

Event held with splendour to celebrate 69th anniversary of great war victory General Secretary Kim Jong Un attends event to deliver keynote speech

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A grand celebration event took place in front of the Monument to the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War in the capital city of Pyongyang to celebrate the 69th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the celebration event.

The grand edifice for education in victory tradition, which imposingly stands as the main statue of victory representing the dignified picture of heroic Korea that pronounced for the first time in history the shameful destruction

on the US, the chieftain of world imperialism, was filled with delight and passion of all the participants who are to significantly commemorate the great war victory day as a grand festival of glory and succession with Kim Jong Un in attendance.

A ceremony of the commemorative event was held.

The central military band of the



Ministry of National Defence made different formations to the tune of revolutionary military songs full of the fighting spirit and members of the honour guard of the KPA showed dexterity with rifles.

Then paratroopers and combat flying corps demonstrated their skills.

A paratrooper dropped at an altitude of 1 200 metres, opened a control

parachute and threaded his way through the nocturnal sky as a dazzling flower presented to the defenders of the country in the great years of war victory.

The participants warmly applauded the paratrooper solemnly flying in the sky of July the sacred flag of the DPRK, which the heroic soldiers, sung and unsung, defended with blood and handed down by sacrificing even

their families, love, dreams, hope, youth and lives to bring the victory of July 27.

Combat pilots of the KPA air force units, which were awarded the guard unit title with military merits for opening the way to a charge for southward advance earlier than other units during the Fatherland Liberation War, began demonstrating their aviation skills.

The participants raised cheers of admiration at the flying corps letting off fireworks of celebration and respect in the nocturnal sky on the war victory day while displaying such aerial combat flying movements as zero flights, vertical zooming and spiral climbs blowing off

shower of fire.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju appeared at the event venue together with war veterans amid the playing of the welcome music.

All the participants burst into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to Kim Jong Un, the symbol of all victories

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Kim Jong Un delivers speech at the celebration of 69th anniversary of great victory in Fatherland Liberation War



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech entitled *The Veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War Are the Most Heroic Generation of Our Republic* at the celebration of the 69th anniversary of the great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War on July 27. The following is the full text:

Esteemed comrade veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War,

Comrade lecturers and officials engaged in the administration of revolutionary relics associated with the victorious war, service personnel and students of universities and revolutionary schools present in this meaningful place with the revolutionary elders,

Dear Pyongyang citizens,
Dear all the other people,
Comrades,

This is the victorious July 27, which we have greeted again with a feeling of great pride and with precious memories.

Although as many as 25 203 days have passed since the birth of the epoch-making miracle, the delight in and glory of victory in the war are just as those of yesterday. As we have felt these feelings every year, our emotion and pride are also infinite again today.

Comrades,

I warmly congratulate you on the great Victory Day that brought imperishable glory and honour to our motherland.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

The country's situation is difficult and recently we have experienced a public health crisis, but until today you have maintained health in your precious bodies. I am very grateful for this.

Thank you, indeed.

Comrades,

At this moment the whole country is recollecting the glorious lives of the martyrs of the Korean People's Army and other revolutionary martyrs who dedicated their youth and lives in defence of the sovereignty and honour of their motherland, and is paying an ennobling tribute, praying for the immortality of their great souls and spirit.

Countless war martyrs, both sung and unsung, have left us and many war veterans are not with us in this place, but they all live in the embrace of the country they defended at the cost of their blood and lives, and they are greeting the glorious night with us at this moment.

Hoping that you, comrade war veterans, will live in good health and the conference of war veterans as glorious as this one will be held continuously, I, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, pay a noble tribute to the victors in the 1950s, who gave our people the privilege and infinite honour of celebrating the great victory in the war year after year, and extend warm greetings to the war veterans and other people of wartime merits across the country, who laid the foundation of the existence and

development of our socialist state and are still giving us an encouragement as a spiritual pillar.

My gratitude also goes to the family members of the war veterans and to all others who are devoting their efforts and sincerity for the preservation of health and the living of the war veterans.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I pay a noble tribute to the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers, who shed their precious blood without hesitation sharing the same destiny as our soldiers and people in the same trench against the imperialists' aggression. I also send warm greetings to the veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers.

Comrades,
Of all the meaningful and auspicious holidays of our state, July 27 is an extraordinarily dignified holiday in that we celebrate victory.

For every country and people, there is no other proud and brilliant glory and honour than the victory in a do-or-die war.

The past Fatherland Liberation War was, for our Republic, a war for defending the existence of its territory and people, as well as a fierce confrontation, the first of its kind after the Second World War, between the two poles, the democratic camp and the imperialist camp.

The fact that the US imperialists hurled not only their troops but also a large number of troops of their vassal states to

the Korean front shows the fierce nature and international character of the Korean war.

The fight by the young army of the newly-emergent, two-year-old Republic against the imperialist aggressive army of the United States, which was the most ferocious on the earth, and its vassal forces was the one against too heavy odds.

However, as etched in history correctly, the arrogant aggressive ambition of the United States to occupy our territory at a stroke and expand the sphere of its influence met at its first step an unprecedentedly strong counterattack and terrific bravery and was completely frustrated by the signing of an armistice agreement after their three-year desperate war.

The military capability of the US imperialists and their allies sustained a serious defeat in this war.

We defended the dignity, honour and sovereignty of our Republic, safeguarded the environment for the independent development of our state, checked the US ambition for world supremacy, and defended peace of mankind by preventing a new world war. Herein lies the great significance of the Fatherland Liberation War in the history of our nation and the world history of wars.

The great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, in which we staunchly

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defended the most dangerous first line of the anti-imperialist struggle in an eastern part of the earth, is a victory of defenders over aggressors, a victory of justice and the progressive over injustice and the reactionary, and a victory of significance in human history, which proved the iron truth that no aggressors, however strong and superior they may be, cannot overwhelm an army and people that have turned out in a do-or-die resistance.

Those who wrought this legendary miracle are none other than you, war veterans present here, and the numerous comrades-in-arms you still recollect.

The numerous battles the brave defenders of the country fought under the hail of bullets and bombs in the war produced the priceless glory of victory, and the flag of our Republic, which they held in the vanguard of advance and which became redder by the precious blood of the sons and daughters of heroic Korea, became known to the whole world as a symbol of bravery, victory and justice and as an immortal banner of the anti-imperialist struggle.

Comrades,
The unyielding spirit of the war veterans, who unhesitatingly rose to the crisis of a life-or-death war in the grim times of the country, is felt more valuable now when the country is experiencing difficulties.

As everyone knows well, the veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War were quite ordinary young men and women, but they were laudable sons and daughters of the nation who were not ordinary at all in the battles for defending their country.

Simple as they were at workplaces and schools, they were courageous enough to volunteer to join the army and confront the aggressive army of the US imperialists. This was because they had a firm belief in their Party and government and a conviction that they would surely emerge victorious, as well as a strong will to safeguard their rights as the masters of their new country and new life.

With the love for their benevolent system, native homes, workplaces, parents and siblings and with the hatred against the enemy who were trying to deprive them of these all, our war veterans stoutly surmounted grim trials and heartrending

pains of loss and displayed unequalled mass heroism, striking terror and despair into the hearts of the brutal and heinous invaders.

Our great Fatherland Liberation War clearly showed that something miraculous can be created when a people, though simple and ordinary, turn out in defiance of death to defend what belong to them.

Although they defended the dignity and honour, the territory and sovereignty of their country at the cost of their blood, our war veterans have continued to work selflessly, steadfastly, honestly and devotedly for their country throughout their lives, setting a model of a patriotic life for posterity. Herein lie the true features of a human being, ennobling traits, which can be found only in them.

Our priceless socialist system and our great state of today, which is growing stronger, are unthinkable separated from the imperishable feats of the veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War, both sung and unsung, and the pure devoted service of the victorious wartime generation.

Indeed, the war veterans are the most heroic generation that laid an unbreakable foundation of our Republic in the face of upheavals of history, and they are models of the great, unyielding Korean people.

The loyalty, bravery and patriotism you have demonstrated throughout your life are now pulsating in the hearts of the tens of millions of people. Because our revolution has the great and excellent features created in the flames of the grim war in the 1950s as its genetic quality, it is indomitably carving out its cause by its own efforts down through generations without any setback or retreat in the face of difficulties.

Comrades,
For us, the V-Day is not merely a celebration day of commemorating and looking back to the chapter of resistance in the heroic era.

The day serves as a valuable and significant occasion for us to judge whether we can proudly say before the embodiment and witnesses of history, who brought about the greatest victory in the harshest and grimmest annals, that our current struggle is an inheritance of the great tradition and to renew confidence and courage, passion and mettle.

We are now entrusted with the heavy historic duty of exalting to the height of the current times the brilliance of the

glory and honour which the victorious wartime generation achieved 70 years ago and of ensuring that they are stoutly inherited to the next generation.

Just as the victorious wartime generation did, so should we exert ourselves without let-up for the next generation.

To further consolidate the nation's defence capability on the strength of the heroic spirit displayed during the war is a fundamental guarantee for defending the national interests of the Republic and its independent development.

Our revolution has been in sharp confrontation with the United States which has bluntly resorted to nuclear threat against us since the Fatherland Liberation War. This historical environment demanded that we, above all else, raise our state's self-defence capability onto a due level, and we have realized this pressing historic task through an arduous struggle.

Our Republic has firmly safeguarded socialism and built up formidable self-defensive strategic potentials in the fierce confrontation with the United States, which spanned nearly 70 years after the war. This is a victory which is no inferior to, even greater than, the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

However, we cannot rest content with this.

The United States which did our nation the gravest harm in its modern history still perseveres with dangerous hostile acts against our Republic.

While instigating the south Korean authorities to suicidal anti-DPRK confrontation on the pretext of solidifying "alliance," the United States, in pursuit of military confrontation with us, persists in spreading groundless rumours of "threat" from us.

It is the US's habitual method of executing its policy to fabricate such rumours and spread them so as to make them sound authentic before using them as a justification for bringing pressure to bear upon us.

As they always did, the US imperialists have recently spread rumours against the DPRK in the international arena assiduously, describing our state as the "main culprit" in damaging the stability of the regional situation and as a "dangerous state."

The United States, while describing all

the usual actions of our armed forces as "provocations" and "threats," is openly waging large-scale joint war games, which gravely threaten the security of our state. Such a double-dealing behaviour is just that of a gangster, and this is driving the DPRK-US relations to a limiting point, a point of fierce collision, which cannot be reversed any further.

The US imperialists are obsessed with making a "devil" of our state by manipulating the international understanding and opinion of it. This is nothing but a stereotyped method of camouflaging their aggressive nature as a world peace breaker and justifying their illegal hostile policy.

I have already made it clear that we should be ready both for talks and confrontation and more fully for confrontation in particular in order to reliably guarantee the security of our state.

The arrogant nature of the US imperialists has remained unchanged as ever.

We must confront the US imperialists to the end on the strength of ideology and arms.

I reaffirm that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is thoroughly prepared to cope with any kind of military clashes with the United States.

If the United States continuously attempts to impair the image of our state and make a serious infringement of our security and fundamental interests, it will only compel itself to put up with greater uneasiness and crises.

The government of our Republic would like to take this opportunity to send a serious warning to the south Korean conservative regime and its hawks that run amuck, indulged in abnormal excessive covetousness and confidence in strength, and stand in the van of implementing the US's hostile policy towards the DPRK.

Even tonight, nay, at this moment, when the fireworks light up the nocturnal sky in celebration of the V-Day, the hideous warmongers and rogues on the land south of the 250km-long front line, in a high fever of military craziness, are resorting to various military manoeuvres, which are threatening our state.

The south Korean conservative regime which took office this year is resorting to the extremely atrocious confrontation policies

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towards their fellow countrymen and acts of worshipping big countries and selling the country. These policies and acts surpass those of any of the previous conservative regimes and driving the situation on the Korean peninsula into the brink of war.

The new south Korean regime has re-designated our government and army as their "archenemy" and, obsessed with useless fear that they must prepare themselves to confront their fellow countrymen, are raising the pitch of their malicious voices and resorting to all sorts of evil and inappropriate acts.

They are brazen-faced enough to advocate "peace based on strength" and "security based on strength," and have put up a bold front, claiming that they would not hesitate in launching a "preemptive strike" to neutralize the war deterrent of our state.

At this very moment, south Korea is growing more frantic to develop weapons and strengthen its defence industry in a bid to recover, even a little, its military inferiority as compared with ours, and it is planning to bring in nuclear strategic weapons of the United States in large numbers and expanding war drills under various pretexts.

However, we should see that the more frequent vainglorious remarks and various hues of shameful conducts recently made by the south Korean authorities with regard to their security come from their inevitable sense of uneasiness that they have to live under the very nose of a nuclear state.

This and that vainglorious remark by the south Korean authorities may be understood as reliable and steel-strong security and advanced military strength to the relief of their people, but to me, they are seen only as being so frightened and at their wits' end.

Having established the concept of what they call the "three military systems of the south Korean style," the south Korean authorities are making frantic efforts to promote their core fighting capacity. But south Korea cannot help but accept their military inferiority to us as their fate and it can never retrieve the inferiority at any time.

It is unreasonable and very dangerous self-destructive action to talk about military actions against our state which possesses absolute weapons that they are

actually most fearful of.

If the south Korean regime and military ruffians think about confronting us militarily and that they can neutralize or destroy some parts of our military forces preemptively by resorting to some special military means and methods, They are grossly mistaken!

Such a dangerous attempt will be punished at once by a powerful force and Yoon Suk Yeol regime and its army will be annihilated.

The conservative regime of south Korea must admit before too late that it has already gone too far from its beginning, and that it should think seriously upon the actions that may invite danger to itself.

We correctly remember what Yoon Suk Yeol said and did on several occasions before and after taking office.

We have also listened to the recent imprudent remarks made by the military ruffians of south Korea, and are watching all the noteworthy military actions they conduct with the United States.

We can no longer sit around seeing Yoon Suk Yeol and his military gangsters' misdemeanours and blind bravery.

If they continue to commit the acts of today like aggravating military tension by carrying on picking a quarrel with our exercising of the right to self-defence and threatening our security by invoking the robber's logic, they will pay dearly for it.

If they are to get rid of the stigmas as a president on a chopping board and a regime exposed to the gravest peril, they should be more prudent and use their brains more than their mouths. And they are well advised to refrain from finding fault with us now and then; or not to deal with us at all may be a better way for them.

Comrades, Our armed forces are now fully prepared to cope with any sort of crisis, and our state's nuclear war deterrent is also fully ready to demonstrate its absolute power accurately and promptly true to its mission.

I affirm that the safety of this land and the system and sovereignty of this country you, war veterans, defended at the cost of your blood are thoroughly guaranteed by more powerful self-defence capabilities and stout spirit.

We will grow stronger. The government of our Republic will safeguard our state, people and sovereignty by dint of ever-growing, out-

and-out military capabilities and a resolute anti-imperialist and anti-US spirit and approach to the south and the enemy.

The situation of our revolution, in which we should overpower and crush more thoroughly the enemy's desperate manoeuvres for arms race and dangerous military attempts, demands a more rapid change in our military capabilities. In order to carry out this responsible historic task, our Party Central Committee has recently decided on the tasks related to the strategy for developing the national self-defence capabilities, and is leading the effort for their accurate implementation.

War is a merciless conflict between forces. Its victory, however, always is in store for the side that is possessed of fervent love and strong faith. This truth can never be changed even in today's warfare, in which state-of-the-art military techniques are mobilized in full force.

Our People's Army will keep channelling its main efforts into fully displaying its political and ideological superiority, the source of its mightiness and invincibility. By doing so, it will grow into the world's strongest army that demonstrates its formidable striking power with a steadfast revolutionary spirit, unparalleled bravery and indefatigable fighting spirit.

As the victorious wartime generation did, so should all the people associate all their personal joys and sorrows with the destiny of the country, brave all hardships in the way of advance with the spirit of devoting sincerity on the patriotic road and strive for socialist construction with unyielding will.

When we achieve innovative successes at our posts and workplaces with thoroughgoing class consciousness, always mindful of the fact that the anti-imperialist class struggle is a struggle for defending not only our destiny but also our country, this will accelerate our creation and construction and deal heavier blows at the hostile forces.

Those who have to inherit the heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation splendidly and adorn the future of the country with great victory are none other than our rising generations.

Our Party and government will always give priority to preparing the millions of young people to be ardent revolutionaries and patriotic fighters who will stoutly carry forward the spiritual baton

bequeathed to them by the war veterans.

Like the war veterans who demonstrated how one should be brave in the theatres of war and defend their national flag, young people should all devote their burning hearts to the sacred road of national defence; they should also glorify theirs as another new heroic era by performing miracles and labour feats with youthful passion and mass heroism on all fronts of socialist construction.

The lecturers and officials across the country in the sector of administration of revolutionary relics associated with the victorious war must fulfil their responsibility and duties as powerful disseminators and educators in deeply implanting the outstanding exploits of Comrade Kim Il Sung and our Party that led the war to victory and the heroic fighting spirit of the defenders of the country in the 1950s in all the people, service personnel and rising generations.

Comrades, Although time passes and rivers and mountains change, one generation is replaced by another, forming a single living organism with the same blood and with inexhaustible vitality connected with the heroic fighting spirit—this is the source of indomitable strength peculiar to our state and our people.

Our Republic that invariably carries forward the history and tradition of the great victory in the war will be ever-victorious.

The exploits of the war veterans, who saved our state and nation and defended their future in the grimmest years, will remain forever along with our Republic that will be ever prosperous.

Esteemed comrade war veterans, By carrying forward the souls and spirit of the heroic wartime generation and struggling more powerfully and bravely, we will build without fail a powerful and prosperous socialist paradise on this land which you defended.

I say once again: Even if you do nothing more than remain healthy, that will be a great encouragement to us.

Asking you once again to be careful with your health, I sincerely wish every one of you a long life.

Comrades, Long live our great July 27! Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious motherland!

General Secretary Kim Jong Un attends event to celebrate 69th anniversary of the victorious Fatherland Liberation War



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and glory of the Workers' Party of Korea and state, who has put Juche Korea up on the peak of the century despite the unprecedented hardships, making a great history of victory to be handed down through all generations of the nation.

Kim Jong Un and Ri Sol Ju were presented with bunches of fragrant

flowers by members of the Children's Union.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering participants, extending warm greetings to the war veterans across the country and all other people on the war victory day.

Invited to the event were participants in the Fatherland Liberation War including Choe Yong Rim, Thae Jong Su, Ri Myong

Su, An Sim, Kim Kyong Ok, Kim Si Hak and Ri Kil Song.

Attending it were cadres of the Party and the government together with lecturers in the field of revolutionary history of war victory, students of revolutionary schools, university students, officials of ministries and national agencies and Pyongyang citizens.

Also present were senior officials

of the Ministry of National Defence, commanders of the services, commanding military and political officers of large combined units and combined units and other officers and men of the Korean People's Army.

There was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag.

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Members of the honour guard of the Korean People's Army solemnly entered the venue to the tune of the song "Our National Flag", upholding the DPRK flag.

As the DPRK national anthem was played solemnly, the sacred national flag was gradually hoisted up to the nocturnal sky of the war victory day.

Kim Jong Un made a significant speech commemorating the war victory day.

His speech greatly stirred up the hearts of all the participants as it was

pulsating with warm love, respect and noble moral obligation toward the great revolutionary generation who honourably defended the glorious fatherland and provided an ideological and moral asset for making the Korean revolution always emerge victorious through generations to come and with the solemn declaration of the will to display forever the most dignified and independent powerful country of the people, provided at the sacrifice of forerunners, to the whole world.

When he concluded the speech, thunderous cheers of the generation of war victors and their descendants rocked

the sky and the earth again.

Amid the enthusiastic cheers, a spectacular fireworks display started.

Fireworks were gorgeously displayed in the sky over the immortal statue of victory and group of sculptures of the heroic fighters as congratulatory bouquets to the generation of war victors who created a new history of building a prosperous country by successfully following the tradition of the anti-Japanese war.

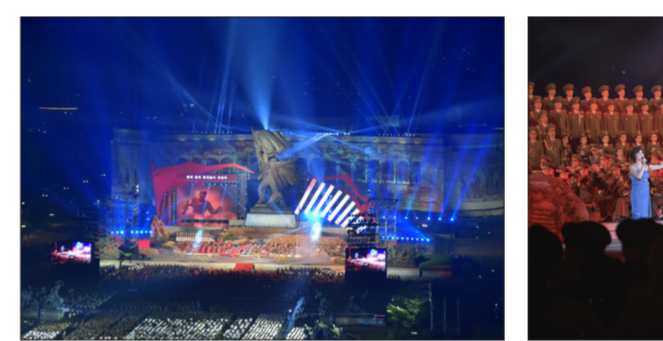
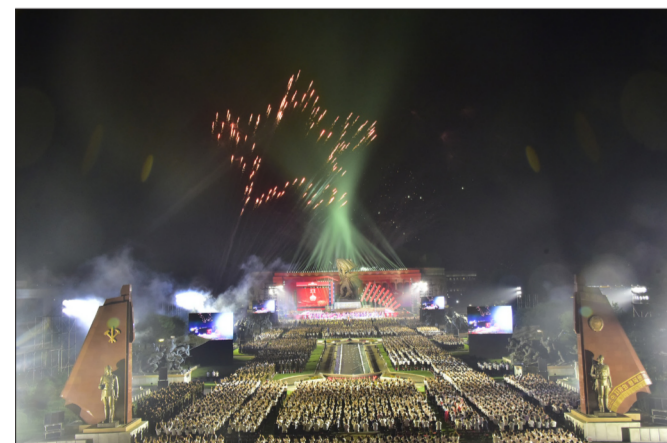
Fireworks continued to be set off amid the playing of songs in praise of war victory associated with the ardent desire and will to bring earlier a fresh victory

of Korean-style socialism true to the noble soul of forerunners, more warmly implanting the immutable truth that victory and glory are in store on the road of faith advancing unyieldingly by dint of great ideology and unity.

The fireworks depicting the flag of the DPRK and the Hero Medal and letters "Long live July 27, the day of great war victory!" were also displayed in the sky, reflecting the noble tribute the motherland and the descendants pay to the heroic soldiers in the war.

A unique performance began to

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commemorate the great V-Day.

Put on the stage were wartime songs and excellent pieces of music widely sung as songs of struggle and faith in the annals of victory.

Singing "Song of National Defence", the first wartime song loudly sung by all the Korean people as the one of all-people volunteering to the front and the one of advance to smash the enemy at the beginning of the war, and other songs of death-defying resistance created in the flames of the war, the performers highly praised the legendary feats of the defenders of the country who repelled the invasion by the US imperialists and won the victory unprecedented in history, united around President Kim Il Sung with one mind and purpose.

When the sacred image of Kim Il Sung making a historic radio speech to arouse the whole country to the sacred war for the defence of the country and announcing the victory of the Korean people at the military parade

celebrating the victory in the war were shown along with his recorded sonorous voice, the audience broke into stormy applause as a token of their boundless reverence for him, the peerlessly brilliant commander who worked a military miracle of the 20th century at the forefront of the confrontation with the US with his distinguished military idea and theory, superb strategy and tactics, bold pluck and ardent love and trust.

The stage was full of respect for the war victors who saved the destiny and future of the country by smashing the A-bomb with the rifle and handed down the great fame and honour of being heroic Korea and heroic people to the coming generation. Put on it in succession were "For My Only Motherland" and other songs telling the noble spirit and soul of the generation of war victors.

Amid the playing of the song "My Life" recalling the worthwhile memory and pride of the great history of war victory, the stage electronic screen

showed the images of anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and veterans of the DPRK armed forces organs who performed immortal feats in the sacred course of developing the revolutionary armed forces.

The performance reached its climax with the narrative poem "Warriors' Soul" which reflected the respect for the victorious wartime generation who turned the war, the worst disaster, into the most sacred glory, called war victory.

The audience was deeply moved by the narrative poem reflecting the solemn pledge of the successors to steadily write a history of war victory in the new century.

The performers also sang "Battle Song of the Chinese People's Volunteers" dealing with the military merits of the excellent sons and daughters of the Chinese people who fought shoulder to shoulder with the Korean people in the same trench of the war against the imperialists' invasion.

The performance tremendously

increased the people's readiness to be eternally strong and victorious holding higher the banner of self-sustenance and self-development under the leadership of Kim Jong Un for a wealthy country with a powerful army which the first and second generations of the Korean revolution precious visualized in the flames of wars and for the absolute prestige of socialist Korea which no formidable enemy in the world dare provoke. The performance ended with "Tell, Fireworks of War Victory" and "July 27, Our Victory Day".

Again jubilant fireworks were set off to decorate the nocturnal sky of the holiday.

Kim Jong Un warmly took the hands of war veterans following him step by step, expressing the conviction that the victory traditions and fighting traits of the great years would become a good nutrient for bringing up our people and younger generation to be indomitable patriotic fighters and an inexhaustible source of giving steady birth to new victories and miracles.

Kim Jong Un visits Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery



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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, visited the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 27, the 69th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

He was greeted by Pak Jong Chon and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Yong Gil, minister of National Defence, Jong Kyong Thack, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's

Army, Ri Thae Sop, chief of the KPA General Staff, and other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, commanders of the KPA services and commanding military and political officers of the KPA large combined units and combined units.

Kim Jong Un laid a flower before the cemetery.

He paid his high tribute to the martyrs of the great years who brought about the July 27 miracle, recorded as the eternal tradition of victory for the country and the nation, in the raging flames of the war with absolute loyalty to the Party and the leader, love for their own things and

confidence in their strength and victory.

There took place a march-past of the KPA guard of honour.

Kim Jong Un looked round the cemetery with the participants.

He said that the victory, won by the victorious wartime generation at the cost of their blood through the all-people resistance to defend the country in the middle of the 20th century called the "century of war", was a heroic legend unprecedented in the history of the Korean nation and the history of the world revolution and a historic event which laid the groundwork for valour and mightiness of the newborn DPRK, noting this serves as our state's and people's

best asset, solid root for invincibility, that cannot be bartered for anything.

Stressing the need to always remember and creditably carry forward the heroic spirit and fighting traits of the great revolutionary generation, who laid firm foundations for an independent power with their devoted sacrifice and undying feats, as the country grows stronger, he affirmed that our country will always emerge victorious along with the miraculous victory when the entire Party, all the people and the whole army fully arm themselves with the indomitable fighting spirit of the forerunners and thoroughly apply it in practice.



The leader has photo session with participants in national conference of war veterans



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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, met and had a photo session on July 28 with the participants in the Eighth National Conference of War Veterans who significantly commemorated the great V-Day before the Monument to the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War.

The venue of the photo session was overflowing with the boundless reverence for the respected General Secretary.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue

of the photo session, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers for him, the peerlessly iron-willed commander and the ever-victorious banner who adds lustre to the tradition of victory and the heroic spirit of July 27 that brought immortal glory and honour to the country century after century and who fully demonstrates to the world the dignity and mightiness of socialist Korea.

He again paid his deep respects to the Fatherland Liberation War veterans who defied death to repel the gangster-like US imperialists' aggression in the hard-fought revolutionary war unprecedented in history through their distinguished services and set a good example to be

followed by the rising generations in defending the country and the revolution and fighting a sacred class war and are still now serving as the inexhaustible strength and mental mainstay of the Party and people that can never be substituted by anyone, though their hair turned grey.

Saying that everything dear to dignified socialist Korea is associated with the immortal feats of the defenders of the country in the 1950s, he stressed that the precious ideological and moral wealth of the generation who won the victory in the war serves as the blood and flesh of the descendants and as a nutrient for their true life and struggle and therein lies the

source of invincibility of the country.

He had a photo session with the war veterans, expressing his firm will to turn the land of the country, defended and ardently loved by the generation of war victors at the cost of their lives, into a powerful and eternally prosperous socialist paradise where all the people enjoy a happy life.

At the end of the photo session, all the participants again broke into cheers of "Hurrah!"

He warmly held the hands of war veterans coming near to him with tears of emotion and extended warm greetings to them for a long time as a token of his wish for their longevity in good health.



General Secretary Kim Jong Un visits Friendship Tower



KCNA Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Friendship Tower and the State Affairs Commission of

in Pyongyang on July 28 on the occasion of the great war victory day. He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Pak Jong Chon, Ri Pyong Chol, Ri Il Hwan, Ri Yong Gil, Jong Kyong Thack, Ri Thae Sop, Kim Song Nam, Ri Son Gwon and Choe Son Hui. A wreath in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the tower amid the playing of the wreath-laying music. Also laid there were wreaths in the name of the WPK Central Committee and the State Affairs Commission of

Kim Jong Un has photo taken with lecturers engaged in administration of revolutionary relics associated with victorious war



KCNA Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, met and had a photo taken with lecturers engaged in the administration of revolutionary relics associated with the victorious war who participated in the Eighth National Conference of War Veterans

at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum on July 28. The lecturers were overcome with great emotion and delight of having a significant photo session with General Secretary Kim Jong Un, their long-cherished desire, at the immense edifice for education in the victorious tradition conveying the Party's immortal exploits for war victory generation after generation. When the General Secretary arrived at the central hall of the museum, all the participants shouted "Hurrah!", looking up to him who invited them to the grand festival of victors to celebrate the eternal V-Day of the great country and bestowed warm love and trust

Eighth National Conference of War Veterans held



KCNA The Eighth National Conference of War Veterans took place in Pyongyang on July 26 as noble respect and congratulations are offered to the veterans by all the people across the country. The platform was taken by 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 DPRK State Affairs Commission, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee. Also present there were senior Party and government officials, leading officials of the armed forces organs, participants in the Fatherland Liberation War, lecturers in the field of revolutionary history of war victory, students of revolutionary schools, service personnel of the DPRK armed forces, working people, youth and students. When the war veterans entered the venue, successors to the great war victory greeted them with applause. Jo Yong Won read out a congratulatory message from the war veterans throughout the country greeting the great war victory day. Sin Jong Min, a Fatherland Liberation War veteran, expressed in his speech his profound gratitude to the Party Central Committee for calling war veterans to the grand and meaningful conference again and bestowing highest glory and happiness upon them. Saying that war veterans have nothing to wish for as they are convinced that the baton of revolution was successfully handed down to the robust and reliable descendants who will uphold the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, he earnestly requested the younger generations to firmly defend the country and benevolent social system, which the forerunners protected throughout their lives, true to his leadership. Then speeches were made. The speakers warmly congratulated the war veterans, the admirable heroes of the nation



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WPK Central Committee sends congratulatory message to war veterans

KCNA

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea sent a congratulatory message to all the war veterans across the DPRK on war victory day.

The message said that the Eighth National Conference of War Veterans was opened in grand style on the occasion of the 69th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War at a time when the patriotic enthusiasm of all the people is running unusually high to build a comprehensively developed, civilized, prosperous and powerful country as early as possible, true to the new fighting programme of the Party, and went on:

The WPK Central Committee extends warm congratulations to the war veterans across the country who honourably defended the sovereignty and dignity of the DPRK and created the heroic fighting spirit and the tradition of victory to be handed down through generations by displaying matchless courage in the fierce war under the outstanding commandership of the great leader Kim Il Sung.

The Fatherland Liberation War in the 1950s was a do-or-die struggle that defended the people's country from the armed invasion of imperialism, and also a sacred revolutionary war that gave birth to the great spiritual asset ensuring the uninterrupted, victorious advance of our cause.

The establishment of the fighting spirit and precious tradition, which should be carried on through generations by our Party and people, in the flames of the war was an event as significant as a victory in the war.

The iron faith that they would win without fail as long as they were led by the great leader

constituted the source of strength which enabled our people to defeat the US-led imperialist allied forces.

In those days of successively making miraculous military achievements unprecedented in the world history of war by dint of ardent patriotism, matchless bravery and death-defying self-sacrificing spirit by rising up in hearty response to the appeal of the leader who called on the whole country to wage a sacred war of annihilating enemy, the participants in the all-people resistance in the 1950s clearly etched in history the philosophical principle that no force can match the power of single-hearted unity in which the leader believes in the people and the latter believe in and follow the former.

The heroic fighters of the Fatherland Liberation War beat the military and technological edge of the imperialist aggressor forces with the political and ideological superiority peculiar to our revolutionary armed forces to demonstrate as a heroic legend that even the rifle is more powerful than any modern military hardware if it is fully charged with ideology.

Bearing deep in their minds the great leader's instruction to show the mettle of Koreans to the US aggressors, the brave soldiers of the People's Army demonstrated the dignity and heroism of the Korean people by displaying fearless valour and fighting spirit in every battlefield, it said, and noted:

The Party's cause has kept advancing without a moment's standstill despite all sorts of difficulties and obstacles in the way of our revolution and frequent threats to the existence of our state and people, and the secret of it lies in that the precious spiritual heritage and

the tradition of victory provided by the victorious wartime generation have definitely been carried forward.

The war veterans, winners of the great victory, recorded in history the truth that genuine human love is a mighty power capable of removing the dark clouds of war and that the war victory of our people belongs to the most beautiful human beings.

Noble love for comrades-in-arms and human beings with which they donated blood and skin to their comrades-in-arms and covered them from enemy's bullets developed into the popular heroism and self-sacrificing spirit in battlegrounds where hails of bullets fell and set an example of overpowering the military and technological edge of aggressors with the spiritual and moral superiority of the revolutionary army.

The first honourable generation of independent guards gave full play to militant unity and collectivism for the one goal of defending the country in do-or-die battles determining whether they could keep their dignity or suffer humiliation and whether they could remain alive or die.

This sacred liberation war of ours raised one full generation of heroes who would undertake the postwar reconstruction and socialist revolution and this generation ushered in the great Chollima era when the country made a leap forward under the communist slogan of "One for all and all for one!"

Although many years have passed since the hair of the war veterans, who had been in their late teens and 20s in the 1950s, turned grey and their uniforms bearing signs of hard-fought war discoloured, the fighting spirit created by you still gives inexhaustible impetus to the

advance of the country without even a moment's change.

The greatest pride for a revolutionary party and people is to possess a noble spirit which ensures that the tradition of victory is successfully carried on and which links all the generations of the revolution. You handed down this precious legacy, and herein lies the immortal feats the victorious wartime generation performed.

Our Party sets great store by the lives of war veterans not only because you are the heroes who brought the day of great victory, but also because you are the paragons of revolutionaries and patriots who have invariably been loyal to the Party.

The war veterans who are representatives of the victorious wartime generation played a leading role in the struggle to build socialism after the war, laid the foundation of a powerful independent country on the debris of war where not a single brick remained intact and set a noble example of popular heroism based on collectivism, thus providing a model of revolutionary view on life for younger generations.

The appellation of war veteran has been the symbol of faithful and staunch fighters going through fire and water in response to the Party's call, hard-core of the Workers' Party tested and proved in the raging storm and genuine patriots caring only for state affairs. The defenders of the country in the 1950s will always remain in the front of our revolutionary ranks as good teachers in the future, too.

The WPK Central Committee extends warm gratitude and pays high respect to the faithful and unyielding war veterans who created the precious ideological and spiritual asset in the flames of the fierce war, left marks

of fulfilling lives on the long journey of revolution and only followed the road of serving the country and people without a moment's halt.

The significance of the noble spirit the victors in the great years created with blood and sweat gets more pronounced with the passage of time.

The war has not ended yet on this land.

The road of revolution chosen by ourselves and to be followed through generations goes with an acute confrontation with imperialism.

Respecting, valuing and holding in high esteem war veterans is an important affair to ensure the reliable succession and eternal victory of the revolutionary cause, not just an expression of moral obligation.

Our Party will establish as a fixed national trait the habit of respecting and treating preferentially war veterans, witnesses of the mightiness and history of victory of heroic Korea, take responsible care of your health and life and make redoubled efforts to build an ideal society of the people you have desired so much on this land without fail.

The WPK Central Committee wishes all the war veterans across the country long life in good health and their families happiness, and firmly believes that all the people and service personnel will open up a period of great upsurge in socialist construction by smashing all sorts of challenges with the revolutionary spirit created by the defenders of the great country as the treasured sword for victory.

Glory to the heroic and victorious wartime generation who defended our great motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

War veterans hand DPRK flag over to younger generation



KCNA

The national flag of the DPRK fluttered by the flames of the fierce Fatherland Liberation War was handed over to young people at a meeting of the

A war veteran hands the national flag over to younger generation at a get-together with youth and students on the occasion of the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

anniversary of victory in the war.

A ceremony took place at the meeting, in which war veterans handed the national flag of the DPRK over to youth and students.

At the meeting war veterans recollected with deep emotion what ideological readiness motivated the young people in the 1950s to join the life-and-death battles against the enemies who invaded their sacred country and how hard they fought to defend the dignity of their great state.

They earnestly requested the youth of the new generation to surely achieve the great cause of building a wealthy country with a strong army by taking the lead in faithfully upholding the ideas and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for the eternal glory and prosperity of the country.

In response to the appeal of the war veterans, the youth and students vowed to eternally carry forward the indomitable spirit of defending the country of the heroic generation and the tradition of victory of July 27 to the last and become youth heroes glorifying the great era of Kim Jong Un.

Attending the meeting were Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, and other officials of the youth league, youth and students in Pyongyang and students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School.

Trade union members hold round-table talk with war veterans

KCNA

Trade union members held a round-table talk with war veterans at the Mansudae Art Theatre in Pyongyang on July 26 on the occasion of the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, first congratulated the war veterans significantly greeting war victory day

under the warm care of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

At the talk war veterans told several touching combat stories about the ideological and moral world and the heroic exploits of the fighters in the war.

They asked officials and members of the trade unions to firmly arm themselves with the spirit of defending the country and the revolution in the 1950s and discharge their mission and duty as the eldest son of the country

and the vanguard unit in accomplishing the cause for the prosperity of the country, always believing in and following only the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Bearing in mind the earnest requests of the generation of war victors, the participants expressed their will to learn after the heroic fighting spirit and traits displayed by the victors in the great years and open up a broad avenue of socialist construction through the grand march of self-reliance.

Women's union members get together with war veterans

KCNA

A joint meeting between war veterans and members of the women's union was held on Tuesday at the People's Theatre in Pyongyang.

At the meeting, Kim Jong Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea, made a congratulatory speech.

Extending deep gratitude to the war veterans out of the minds of all the members of the women's

union, she stressed that the joint meeting would be an occasion for implanting into the descendants of the victorious wartime generation the sense of mission to carry forward the tradition of glorious victory generation after generation.

Then followed the stories of war veterans Choe Yun Guk and Hong Sun Hwan who fought in the Guards 6th Infantry Division and the Andong 12th Infantry Division.

War veterans Kim Su Bok

and Kim Juk Song said that the Korean women could bravely fight to the death as they realized through experience that the love for their parents and brothers, husbands and children is based on the love for the country.

Officials and members of the women's union expressed the determination to become genuine women revolutionaries and ardent patriots who dedicate themselves to the prosperity and development of the big family of socialism.

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lives.

They said that the noble spirit and heroic life of the victorious wartime generation are, indeed,

the textbook of the worthy life and examples of genuine patriots.

They expressed their resolve to strikingly demonstrate the spirit

and mettle of the descendants of the heroic generation in the ongoing general advance for fully displaying the might of great

Kim Jong Un's Korea, holding aloft the baton of victory handed down by the generation of war victors.



Participants in national conference of war veterans visit martyrs cemeteries



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Accompanying them were Kim Tok Hun, Pak Jong Chon and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, senior officials of the Party,

government and armed forces organs, lecturers in the field of revolutionary history of war victory, students of revolutionary schools, service personnel, working people, youth and students.

Wreaths in the name of the WPK Central Committee were laid at the cemeteries. Also placed at them were wreaths in the name of the Fatherland Liberation War veterans.

At the wreath-laying stands, the visitors paid homage to the martyrs.

They hardened their will to fulfil their duty as the generation of war victors in imbuing the rising generations with the firm revolutionary faith and heroic fighting spirit of the martyrs.

Locals pay floral tribute to great leaders on V-Day



War veterans, working people, service personnel and youth and schoolchildren across the country pay homage to the great leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il at their statues and mosaics of their beaming images in their residential areas.

KCNA

On the occasion of the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, officials, working people, youth and students, and officers and men of the Korean People's Army visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on July 27 to pay their profound respects to them.

Large numbers of people mounted Mansu Hill with deep yearning for the President and the Chairman.

Baskets of flowers were presented to their statues in the name of Party, government and military organs, public organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the

Korean People's Army and Public Security Forces, and institutions, enterprises, factories and universities at all levels in Pyongyang.

The visitors made a deep bow to the statues of the great leaders.

Flower baskets were also laid at their statues at Kim Il Sung Kim Jong Il on July 27 to pay their profound respects to them. Large numbers of people mounted Mansu Hill with deep yearning for the President and the Chairman.

Working people, service personnel, students and children across the country paid their homage to the great leaders at their statues and mosaics of their beaming images in their residential areas.

Premier Kim inspects agricultural sector of South Hwanghae



Premier Kim Tok Hun (second from right) is at a field of the Sinwol Farm in Paechon County, South Hwanghae Province.

KCNA

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, inspected the agricultural sector of South Hwanghae

Province.

Looking round the fields of several farms, the Premier said that officials and the working people in South Hwanghae Province should carry out the grain production plan for this year without fail by doing farming assiduously and in a scientific way, keeping in mind the intention of the Party Central Committee that gives top priority to the agriculture of their province.

Pointing out some deviations revealed in performing the present farming operations, he stressed the need to concentrate all efforts on the manuring and cultivation of crops in the latter period of growth and take thoroughgoing measures to minimize the damage by disastrous weather

conditions.

It is important to solve the problems in the living of the farmers, masters of farming, in time and widely cultivate good species of oil-bearing and sugar crops to bring benefit to them, he said.

He discussed the matters arising in continuously directing big efforts to sharing and generalizing advanced farming methods and experiences and doing farm work in a scientific, technological and planned way according to each farming process including the making of full preparations for autumn harvesting from now and took appropriate measures.

Earlier, the Premier inspected the development of medical appliances forged ahead by the State Academy of Sciences.

KPA service personnel pay homage to great leaders

KCNA

The service personnel of the Korean People's Army visited the Kumsusan

Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche, on the occasion of the 69th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation

War. The visitors paid homage to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues by reflecting

the unanimous mind of all the service personnel. At the halls of immortality where the great leaders are preserved in their lifetime

appearance, they made deep bows to them who worked miracles of constant victories in the sacred war to frustrate the imperialist

tyranny by dint of their iron-willed courage and grit, outstanding military idea and adroit strategy and tactics.

Nation marks war victory day

KCNA

The revolutionary spirit and militant stamina of all the people who are determined to add eternal lustre to the tradition of the great July 27 victory which is an everlasting cornerstone in the glorious course of development of the DPRK is pervading the country marking the war victory day.



Schoolchildren pay floral tribute to martyrs at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong.

Entering the plaza park of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, the visitors made deep bows to the portraits of their beaming images.

People of all strata visited revolutionary sites associated with the President's immortal leadership exploits during the war.

Many people paid floral tribute to the martyrs before their busts at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Simni-ri and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery.

cemeteries and memorial towers and cemeteries for the fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army in different parts of the country to pay homage to the victors in the great years, the proud generation who made a new history of carrying forward the Korean revolution by dedicating their blood and lives and developed the revolutionary spirit of Paektu into an all-people idea and spirit.

Marking V-Day, national flags were hoisted at institutions, industrial establishments and households across the country.

Colourful celebration performances staged at central and provincial theatres revved up the festive

atmosphere. Outdoor performances were given in many places of the capital city drawing big audiences.

Meanwhile, public service amenities in Pyongyang and provinces were seething with people receiving various holiday services.

Public catering facilities served special holiday dishes, while recreation facilities such as the Central Zoo, National History Museum and Munsu Water Park were full of children and other people having a pleasant time.

Meetings with war veterans were held across the country. Many working people and youth and students visited the houses of war veterans.

Youth, students hold gala evening

KCNA

A gala evening of youth and students took place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on July 27 in celebration of the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

It started as the numbers "7.27" were screened on the floor of the square and change of various formations

took place to the tune of light music of the song, Our Victory-Day July 27.

The participants extended eternal glory to President Kim Il Sung who firmly defended the destiny of the country and nation and wrote the history of victory of Juche Korea by organizing and leading the war to a brilliant victory.

The gala ended with the chorus *We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives*, firing the youth vanguard with the revolutionary enthusiasm to inherit the great heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation.

Dance parties of youths and students were also held at provincial capitals and in cities and counties across the country on the same day.

Women, students hold celebrations in run-up to V-Day

KCNA

An oratorical meeting of officials and members of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea took place at the Hall of Women on July 26 in celebration of the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

It was attended by Kim Jong Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the SWUK, and officials and members of the women's union in Pyongyang.

At the meeting the speakers praised highly the

undying exploits for victory in the war of President Kim Il Sung who achieved a brilliant victory and demonstrated the dignity and mettle of heroic Korea by arousing the entire Party, the whole army and all the people to the sacred struggle for defending the country against the imperialist aggressors.

Meanwhile, university students staged a group march accompanied by wartime songs to mark the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation

War. Taking part in the march were 2 000 students from different universities in Pyongyang including Kim Il Sung University and Kim Chaek University of Technology.

Amid the playing of the solemn music of *Long Live Generalissimo Kim Il Sung*, they set off on the march, preceded by the flags which had been flown on the heights of victory during the war, the sacred national flags handed over by the victorious wartime generation.

Senior Chongryon officials hold seminar

KCNA

Senior officials of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) held a seminar on *Let Us Open a New Era of Rejuvenating Chongryon by Enlisting the Inexhaustible Strength of the Compatriots from All Sections of Society*, a letter sent by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to those attending the 25th Chongryon Congress.

The seminar was attended by Chairman Ho Jong Man, Pak Ku Ho, first vice-chairman and director of the Organizational Department, and vice-chairpersons of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, the chairman of the Chongryon Central Audit Committee, department directors and other senior officials of Chongryon.

The speakers said that the highly important letter reflects the firm faith and will of Kim Jong Un to take full responsibility for and add lustre to the destiny and future of the

DPRK's overseas citizens' organization of Chongryon and Koreans in Japan.

They explained and demonstrated the main idea and historic significance of the letter, saying the 25th Congress of Chongryon was able to become a significant meeting in stepping up the advance of love for the country and nation for realizing the lofty aspiration and ideal for building a thriving Chongryon as he sent the letter of great importance.

They stressed that the letter serves as a brilliant blueprint for ushering in a new era of prosperity of Chongryon, and a textbook for struggle of Chongryon officials and activists.

They said the senior officials of Chongryon would fulfil their responsibility and duty in vigorously ushering in a new heyday in the movement of Koreans in Japan, a new era of prosperity of Chongryon, by pooling the efforts of compatriots from all walks of life during the 25th term of Chongryon.

Disaster management streamlined to prevent damage in rainy season

KCNA

The central emergency disaster and crisis response command team is conducting positive activities to prevent damage in the rainy season.

As it keeps up with the precipitation and flood damage prevention efforts in each region on a real-time basis and takes necessary steps promptly and correctly, it pays sharp attention to ever-changing weather conditions so as to promptly respond to unexpected situations.

It also ensures that emergency disaster and crisis response command teams at all levels constantly find out unguarded points in promptly launching the emergency report system in case of disaster and take appropriate measures.

The agricultural sector works assiduously to prevent damage from flood and storm. The central emergency disaster and crisis response command team focuses on preventing the inundation and burying of farmland by flood. It

frequently inquires about the repair of irrigation structures, dredging of rivers and streams and the work to establish well-knit drainage systems and gets the relevant units to overcome deviations.

Key industrial sectors intensify organization and control to prevent damage in the rainy season.

The central command team analyzed the deviations revealed by some units in the electric power industry, rail transport and urban management sectors and their causes and makes sure they take prompt measures to overcome them.

It urges all the units in the electric power transmission and transformation sector to direct primary efforts into protecting transformers, disconnecting switches and breakers from thunderbolts. It also sees to it that hydropower stations monitor the conditions of dams, holes for intermediate intake and other hydraulic structures in real time and control water scientifically.

The rail transport sector

works to turn dangerous places into safe ones, while protecting railway bridges and tracks and posting larger numbers of watchmen.

The urban management sector pushes ahead with necessary projects lest inconveniences might be caused to the people's living due to heavy rain. Mobile pumps are on constant standby in different parts of Pyongyang to deal with large volumes of rainwater promptly.

The metallurgical and

chemical industries and construction sectors are taking thoroughgoing measures to ensure the safety of various kinds of equipment and keep building materials in good conditions.

The emergency disaster and crisis response command teams in provinces also take steps to prevent damage in the rainy season, while maintaining a constant watch over dams and reservoirs and focusing on the prevention of damage from valley streams.



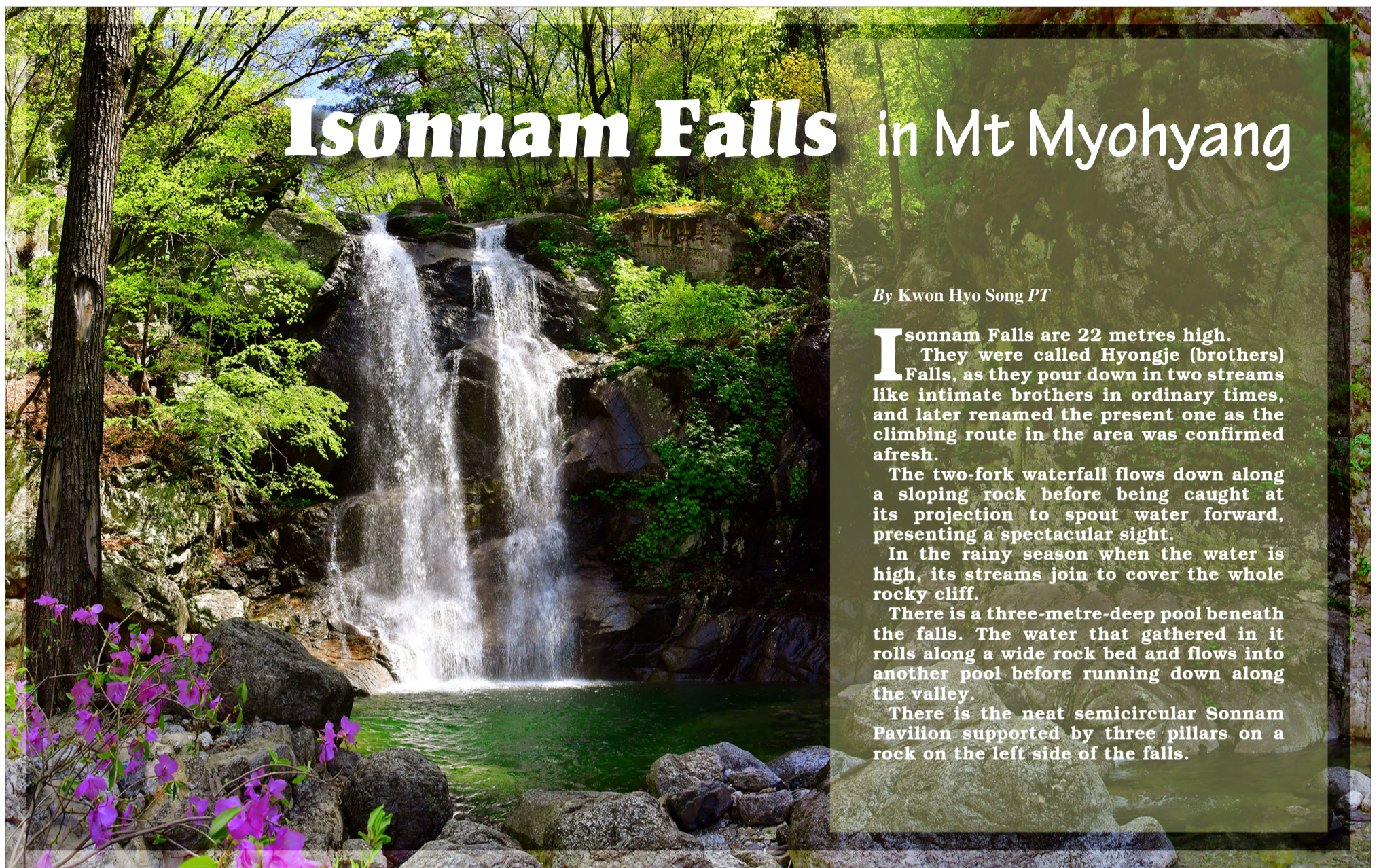
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The central emergency disaster and crisis response command team gathers to seek measures to cope with disastrous downpour and rainstorm.

July 29
Top emergency anti-epidemic system in operation
79 days

COVID-19 situation in DPRK

According to the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters, three persons contracted fever and 14 others fully recovered in the DPRK from 18:00 on July 27 to 18:00 on July 28. A total of over 4 772 813 persons caught fever nationwide between late April and 18:00 on July 28. Of them, at least 4 772 522 (99.994%) fully recovered and 217 (0.004%) were undergoing treatment.



Isonnam Falls in Mt Myohyang

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Isonnam Falls are 22 metres high. They were called Hyongje (brothers) Falls, as they pour down in two streams like intimate brothers in ordinary times, and later renamed the present one as the climbing route in the area was confirmed afresh.

The two-fork waterfall flows down along a sloping rock before being caught at its projection to spout water forward, presenting a spectacular sight.

In the rainy season when the water is high, its streams join to cover the whole rocky cliff.

There is a three-metre-deep pool beneath the falls. The water that gathered in it rolls along a wide rock bed and flows into another pool before running down along the valley.

There is the neat semicircular Sonnam Pavilion supported by three pillars on a rock on the left side of the falls.

National cultural heritage— Janggo dance

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Janggo dance, a dance performed carrying an hourglass drum, is one of folk dances of Korea with a long history and strong national colouring.

Janggo was called yogo in the period of the Three Kingdoms (mid-3rd century BC-AD mid-7th century) and its dancers are depicted in the murals of tombs Nos. 4 and 5 of the five tombs with murals of Koguryo.

Dating back to the time of the Three Kingdoms, janggo dance originated from soljanggo dance, a kind of peasant dance.

Soljanggo, a little smaller than janggo, was used by beaters belonging to instrumentalists' bands in the peasant dances which were performed to either wish for a bumper crop or celebrate it in rural areas.

Soljanggo beaters

highlighted the role of the bands as they beat tunes while moving their shoulders up and down and arms charmingly, and the dance evolved into an independent dance form.

The depictive techniques of janggo dance became diverse in the course of its development and made further progress in the latter half of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910).

In those days peasant dance came into vogue in different parts of Korea, and in the process of the development of its depictive techniques, janggo beaters responsible for its music also performed dance movements to enhance its representation. As a result, the vigorous and optimistic janggo dance done by men



came to win popularity as a leading part in the peasant dance.

Janggo beaters were male in the initial period, and therefore the dance was vigorous and outgoing. Afterwards, it rapidly spread to women, who performed it gently, elegantly and in a smart way.

Its main component is drum-beating, which is divided into beating both sides and the body with a drumstick and hand. Also

there are normal, cross and other ways of beating. The normal beating is to beat the right side with a stick and the left side with the left hand. These movements, based on various tunes and variations of rhythm, form the techniques peculiar to janggo dance in combination with various dance movements.

The charm of the dance gets pronounced when different kinds of movements are executed while the two sides of janggo are alternately beaten with a stick in one hand at a fast speed.

Janggo dance is stronger in the rhythmic feature and more sightworthy than other dances for the harmonious combination of various beating techniques and dance movements.

It was played either solo or as group dance. The solo is characterized by skilful and ever-changing movements and the group dance by the harmony of vigorous and outgoing movements.

Janggo dance has been enriched and developed to suit the modern sense of beauty and is widely used in the creation of various dance pieces.

It is now successfully being carried on and developed through widespread practice, enjoying huge popularity among Koreans.

Rice cake, Koreans' favourite food

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Rice cake is a distinctive food favoured by all the Korean people.

They have long made it by pounding the steamed glutinous rice or steaming the dough made of polished rice flour.

The ancestors made it a custom to prepare rice cake on holidays, birthdays, wedding days and other auspicious occasions and people said that only high sound of pounding rice cake evoked festive mood.

Rice cake that is also served as a staple food has so much variety.

The most typical one is chalttok, or a cake made by steaming glutinous rice.

The glutinous rice cake is often dressed with red beans, soybean flour or sesame seeds.

As the cake is sticky, it scarcely hardens soon.

According to old history books, hardened glutinous rice cake becomes soft again when it is roasted and the roasted chalttok spread with

honey is an excellent food.

It is known as good for treating stomach troubles and invigorating the body.

Among the cakes made of polished rice flour, songphyon is famous.

It is made by steaming the half-moon-shaped dough on pine needles, hence the name. Polished rice flour is kneaded with hot water to make the dough and bits of it are rolled out into flat round pieces. Each piece is moulded into half-moon shape by filling it with stuffing, before steaming.

The stuffing is made with sesame seeds, red beans and the like and there is also wormwood songphyon made by mixing polished rice with the young soft plant.

Solgittok or siruttok is a cake made by steaming the loosely-kneaded dough of polished rice flour in a steamer.

Its main ingredients are polished or glutinous rice flour and the dressing is made with red beans, soybeans, sesame seeds or mung beans.

