

General Secretary Kim Jong Un meets with KPA medics, makes congratulatory speech

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, on Thursday met and congratulated medics of the Korean People's Army who fulfilled their sacred duty of defending the capital city and the people and performed undying feats in the top-level emergency anti-epidemic campaign.

The KPA medics gathered at the April 25 House of Culture on a special order of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. The house was overflowing with great emotion and joy of those medics

awaiting the time of honour and happiness when they would meet with the General Secretary whom they had wanted so eagerly to see only once while conducting the fierce war to exterminate



the malignant virus with readiness to sacrifice themselves.

When Kim Jong Un appeared on the platform of the house, the stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" was raised at the venue.

The medics discharged their bounden duty as the army of the Party and the people, but the General Secretary highly praised their efforts and struggle as heroic feats to be specially recorded on

the militant course of the KPA. And to give more love to them, he called them to the significant venue so as to put them forward again before the eyes of the whole country and the whole world and congratulate them again. So, all the participants were replete with boundless gratitude to him.

Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech.

Noting that the army medics took the greatest trouble to defuse the anti-epidemic crisis in the capital city, he gave warm thanks, on behalf of the Party, the country and the people, to them who displayed the indefatigable spirit

and the invincible combat strength of our army and the noble traits and fidelity of the Party's army by dedicating themselves

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with firm confidence and courage in the anti-epidemic battlefield of the capital city, the key combat zone decisive of the victory in the national anti-epidemic struggle.

He said that the bravery and self-sacrificing spirit shown by the medics in the anti-epidemic campaign in the capital was a spiritual characteristic deriving from the exceptional loyalty of our servicepersons who know best the true heart of their commander and carry out his intention without hesitation.

Saying it was the true picture of the army medics printed in the mind of Pyongyang citizens during the sacred combat of 91 days that they are revolutionary soldiers boundlessly faithful to our Party and sons and

brothers of the people, he gave a high appreciation of the brilliant merits of the medics who displayed the militant features of our army going through thick and thin to carry out the Party's orders and reliably defended the priceless revolutionary asset of great army-people unity, the root of our society.

Noting that it is our Party's great pride and honour to have the reliable revolutionary army which has always been honourable to be called the people's army, the sacred and glorious name, he earnestly called on all the participants to faithfully serve for our great state, Party and people and for our great dignity and honour in the future, too.

The moment Kim Jong Un concluded his passionate speech full of love and affection for his revolutionary

soldiers, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers with tears of emotion in their eyes, looking up to him who put ordinary combatants forward as frontline medics and combat heroes of today and repeatedly showed benevolent affection to them.

He specially called and congratulated medics who performed distinguished feats in the anti-epidemic campaign in the capital.

He shook hands with them one by one and appreciated their services. They greatly contributed to further stirring up the fine communist virtues and traits throughout society by devoting themselves to the protection of the citizens' lives and health with absolute loyalty to the order of the Party Central Committee and unconditional love and dedication to the people.

He had a photo session with them, hoping that they who performed brilliant feats at the forefront of the campaign for defending the people would continue to work faithfully as able field medics and renowned field doctors reliably defending our precious socialist country where our people live in good health free from any disease.

All the participants hardened their strong resolve to more fully display the invincible combat capability and heroic stamina of the great Kim Jong Un's strong revolutionary army at every theatre of sacred struggle for national defence and the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism, regarding his special trust and warm true heart as the most precious asset in their life and always serving the country and the people.

Kim Jong Un has photo session with KPA medics



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, had a photo session of victory to be specially recorded in the history of our Party and state with the Korean People's Army medics at the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture on Thursday.

All the army medics were filled with

deep emotion and excitement as they heard a touching congratulatory speech of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, the symbol of our ever-victorious Party and mightiness of our dignified state and the banner of all victories and glory, and would have the honour to have a significant photo, to be handed down through generations, taken with him at the historic place where the victory in the top-level emergency anti-epidemic

war was declared.

When he arrived at the venue of the photo session, all the participants raised thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", paying the highest tribute to him who performed undying great exploits that would shine forever in the history of the country by shouldering the terrible national crisis in the unprecedented great turmoil and leading the grim anti-epidemic war to great victory with his

extraordinary wisdom, superhuman energy and distinguished guidance, but bestowed all laurels on our people and officers and men of the Korean People's Army.

He warmly waved back to the reliable and stout frontline medics, the war heroes who demonstrated to the world their heroic stamina in the top-level

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emergency anti-epidemic campaign for protecting the precious life and existence and future of our people.

Expressing the conviction that the brilliant merits of the detached corps members of the Party Central Committee, who defused the unprecedented health

crisis in the van and devotedly defended our people's trust in the great Party and the precious tradition of army-people unity, would remain forever in the memory of the country and the people along with the history of victory in the great anti-epidemic campaign, he had a photo taken with them.

When the photo session was over, the

thunderous cheers of "Kim Jong Un" and "Devoted defence" shouted by medics of the Party's revolutionary army rocked heaven and earth.

All the participants hardened their firm will to fulfil their honourable mission and duty as the revolutionary army medics of the Workers' Party of Korea in the struggle for prosperity

of our great state and welfare of our great people with the same spirit and stamina as they won a victory in the anti-epidemic campaign in the capital city, cherishing deeper in their mind the immutable truth that we have nothing to fear and are sure to win as there is the invincible leadership of the great Party Central Committee.

Party, state commendations awarded to KPA medics

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Party and state commendations were conferred on medics of the Korean People's Army who rendered distinguished military services in the top-level emergency anti-epidemic campaign for defusing the health crisis in the capital in

response to the special order of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The army medics, dispatched to the emergency anti-epidemic front of the capital, had creditably discharged their honourable duty as the main force defending the security of the state and the lives

of the people, and thus fully displayed the noble mental world of the detached corps of the Party Central Committee and the frontline medics in the great era of Kim Jong Un.

A ceremony of awarding Party and state commendations took place at the April 25 House of Culture on

Thursday.

Present there were Jong Kyong Thack, director of the KPA General Political Bureau, Ri Thae Sop, chief of the KPA General Staff, and other commanding officers and medics of the KPA.

Jong Kyong Thack conveyed a decree of the Standing Committee

of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

All the participants firmly pledged to always bring only victory and glory on the militant course of the KPA, the revolutionary army of the Party remaining absolutely loyal to the idea and leadership of the great Party Central Committee.



A ceremony is held to award Party and state commendations to medics of the Korean People's Army at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang.

DPRK leader sends greetings to Russian counterpart

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Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greeting to Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on August 15.

Kim Jong Un in the message extended warm greetings to the president, the government and people of the Russian Federation on behalf of the government and the people of the DPRK on the occasion of the 77th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

The servicepersons of the heroic Red Army showed the example of noble internationalism by dedicating their blood and precious lives to the struggle for liberating Korea, and merits and feats performed by them are deeply kept in the memories of the Korean people as an eternal monument, the message noted.

The DPRK-Russia friendship forged in the great anti-Japanese war against

the common enemy has been invariably consolidated and developed generation after generation and century after century, it noted, adding that the strategic and tactical cooperation, support and solidarity between the two countries have been put on a new high stage in the common front for frustrating the hostile forces' military threats and provocations and high-handed and arbitrary practices.

It expressed the belief that the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries based on comradesly friendship and militant unity would grow stronger in all fields on the basis of the agreements reached at the 2019 meeting in Vladivostok and thus contribute to the prosperity and wellbeing of the peoples of the two countries.

The message sincerely wished the Russian President good health and great success in his responsible work for defending the sovereignty and interests of his country and people and achieving the prosperity of the country.

Kim Jong Un sends wreath to Liberation Tower



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, sent a wreath to the Liberation Tower on August 14 on the occasion of the 77th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Upon authorization, Ri Il Hwan, member

of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, laid the wreath before the tower.

Present at the wreath-laying ceremony were Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, Im Chon Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Jo Chol Ryong, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and chairman of the DPRK-Russia Friendship Association, and officials concerned.

The participants paid tribute to the martyrs in recollection of the military exploits and services of the service personnel of the Red Army who fought bravely as they dedicated their blood and lives unsparingly in the sacred war for liberating Korea.

Do not dream a pipe-dream

Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, released a press statement entitled "Do not dream a pipe-dream" on August 18. The following is its full text:

It would have been more favourable for saving his face to shut his mouth than to talk nonsense if he had nothing better to say.

I am talking about Yoon Suk Yeol's "congratulatory address marking August 15".

Given that he is losing public support, it would have been better if he had never presented himself on that occasion.

I'm saying this today only because the south seems to be very eager to know about our reaction, not because I'm concerned about Yoon's situation, as even a mere child would know.

If he had really wanted to take the platform, I'm curious to know how much effort he had put in to his speech, only to be unable to say anything that would save his face.

This time, Yoon was engrossed in letting loose such sophisms as a "process of building a free country in confrontation with the communist forces" and "defending the free world by standing against communists' invasion" and inciting confrontation between systems.

Though I'm sorry to say this, dogs will always bark, be they

a pup or an adult, and the same goes for the one with the title of "president".

The most repulsive point was when he impudently read the absurd remark that he proposes us a "bold and broad-based plan" which enables us to radically improve the economy and the people's livelihood if we would discontinue nuclear development and turn towards substantial denuclearization.

With the person gone, who had once pretended to be any "driver", arousing the people's suspicion, another one who also lives in his own world has come to power.

After pretending to have a plan for improving north-south relations in his "inaugural address" last May, he seemed to have taken lots of pains as he explained it to the US and neighbouring countries in order to solicit their understanding and support, but the "plan" he unveiled this time is too absurd.

All the ridiculous remarks uttered by the so-called "president" really make the south look only queer.

Was there no one else in the south to be elected as "president"?

"Bold plan?" Then, I will explain why it is absurd in a word.

His "bold plan" is the height of absurdity as it is as impracticable as to try to create mulberry fields by drying up the dark blue ocean.

While seeing him fluently reading the pipedream-like remarks on the "north's nuclear abandonment" which his predecessors in the south and even their master, the US, failed to induce, we felt pity for him as he seemed to have read in all haste the text that must have been wrongly written by others, not yet knowing what it meant.

Not everything is a subject for negotiations. To think that the intention to barter "economic cooperation" for our honour, nukes, is the great dream, hope and plan of Yoon, we came to

realize that he is so naive and still green.

Anyone, who comes to power, will be able to know well the law of the world and the situation only after 2-3 years of hard work.

No one would barter his destiny for corn cake.

Pure contempt is what we can only show those harbouring a vain illusion that they could make us abandon our nukes if they pay more stakes.

It would be advisable to mind their own business if they can find time to spare, instead of talking about the north-south issue.

They might have no time to talk about someone's "economy" and improvement of "people's livelihood" since they live in anxiety as they don't know when they would be ousted for their troubled economy and people's impoverished life.

Those villains seriously undermining our security environment by continuing to send dirty waste into our territory are talking about "food supply" and "medical assistance" to inhabitants in the north. That only incites our people's surging hatred and wrath.

A knave who talks about a "bold plan" today and stages anti-north war exercises tomorrow is none other than the "man" Yoon Suk Yeol.

It is our earnest desire to live without being conscious of their existence.

Before evaluating the south

Korean authorities' "policy toward the north", we don't like Yoon Suk Yeol himself.

Though we don't know whether he would knock at our door with any other grandiose plan in the future as his "bold plan" does not work, we make it clear that we will not sit face to face with him.

It would be better for Yoon Suk Yeol to ponder on what serious threat will be brought by the reckless confrontational remarks his hirings make irregularly and ignorantly.

I'd like to say additionally that they should not forget even for a moment our advice that it would be best for them never to stand face to face with us.

In addition, we regret to make it clear that our previous day's weapon test was conducted on the "Kumsong Bridge" in Anju City of South Phyongan Province, not the Onchon area the south Korean authorities announced rashly and talkatively.

I am curious to know why those always talking about tracking and monitoring and full preparedness under the close cooperation between south Korea and the US could not properly tell the launching time and place and why they do not open to the public the data on the weapon system.

If the data and flight trajectory are made known, the south will be so bewildered and frightened. And it will be a sight to behold how they will explain it to their people.

Premier Kim inspects North, South Phyongan provinces, Nampho City



Premier Kim Tok Hun (second from left) inspects the Naejung Farm in Yomju County.

who is also member of the Committee of the Workers' Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs

Commission of the DPRK, inspected various sectors of North and South Phyongan provinces and Nampho City. Looking round farms in Pakchon, Yomju, Sonchon, Unjon, Sukchon and Onchon counties and Jongju City, he inquired into the present state of farming. He said that officials of provincial, city and county agricultural management organs should organize farming works in a responsible manner, keeping in mind the intention of the Party that has set forth agriculture as an urgent one of this year's economic tasks and, especially, intensify the technical guidance to raise the grain yield to the maximum by concentrating on the manuring and cultivation of crops in the latter period of growth in consideration of the persistent disastrous abnormal weather conditions. They should conduct activities to implant in the agricultural workers the consciousness of being masters of agriculture and fire them with enthusiasm for production in various forms and ways and make full preparations for harvesting, threshing and grain procurement according to a well thought-out plan, he noted. Making the rounds of sea banks in Mundok, Sukchon, Phyongwon, Jungsan and Onchon counties, he stressed the need for cities and counties to adopt disastrous abnormal weather conditions as a fait accompli and push ahead with land management projects including the reinforcement of sea banks in a planned manner and, for the present, to take every step to minimize the damage by torrential rain and tidal waves. At the Sinuiju Chemical Fibre Factory and December 5 Youth Mine he discussed problems arising in establishing new production processes and took appropriate measures. Field consultative meetings discussed the issues of enhancing the responsibility and role of officials in implementing the decisions of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, correctly carrying out the decisions and directions of the Cabinet concerning agricultural production and effectively undertaking projects to counter disastrous weather conditions and took relevant steps.

77th anniversary of national liberation significantly celebrated

On the occasion of the 77th anniversary of Korea's liberation, wreaths were laid at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong in Pyongyang on August 14. The honour guards of the Korean People's Army lined up at the cemetery. The wreath-laying ceremony was attended by Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-president of the DPRK SAC and chairman of the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, senior Party and government officials including Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Pak Jong Gun, Pak Su Il and Kim Yong Hwan, officials of the SPA Standing Committee and the Cabinet, Party and government officials in Pyongyang and members of the armed forces organs. The national anthem of the DPRK was played. Amid the playing of the wreath-laying music, wreaths in the names of the WPK Central Committee, the DPRK SAC, the DPRK SPA Standing Committee and the DPRK Cabinet were placed on the wreath-laying stand of the cemetery. Written on the ribbons were letters reading, "The revolutionary martyrs will be immortal". The participants paid a silent tribute in memory of the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs who sacrificed their youth and lives unhesitatingly for national liberation and victory in the revolutionary cause of Juche remaining faithful to the idea and leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il. Then they looked round the cemetery. The participants hardened their firm pledge to uphold the guidance of the great Party Central Committee



Wreaths are laid at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong.

KPA medics return to their units

The medics of the Korean People's Army, who were urgently dispatched to the emergency anti-epidemic front of the capital on the special order of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, returned to their units on August 14. The medics left the capital streets without a sending-off ceremony. They were greeted by commanding officers including Ri Yong Gil, minister of National Defence, and Kwon Thae Yong, first vice-minister of National Defence and director of the KPA General Logistics Department, and servicemen's families at the building of the Ministry of National Defence. Looking up to the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the medics made a loyal report to them, humbly informing them that they honourably carried out their combat duty given by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as befitting soldiers of the people who grew up under the care of the peerlessly great men and missions sent by the Party Central Committee. An art performance was given to congratulate the medics who achieved victory in the van of the emergency anti-epidemic campaign of the capital. The medics left for their posts, taking an ardent pledge to be loyal to their duties as defenders of the country, creators of the people's happiness and faithful servants of the people in the future, too.

single-mindedly and faithfully by emulating the revolutionary martyrs' boundless loyalty to the leader, unshakeable revolutionary faith and indomitable fighting spirit and add brilliance to their sacred country as a prosperous and powerful nation of Juche. That day, officials of Party and administrative organs and working people's organizations and service personnel in Ryanggang Province laid wreaths at the revolutionary martyrs cemetery in Hyesan. The Korean people celebrated the 77th anniversary of their country's liberation with great national pride and dignity. An endless stream of people visited 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. At the sacred place of the Sun, officials of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and ministries and national agencies, along with service personnel, working people and students, looked back with deep emotion on the immortal revolutionary exploits of the peerlessly great man who achieved the historic cause of national liberation by waging long bloody battles and going through endless snowstorms. Working people, service personnel and students laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the great leaders' statues, including those on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, and the portraits of their beaming images across the country, and made a bow to them. To mark the anniversary, the national flag of the DPRK was hoisted at institutions and enterprises across the country. A variety of celebration performances were staged in Pyongyang and local areas. They livened up the festive atmosphere as they reflected the single-minded determination of the people to translate into brilliant reality the great leaders' patriotic desire for building a powerful country and to uphold the guidance of the Party Central Committee with loyalty. A men's football match was held at Kim Il Sung Stadium as part of the Hwaepplul Cup tournament. Youth and students and women's union members held dance parties in different parts of the country that day.

"Farewell, thank you for everything"



KPA medics return to their units after fulfilling their mission of protecting people's life and health from the malignant virus.

KIM KWANG RIM / RODONG SINMUN

medics dispatched to the Mannyon Pharmacy several times to ask when they would leave, saying earnestly that he would keep it to himself alone. Each time the medics smilingly replied that they would inform him when they were ordered to leave. On the evening of August 13, too, they reassured him like that. The citizens, however, could not know that the medics were to leave for their units at dawn the following day. "In fact, we are also very sorry to part from the dear people. But we are the people's army and we should not give them any slight inconvenience. We want to leave quietly after conducting medical service activities till the moment of our departure," said an army medic at the aforementioned pharmacy. The army medics at the pharmacy fulfilled their duties as ever until the early dawn of the day. Then they prepared themselves for departure in a flash. The following is what the employees of the pharmacy, who witnessed the scene, said with tears in their eyes. They rebuked the soldiers and stubbornly put souvenirs into their knapsacks. Then several residents of the dong and officials of the district showed up there. Somehow they must have heard the news of the medics' departure. The residents held their hands, exchanging goodbyes and the officials embraced them, sincerely expressing their thanks to the latter's trouble. Reluctant to part from the military medical workers, the citizens kept following them and the latter, in tears, respectfully saluted them. Such sights could be seen everywhere in Pyongyang. It has been dozens of days to August 14 when army medics left the city after winning a great victory in the anti-epidemic battle since May 16 when they were dispatched to pharmacies by a special order of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea to immediately stabilize the supply of medicines there. In those difficult and arduous days, they once again displayed their mettle as the army of the people through their devotion and self-sacrifice.

Medics in the eyes of Pyongyangites

The mission of medics of the Korean People's Army, who were seconded to pharmacies in Pyongyang, was now over along with the declaration of great victory in the anti-epidemic campaign. But they tried to find and do even one more good thing for the people just before leaving. Those, who were sent to the pharmacy of the Junggu Koryo Medicine Pharmaceutical Factory, painted the inner walls of the pharmacy even though assistants held them back so much. They asked saleswomen to work harder for the good of the people in the future in disregard of their sweat rolling down on their faces after winding up the work just an hour before their withdrawal. At about seven o' clock in the morning, a pregnant woman would come. The medicine she requested yesterday is in the first compartment of the booth with its instructions. Please convey it to her in place of us. From the KPA medics." Those who were sent to pharmacies in the area of Janghun-dong No. 1 in Mangyongdae District left many packets of medicines inscribed with directions of use and common health knowledge. The army medics had come to instil confidence in victory in people in the worst situation and defended the people's life and security with warm affection and self-sacrificing endeavour, and they now devoted pure conscience to their mission and duty even before leaving for their units.

Citizens give warm send-off to army medics

As they had worked in all sincerity to safeguard the safety of the people. As the trucks carrying the service personnel left from the defence ministry building, the Pyongyangites enthusiastically waved national flags and bunches of flowers to them. The residents shouted, "Thank you very much indeed", "We will never forget you, our saviours" and "Goodbye, my sons". The service members warmly waved back to the citizens and schoolchildren smiling and shedding tears of gratitude. The service personnel and people shared kindred affection as they exchanged emotional farewells, showcasing the true looks of army-people unity.



Pyongyangites give a warm send-off to army medics returning to their units.

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Mass-based innovation drive opens path to production growth



A bird's-eye view of the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, leading fertilizer producer. JON KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By **Om Ryong PT**

It is a trait of the workers at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex to make valuable discoveries conducive to increasing fertilizer production and to come up with new technical

innovation plans, big or small. New technology conception boxes are found at almost all workshops of the complex. Not a few technical innovations have been introduced into production through these boxes.

Recently, a worker's note collected from one of the boxes pointed out some defects of the gas generation process and rod coal drying process and suggested that the processes should be remodelled in a way that would save a lot of materials

and labour. This soon prompted a discussion at the complex and a technical conference was held in earnest for several days. Then a remodelling project was initiated without delay. As a result, much labour

was saved in reprocessing and a normal operation of gas generation furnaces ensued. Meanwhile, gas generator workshop No. 2 in charge of the initial process of fertilizer production has finished the repair of two gas generators last July. "It was quite difficult to repair the two generators in July when it was hard to ensure even the current production due to hot weather," said the workshop manager. However, they invented and introduced a new method and conducted all processes simultaneously to finish the repair work within a month. Consequently, the gas generation capacity of each generator was enhanced markedly. The ammonia workshop improved the performance of a solution circulation pump to increase the purity of carbon dioxide, while the humic acid workshop raised the quality of rod coal onto

a higher level by improving the standard of humic acid. As more and more ideas and innovation plans were created, assessment meetings on them were held on a weekly basis, which served as occasions for the workers to broaden their horizons. "All of us, workers, are responsible for fulfilling the production plans without fail. In order to live up to our role as masters of production, we should master the equipment and gain more knowledge," said worker Ri Tac Hyok. The compressor workshop holds a technical study session as they meet for production review every day. As problems arising in the production practice are consulted in a detailed manner, the meeting provides an opportunity for compressor operators to sharpen their skills, and this results in a rise in the operating rate of facilities at the workshop.

Metallurgical, chemical industry sectors consolidate existing production foundations, build up new capacity

By **Ko Kwang Yon PT**

The metallurgical and chemical industry sectors, the twin pillars of economic construction, are actively pushing projects to consolidate existing production foundations and build up a new production capacity. On the basis of experiences and lessons drawn in accelerating these projects in the past, the metallurgical industry sector conducts activities to firmly consolidate its own material and technical foundations. The Kim Chack Iron and Steel Complex, which carries on the construction of a new energy-saving oxygen blast furnace and the capacity expansion project for producing oxygen, is dynamically advancing the Juche-oriented project while inventing and introducing innovative construction methods in succession. The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex is also putting spurs to an undertaking for making the metallurgical industry Juche-based and consolidating iron and steel production foundations. Builders, who are involved in the construction of a new energy-saving oxygen blast furnace, are now making necessary equipment and

accessories in a qualitative way by waging a 24-7 campaign. The Chollima Steel Complex powerfully pushes ahead with various undertakings for installing a continuous casting machine. Mines, in charge of the production of iron ore and fireproof materials, speed up technical upgrading for improving the performance of equipment while ensuring the domestic production of major materials. In particular, they took technical and practical measures to increase the speed of removing earth by improving the operational rate of conveyor belt and are implementing them effectively. The Chongjin Steel Works, the Posan Iron Works and other units are directing efforts to the technical reconstruction of equipment of the raw materials and fuel transport system. The chemical industry sector is also doubling effort to build up a new capacity and strengthen existing production foundations. Careful measures are taken to supply various facilities, materials and pipes needed for a project to establish the CI chemical industry. The Hungnam Fertilizer

Complex steps up technical preparations for the construction of a new chemical goods production base. Technicians of the complex have successfully ensured the simultaneous operation of gas generators and several centrifugal circulating compressors. Efforts are channelled into boosting the output of gas and improving the performance of compressors. The complex is also putting spurs to consolidating existing production foundations remoulding of different production processes into electricity- and labour-saving ones. The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex is dynamically carrying on a plan to build a catalyser production process based on locally available materials. And it attaches importance to establishing more urea synthesis processes and technically refashioning some production processes. The February 8 Vinalon Complex is speeding up the general overhaul of the calcium-carbide furnace. It made and introduced different kinds of accessories with its own effort, thus raising the quality of products and lowering production costs.

Secret behind rapid development of new products, new techniques



Bottles of corn syrup roll off the production line at the corn syrup workshop of the Pyongyang Cornstarch Factory. RI RYON SONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By **Chae Hyang Ok PT**

The Pyongyang Cornstarch Factory is one of the units good at developing new products and new techniques. This is attributed to its constant effort to diffuse science and technology. In the past, the factory's sci-tech diffusers searched for technical information requested by workteams and workshops to post it on the factory network. But now the diffusion has been brought closer to the workplaces. In other words, the diffusers go to the working sites to keep up to date with the information needed for solving problems there and immediately inform them of it. The factory also works to improve the practical effects of sci-tech study.

It appointed competent and experienced employees at workteams and workshops as lecturers and makes sure that diffusers work out teaching plans in cooperation with them. Therefore, all lectures have turned into the ones that employees wait for and welcome and interesting and helpful discourses. As a result, more and more employees have become inventors and proposers of original technical plans. In that course, the factory completed the processes for producing various goods and laid a foundation for producing isomerase in a short period. In order to ensure the domestic production of this enzyme, the factory elucidated the technical specifications of the fungus, cultured its high-grade strain,

established the condition for culturing the fungus to suit its biochemical requirements and solved technical problems arising in making isomerase by an industrial method. The factory also developed a technology for substituting domestic materials for a reagent and sodium carbonate needed for producing corn syrup. It is now working to develop functional foods by adding different kinds of natural materials to sugar. Among them are the sweets and cakes made by using the peptide good for antioxidation in the human body and a drop filled with peanut cream which improves digestion and which is good as an invigorant and cough and diabetes medicines. Such functional foods amount to dozens of kinds.

Favoured consumer goods of Kimhwa County



The foodstuff and daily necessities factories and paper mill in Kimhwa County turn out quality consumer goods. KIM KWANG RIM / RODONG SINMUN

By **Yun Kyong Il PT**

Not long ago, a Kangwon Provincial daily necessities exhibition was held at the Wonsan Department Store. This was the third time the exhibition took place this year. On display there were some 200 000 items of consumer goods in over 1 200 kinds, which were produced

by light industry factories belonging to cities, counties, ministries and national agencies in the province. An official of the provincial people's committee said the numbers increased two times as compared with those of the exhibition held in February and April. The kind and variety of the exhibited consumer goods increased as much because

such goods produced by local industry factories of Kimhwa County covered the large proportion of the exhibits. The exhibits from the county numbered 43 and over 24 210 in kind and item respectively. Wild fruit drinks which gave out fragrance of the mountainous region and foodstuffs, including peppered bean paste, jam

and confectionery, were favourably commented upon by visitors. From the first day of the exhibition, confectionery, jam, laundry soap, toilet paper and many other goods from the county were in great demand, so officials of the province and the county had to organize emergency transport of such goods from the county.

The visitors to the exhibition said in unison that they really liked the goods from the county as they were of high quality and inexpensive. The manager of the Kimhwa County Foodstuffs Factory said, "Some time ago, a state measure was taken to make scientists and researchers of several scientific research and

educational institutions help employees of our factory quickly master the operation of modern equipment. Now over ten of the employees attend the online education faculty of Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry and applicants for the faculty are on the increase. This year all of the employees will enrol on the online course."

Locally-run factories in Kimhwa, model to be copied by others across the country



Facelifted local industry factories in Kimhwa County of Kangwon Province.

By **Jong Hwa Sun PT**

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea put it forward as an important idea to boost the local economy and lay foundations for improving the people's standard of living by promoting the independent and diversified development of cities and counties. To this end, it is needed to modernize all the local industry factories across the country. There should be factories equipped with advanced production facilities and processes in order to develop the local economy in such

a way as to preserve the characteristic features of each local area by making the most of mountains in mountainous areas and the sea in coastal areas and to achieve progress and prosperity peculiar to cities and counties. Only factories with a high level of modernization can optimize all production processes as required by science and technology by setting the people's demands as their standards and thus produce goods much sought after and favoured by people. They can also turn out world-famous commodities and signature products as they wish and guarantee rapid

and sustainable economic development. General Secretary Kim Jong Un unfolded a plan to turn all the areas of the country into developed ones preserving their unique characteristics by improving the local economy and led Kimhwa County in Kangwon Province to develop the standards for that. He put forward the task of sprucing up the locally-run factories in the county with the most difficult living conditions and poor economic foundations to make it a model at the Second Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK confirming the first-

year tasks of the five-year plan, organized a powerful command team and scientific and technical forces and regularly acquainted himself with the construction project to take necessary measures. True to his plan and intentions, the Kangwon provincial people and scientists and technicians of relevant sectors made intense speculations and painstaking searches to set up each facility and production process, thus completing each factory into the one which attained a high level in domestic production of raw materials and modernization and which could be a yardstick for local civilization.

As a result, the foodstuff, garment and daily necessities factories and paper mill of the county were inaugurated last June as a model and standard of local industry. The flames of the local industry revolution kindled in the county are now spreading throughout the country. All cities and counties have set their realistic targets in such a way as to guarantee their independent and diversified development on the basis of an in-depth study of the experience of the county and are pushing ahead with the modernization of their locally-run factories purposefully and in a planned and phased manner.

They prioritize the shoring up of such factories directly linked with the people's living as condiments and foodstuff factories and take measures beforehand to attain self-sufficiency in raw materials. The national economy will be able to achieve balanced and sustainable development when they upgrade their local industry factories as early as possible like the County. A new leap forward taken by local industry of the county is the starting point of the local industrial revolution and a historic occasion signalling the advance of the new era when the local areas change.



By Han Kwi Hun PT

From ancient times, Mt Paektu has widely been known to the Korean people as the ancestral mountain and famous mountain.

At the peak of the mountain there is a crater lake, named Chon.

In ancient times, it had been called “daethack (large pond)” and was later renamed

Lake Chon, meaning a lake in a sacred and high place like the heavens.

Lake Chon, the source of the three long rivers of Amnok, Tuman and Songhua, creates a very impressive landscape as it causes ever-changing, mysterious natural phenomena.

A crater lake which was formed after a crater was made by a volcanic eruption in the mountain and water

gathered in it, Lake Chon on Mt Paektu is the deepest and largest in water volume of all natural lakes in Korea.

Covering an area of 9.17 square kilometres, it is 14.4 kilometres in circumference, 3.6 kilometres wide, 4.6 kilometres long and 384 metres deep at maximum and the total volume of water is 1.955 billion cubic metres.

The quantity of water added by springs and atmospheric

precipitation is 46.6 million cubic metres a year, or 127 300 m³ on a daily average.

The annual average temperature of the lake is 4.9°C below zero and the water freezes in December and melts in June the following year.

The lake is inhabited by floating plants, underwater plants and chars.

Water-spouts frequent and

thick clouds gather in the area, with electrical phenomena related to them causing thunder and lightning time and again.

As the outer rim of the crater lake stand Janggung (2 750m), Haepal (2 719m), Hyangdo (2 712m), Ssangmujigae (2 626m), Chonmun (2 670m), Chail (2 596m), Paegun (2 691m), Chongsok (2 662m), Jebi (2 549m) and other peaks.

The shores of the lake are

carpeted with alpine plants, including rhododendron, blue mountain heath, tundra rhododendron, oxytropis and least willow.

Lake Chon on Mt Paektu left many legends in history as it presents an ideal landscape with all charms of natural scenery and kaleidoscopic mysteries and is still the focus of interest and curiosity of the world people today.

Famous Taekwon-Do coach Han Jong Ae



By Kwon Hyo Song PT

There is no weak player under coach Han Jong Ae (pictured).

This is what Jang Kyong Ok, department chief of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, answered a reporter who asked for her brief comment on the female catchweight individual sparring matches at the recent national Taekwon-Do all-star tournament for

Jongsung Cup.

At the fierce matches a player trained by Han timely grasped her opponents’ fortes and movements, used various moving techniques to adjust distance and landed successful blows by combining feints and various attacks.

“Han’s trainee was excellent at moving, which constituted a key factor in having the initiative and grasping her chances of striking at the bouts. This was just the triumph of the coach who attached importance to moving in sparring,” said Jang.

As she started coaching, Han paid the closest attention to making her trainees master their fortes.

She once discovered that the players failed to fully display their techniques at matches unlike in training.

In the course of analysing data on the previous domestic and international games, she realized that moving is

fundamental and essential in sparring. So she organized training with emphasis put on moving as vital in mastering fortes.

Her efforts produced desired results. A typical example is the win of Kim Ryu Gyong, member of the Taekwon-Do team of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee. She claimed the individual technical prize by taking the first place at the third dan pattern, 67kg-category sparring and individual forte events in the Taekwon-Do competition of the Mangyongdae Prize national martial art championships held in April last year in celebration the Day of the Sun.

Han Jong Ae, who is famous abroad as well as at home, has trained many players into national team members for nearly ten years since she started her career as Taekwon-Do coach.

After attending the 11th junior Taekwon-Do world championships as coach, she had her players participate in the Taekwon-Do world championships and the Asian

Taekwon-Do championships four times to contribute to exalting the country’s honour as the home of Taekwon-Do.

Especially, the 9th Asian Taekwon-Do championships held in 2018 was an opportunity for Han to display her ability as a coach. At the championships eight DPRK players were all awarded gold medals by winning women’s individual sparring events in their body weights.

At the competition Han, who coached the players flexibly, enabled them to grab 18 gold medals and her country to retain championship in total rankings of countries.

She was chosen as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK in 2021 and is also famous for making exact demands on players.

“Don’t hope for any luck.” This is what she repeats frequently.

Without reducing exact demands on herself as well as players, Han strenuously trains them so that they can develop into Taekwon-do stars.

Monument to Fidelity, element of national cultural heritage

By Chae Myong Rim PT

The Monument to Fidelity in Kaesong City is a monument built by kings of the feudal Joseon dynasty in praise of Jong Mong Ju (1337-1392) who was killed at Sonjuk Bridge for being remained faithful to his principles as a loyal subject of Koryo.

Tombstones are situated in a pavilion for the monument. The northern tombstone was built by King Yongjo (1725-1776) in 1740 and the southern one by Emperor Kojong (1864-1907) in 1872.

The monument was built by rulers of the feudal Joseon dynasty for the political purpose of making people remain loyal to the dynasty by emulating Jong, but it is associated with the outstanding talent and wisdom of ancestors.

The two tombstones in the house consist of bottom stone made of granite, turtle

support, head and body made of black marble.

The turtle, which was made by processing a monolith weighing over ten tons, is well structured and very admirable in engraving skills.

The lotus-shaped body engraved on the back of the turtle shows a high sculpturing workmanship.

Lotus flower petals carved on this body are arranged in succession around the body to represent one lotus flower.

The heads of the two tombstones are in the shape of gabled roofs and wriggling four dragons are carved respectively in relief under the eaves to highlight their monumental and ornamental characters.

It was registered as the World Heritage Site at the 37th meeting of the World Heritage Committee in June 2013, and is well preserved and managed as a valuable historical site.

