explained theoretically and profoundly. It also dealt in detail with the ways for thoroughly applying in the practice of the Party work the tasks facing the Party life

guidance sections.

The technical course importantly emphasized the matters of setting the work to more thoroughly establish the unified leadership system of the General Secretary as the life and basic mission of the Party organizational departments and steadily intensifying it, holding fast to the personnel administration, the growth of Party membership and the Party rank management as the most important core affair for keeping the lifeline of the Party, conducting in a responsible manner the work with masses in accordance with the changing environment and mentality of people to rally them closely behind the Party Central Committee, conducting the guidance work for implementing the Party decisions on the basis of correct methodology and working with the fighting spirit, revolutionary mettle and work style as befit Party organizational department officials.

Carefully listening to the lectures and watching video clips on the methods of operating and guiding a party meeting, the participants acquired the principle of the Juche-based party work and the knack of conducting Party work.

The participants deeply grasped the ideas and theories of the Party Central Committee on the building of Party organizations, exchanging and sharing the multi-side opinions on the issues arising in the practice of the Party work with the speakers. They also actively cultivated their political and practical qualifications and ability, acquiring the methods of bringing about a decisive

turn in the Party life organization and guidance one by one.

Through the technical course, the participants hardened their determination and readiness to bring a new improvement in the Party life organization and guidance over the officials and Party members as intended by the Party Central Committee, realizing once again their heavy responsibility and duty in maintaining and augmenting the political leadership ability of the Party.

The technical course successfully proceeded amid the high political awareness and enthusiasm of all the participants to consolidate the foundation for the strengthening and unity of the entire Party by keeping in mind the precious teachings of the General Secretary as an absolute truth and decisively renovating the work of the Party life guidance sections and to vigorously step up the implementation of the Party's policies with strong organizing and executive abilities.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivered an address closing the special workshop.

Saying that the special workshop obtained its expected results amid high political awareness and redoubled enthusiasm of all the participants, the General Secretary noted that the workshop will write a new page in the Party-building history of the WPK as it provided a new milestone in markedly enhancing the Party's leadership over the

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revolution and construction and bringing about an epochal turn in the development of the Party work by fully displaying the advantages and vitality of the Party life guidance system unique to the WPK.

He stressed that the main idea and spirit of the special workshop is that the Party life guidance sections of the Party organizational departments at all levels should become the basic engine and pivot in steadily developing the WPK into a strong political leadership organization and proficiently organizing and mobilizing the Party organizations to the implementation of the Party's policies.

Urging the officials in the Party life guidance sections to redouble their efforts, mindful that their Party spirit and qualifications are appraised by how tangibly they implement the Party's policies in the units under their charge, to always examine, evaluate and deal with everything in the light of the Party's line and policies, and to guarantee the development of the work of the units under

their charge and the perfect execution of the Party's decisions through strong control, guidance and endeavours, he stressed once again the important issues to be adhered to as an iron rule in Party life organization and guidance.

He called on the officials in the Party life guidance sections to fully grasp the Party's policies on the relevant sectors, regard it as a vital task to enhance their practical ability for the Party work, steadily enhance their political consciousness, make strenuous efforts to get familiar with the Party work principle and method and strive by themselves to possess the qualities peculiar to a Party official.

Saying that it is the Party Central Committee's will to overcome the current difficult situation and make a more courageous and vigorous advance in the future by decisively enhancing the fighting efficiency and activity of the Party organizations and giving full play to the inexhaustible strength of the Party members and other people, he stressed that to this end, officials in the Party life guidance sections of Party organizational

departments at all levels should become the main core thoroughly ensuring the Party Central Committee's leadership in the areas and units under their charge and able political officials who energetically organize and mobilize the Party organizations to the implementation of the Party's policies.

He said that when the Party officials, the revolutionaries who solemnly pledged to devote themselves to the revolution and the people, display their fighting spirit and fulfil their responsibilities and roles, well aware of their important historical mission and duty, the confidence and spirit of the masses will grow stronger and rapid progress and miracles will be made in overall socialist construction despite any unfavourable conditions and environment.

Expressing his belief that all the participants in the workshop would think and act true to the intention and idea of the Party Central Committee, firmly maintain their positions in the struggle for strengthening the entire Party and make devoted efforts for the development

of the Party and the people's wellbeing with a fresh determination, strong will and new spirit, he declared the special workshop closed.

All the participants in the workshop made a firm pledge to prepare themselves as persons of ability and action as befit the Party officials in the new era by making strenuous efforts and radically improve the Party life organization and guidance, always aware of the General Secretary's deep trust in and expectation about the officials in the Party life guidance sections and of the importance of Party responsibility.

The special workshop, which was held under the guidance of Kim Jong Un, marked an important and historic occasion in more thoroughly establishing the Party Central Committee's unified leadership system in the entire Party and the whole society and remarkably strengthening the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of the WPK, the guiding force of the Korean revolution, so as to dynamically guide Korean-style socialist construction to a great victory and success.



General Secretary Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in special workshop





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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on July 8 had a photo session with the participants in the Special Workshop for Officials

in the Party Life Guidance Sections of Organizational Departments of Party Committees at All Levels of the WPK at the garden of the office building of the Party Central Committee.

Present at the photo session were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary

for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Ri Hi Yong and Chon Thae Gil, first deputy directors of the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee.

When General Secretary Kim Jong Un came out of the office building, all

the participants raised enthusiastic cheers for the outstanding thinker and theoretician and great teacher who provided an immortal, great programme for party-building in the new era with his profound and unique ideo-

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theoretical activities and glorified the special workshop as an occasion of an epochal turn for writing a new chapter of strengthening the entire Party through his energetic guidance.

He extended warm greetings of

encouragement to the participants who put their heart and soul into preparing themselves to be competent political officials and true communists firmly armed with the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee and possessed of the revolutionary traits and leadership art of the Party during the workshop,

bearing in mind the intention of the Party Central Committee that organized the special workshop at an important and historic time when the Korean revolution has entered a new phase of development.

Saying that the hard-core members defending the main guidance line of

the Party Central Committee have correctly understood the Party's idea of prioritizing Party life guidance and grasped in depth the Juche-oriented Party work principle and the secret of Party political activities, being

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conscious of the expectations of millions of Party members and all other people, he pointed out that this served as the greatest encouragement to the WPK that is staunchly ushering in the period of overall development of socialism by giving the fullest play to the

fighting efficiency and activity of Party organizations and the inexhaustible mental strength of the people. He repeatedly and earnestly asked the officials in the Party life guidance sections, who passed another crucial course for strengthening the Party, to bear in mind their renewed oath and fully discharge the role of blood vessels

and nerves firmly connecting Party organizations with the Party Central Committee as one organism in their revolutionary workplaces with firm faith and will and become standard-bearers in strengthening the entire Party. Expressing his expectations and conviction that all the participants would fulfil their important responsibilities

by bringing about a radical turn in organizing and guiding the Party life of officials and other Party members, holding fast to the major four-point principles and six-point tasks assigned at the workshop, he had a picture taken with them.

The courtyard of the Party Central Committee was full of the participants' profound gratitude and single-minded loyalty to him, who lavishes warm love of kinship on the officials in the Party life guidance sections, who are standing in the van of the struggle for radically boosting the leadership and fighting efficiency of the WPK, despite his tight schedule.

He met with the officials, who proved excellent at the examination of political and practical abilities held during the workshop, and posed for a photo with them.

All the participants were full of fervent enthusiasm to fulfil their honourable mission and heavy duty as the first bodyguard of the Party Central Committee and the main locomotive for implementing the Party's policies by dedicating themselves to accomplishing the sacred cause for developing the Party and successfully advancing socialist construction with new readiness, firm will and fresh traits, upholding the revolutionary idea and unified leadership of the General Secretary as their lifeline.

Nation pays homage to President Kim Il Sung

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On the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung, all the Korean people paid tribute to the founder of socialist Korea and the eternal President of the DPRK with profound reverence.

A constant stream of visitors flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, on the greatest memorial day of the Korean nation.

People, service personnel and schoolchildren paid utmost respect to the great leaders in front of their large portraits in the plaza of the palace.

They remembered with deep emotion the ennobling life of Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot and benevolent father of the nation who rose as the Sun of the nation, achieved the historic cause of national liberation and continued his long journey of devotion to the country and people until the last moments of his life.

Officials, working people, service personnel and schoolchildren visited the statues of the President and the Chairman across the country to pay the deepest homage to them.



Pyongyang citizens climb up Mansu Hill to pay floral tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Baskets of flowers were laid at the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang in the name of Party, government and armed forces organs, public organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces, and institutions at all levels, industrial establishments, universities and schools in Pyongyang.

The visitors made bows reverentially at their statues as they looked back on the sacred revolutionary careers of the peerlessly great men who established a people-centred Korean-style socialism on this

land and ushered in a new era of national prosperity unprecedented in the nation's history spanning 5 000 years.

Flower baskets were also laid at their statues and portraits of their beaming images in different parts of Pyongyang, including

Working people's organizations hold meetings to tell about the great exploits and noble personality traits of President Kim Il Sung.



Kim Il Sung University, the Ministry of National Defence and the Mansudae Art Studio, in the name of institutions, enterprises and KPA and PSF units. Officials, working people, service personnel and schoolchildren in all local areas paid homage to the great leaders at their statues and their beaming portraits in their localities.

Working people, service personnel and youth and students watched documentaries showing the great personality traits and noble virtues of the President in their workplaces, at their army posts and in their homes. Saying that the history of the great Sun keeps going steadily thanks to the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the supreme incarnation of revolutionary moral obligation, they expressed their firm determination to carry out the instructions of the President to the letter.

All the people in the DPRK hardened their resolve to add eternal lustre to the idea and cause of Kim Il Sung and hasten a great new victory of the socialist cause of Juche by implementing the decisions of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.



Premier inspects shoe factories in Pyongyang, giant cement maker



Choe Ryong Hae (third from left), chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, inspects several units in South Phyongan Province.

SPA Standing Committee chairman inspects various units in South Phyongan

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Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, inspected different units in South Phyongan Province.

Learning in detail about the progress of river improvement and embankment repair projects to prevent flood damage in the rainy season in Anju, Choe stressed the need for

all officials to keep in mind once again the idea of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee and take proper steps to prevent flood damage and thus reliably protect the personal lives and property of the people.

As he looked round the Anju City Chemical Daily Necessities Factory, the Anju City Foodstuff Factory, the Phyongsong City Paper Mill and others, he said that power organs and administrative and economic bodies in the relevant areas should normalize production in local industry factories and take drastic measures to improve the quality of their products

so as to make a substantial contribution to improving the people's living standards.

A consultative meeting took place in the South Phyongan Provincial People's Committee. It discussed the issues of constantly putting great efforts into land administration regarding the annual repetition of disastrous extreme weather conditions as a fait accompli and of effectively conducting the organization and guidance of the observance of law and education in law observance by power organs strictly in the direction of implementing the Party policies.

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also 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, visited shoe factories in Pyongyang and the Suncheon Cement Complex.

At the Ryuwon Footwear Factory he stressed the need to produce good-quality shoes in large numbers by optimizing all the production processes from the designing of products to planning to meet the scientific and technical requirements and

steadily strengthening the ranks of technicians and skilled workers.

After learning in detail about the reconstruction and modernization project of the Pyongyang Leather Shoes Factory, he said it should expand the production capacity in a far-sighted way to meet the material and cultural demand of the people and press on with the project as scheduled by focusing on the improvement of the modernization level of the production processes.

At the Suncheon Cement Complex he referred to the necessity to properly produce and supply cement urgently needed for major

construction projects and rural construction by planning and commanding the work for revitalizing production in an innovative way.

Field consultative meetings discussed the issues of expanding shoe production capacities to substantially benefit the people while drastically improving the quality of products, encouraging scientific research institutions and related sectors to render positive assistance in the repair and technical upgrading of main equipment of the Suncheon Cement Complex and others, and took appropriate steps.

Policy measures regulated, put into operation to consolidate anti-epidemic system

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The national anti-epidemic policy and measures are steadily regulated and put into operation to completely resolve the current health crisis and sustainably protect the people's health, lives and security.

The state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters

watches the anti-epidemic situation of the country and comprehensively analyses the outbreak of fever, the formation of collective immunity, supply of medicines and mobilization of medical workers in order to proactively control and manage the anti-epidemic situation while regulating anti-epidemic grades in relevant areas.

A project is now being pushed to work out and issue detailed guides related to working system and order of action according to grades and reinforce the anti-epidemic system so as to swiftly respond to the future possible threats of infectious diseases and challenges in every direction.

Emergency anti-epidemic units at all levels are directing primary efforts to solidify anti-epidemic barriers in line with the scientific clarification of inflow source and route of malignant virus and implementing measures to enhance the sense of responsibility and crisis and increase the vigilance of all the people.

All residents are helping, controlling and struggling with each other so that they

can voluntarily report and inform without omitting any abnormal symptoms and unusual things that are suspected to be COVID-19 and do disease screening and medical check-up in a responsible manner.

Positive efforts are being made to constantly increase the country's anti-epidemic capacity and capabilities to counter crisis.

Constant efforts are being made to draw up the working system and action plan for providing against unexpected emergency, ranging from centre down to the lowest units, give clear-cut assignments according to each unit and official and ensure that all elements of anti-epidemic guidelines including blockade, disease screening and medical check-up and sterilization are

implemented with full safety guarantee.

The fever survey and management program for all residents has been applied to analyzing and synthesizing the anti-epidemic situations of relevant areas and units and all factors that harm the anti-epidemic environment have been found out to take necessary measures.

While efficient anti-epidemic measures were taken in a mobile way in conformity with conditions and features of regions and units, over 259 400 working, production and life units were sterilized in an intensive way on the one day of July 2 alone.

The medical science research sector is providing a sci-tech guarantee for steadily enhancing the national anti-

epidemic capacity for coping with crisis.

Research is intensified to clarify in detail epidemiological and clinical characteristics including the incubation period, clinical symptoms and response to drug of fever patients and fully recovered persons and standardize and put on a scientific basis the test for pathogenic microorganism.

Timely measures are also taken to correctly diagnose and introduce measures against the malignant viral disease which occur sporadically, while enhancing the level of collective immunity throughout the country and consolidating it firmly, and to shorten the testing time and improve accuracy of tests by establishing a dense nucleic acid testing network.

July 8
Top emergency anti-epidemic system in operation
58 days

COVID-19 situation in DPRK

According to the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters, more than 1 630 people contracted fever and at least 2 060 others fully recovered in the DPRK between 18:00 of July 6 and 18:00 of July 7.

A total of more than 4 763 360 persons caught fever nationwide between late April and 18:00 of July 7. Of them, over 4 760 170 (99.933%) fully recovered and some 3 110 (0. 065%) were undergoing treatment.

Many units fulfil their economic plans for first half of year

By Om Ryong PT

In the first half-yearly period, many economic sectors increased production every month, which led to a growing tendency of the overall economy.

The electric-power, coal and chemical industries and different other sectors and units are working in earnest to increase productivity and improve economic management with science and technology as the motive force.

Workers of the Kujang Area Coal-mining Complex, Sunchon Cement Complex, Unnyul Mine and Taean Friendship Glass Factory fulfilled their first half-yearly quotas while resolutely breaking through bottlenecks and difficulties.

Ministries of Electric Power, Coal, Machine-building, Construction and Building-materials and Light Industry and other sectors successfully rounded off their first half-yearly assignments.

The Musan Mining Complex, Jaeryong Mine, East Pyongyang Thermal Power Station, Tukjang Area Coal-mining Complex, Sangwon Cement Complex, Anju Pump Factory, Munphyong Smeltery and many other units carried out their production quotas for every ten days and by month in the face of unfavourable conditions.

Coal miners of coal-mining workshop No. 2 of pit No. 7 at the Namyang Coal Mine made a breakthrough in normalizing production by waging an indomitable struggle when water gushed out of the ceiling in a coal face to prevent them from going on with production, and workers of other coalfields across the country carried out their daily plans without fail while overcoming difficulties.

Though they suffered a shortage of labour due to a growing number of patients with fever caused by the spread of COVID-19, many production units overfulfilled their production plans by switching from three shifts into two shifts.

Despite the sudden emergency anti-epidemicsituation, all the people completed rice transplantation in time and qualitatively throughout the country by dint of united strength.

A new Hwasong legend has been created in the construction site of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area in Pyongyang. The building of frameworks of dozens of blocks of high-rise apartment houses has reached the final stage in only four months after groundbreaking.

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm under construction is taking on new looks day after day thanks to the loyalty and patriotism of soldier builders who are translating the long-cherished desire of the Workers' Party of Korea into brilliant reality.

Production and construction proceeded apace at the sites of great upsurge thanks to the conviction that the national economic plan can never be postponed and the spirit of self-reliance of the working people to bring a happy life without fail by their strength, wisdom and strenuous efforts.

The self-centred calculation of the loss and gain was overcome as required by the balanced and simultaneous development of all economic sectors and units and a stricter system has been set up to produce and supply cooperative products preferentially and in a qualitative way from the viewpoint of national interests.

The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex worked out detailed plans according to stages and processes, strictly reviewed their implementation every day, every week and every month and took detailed measures.

The Pyongyang Railway Bureau organized transport in a mobile way in contact with relevant units and ensured the concentrated transport of secured materials.

A habit of attaching importance to talents and relying on science and technology has been established further in production units in the first half of the year.

The Posan Iron Works found out



The Taean Heavy Machine Complex steps up the production of custom-built equipment by dint of science and technology.

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and trained talents through the mass technical innovation movement, aroused the masses to the movement through the operation of "technical innovation boxes" set up in different places and established the unburned carbon refractory brick production technology and process based on the muck of coal mines by relying on its scientific and technological force, thus increasing the number of workdays of the revolving furnace as compared to the previous period.

The Tukjang Area Coal-mining Complex increased the proportion of the pit face work done by machines and provided a guarantee for increased coal production by making different equipment including electric loader.

The Sunchon Thermal Power Station defined the criterion for the review of the activities of talents and made the review an occasion for bringing about research achievements contributing to the growth of production.

It broke from the old practice of clinging to current production and established a work habit of creating in advance the production conditions for the next month and quarter of the year from the standpoint of bearing the responsibility for today and tomorrow.

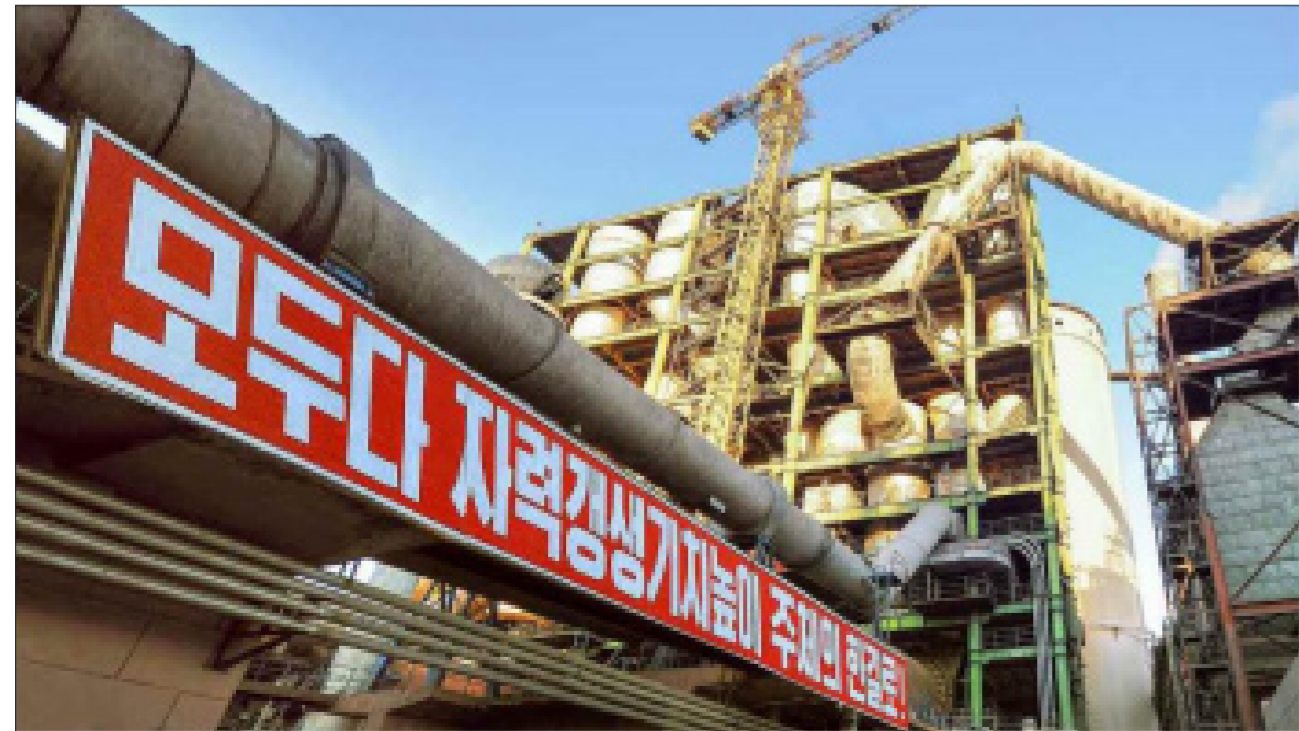
The February 8 Vinalon Complex pushed ahead with current production and readjustment and reinforcement in a three-dimensional way by taking into consideration the issues of providing itself with enough equipment and devices necessary for normal production and overhaul, equipping itself with diverse kinds of jigs and equipment and fixing the order of priority in projects according to seasonal features, thus registering good results in fulfilling the first half-yearly quotas.

The Kaecheon Area Coal-mining Complex, which enhanced the competitive spirit of coal miners by organizing the high-speed

tunnelling contest according to coal mines from the beginning of the year, secured dozens of new coal pits in the first quarter of the year and channelled big efforts into coal prospecting to find out a large-capacity coalfield.

The Pukchang Area Youth Coal-mining Complex organized the short-term course for operators and repairmen, which had been held quarterly, in a scrupulous and methodological way so as to get more familiar with equipment management and arranged the exhibition of spare parts efficiently so as to ensure the timely checkup and repair of facilities, thereby opening up a sure prospect for carrying out monthly and quarterly plans.

Such successes made in the first half of the year greatly inspire working people to implement the decisions of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.



The Sangwon Cement Complex increases production to supply more cement to construction sites.



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Hamhung branch of State Academy of Sciences makes research hits

By To Kyong Chol PT

Researchers of the Hamhung branch of the State Academy of Sciences have concentrated their efforts on scientifically and technologically guaranteeing the establishment of the C1 chemical industry which is of great importance in turning the chemical industry of the country into the one relying on domestic materials.

"One of the breakthroughs is to develop catalysts. Among them, there is an advanced-level catalyst which is tried for the first time in the country. Our branch is speeding up its development speed by effectively organizing the research team and promoting cooperation and joint operations between

institutes," said an official of the branch.

He added that they strictly conduct reexamination even if technical preparations are perfect since all processes consist of complex devices and technical processes.

Recently, the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex succeeded in a trial run after rounding off the reconstruction project for the sodium carbonate production process, which is associated with the devotion of researchers of the Hamhung branch.

The project was a gigantic one which required workers to manufacture, assemble and install hundreds of pieces of equipment and installations.

Researchers directed main efforts to renovating the original production process so as to lower the norm

of materials consumption per unit, reduce energy consumption and simplify the operation of process.

In the course of this, they developed new techniques conducive to further updating production processes including lowering of materials consumption by renovating the pipe networks of the ammonia recovery process in the carbonation line. They also brought out research hits conducive to producing sodium carbonate and ammonium sulphate based on locally-abundant glauconite and framed standard operating methods and technical regulations of production process.

Researchers of the branch also developed Tetron rayon yarn spinning and spinning oil and tanning agents and introduced them into several units.



Scientists are engaged in research into projects for the establishment of the C1 chemical industry at the Hamhung branch of the State Academy of Sciences.

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Agrochemical developer, better known as 'votary of science'

Yu Son Ok was awarded the title of Merited Scientist and the February 16 Science and Technology Prize



Yu Son Ok (centre) examines crops in a field.

HONG KWANG NAM / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Yun Ki Song PT

Yu Son Ok, department chief of the botanical institute of the State Academy of Sciences, is one of the agricultural scientists who have been devoted to research into efficient botanical chemicals and vegetable fertilizers all their life.

She enrolled at a study-while-you-work course to start her scientific research and majored in the study of insecticide needed for the development of poultry farming. After having a good grip of her speciality and achieving certain research successes, she was preparing for a thesis for an academic degree, when she happened to know that insecticide was being imported and switched over to the study of botanical chemicals.

"Of course, I felt sad about the change as I would have been able to gain fame in the academic circles if I had taken one step further," recalled Yu.

It was not an easy job to make efficient botanical chemicals with locally-abundant raw materials, but she finally succeeded

in developing a natural bioactivator guaranteeing the safe yield of crops even in a disastrous abnormal climate. According to her, the bioactivator is a multifunctional fertilizer which promotes plants' photosynthesis and the growth of their roots, supplies sufficient quantities of nutrients, minerals and trace elements and kills harmful insects, unlike the previous organic fertilizers with one or two functions.

It contains hundreds of kinds of ingredients including such secondary metabolites as coumarin and tannin, such macro and trace elements as nitrogen, phosphorus, boron and manganese, minerals, vitamins and essential amino acids.

Its special merit is that it increases the photosynthetic capacity of plants and promotes the growth of their roots. When it is applied to the leaves of crops, they get darker in 1-2 hours. It helps increase the yield of cereal crops by over 8-15 percent and that of fruits and vegetables by at least 30-50 percent.

It also enables plants to absorb 30-60 percent of

necessary nitrogen from air in the whole period of growth.

It is said to be especially effective for paddy rice, maize, sweet potato and sugar cane.

The World Intellectual Property Organization officially recognized the natural bioactivator developed by Yu Son Ok and other DPRK scientists as a world natural green environment-friendly organic compound fertilizer and awarded them the medal of invention in 2017.

Yu proceeded to develop Myongrok No. 3, which is acclaimed as an ideal seed treatment and botanical activator, a tonic for domestic animals conducive to the growth of livestock production and others.

In the course of that, she was awarded the title of Merited Scientist and the February 16 Science and Technology Prize, top honour for scientists and technicians in the DPRK.

Though nearly 70, she is now exerting herself to carry out another research project which is of great significance in developing the agricultural development of the country.

Vitalizing agents raise rate of rooting

By Kil Chung Il PT

The architectural science institute of Pyongyang University of Architecture has researched and developed tree-vitalizing agents to raise the rooting rate of planted trees.

"The new tree-vitalizing agents were made by processing domestic materials

including various kinds of macro and trace elements and wormwood essence with advanced technology and they are used to raise the rates of nourishment absorption and utilization and rooting through roots, exterminate harmful insects and intensify nourishment," said section chief Kim Hye Gyong.

Before being planted,

saplings are soaked in the vitalizing agent for raising the rates of nourishment absorption and utilization and the planted saplings are sprayed with the agent on their leaves and trunks several times. The process is repeated two or three times at an interval of two days, even dying trees

can be revived safely.

When trees were damaged by harmful insects including pine caterpillars, another agent for protecting trees from damage from harmful insects is sprayed on leaves and trunks several times.

The one for intensifying the nourishment of trees is for instillation. About one liter of it is dripped 2.5-3.5

centimetres deep into part of a tree at the height of 15-25 centimetres from the root neck.

According to users of the agents, they boost the early vegetative growth of plants by promoting their rooting and enhance the photosynthetic capacity of leaves and their resistance to harmful insects and

unfavourable environment so as to ensure the rate of rooting at over 98.8 percent.

And the agents can be applied to all trees from saplings to those which grew for decades and they are easy to use.

Now many units benefit from the introduction of the agents.

New courses to be set up at universities

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Efforts are being made at universities throughout the country to set up new courses to meet the global educational development trend.

The natural science sector of Kim Il Sung University is working to establish the courses of ecological environment, land development, resource application and resource development, which belong to the cross-disciplinary science field, while the social science sector is endeavouring to set up several new courses.

Ho Kwang Sop, department director of the university, said that this project is of great importance in developing the university

into the first-rate one and opening up new scientific research fields.

Kim Chaek University of Technology is channelling big efforts into establishing new courses with an eye to training incredible talents who are able to solve scientific and technological problems in the engineering sector while being well versed in modern mathematics and physics, as it develops the basic science field to meet the characteristics of the university.

Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering works to institute a new faculty and course so that it can train mechanical engineering talents possessed of comprehensive knowledge of the engineering by

integrating different courses with the same special foundations, and also the course which specializes in the training of machine designers who can play a pivotal role in different economic sectors.

Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry will bring out the courses of eco-fibre engineering and food technology to meet the global development trend of textile and food industries.

According to Pak Myong Ho, section chief of the university, the eco-fibre engineering course will train talents needed for developing the functional fibre materials favourable for environment protection and improving processing techniques, while the food

technology course will train talented developers of highly-nutritious functional foods.

The university will set up the multimedia fine arts course which teaches manufacturing techniques that can anatomically show the designs of products and sci-tech principles in different light industry sectors by dint of videos.

Besides, Chongjin University of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering and many other universities are stepping up similar efforts.

They are directing efforts to perfecting curricula on a high level and building up teaching forces in keeping with the institution of new courses.



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Lecturers have a discussion to set up a new course at Pyongyong Han Tok Su University of Light Industry.

Making of new teaching presentations pushed

By Han Jong Ho PT

The education sector is pressing ahead with the making of new teaching presentations.

"The Education Commission attaches importance to mapping out teaching presentations conducive to improving students' intellectual faculties and application abilities as part of the efforts to widely create and introduce profitable and advantageous teaching methods," said Hwang Chol Myong, department director of the Education Commission.

According to him, this work requires much labour since teaching processes by

excellent teachers should be photographed and compiled.

The Education Commission ensured elaborate preparations were made including giving precedence to writing acting scripts, selecting excellent teachers from educational institutions and drawing up teaching presentations.

At present, photographing is conducted in earnest for making teaching presentations of major subjects at different universities and dozens of schools in Pyongyang.

The commission makes sure that the instructors of the Pyongyang municipal teachers training centre and other in-service training

centres of different districts intensify political and pedagogical guidance over teaching contents and methods to be reflected on presentations.

It sees to it that all lessons are given in line with ages, psychological characteristics and the features of study subjects, while helping teachers perfect their teaching methods so that the teaching processes can proceed in a lifelike way amid rapport between teachers and students, so as to complete the lessons of subjects to be reflected on teaching presentations on a high level.

Teachers participating in the making of the presentations are very enthusiastic.

Many teachers try hard to incorporate in teaching the achievements made in their past work to create new teaching methods so that the presentations can tangibly contribute to improving the scholarly performance of students.

Lots of teaching presentations have been completed in the general education sector so far and those for universities are being produced in earnest at universities.

Hwang Chol Myong said these teaching presentations would be effective in narrowing the gap in education level between Pyongyang and provinces and between urban and rural areas.

With an eye to remarkable success for educational development



The recent Fifth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea set it as an important policy task to put the country's education on the most advanced level.

To this end, the Education Commission is strengthening political guidance over education and technical guidance over teaching contents.

The higher education sector continuously innovates teaching contents, forms and methods.

The technical college sector is working to make the teaching contents of hundreds of subjects practical, comprehensive and up-to-date so as to put them on the world advanced level, complete dozens of model curricula according to each subject, create different teaching forms and make preparations for generalizing them to colleges across the country.

And Kim Il Sung University, Kim Chaek University of Technology, Pyongyong Han Tok Su University of Light Industry and other universities and colleges push forward with the work of establishing new courses in keeping with the global educational development trend.

The general education sector is conducting brisk activities to apply advanced teaching forms and methods to educational practice, including teaching through videos showing excellent lessons, discussion, cooperation and quest-type teaching, and create and introduce profitable and superior teaching methods into all educational units.

Provinces, cities and counties wage an education drive for reducing the differences in education level between Pyongyang and provinces and between urban and rural areas.

Activities are being pushed to modernize educational space throughout society.

Efforts are concentrated on pressing ahead with ongoing projects as scheduled, including building and upgrading of educational institutions onto an exemplary level and sprucing up classrooms into multifunctional ones.

Educators are encouraged to always think and explore for the education of rising generations and devote their sincerity to training students as worldwide inventors, scientists and pillars of the country so as to fulfil their responsibility and duty as those who are in direct charge of education.

Officials of the Education Commission will make remarkable successes guaranteeing the development of education by providing powerful guidance to put the education of the country on the world level with the greatest enthusiasm.

Ri Jong Su, deputy department director of the Education Commission

Overt manifestation of anti-DPRK policy

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Recently, the White House has shown its wicked stand that the US bans the use of anti-personnel mines, except for their continuous use on the Korean peninsula.

This is a concentrated expression of the US policy of hostility to the DPRK.

The US has long clarified its stand to ban the use of anti-personnel mines. However, each time it treated the Korean peninsula as an exception.

The Clinton Administration announced the US policy of banning the use of anti-personnel mines in 1996. The Obama Administration did the same in 2009, 2011, 2014 and 2015. But the Korean peninsula was excluded every time. This clearly shows how deep-rooted and persistent the US policy of hostility and double standard act towards the DPRK are.

As far as the issue of anti-personnel

mines is concerned, the US has no face to talk about it.

During the last Korean war, Vietnam war and many other wars, the US used anti-personnel mines in large quantities, and there still remain the mines laid at that time. Because of this, people in those regions are still suffering great pain and misery.

Nevertheless, the US sticks to its guns that it will maintain its policy on the use of anti-personnel mines on the Korean peninsula. This shows that it does not feel guilty even a little about its crime against humanity but plans to continuously keep the Korean peninsula as the world's largest powder magazine.

The purpose of the US is to intensify military pressure upon us and justify the delivery of military equipment to south Korea.

Many retired generals of the US armed forces scathingly denounce the policy on anti-personnel mines of the US administration. They say that the US administration was wrong to except the Korean peninsula from

the policy on banning the use of anti-personnel mines, no other place is more urgent to remove the mines than the Korean peninsula where hundreds of thousands of mines have been laid, and the anti-personnel mines have already lost their military value on the Korean peninsula.

All the above facts vividly show that peace can never be brought to the Korean peninsula unless the US abandons its policy of hostility to the DPRK.

They also offer clear proof that the US claim that "it does not have hostile intent towards the DPRK" and "it wants diplomatic engagement and dialogue without preconditions" is no more than a play on words to deceive the international society.

This time, the US has shown its stand to continuously maintain its policy of hostility to the DPRK. Such being the situation, we will also continue to confront the US with the already announced principle of struggle: power for power and head-on confrontation.

'A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future'



Yang Song Il
Department director of the Population Centre of the Ministry of Public Health

July 11 is World Population Day. As the world population reached 5 billion on July 11 1987, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) set July 11 every year as World Population Day at its executive council meeting in 1989.

Each year the UNFPA selects an issue requiring urgent solution in the field of population and reproductive health as a theme for that year's WPD and suggests the governments of all countries conduct various activities to raise public awareness of and arouse public interest in it.

The theme for this year's World Population Day is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future. Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all".

The world population, which was 6 billion in 1999, reached 7 billion in

2011 and will grow to 8 billion this year.

Incredible advancements have been achieved in health care for decades. Many countries have reduced poverty and infant and maternal mortality has declined. People are living longer and healthier lives. But many countries still face lots of challenges including population aging, decline of fertility, growth of migrants caused by disputes, outbreak of epidemics and climate crises and social inequalities.

Therefore, the UNFPA suggested the governments of all countries conduct various activities by focusing on increasing public awareness to mitigate potentially negative effects and fully harness the opportunities that also come with demographic change, no matter what the direction of their population growth is.

The DPRK enforces population development policies by prioritizing the dignity, rights, demand and interests of all people.

We will as ever work hard to bring about substantial improvement in the fields of population and reproductive health including the adoption of measures to ensure qualitative growth of population and provide for population aging, the provision of clean environment to people, positive response to natural disasters, and quality health service for pregnant women, nursing mothers and newborn babies and further enhance cooperation with UNFPA and other international organizations.

Various kinds of activities have been conducted in the DPRK to observe the day every year since 2003.

To mark World Population Day 2022, information activities are to be undertaken according to the theme through local mass media including newspapers, TV and radio broadcasts and the Population Centre will publish Population Newsletter as a special feature and distribute it to related units.

BYWORD

All-people resistance, alliance in anti-epidemic effort

All the people are now out in the war against COVID-19 in the DPRK.

In the country the anti-epidemic effort has become an all-people undertaking since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus infectious disease.

The emergency anti-epidemic

effort is an undertaking to protect not only their own lives but also the safety of all the people and the security of the country—this is the viewpoint and attitude of all people to the anti-epidemic campaign.

They can emerge victorious in

the anti-epidemic campaign on the strength of all-people resistance and all-people alliance as it is based on the unity of voluntary action of the people before relying on any institutional mechanism or material and technical means.

OPINION

What's hidden behind crafty talk?

By Cha Song Il

At the G7 Summit, Japanese Prime Minister Kishida launched into crafty talks before the international community.

He said Russia is standing at the "crossroads of history", referring to the "invasion of Ukraine". He said, with China in his mind, "no country should draw wrong lessons from the Ukrainian situation" and "unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force cannot be tolerated."

Referring to the DPRK, he repeated his nonsensical talk about COVID saying that the "Ukrainian crisis should not send a wrong signal to north Korea that a chance is given to push ahead with nuclear and missile development."

What's more, on the occasion of NATO Summit, he said that "the possibility of another provocation by north Korea is becoming a matter of greater concern" and "there should be a greater synergy to cope with north Korea's launch of ballistic missile", kowtowing to the US.

Japan's malicious attempt to pick a quarrel with us is a concentrated expression of its inveterate repugnance towards our Republic and its invariable ambition of invading the Continent.

By applying the Japanese proverb, "Tatemaie (justification) is different from Honne (real intention)", Japan is fully betraying the cunning intention peculiar to the country to realize its wicked design even by blaming others groundlessly.

Japan is raising the alarm as if its security is in imminent danger citing the Ukrainian crisis which is happening far away in the Western hemisphere. What lies thick behind this is its sinister intention to legitimize the arms build-up for realizing the ambition of reinvasion.

It is quite ridiculous that Japan is behaving like an ostrich burying its head in the sand. It is squandering the lion's share of blood tax of the people on preparations for an aggressive war though it knows it is unwise to do so.

Japan is now showing ill-boding military movements. Let me give typical examples. The Liberal Democratic Party and the far-right conservative forces blew hot air that they would increase the military expenditure to the level of 2% of GDP. Japan has built various offensive battleships. It is busy developing domestic long-range cruise missiles capable of overpowering the opponents preemptively outside the range of fire.

Japan has brazenly named the newly built battleships after the warships which were sunk in the sea during the aggressive war in the last century. This makes us guess easily without any further explanation where it will head for in the future.

We vividly remember how many innocent people in Asian countries lost their lives and suffered misfortunes and pains, being trampled down under the blood-stained boots of Japanese imperialists in the past.

Today's Korea is not what it was 100 years before, which was forced to sign the "Ulsa Five-Point Treaty". And today's Asia is not what it was yesterday which fell victim to the realization of Japan's ambition for the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" and was cut into pieces at Japan's will.

We will never tolerate any moves to infringe upon our independent right.

Japan is advised to ruminate the miserable end of Japanese militarism which had plunged the Asian continent into the scourge of war for the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere", driving out millions of its people as cannon fodder.

It would be useful for Japan to abandon its anachronistic way of thinking as soon as possible and make a rational judgment about the reality.

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FORTE OF SUCCESSFUL PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



Jong Son Hwa, PE teacher of Jonu Junior Middle School in Moranbong District, teaches students how to apply new tactics.

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By **Kwon Hyo Song** PT

Jonu Junior Middle School in Moranbong District, Pyongyang, is well known for always winning schoolchildren's

basketball competition held on a nationwide scale.

The school is said to have won the girls' basketball event of junior middle schools of the Sobacksu Prize national schoolchildren's games eight

times consecutively from the 39th to the 47th (the 46th event did not take place).

According to Kim Yun Hui, vice principal of the school, the achievements are attributable to the

qualifications, enthusiasm and devotion of its PE teacher Jong Son Hwa.

The teacher found out her own knacks during her guidance to students in training and the knacks prove effective in matches, the vice principal said.

She attaches great importance to basic training in guiding her students.

As a heavy weight game, basketball requires instantaneous strength, jumps and speed and sustained strength, so they should be well prepared both technically and physically and only when they learn the ABC of the sport properly from childhood can they develop fast. This is Jong's opinion.

She urges students to make it their habit to regularly practise ball control techniques and do strength

and flexibility training every day and puts emphasis on training through comparison.

She takes students to different sports clubs and schools to show them players and students there in training so that they themselves can compare their own team's techniques of game with the other teams' and find out their own shortcomings and the ways to overcome them.

"One day, after we saw a women's basketball match of a sports club, the teacher asked me to point out one of the pro basketball players who I thought played to my liking and tell about the player's merits and demerits. I was at a loss for what to say as I had seen the match merely for amusement," said Rim Phyoung Hyang, a student of the school.

The student went on to say, "Then the teacher

advised me not to see the other teams' match blindly. She said the captain of the team, for example, was high in attack techniques such as dash, dodge, sudden halt and goal shot before telling me to think about how I would do individual defence if I encountered that player."

While making sure that the students acquire attack and defence techniques in various forms and ways, the teacher pays close attention to making students apply the techniques to practice.

In this respect, training matches with the former members of the school's basketball group help them have good experience, the teacher said.

Her dream is to train the students into basketball stars and fire more students with the enthusiasm for the sport.

Haegum, national stringed instrument

By **Han Kwi Hun** PT

Korean ancestors created many excellent national musical instruments and developed music and dance using them through their long history from ancient times to middle and modern ages.

Among them is *haegum*, a stringed instrument of unique timbre and shape.

Haegum is a national stringed instrument which the Koreans had made and used in the period of Ancient Joseon that existed between the early 30th century BC and 108 BC.

An old record tells that the *haegum* made at that time consisted of a sound box shaped like a tabor and a finger board with two strings and that the sound was produced by moving a bamboo piece between the two strings.

The instrument which had been spread only among the people was used for playing court music with the name of *kyegum* in the period of Koryo (918-1392).

In the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910) it became a stringed musical

instrument used a lot for not only folk music but also court music.

The structure of *haegum* is simple but it can imitate words exchanged between people, cries and sounds of animals as it is distinctive in timbre, rich in expressive power and fine in expression.

Throughout its long history, the musical instrument was used for both folk music and court music, its excellent players produced and many relevant solo pieces created.

But the development of *haegum* was severely arrested by the backwardness of the feudal age and the Japanese imperialists' cruel policy of obliteration of colonies' cultures.

Now it has been improved as a national musical instrument in line with aesthetic and emotional demands of the times, the people and modern music.

Improved *haegum* is classified into four varieties (small, middle, large and undernote ones) and their tonalities are all B flat.

They produce clear and soft sounds while retaining the original timbre.

As their sound volumes and pitch ranges increased and expanded and their performance and representation capacities improved, they are used in various forms of music including solo, ensemble and concert.

Now they form one of major musical instrument groups for national orchestral music and play an important role in Juche-based mixed orchestration as well.



Pyongyang boiled rice with assorted mixtures.



Seasonal subdivisions, folk customs in July

By **Ri Myong Jun** PT

Seasonal subdivisions in July include *soso*, or the beginning of summer heat, and *taeso*, or midsummer-day meaning great heat.

In the period, therefore, Korean ancestors worked hard to weed rice paddies and dry fields several times.

Around *taeso*, they started getting ready the compost to be used in the following year. Heaps of grass cut in the period were used to make organic fertilizer for the farming in the following year.

July also has usually *chobok*, the first of *sambok* (the three periods of the dog days which are known as the hottest period of the year), and *jungbok*, the middle of the three periods.

Chobok starts on July 16 this year and *jungbok* on July 26.

During *sambok* generally, *chobok*, *jungbok* and *malbok* (last

of the three periods) respectively come at ten-day intervals.

Sometimes, when midsummer is prolonged, there is an interval of 20 days between *jungbok* and *malbok*, and *sambok* of that year is called *wolbok*.

The Koreans prepared foods for mitigating heat and promoting health to meet the seasonal characteristics of midsummer. *Chogyethang*, rice and red-bean porridge and boiled rice with assorted mixtures are typical of such foods.

Chogyethang is a cold soup prepared with chicken, beef, trepang, mung-bean jelly and cucumber. This summer food is highly nutritious, has distinctive flavour and is good for weaklings.

The rice and red-bean porridge and the boiled rice with assorted mixtures are also traditional nourishing foods for midsummer.

Soso falls on July 7 this year and *taeso* on July 23.

