

## Kim Jong Un delivers policy speech at the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK



*The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a policy speech at the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on September 8. The following are excerpts from the text:*

Dear comrade Deputies,

Esteemed Chairman of the Standing Committee and Deputy Speaker of the Supreme People's Assembly,

Dear observers,

This Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly, convened in the lead-up to this anniversary of the founding of our glorious country, has provided legal weapons which are of great significance in implementing the major policies of the Party and the government.

In particular, the adoption of a law related with the policy of the nation's nuclear forces in accordance with the unanimous will of all the Korean people is a noteworthy event that proclaimed at home and abroad that we have come to possess by law a war deterrent as a means for defending the state.

Thus achieved is another important historic cause of

establishing a political and institutional mechanism for definitely guaranteeing the eternal security of our state and people as well as the distant future.

Recognizing that the policy of the nuclear forces was instituted as a law in a historic period, very important in view of the current situation of our revolution, the trend of developments and the mission of the nuclear forces of our Republic, I feel grateful that all the Deputies adopted with unanimous approval the most important law at a most important moment.

I also extend warm encouragement and greetings to Deputies who, as representatives of the people, are devoting all their efforts, wisdom and passion for consolidating the state power rock-solid and accomplishing the struggle objectives advanced at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Comrades,

The higher the stage of socialist construction for achieving the independence of the masses reaches, the greater the challenge and resistance by the imperialists become.

As long as imperialism, whose inherent nature and

means of existence is aggression and plunder, exists, the source of war cannot be rooted out, and antagonism and struggle between socialism, which aspires after independence and peace, and imperialism is unavoidable in the development of history.

Therefore, it is a crucial and vital requirement in achieving a steady development and prosperity of socialism that conditions and an environment that allow no aggressive threat be created; to this end, we should possess an absolute strength with which we can definitely overwhelm the enemy.

Our Republic, as a citadel of the anti-imperialist struggle and a fortress of socialism, resolutely promoted the construction of a self-reliant national defence capability according to its own timetable in the face of intervention and pressures by the hostile forces of all hues. By doing so, it put an end to the era when the US imperialists unilaterally imposed nuclear threat.

And today it has accomplished the historic cause of making a permanent legal confirmation of the law of the



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policy of the nuclear forces.

This is a clearer demonstration of the independent determination of the government of the Republic and its will to defend the sovereignty and interests of the state.

Our nuclear weapons are a means for containment and ultimate weapon that our Republic, which from the early days of its birth had been under the nuclear threat by the United States, the first country to use nuclear weapons and the largest nuclear power in the world, possessed by waging an arduous and bloody struggle for scores of years so as to reliably defend its dignity and security and completely remove the danger of a nuclear war.

With an absurd sophistry that our nuclear weapons and our strengthening of the self-defence capability pose a serious threat to global peace and the security in the region, the United States is now obsessed with spreading a rumour in the international arena aimed at demonizing the government of our Republic; it is also tenaciously resorting to the harshest-ever sanctions and blockade and political and military offensive to bring us under its control psychologically and physically even by enlisting all its vassal forces.

What the United States tries to achieve is not merely to remove our nuclear weapons; its final objective is to overthrow our government some day by inducing us to abandon the nuclear weapons and further give up our capability of exercising the right to self-defence or by making the capability inferior to its own. Through unheard-of sanctions and blockade, it is attempting to make us think about the cost of our option for the nuclear weapons and induce and incite complaint among our people about their Party and government by creating a harsh environment for us and by making us feel worn out and uncertain and threatened with regard to the environment for a stable development of our state; in this way they are trying to compel us to give up the nuclear weapons of our own accord.

But never.

It is the enemy's misjudgement and miscalculation.

Let them impose sanctions for 100, nay 1 000 days or even ten or 100 years.

It is not we that would give up the right to self-defence, on which the country's right to existence and the security of the future of the state and the people depend, so as to escape or make a detour even a moment around the difficulties we are experiencing now; we can never give up the nuclear weapons however harsh the circumstances are in the political and military situations the United States has created on the Korean peninsula and moreover as we have to contain the United States, our nuclear enemy state, in a far-sighted way.

Our people are well aware of the many historical events in the 20th century and 21st century, in which some countries saw and are seeing their last days and tragic ends as a result of wrong choices they made unable to bear the US imperialists' stereotyped preaching and sophistry, sanctions and pressure, and military threat.

Our generation will not pursue an immediately visible improved environment for the economic life at the cost of giving up the nuclear weapons, which guarantee the security of the government of our Republic and the coming generations, to find our own comfort and to escape today's difficulties unable to bear the enemy's deceitful preaching and tenacious pressure, nor will we change our choice even if it would mean experiencing great difficulties.

In this way, we should remain as the greatest and iron-willed generation in the history of our Republic's development.

The United States can never and ever realize their ambition with regard to our state or make our people change their choice.

Whose side on earth is the time on?

It is the enemy who feel hard-pressed now; we do not feel hard-pressed, and we are fully able to live by our own efforts and in our own way even in these circumstances.

In direct proportion to the increase of the period of suffering imposed on our people by the US's brutal



hostile policy against us, our absolute strength is continuing to be built up at exponential speed and the security threat they have to face is increasing in direct proportion.

The nuclear forces of our Republic will responsibly perform their important mission to contain grave political and military provocations against our state by the United States and its vassal forces and to put their prospective threats under control, and today this was clarified in a law of the state.

As our Republic values most its independence and self-respect and the destiny of its people, never forgives hostile acts that may do harm to them and means what it says, it could take such an audacious political decision as codifying the policy of the nation's nuclear forces in a law.

The world will clearly realize once again what is a truly independent powerful country and a state of justice in modern days, when pursuit of hegemony is more rampant, and how mighty is the unquenchable spirit of our Republic dealing squarely with the United States, the empire of evil.

Comrades,

Looking back on the arduous and protracted journey that our revolution has made so far since it started out with two pistols, all the events of history condensed in it tug at my heartstrings.

The successes achieved are really great, and they are felt weightier and more valuable as they are a fruition of the unstinting support and encouragement from all the people, their precious sweat and blood, and their indescribable painstaking efforts.

To tell the truth, we had to build up the nuclear forces of our Republic and make its combat preparedness perfect while standing face-to-face with the allied imperialist forces single-handedly and coping with their most inhumane and outrageous moves of sanctions and suffocation. It was a do-or-die battle we had to fight in the face of untold sufferings and trials.

It meant that our beloved children and all other people had to tighten their belts still further and suffer from greater hunger, and that all our dear families had to undergo appalling difficulties in life.

Although it was an unavoidable choice we had to make to win a greater victory, it was an untrodden path on which we had to be prepared to suffer unbearable loss and the result of which we were little sure of.

Nevertheless, our people rendered absolute support to our Party for the cause, which it started with the trust in them alone, making single-hearted and all-out efforts for it despite all manner of hardships.

Obviously our scientists and technicians made tangible contributions to the accomplishment of the historic cause of building the nation's nuclear forces; yet, but for our people, who remained fully convinced of the victory without any yielding to such intolerable and

uninterrupted sufferings, we could not have followed to the end the road of possessing nuclear weapons, nor could our Republic have greeted today when the policy of the nuclear forces was codified in a law.

Our people, by overcoming all sorts of trials by dint of their unique, strenuous fortitude and patriotism, have finally raised the glory and dignity of our state up to such a height as no one would ever dispute it.

On behalf of the Party and government, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our people throughout the country.

Comrades,

The legalization of the policy of the nuclear forces in accordance with the unanimous desire and iron will of all the people is of tremendous significance.

With this, the position of our state as a nuclear nation has become irreversible.

If our nuclear policy is to be changed now, the world has to be changed, and so should the political and military environment on the Korean peninsula.

There will never be such a thing as our abandonment of the nuclear weapons or denuclearization first, nor will there be any negotiations to this end or bargaining chip in these processes.

The nuclear weapons represent our nation's dignity and honour; they mean the absolute might of our Republic and a source of the great pride of the Korean people.

As long as there exist nuclear weapons and remains imperialism on the earth, and as long as the United States and its vassal forces refuse to stop their anti-DPRK manoeuvres, our journey of building up the nuclear forces will not come to an end.

Our Republic's nuclear forces represent the destiny of the country and the people and their lasting prestige—this is our steadfast stand.

We have drawn the line of no retreat regarding our nuclear weapons so that there will be no longer any bargaining over them. Herein lies the great importance of the legalization of the policy of the nuclear forces.

The event has made the peace-loving stand of the government of our Republic and our policy of the nation's nuclear forces more transparent and justifiable.

It is a desire of humanity to live in a peaceful world free from aggression and war.

Yet, peace does not come of its own accord simply because they are desirous of it; it is something that we can achieve and defend only when we are strong enough to contain the imperialist tyranny.

Our Republic's legalization of the policy of the nuclear forces constitutes a righteous blow to the imperialists who are violating and disrupting the right to independence and peace.

Our Republic's nuclear forces exist and will come into use to defend our territory, people and self-respect and

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global peace and security from the imperialist tyranny, and not to pursue intervention in the internal affairs of other nations or hegemony. Accordingly, they in no way pose any threat to those nations and peoples that are friendly to us and desirous of peace.

For their inherent characteristics, the standards and principles of management, operation and other matters related with nuclear weapons should be clearly stipulated by law.

Otherwise, they might fall into an uncontrollable state to be misused for other purpose, or employed in pursuance of any unjustifiable interests, driving humanity into a horrible nuclear holocaust at any moment.

The current law on the policy of our Republic's nuclear forces clearly stipulates detailed provisions, such as the mission and composition of the nuclear forces, control and command over them, principles and conditions for their use, and their safe maintenance and protection.

Such being the case, the law fully accords with the desire of humanity for justice and peace, and there is no room for anyone to pick a quarrel with, or question, our nuclear forces in the future.

The legal weapon, provided to reliably guarantee the historic advance towards the comprehensive development of our own style of socialism, constitutes, together with the proud victories and successes achieved this year, an epoch-making occasion in remarkably raising the fighting spirit of all the people.

This year the government of our Republic has been faced with the heavy task of building a high road to fulfilling the five-year plan set out by the Eighth Party Congress.

Every part of the efforts to carry it out has encountered unprecedented trials and ordeals, but our struggle has been more courageous and progressive, and has borne more valuable fruits.

We overcame the threatening public health crisis, the first of its kind since the founding of our state, in a short span of time by waging a tenacious struggle based on single-hearted unity, the unity of one mind and one body, and defended the security of the state and the people by turning the whole country back to the state of cleanness—this is a great victory we have achieved this year.

In the face of the doubts of the whole world, we displayed to the full the politico-ideological might and superiority of the socialist system by bringing the unprecedented anti-epidemic war to a victorious conclusion at the earliest date possible, and this instilled greater confidence and pride in the people across the country and actively encouraged them to make more dynamic efforts for socialist construction.

In addition to the most serious epidemic crisis, natural disasters hit the country. However, all the people have

To grow stronger in the face of trials and to steadily develop and advance by building on the successes already gained is our Republic's unique trait which has been proven in the course it has followed.

As this immutable law dictates, we should continue to grow stronger in the future, too, and accomplish the struggle tasks we set out to do in an unconditional and perfect manner with no alteration on the road of our choice.

Today the government of our Republic is faced with the task of thoroughly maintaining and implementing the Party's lines and policies to achieve fresh innovations and development befitting the prestige of our state in every field.

To enhance our ultimate strength into infinity and make our armed forces more invincible by giving top priority and importance to building up the national defence capability—this is the primary revolutionary task facing the government of our Republic.

In view of the geopolitical features and strategic position of our country and the prevailing situation created before our revolution, the absolute military supremacy of our state over the aggressive forces of imperialism poses as an indispensable requirement.

The United States, which felt a great fear it would face in the near future after witnessing the defence development in some sectors we have opened to the public in recent years, is now continuing to cling to the heinous moves of sanctions and blockade and, at the same time, committing a grave intimidation-oriented sabre-rattling while hurling its nuclear strike weapons on a large scale around the Korean peninsula.

The present south Korean regime, too, is trumpeting about the strengthening of the south Korea-US combined defence posture by improving the executive ability of the south Korea-US "extended deterrence" and the enhancing of "deterrence" and "reaction capability" by building what they call "Korean-style three-axis system," asserting the brigandish logic of containing us to make up for its army's military inferiority; it is stepping up dangerous military manoeuvres and modernization of armaments which further aggravate the military tension in the region.

Such serious circumstances show that the military situation around our state has assumed a protracted nature, going from bad to worse, and, accordingly, we should be thoroughly prepared for them.

However, the situation aggravated by the enemy's moves has provided excellent conditions and environment for us to develop our military forces more rapidly and, more importantly, justness for strengthening our self-defence capability and inevitable justification for building it up on a priority basis.

The Ministry of National Defence and the defence industry of the Republic will take the prevailing situation as the most favourable opportunity to build up the military capability.

Our defence industry should correctly adhere to the planned orientation of its development true to the idea of defence development strategy put forward by the Party Congress, and speed up full steam the development of military hardware of a new generation for modern warfare.

Most importantly, it is imperative to steadily expand the space for the operation of tactical nukes and diversify their application means on a higher stage so as to enhance the combat reliability and efficiency of operational application of our nuclear forces, thus making the nuclear combat posture consolidated in every way.

It is also necessary to steadily step up the deployment of cutting-edge strategic and tactical weapon systems for combat and direct all efforts to remarkably strengthening the war deterrent of the country.

We should further strengthen the politico-ideological might unique to our state and give fullest play to it in all sectors.

All our people are firmly united with one ideology and will and with noble virtues and human feeling,

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and make devoted efforts for the prosperity of their country—this is the advantage unique to our country and the motive force that brings about all great miracles on this land.

The might of single-hearted unity—the invincible might of our style of socialism and the most powerful weapon of our state—should be further consolidated in ideology, purpose and moral obligation.

We must thoroughly apply the people-first politics of our Party in the overall state affairs and intensify the activities of state power to ensure that all the people take an active part in the political affairs as masters of the state and society.

We should instil in all the members of society the pride and dignity that our ideology, our system, our culture and our lifestyle are the best, and inspire them to continue to give full play to the collectivist spirit, communist virtues and beautiful traits of our society.

Our country will always prosper without any vacillation when all the people remain faithful to their civic duties while putting the interests of the state and the collective first in their consideration and live and work as genuine socialist working people who devote their patriotic mind for the development and prosperity of their country.

We should direct great efforts to preparing all the people and service personnel of the People's Army to be vanguard class fighters and combatants who firmly safeguard their socialist country with a steadfast viewpoint on the archenemy and other enemies, and thus consolidate our politico-ideological position and class position.

The government of the Republic should dynamically push forward the struggle for implementing the five-year plan for national economic development and follow up the success in the next stage.

The most important revolutionary task facing the government is to definitely consolidate the foundations for achieving the comprehensive development of our own style of socialism and satisfactorily solve such urgent problems concerning the improvement of the people's living standards as the problems of food and consumer goods by implementing the five-year plan without fail.

The five-year plan is aimed at advancing towards sustained economic growth and remarkable improvement of the people's living standards on the basis of the economic situation of the country and the actual feasibilities.

When the five-year plan is implemented, the overall national economy will be put on a growth orbit with its work system, the ties among its sectors and its self-supporting foundations being readjusted and reinforced, and substantial changes will be brought about in solving the problems of food, clothing and housing for the people.

Actually, according to the strategy of readjustment and reinforcement, the lifeline and integrity of the country's economy have been further strengthened, many irrationalities rectified in the economic management, and normalization of production, renovation of production lines and provision of domestic raw and other materials actively promoted over the past one year and eight months. In particular, a vigorous drive for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang and for provincial construction and rural construction was launched, opening up a bright prospect for solving the housing problem.

As was clarified at the Eighth Party Congress, the GDP would increase by more than 40 percent and the production of consumer goods by more than 30 percent by the end of 2025 as compared to 2020. This shows that carrying out the five-year plan will provide a guarantee for giving an impetus to economic development of the country and the improvement of the people's living standards and for marching confidently towards a more gigantic struggle of the next stage.

Although the economic difficulties facing us now are severe, the government of the Republic, which has taken responsibility for the destiny and livelihood of the people, should set a correct orientation of struggle for implementing the five-year plan and execute it forcefully, and thereby achieve good results without fail.

The Cabinet, as the country's economic headquarters, should properly regulate economic construction and development in the direction of strictly supervising

the overall economic work and pushing ahead with the work as a whole.

As the Cabinet is dealing with the overall economic work of the country, it is important for it to efficiently plan and direct the undertakings for developing the national economy as a whole in a simultaneous and balanced way.

... The Cabinet should focus on the key sectors which are the cornerstone of the country's economy, and at the same time be concerned about, responsible for and take care of other economic sectors and the people's livelihood as a whole.

The system and order of placing the country's economic work under the control of the Cabinet are getting stronger. To keep with this, the Cabinet should take a proper control of the overall production and other economic activities, ensure an organic link and cooperation among economic sectors, and take practical and timely measures for boosting the sectors that are lagging behind or backward. In this way it can ensure balance, smoothness and efficiency of the country's economic work.

It should put major and sustained efforts into agricultural production and the development of light industry so as to settle the problems of food and consumer goods in the near future.

All the economic policies of our Party and government are geared to providing the people with an affluent life with nothing to envy by fully satisfying their material and economic needs.

The socialist construction we are pressing on with is, to all intents and purposes, a struggle for building an ideal society the people are desirous of and dream about. Therefore, the more the struggle is intensified, the more substantial results it should beget for the benefit of the people.

If we fail to properly solve even elementary problems arising in the people's living, making the people have a hard time on and on, then our effort for economic work would be futile, no matter how hard we try for it.

What is most urgent in stabilizing and improving the people's living is to solve the problems of food and consumer goods.

During the five-year plan period, we should hit the national target of grain production without fail to supply the people with enough food, and increase production in light industry both in quality and quantity to solve the problems of daily necessities and basic foodstuffs satisfactorily.

An important task to this end is to put farming on a stable footing, increase its productivity, change the structure of grain production and improve grain procurement and food supply.

As farming conditions and environment are expected to turn more unfavourable, it is necessary to take measures to cope with them.

Scientific and technological measures like the seed revolution should be taken as the main link in the whole chain of farming so as to have a high and stable harvest without being affected by any change in the climatic conditions. The whole country should be mobilized to provide labour assistance to the countryside, and sufficient amounts of materials supplied to meet the demands of the yearly farming.

Officials, in particular, should regard unfavourable climatic conditions as a fait accompli, conduct an overall examination of agricultural production and, in line with this, give guidance over farming in a scientific and planned way.

An important way to reduce the imbalance in agricultural production and increase its stability is to rehabilitate the irrigation facilities and bring them to perfection.

The whole country should turn out in the effort to carry out the project of rebuilding the irrigation facilities without fail in two or three years by restoring or readjusting what have been destroyed or aged and by installing more where necessary.

The area of cultivation of wheat and its output have begun to increase this year; in the future, they should be increased year after year. Along with this, the work of properly storing and processing the crop should be conducted in parallel so that the policy of the Party and government for improving the people's diet can prove its worth in reality.

... The effort for rural rejuvenation should be stepped up under the banner of the rural revolution programme in

the new era.

Rural rejuvenation precisely means the solving of the socialist rural question and the struggle to defend socialism.

As is clarified in the rural revolution programme in the new era, the first and foremost task in this regard is to enlighten the agricultural workers.

Only when the level of consciousness of the agricultural workers, masters of the rural revolution, is raised, can they have a clear understanding of the rural revolution programme in the new era, play the core and leading role in implementing it and contribute positively to further developing the socialist countryside as required by the rapidly-changing times.

In order to widen the range of the ideological consciousness of the agricultural workers, it is necessary to inject progressive and modern natures into the rural areas.

We should energetically push ahead with the work of upgrading the agricultural production environment including putting agricultural production on a scientific, modern and IT footing and mechanizing farm work on a high level. By doing this, we can not only bring about a change in the ideological consciousness of the agricultural workers but also transform all the rural communities into rich ones.

We should map out correct plans for rural construction with the main emphasis on housing construction and in accordance with the local and geographical characteristics. And we should carry them out step by step so that the rapid rejuvenation of our country's rural communities can be noticeable and be enjoyed by the farmers.

We should boost the country's fishing industry so as to supply the people with more fish.

The fishing industry should extensively and steadily conduct various fish farming activities including releasing fry and cage-net fish farming in all rivers and lakes, at the same time as undertaking sea fishing and sea culture briskly.

What is important here is to carry on scientific and regular investigation into the state of the conservation and propagation of the aquatic resources and, based on this, increase aquatic production in a planned manner.

We need to give a spur to effecting a revolution in light industry so as to solve the problem of consumer goods.

... Improving the quality of consumer goods is the seed and basic orientation of the revolution in light industry.

If we, bent on fulfilling the immediate plans, continue to produce low-quality consumer goods in disregard of the demand and desires of the people who are becoming more cultured day after day, light industry of the country will drift into a vicious cycle and its development can never be expected.

The light industry sector should help its scientists, technicians and workers to widen their horizons and steadily raise their technical level and skills, and make exacting demands upon ensuring the quality of the raw and other materials, modernizing production lines and quality control work. In this way, it should fully guarantee the quality of consumer goods with the people's appraisal as the standard.

By bolstering up the regional industries across the country, we should usher in a new era, in which regions are transformed and develop by themselves.

If the regional-industry factories in all cities and counties play their proper role, they can solve a number of problems in developing the country's economy and improving people's living standards.

Having renovated its regional-industry factories, Kimhwa County is meeting its local demands with its own raw material sources. We should powerfully push ahead with the work of expanding this practical experience to all the cities and counties across the country.

With regard to this, the state should establish a promoting committee so that it can take responsibility for renovating the regional-industry factories in cities and counties, including their designing and execution of their building, and push ahead with the projects.

Since the current capacity of cities and counties is weak, we, after the factories have been renovated, should take measures for securing raw materials for them and making initial investment in them until they

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can stand on their own feet.

The regional-industry factories should focus on improving the quality of their products and thus make a substantial contribution to improving the local people's livelihood. And they should ensure expanded re-production so that they can operate by their own efforts.

In implementing the five-year plan for national economic development, key industries should continue to fly the banner and lead the national economy as a whole.

Key industries are the cornerstone and mainstay in our self-supporting economy; only when these sectors bring about an upsurge in production, can the overall national economy rise up and a bright view of the economic development of the next stage can be created.

For this reason, the Party and the government have already disbursed a large sum of money on bolstering up the metal and chemical industries, and intend to take more economic and practical measures needed for renovating the electric-power industry and various other key industries, expanding their capacity and putting their production on a normal track.

The metal, chemical and other key industrial sectors should carry out their production plans under any circumstances and without delay as they perseveringly implement the plans pertaining to the strategy of readjustment and reinforcement, so as to build up a more powerful motive force and potentialities for the growth and development of the national economy.

In particular, the management of labour, equipment and technology should be performed on a regular basis according to well-thought-out plans in order to prevent economic loss caused by different kinds of equipment-related accidents, and a closer connection between production and consumption should be built up from the standpoint of the state so as to enable the key industrial sectors to work without a hitch.

All sectors and units of the national economy should make a tangible contribution to the national economic development and the improvement of the people's livelihood by improving the management of business and enterprises in a way that they can maximize profits while saving labour, energy, materials, sites and others as much as possible, starting from the viewpoint that economy is precisely increased production and patriotism.

It is needed to work out plans for long-range undertakings of great significance in the economic development of the country and the improvement of the people's living standards, make scrupulous arrangements for them and push ahead with them in a planned way and stage by stage.

To be bent on the present production for reasons of economic difficulties of the country is just self-preservation and retreat and an expression of giving up revolution.

Genuine patriots are just those who fight on by making it a principle to plan, make arrangements for and perform any undertakings, be they big or small, so that our descendants can enjoy their benefits to the full even in the distant future.

If it is really for the good of the people and the prosperity of the country, we should set ourselves lofty ideals and goals and at the same time persistently push on with the struggle to achieve them.

It is necessary to keep channelling big efforts in the future into projects for providing our people with better and excellent living conditions, including the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang and large-scale greenhouse farms.

In order for us to continue to undertake ambitious construction projects with determination in the future, too, we should build large-capacity building-materials production bases in Pyongyang and local areas and produce and supply good quality building materials like finishing materials by ourselves.

Through the struggle to continuously conduct long-range and grand construction operations and successfully complete them, we should demonstrate the development aspects of our state where the people's long-cherished desires are fulfilled successfully one after another and its rosy future.

It is needed to make scientific calculations and accurate action plans for long-term economic projects including the construction of a large canal linking the East and West Seas of Korea and, once they are

launched, national efforts should be directed to bringing success without fail.

The important affairs the government of the Republic should push ahead with at present are land administration and disaster prevention.

The heavy human casualties and material damage caused by the influence of disastrous abnormal climate that is getting ever serious are a difficult worldwide problem at present, and disasters happen also in our country every year.

The conservation of rivers is as good as the control of weather conditions and river improvement is an intermediate- and long-range undertaking.

At present, river improvement work is being limited to river dredging and the building of retaining walls along the riverside. It should be conducted according to intermediate- and long-range plans, in other words, a scientific river improvement strategy.

We should put water management on a scientific basis by making an accurate assessment of the water adjusting capacity of rivers and streams of the country, creating buffer points based on the judgment and perfecting the water management system.

... It is necessary to keep putting big efforts into building the national disaster prevention capacity for minimizing damage from natural phenomena and, for the present, all the provinces, cities and counties should possess sufficient forces, equipment and materials needed for rescuing people in case of flood.

We should push ahead more powerfully on a nationwide scale with the protection and management of land and environment including the forest restoration campaign, afforestation for erosion control, dike projects for tide-water control and road reconstruction.

Comrades,

It is a consistent policy of the government of the Republic to attach importance to education, science and technology, and public health and direct efforts to the development of them.

At present, we badly need more than ever before a larger number of talents, practically competent talents, and scientific and technological achievements conducive to solving problems arising in reality.

The government of the Republic should put forward the talents strategy, the strategy of sci-tech development, as the core strategy for the overall rejuvenation of the state and powerfully spur the implementation of the strategy.

At present the country's education fails to follow the developing global trend and meet the requirements of the times in terms of qualitative level.

Education fails to be aimed at training competent talents with practical ability and is confined to the one for education's sake, or for evaluation of marks, and therefore it is of little help to national development.

The education sector should properly select subjects to enable students to spend time and energy in acquiring more practical knowledge applicable to practice and decisively improve the quality of the universal 12-year compulsory education to enhance the ability of students pre-eminently beyond comparison.

Kim Chaek University of Technology and other technical colleges should steadily raise the level of education up to the world standard in order to graduate all their students as competent and prominent scientific and technological talents.

National efforts should continuously be directed to providing all teachers and students in Pyongyang and local areas with perfect conditions for education, practice and study.

The level and role of science and technology should be increased and the resources of technical talents be effectively promoted and managed.

... As the development of science and technology requires the preparation of means of research and talents, nationwide attention should constantly be paid to the matter and substantial measures be taken to settle it.

As I emphasize time and again, the scientific research sector should strictly guard against the attitude of making up the numbers of research achievements alone, and present proper sci-tech results, even a few in number, capable of actually shoring up the economy of the country in a year.

All sectors and units should regularly learn about and substantially review the operation of sci-tech learning spaces, the important bases for making all the people

well versed in science and technology, and steadily intensify the dissemination of science and technology to activate the mass technical innovation drive.

... It is necessary to properly ensure that sci-tech achievements are shared, absorbed and informed, good conditions are provided for gaining access to sci-tech data and excellent units, scientists and technicians are given preferential treatment and appraisal to make the climate of attaching importance to science and technology pervades the whole society.

Medical service should continuously be improved to protect and promote the life and health of our people.

Through the recent public health crisis the present state of our public health sector was evaluated in an all-round way and the urgency of increasing its level and capacity was proved all the more.

Urgent problems in medical service should be resolved first from the standpoint that the life and health of the people are a top priority.

Since the country is unable to produce all medical supplies by itself, the medical supplies needed for the medical treatment of the people and the promotion of their health should fully be provided even by importing them.

Along with this, the establishment and modernization of pharmaceutical, medical appliances and medical supplies factories should actively be pushed so as to domestically produce and supply various medicines including essential medical supplies and it is necessary to press on in a planned way with the work to renovate provincial, city and county hospitals and bring pharmacies up to standard.

It is necessary to ensure that all doctors and nurses in the public health sector acquire qualifications as defenders of human lives and communist traits.

They should be encouraged to positively emulate the spiritual world of self-sacrificing devotion displayed by the medical workers who moved the people during the recent struggle to exterminate the malignant virus; in this way we can ensure that excellent medical workers, who have cherished the word devotion deep in their hearts, can be seen everywhere in the country.

Efforts should be put into developing medical science and technology onto the world's advanced level and a people-oriented, advanced and efficient medical care system be perfected.

The building of the national anti-epidemic capacity should be stepped up.

This is a national issue of paramount importance that can never be delayed even for a moment as there are various possibilities of continued outbreaks of malignant infectious diseases both at present and in the future.

It is important to carry out the tasks put forward at the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee and the National Meeting of Reviewing the Emergency Anti-epidemic Work in connection with the building of the state's anti-epidemic capacity while examining them on a case-by-case basis.

In particular, the state should constantly watch the volatile epidemic situation beyond the country and the characteristics of the disease with alertness, and pay attention to developing the capacity to promptly detect and control the disease once it enters its territory.

... Recently, the World Health Organization and public health institutions of different countries have been warning that it is needed to get thoroughly prepared to cope with dangerous influenza as well as the spread of COVID-19 this winter.

And our epidemic prevention experts are of the opinion that the antibody titre which was formed among our people as they suffered from the malignant epidemic last May and June would fall around October.

Therefore, while administering vaccination in a responsible way, we should recommend that all residents wear masks for the protection of their own health from November.

... Comrades,

The present international situation shows that the contradictions between justice and injustice and between the progressive and the reactionary, especially the power structure surrounding the Korean peninsula, have become obvious and the change from a unipolar world advocated by the US into a multipolar world is being accelerated significantly.

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Our Republic will develop foreign relations proactively in line with the development trend of the current international situation and its position as a powerful independent country.

The field of external affairs should invariably hold fast as the foremost mission of the diplomacy of the Republic to the defence of the dignity of our Party, the enhancement of national prestige and the championing of national interests and settle issues arising in international relations in the interests of our revolution.

It should develop external relations in a many-sided way as it further expands and develops friendly and cooperative relations with neighbouring countries and collaborates with all countries and nations opposing and rejecting the imperialists' aggression and interference, domination and subordination and aspiring after independence and justice, regardless of differences in ideology and system.

Along with this, it should try to find a way of making diplomatic efforts for developing multifaceted exchanges and cooperation with capitalist countries that respect our country and are friendly to it.

In order to build on today's proud victory to achieve a greater victory in socialist construction by carrying out the aforementioned tasks facing the government of the Republic, we should thoroughly establish the Party's unified leadership system in state building and activities.

The government of the Republic should organize and guide all affairs with the lines and policies of the Party as absolute criteria and definitely orient its activities to carrying out the Party's policies.

All government agencies should establish a revolutionary habit of accepting and implementing the decisions and instructions of the Party unconditionally without any slight excuse or pretext and make it an iron rule which is inviolable in any circumstances to report all problems to the Party and deal with them in accordance with its conclusion.

The functions and role of the people's power organs should be enhanced.

The work of power organs embracing all domains of

social life is very complicated and enormous, and their duty and role are important as much.

All power organs should perform their duty faithfully, fully aware of their mission of representing the dignified administrative power of the Republic in their regions and being in charge of the people's life.

They should take full charge of the policies and instructions of the Party and government for their regions and units, map out plans and give guidance in a responsible way to thoroughly implement them and positively create conditions and environment which enable institutions, enterprises, cooperative organizations and residents to conduct their work and activities smoothly and effectively.

They should make devoted efforts to ensure that all children and families enjoy the benefits of the people-oriented policies of the Party and government evenly and without exception, always learn about problems relating to the people's living including the matters of drinking water and fuel and take careful measures in advance lest they should suffer from any slight inconvenience or trouble.

Officials who are leading members of the revolution should have extraordinary ideological preparedness and determination and make strenuous efforts all alike.

In our society, officials should become servants in the true sense of the word.

The word official is not something related to any honour or authority, and the worth of existence of officials is unthinkable separated from their natural mission of serving the people.

If officials enjoy a comfortable and luxurious life, it is not socialism at all and it brings greater trouble to the people.

All officials should never forget that their positions require them to shoulder heavier burdens and work harder for the Party and revolution, and the country and people and should be boundlessly faithful to their duties always feeling oppressive and an acute sense of responsibility without taking their eyes off even for a moment.

When there is a new job to be done, they should not evade it or take a stopgap measure, but take the lead in it

as they work out a detailed plan, command the work and throw themselves to it with the trait of setting personal examples to bring about good results.

They should heighten a sense of responsibility and increase their role in work, constantly cultivate their mind and morality to live honourably before the Party and people and become truly necessary officials who know nothing but the revolution and work and can fulfil their duties flawlessly.

...

Comrade Deputies, We will soon greet the 74th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

On the occasion of this meaningful day, our Republic brilliantly engraved on its proud history another megaevent that demonstrates more clearly the prestige of the dignified and independent powerful country.

We should brave and break through severer ordeals and adversities as our noble ideal and our sacred cause rise to a higher stage of success and victory.

Today our struggle is accompanied by unprecedentedly extreme difficulties and we do not know what kind of challenge may face us next.

But our Republic is obviously progressing without the slightest hesitation and vacillation and will continuously advance and grow stronger in the future, too.

It is because our cause, our ideology and our line all represent justice and truth and we have the great might of firm single-minded unity of the Party and the people which nobody can break.

Comrades,

The victory is surely on our side and the more we exert ourselves, the faster the victory will come.

For the eternal prosperity of our Republic, our beloved mother,

For the promotion of the well-being of our great people,

For the victorious advance of our own style of socialism,

Let us all advance more dynamically, closely rallied behind the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea with one mind and purpose.

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!



# Seventh Session of 14th SPA of DPRK held



Pak Jong Chon

KCNA

The first-day sitting of the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on September 7.

The session was convened at a dynamic time when the entire Party, the whole country and all the people are stepping up the struggle for glorifying this significant year as a turning point in developing the revolution, united around the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Deputies to the SPA attended the session, and officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the SPA, the Cabinet, armed forces organs,

ministries and national agencies and labour innovators were present there as observers.

The platform was taken by Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee.

Also seen on the platform were Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Jon Hyon Chol, Pak Thae Song, Ri Yong Gil, Jong Kyong Thack, Pak Jong Gun, Kim Yong Chol,

Pak Thae Dok, Kim Hyong Sik, Jo Chun Ryong, Han Kwang Sang, Ri Chol Man, Kim Song Nam, Ri Son Gwon, Yang Sung Ho, Ju Chol Gyu, Choe Son Hui, Ri Chang Dae, Pak Su Il and U Sang Chol, and members of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, vice-chairpersons, secretary general and members of the SPA Standing Committee and vice-chairperson of the SPA.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the SPA Standing Committee, presided over the meeting.

As the session was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

The session decided its agenda items.

The first-day sitting discussed the first agenda item "On adopting Law of the DPRK on Socialist Rural Development" and the second agenda item "On adopting Law of the DPRK on Landscaping".

Kang Yun Sok made a report on the two agenda items.

He said that the above-said laws have stipulated important matters arising in implementing the WPK's programme on bringing about a radical turn in the rural community and its policy on

landscaping to achieve a rapid development of the Korean-style socialist countryside and spruce up the country into a beautiful and civilized socialist fairyland, before explaining articles of the relevant draft laws.

The Standing Committee of the SPA brought up for deliberation the laws on socialist rural development and landscaping according to Article 95 of the Socialist Constitution.

Ju Chol Gyu, Pak Hun, Choe Sung Ryong, Won Kyong Mo, Ko Ju Gwang, Kim Jong Bom, Im Kyong Jae, Choe Hui Thae and Kim Jong Nam made speeches on the first and second agenda items.

They fully supported and approved the draft laws, recognizing that they were mapped out to guarantee by law the Party's plan and intention to put the country's agriculture onto a definite stage of upturn by powerfully stepping up rural advancement, turn all the rural villages into ideal socialist villages and provide the people with better living environment and recreation conditions.

The session adopted with unanimous approval the ordinance of the SPA of the DPRK "On adopting Law of the DPRK on Socialist Rural Development" and "On adopting Law of the DPRK on Landscaping".

All the participants took part in the discussion of agenda items earnestly with great political enthusiasm to discharge their honourable responsibility and duty as representatives of the people in the ongoing historic advance for providing a new turning point in socialist construction, full of confidence and optimism about the ongoing struggle and future.

The second-day sitting of the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on September 8.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the meeting to clarify an administrative policy of the DPRK government.

He delivered a historic policy speech.

Deputies to the SPA and observers respectfully listened to his policy speech indicating the immediate orientation for struggle and policy tasks of the government of the Republic for the prosperity of the state and promotion of the people's wellbeing as required by the stage of the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

When he finished his policy speech, all the participants



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expressed their full support and approval with their thunderous cheers and enthusiastic applause, being overwhelmed by the great excitement of receiving the great action programme and guidelines on national development which make them be optimistic about a rosy future of the Republic which would make a long drive along the road of independence, justice and prosperity by dint of self-reliance.

His important policy speech is a militant banner confidently leading the dynamic development and advance of socialist construction for achieving independence of the masses of the people and an encyclopedic revolutionary document and a great immortal programme to be held up by the state and people advancing with lofty ideals and goals.

Discussed at the session was the third agenda item "On the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces."

Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-chairman of the Party Central Military Commission and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a report.

He said that it is a lawful demand of the current situation and development of the nuclear forces of the Republic to make the nuclear forces, mainstay of the state defence capability, fulfil their important mission in a responsible way by legalizing the state policy on the nuclear forces. He noted that the state which has been exposed to a ceaseless nuclear threat of the US imperialists should train the nuclear forces in response to it and steadily strengthen them, adding it is indeed the best policy and the supreme responsibility and duty the Korean people assume before the revolution and future.

He stressed that the law on the state policy on the nuclear forces would serve as a powerful legal guarantee for further consolidating the DPRK's position as a nuclear weapons state and ensuring



the transparent, consistent and standard character of the policy on the nuclear forces, and explained each article of the draft law which comprehensively stipulates the contents on the mission and operation of the nuclear forces of the DPRK.

The Standing Committee of the SPA submitted to the current session of the SPA the draft law of the SPA "On the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces" for deliberation according to Article 95 of the Socialist Constitution.

Speeches were made on the third agenda item.

They were made by Ri Pyong Chol, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, on behalf of the Party Central Committee, Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet, on behalf of the DPRK Cabinet, Jong Kyong Thack,

director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, on behalf of the KPA, and Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, on behalf of the youth and students.

The speakers said that the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces is the most just one firmly defending the destiny of the country and the nation from the hostile forces' aggression moves and ensuring their eternal future, and its legalization serves as a historic event solemnly declaring at home and abroad that we will further consolidate the position of the DPRK as a responsible nuclear power and that the nuclear forces of the DPRK will never allow those trying to harm the fundamental interests of the state. Filled with deep emotion,

they referred to the immortal revolutionary exploits of Kim Jong Un who achieved the great historic cause of completing the state nuclear forces and guaranteed the prosperity and eternal happiness of all generations of the nation to come by making the long journey of patriotic devotion and the long self-sacrificing journey to the front line.

Noting that the nuclear forces of the DPRK are a fruition of priceless sacrifice and all manner of hardships experienced by the Korean people and a proud crystal of the principled and consistent self-defence line of the DPRK government and the gains of the revolution as well as the most reliable and absolute guarantee for defending human rights and the sovereign rights, they stressed in unison that it is the fair and indispensable legal rights of the DPRK to operate the nuclear forces in conformity with the requirements and interests of the Korean people and the revolution.

The session discussed the organizational matter as its fourth agenda item.

It recalled and by-elected a member of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK. Kim Yong Chol was recalled from the membership of the Standing Committee of the SPA and Ri Son Gwon was by-elected as a member of the Standing Committee of the SPA.

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achieved, the deputies approved unanimously the law on the policy on the nuclear forces that is of great significance for the existence and development of the DPRK by reflecting the unanimous will of all the people of the country.

The Law of the SPA of the DPRK "On the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces" was adopted at the session amid the enthusiastic applause of all the participants.

The adoption of the law is a clear manifestation of the DPRK government's independent resolution and will for defending sovereignty and national interests to make its position as a responsible nuclear weapons state and dignified independent power irreversible and to thoroughly safeguard the fundamental interests of the Korean revolution and people's safety, and an important political event which provided a reliable legal weapon contributing to peace and prosperity of the Korean peninsula, the region and the rest of the world.

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Ri Pyong Chol



Kim Tok Hun



Jong Kyong Thack



Mun Chol

# Law of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK 'On the DPRK's Policy on Nuclear Forces'

According to the law, the DPRK, as a responsible nuclear weapons state, opposes all forms of war including the nuclear war and aspires to build a peaceful world in which the international justice is realized.

The nuclear forces of the DPRK are a powerful means for defending the sovereignty, territorial integrity and fundamental interests of the state, preventing a war on the Korean peninsula and in Northeast Asia and ensuring the strategic stability of the world.

The nuclear posture of the DPRK is guaranteed by the reliable, effective and matured nuclear deterrent capable of actively coping with all existing and evolving future nuclear threats, the defensive and responsible nuclear forces policy and the flexible and purposeful strategy for using nuclear weapons.

Making public the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces and stipulating by law the use of nuclear weapons are aimed at minimizing the danger of a nuclear war by preventing misjudgment among nuclear weapons states and misuse of nuclear weapons.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK decides as follows in order to make the nuclear forces, the backbone of the national defence capacity, discharge their heavy mission in a responsible manner.

## 1. Mission of Nuclear Forces

The nuclear forces of the DPRK shall be a main force of national defence which safeguards the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country and the lives and safety of the people from outside military threat, aggression and attack.

1) The nuclear forces of the DPRK shall regard it as their main mission to deter a war by making hostile forces have a clear understanding of the fact that the military confrontation with the DPRK brings about ruin and give up their attempts at aggression and attack.

2) The nuclear forces of the DPRK, in case war deterrence fails, shall carry out an operational mission for repulsing hostile forces' aggression and attack and achieving decisive victory of war.

## 2. Constitution of Nuclear Forces

The nuclear forces of the DPRK shall be composed of different kinds of nuclear warheads, delivery means, the command and control system and all the personnel, equipment and facilities for the system's operation and updating.

## 3. Command and Control of Nuclear Forces

1) The nuclear forces of the DPRK shall obey the unified command of the President of the State Affairs of the DPRK.

2) The President of the State Affairs of the DPRK shall have all decisive powers concerning nuclear weapons.

The state nuclear forces command organization composed of members appointed by the President of the State Affairs of the DPRK shall assist the President of the State Affairs of the DPRK in the whole course from decision-making concerning nuclear weapons to its execution.

3) In case the command and control system over the state nuclear forces is placed in danger owing to an attack by hostile forces, a nuclear strike shall be launched automatically and immediately to destroy the hostile forces including the starting point of provocation and the command according to the operation plan decided on in advance.

## 4. Execution of Decision on Use of Nuclear Weapons

The nuclear forces of the DPRK shall immediately execute an order of using nuclear weapons.

## 5. Principle of Using Nuclear Weapons

1) The DPRK shall take it as its main principle to use nuclear weapons as the last means in order to cope with external aggression and attack seriously threatening the security of the country and the people.

2) The DPRK shall neither threaten non-nuclear states with its nuclear weapons nor use nuclear weapons against them unless they join aggression or attack against the DPRK in collusion with other nuclear weapons states.

## 6. Conditions of Using Nuclear Weapons

The DPRK shall use nuclear weapons in the following cases:

1) In case an attack by nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction has been launched or is judged as imminent

2) In case a nuclear or non-nuclear attack by hostile forces on the state leadership and the command of the state's nuclear forces has been launched or is judged as imminent

3) In case a fatal military attack has been launched against important strategic objects of the state or is judged as imminent

4) In case the operation for preventing the expansion and protraction of a war and taking the initiative in the war is inevitably needed

5) In case an inevitable situation which compels

it to respond with nuclear weapons alone is created as other situations causing crises catastrophic for the existence of the state and safety of the people occur

## 7. Regular Readiness of Nuclear Forces

The nuclear forces of the DPRK shall be regularly ready for action so that if an order to use nuclear weapons is issued, it can immediately execute it in any conditions and circumstances.

## 8. Safe Maintenance, Management and Protection of Nuclear Weapons

1) The DPRK shall establish a thorough and safe system of storing and managing nuclear weapons to make sure that all the processes such as their storage and management, the assessment of their lifespan and performance and their update and dismantlement are conducted in conformity with administrative and technical regulations and legal procedures, and shall guarantee its implementation.

2) The DPRK shall take thorough protective steps lest nuclear weapons, technology and equipment concerned, nuclear materials, etc. should leak out.

## 9. Qualitative and Quantitative Increase and Upgrading of Nuclear Forces

1) The DPRK shall constantly assess external nuclear threats and the international change in the posture of nuclear forces and correspondingly upgrade and beef up its nuclear forces in a qualitative and quantitative way.

2) The DPRK shall regularly update its strategy of using nuclear weapons according to different situations to enable its nuclear forces to reliably perform their mission.

## 10. Non-proliferation

The DPRK, as a responsible nuclear weapons state, shall neither deploy nuclear weapons in the territory of other countries nor share them nor transfer nuclear weapons, technology and equipment concerned and weapon-grade nuclear materials.

## 11. Others

1) The Law of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK "On further consolidating the position of the self-defensive nuclear weapons state" adopted on April 1 2013 shall be invalid.

2) Relevant organs shall take technical measures to execute the law.

3) None of the articles of the law is interpreted as restraining or limiting the exercise of the DPRK's just right to self-defence.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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# Celebrations of 74th anniversary of DPRK held with splendour



KCNA

The whole country, greeting the 74th anniversary of the glorious Democratic People's Republic of Korea, overflowed with the pride and self-esteem of the people who are demonstrating before the world the might of their socialist motherland dignified with independence and strong in self-reliance along with the century.

Tens of millions of the people cherishing the firm faith and will to carry forward with great eternal victories the brilliant history of the DPRK, which has set a world-startling contemporary example of building a wealthy country with a powerful army by opening up a new era of building a socialist state centred on the people and weathering the grim tempest of the revolution, most meaningfully and grandly commemorated the day when

the great Juche-oriented cause of nation-building had been achieved. The celebrations of the 74th anniversary of the DPRK were held with splendour at the foot of time-honoured Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, where the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the pioneer and leaders of the cause of building a socialist country, stand, on Thursday evening. Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the

Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the celebrations. The spacious venue arranged uniquely between the Mansudae Assembly Hall and the People's Theatre was crowded with citizens from all social strata, youth and students of the capital city who gathered to commemorate the anniversary of the

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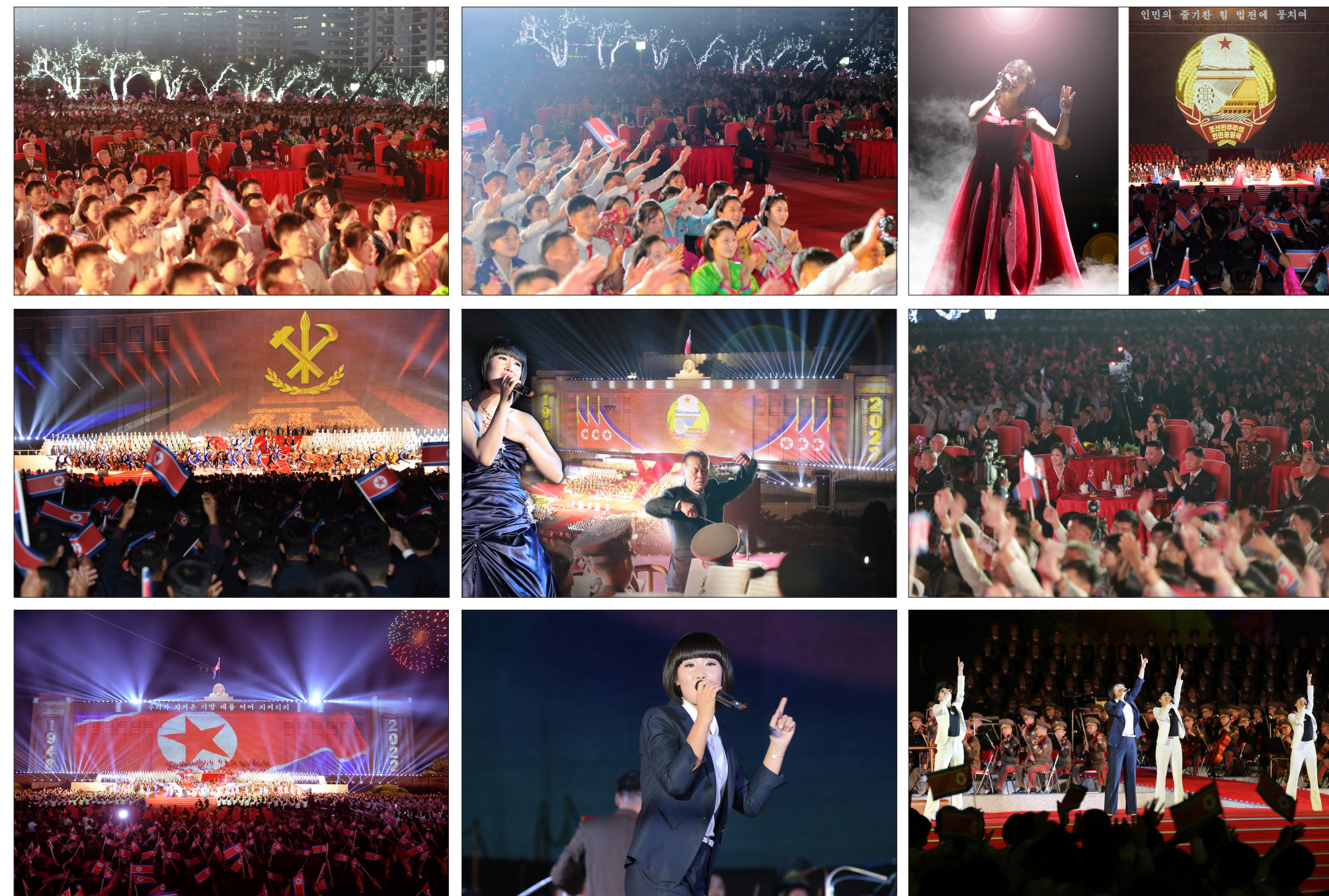
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founding of their great state. A paratrooper and flying corps demonstrated their skills, decorating a prelude of the celebrations colourfully. The participants enthusiastically clapped the paratrooper descending with the national flag, a symbol of the dignity and invincibility of the righteous and powerful DPRK and the boundless pride, happiness and bright future of the people in the nocturnal sky of September. Paying tribute to the great Party Central Committee that is bringing about a brighter future for the country and people with its outstanding ideology and

energetic leadership and leading them only to victory, the combat pilots of the Korean People's Army demonstrated their aviation skills with great roaring. The audience shouted and clapped the brave squadrons flying powerfully across the nocturnal sky and splendidly performing various high technique skills, such as circular flight, low-altitude flight and circular and spiral zooming flight, while firing out enchanting fireworks and creating brilliant vapour trails shaped like the ribs of a fan. Amid the playing of the welcome music, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un together with his wife Ri Sol Ju, appeared at the celebration venue.

The moment, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" out of the highest respect for Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, the symbol of the mightiness of the country and the banner of all victories and glory who opens up a new era of a powerful country and puts the honour and national power of the DPRK on the highest level with far-sighted wisdom, iron faith and prominent leadership. Kim Jong Un and Ri Sol Ju were presented with bunches of fragrant flowers by members of the Children's Union. Warmly waving back to the enthusiastic

cheers, Kim Jong Un extended warm greeting of congratulations to all the participants greeting the anniversary of the Republic. Invited to the celebrations were Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Pak Pong Ju, Ri Myong Su, Choe Thae Bok, Kim Kyong Ok, Pak Jae Gyong, Hwang Pyong So, Kim Jong Gak and other veteran cadres who had worked for a long time in the Party, the government and the military. On hand were senior officials of the Party, the government and the military, deputies to the Supreme Union. SEE PAGE 12







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People's Assembly, the participants in the celebrations, officials of ministries and national agencies, students of the revolutionary schools and citizens in Pyongyang.

There took place a solemn ceremony of hoisting a national flag to the flagstaff of the state assembly hall of the DPRK.

Amid the playing of solemn melody of the song *Our National Flag*, members of the honour guard of the Korean People's Army entered, spreading the flag of the DPRK, the sacred flag of glory, in a respectful way.

The DPRK flag which President

Kim Il Sung let fly high in the sky over the country that he built, Chairman Kim Jong Il defended with arms of Songun and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un flies in the whole world and the sky of a new century dignifiedly, appeared before the flagstaff at the Mansudae Assembly Hall amid the playing of the national anthem of the DPRK and brilliant illuminations.

The members of the KPA honour guard slowly hoisted the blue and red flag showing the 70-odd-year history of the country and prosperous eternal future in the sky shining with the letters "9.9" and "Celebration".

All the participants paid noble respects

to the national flag with overflowing pride, patriotic passion and conviction about tomorrow.

Fireworks were displayed in the sky of September where the national flag of the powerful country was fluttering.

A grand performance started against the background of the Mansudae Assembly Hall standing as a grand monument in the era of the Workers' Party in the centre of the capital with the greatness of the DPRK government which was established by the general will of all the Korean people and demonstrates its invincible might under their absolute support and trust.

The artists newly created and depicted the people's songs dedicated to the

motherland, odes to socialism and hymns to the Workers' Party which have sounded high in the course of nation-building and its development.

Solemnly sung were *Song of the Proclamation of the People's Republic* and immortal hymn *Cantata to Marshal Kim Il Sung* which shook the whole of Korea with great pride and joy of the people who became the masters of the genuine independent and sovereign state for the first time in the history of the nation.

Through the immortal songs the performers highly lauded the immortal

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exploits performed by the President who carved out the cause of nation-building centred on the people and built the country into a socialist state independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in defence.

Narrative poem *The Glorious Motherland* warmly resounded with solemn passion and valuable memories as it eulogized the source of unlimited strength of the Republic, which demonstrated only victory and glory, arising as the creation of the Juche revolution on the firm foundation of believing in the people as in Heaven.

The audience was deeply moved by the narrative poem vividly representing all people's thoughts and feelings that Korean-style socialism, the legacy associated with the noble lives of the peerless and popular leaders, is indeed the great motherland to be wholeheartedly

loved and upheld with the soul and body, sharing the destiny with it eternally.

The songs of struggle and creation produced in the journey of defending the people's country and adding shine to it by uniting firmly around the Party with one idea, intention and feelings reverberated as an echo of the 70-odd-year history of the DPRK.

The numbers reminded the audience of the heroic journey of the indomitable people who have firmly consolidated the foundation for the country's prosperity on this land while overcoming severe trials unprecedented in history generation after generation under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and rising up a hundred times and springing up a thousand times, and thus left deep impression on the audience.

Odes to the WPK and famous songs on the themes of patriotism revving up the atmosphere of the performance filled

with the boundless pride in the traditions of great unity, progress and victory, were played, praising the greatness of the Party which has wisely guided the DPRK to great victory and epoch-making changes that would go down in national history.

The audience clapped enthusiastically the performance pulsating with loyalty and patriotic single-mindedness to greet all glory on the road of following the great Party Central Committee.

The performance which showed the glorious history and bright future of the DPRK demonstrating its might under the leadership of the WPK, and the invincible and irresistible might of Korean-style socialism through a majestic and beautiful musical epic ended with the marching songs of the great era of Kim Jong Un *We'll Travel One Road Forever* and *Our National Flag*.

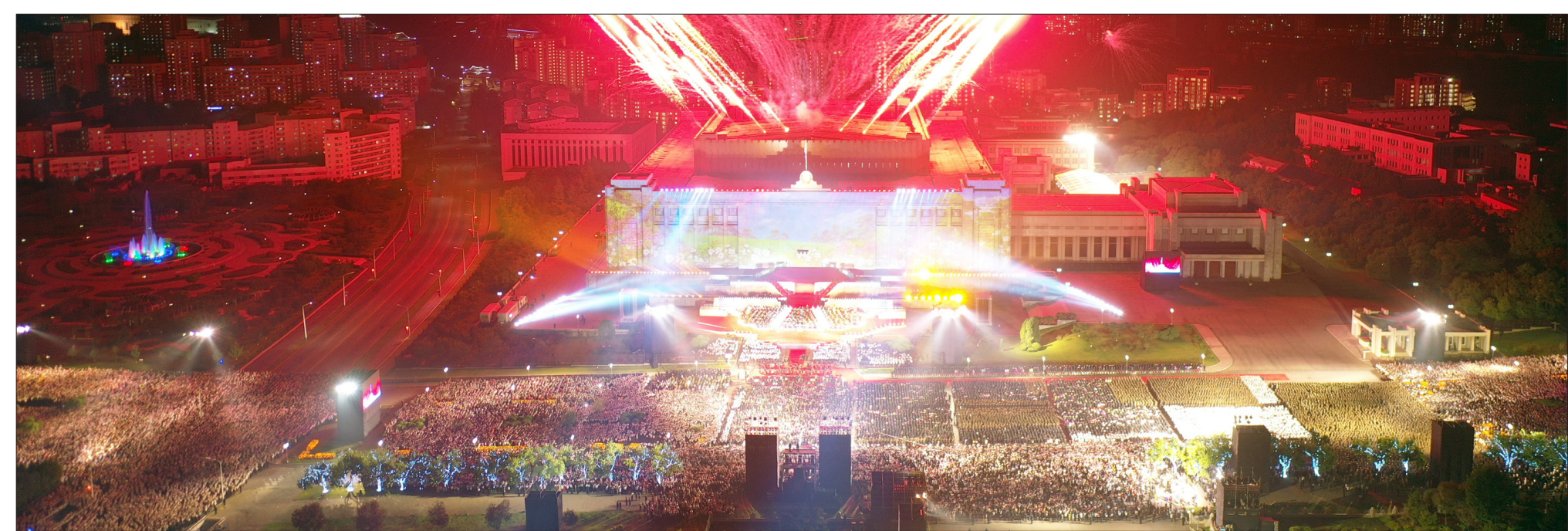
Odes to the WPK and famous songs on the themes of patriotism overflowing along with the new times of a great powerful country.

The venue of the celebrations, where the faith and will of the Korean people and service personnel to bring earlier the rosy future of a thriving country were fully displayed, was brimming with their ardent love and feelings for the great country.

Kim Jong Un acknowledged the cheering participants with greetings of encouragement.

Greatly satisfied with the successful performance, he personally went up the stage to congratulate the performers and had a photo session with them.

The foot of Mansu Hill filled with the indomitable revolutionary faith, high spirit and boundless joy of the Korean people, who are determined to make their socialist country more powerful and more brilliant on the strength of ardent patriotism overflowing along with the new times of a great powerful country.





# General Secretary congratulates labour innovators, persons of merit participating in DPRK anniversary celebrations



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, met and congratulated labour innovators and persons of merit participating in the celebrations of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK on Thursday.

The hearts of all the participants were filled with excitement and joy of having

the greatest honour in their life of having a photo session on Mansu Hill where the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the founder and builders of the dignified state, stand.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue, all the participants raised thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", extending gratitude to him who puts forward the life and struggle of the working people on the high platform

of happiness and honour.

Sending warm greetings to the participants, he congratulated the labour innovators and persons of merit invited to the celebrations of the anniversary of the DPRK with the extraordinary pride and honour of contributing to the prosperity and development of the socialist country.

Saying that the Party and the government of the DPRK value more

than anything else the patriotic efforts and clean conscience of the working people devoted to their motherland, Kim Jong Un added that labour innovators and persons of merit who place their civic duties before their rights to enjoyment, taking pains and making strenuous efforts to relieve the country of its heavy burdens, are true representatives

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# Kim Jong Un has photo session with meritorious persons in anti-epidemic sector participating in DPRK anniversary celebrations



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, on September 9 had a photo session with persons of merit in the anti-epidemic sector taking part in the celebrations of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

Attending the photo session were Kim Tok Hun, Ri Il Hwan and Ri Chung Gil.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the photo session, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" as a token of their deep reverence for him, the symbol of the mightiness of the state and defender of the life and happiness of all the people, who brought about a great

victory in the anti-epidemic campaign unprecedented in the world public health history and demonstrated to the whole world the politico-ideological might and advantages of the Korean-style socialist system with his ardent love and self-sacrificing devotion to the country and people and energetic leadership.

Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations and encouragement to the red anti-epidemic workers and public health workers of the Party who contributed to stabilizing the anti-epidemic situation by successfully controlling the worst ever public health crisis with the intense loyalty to the Party, strong mental power and ardent sincerity for the people.

Saying that thanks to the strenuous

efforts of the genuine public health workers and patriots of the times who devotedly implemented the anti-epidemic and public health policies of the Party and the government while playing a pivotal role in the severe anti-epidemic campaign for defending the people's lives, the anniversary of the founding of the DPRK could be splendidly celebrated in such peace and excitement, he highly appreciated their patriotism of devoting themselves to strengthening the country's anti-epidemic position.

He said that our country and cause would always emerge victorious thanks to the full support of the genuine patriotic loyalists and obliging socialist working people who throw themselves into the places called by

the Party and the revolution before others while being well aware of the pains and trials of the country more than any others and sharing the destiny with the country.

Expressing expectation and conviction that the participants will firmly guarantee the development of the state and wellbeing of all families across the country by directing redoubled efforts to building the anti-epidemic capability to proactively and successfully cope with any public health crisis while further expanding and consolidating the achievements made in the great anti-epidemic war, always mindful that the anti-epidemic capability is the capability to ensure state security and defend the people's life, he had a photo session with them.

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of the people and genuine patriots.

Highly praising the noble outlook on life and achievements of the patriotic working people who fully discharge their core and pace-setting roles as the vanguard in defending socialism and creators of fresh innovation at their posts and worksites by cherishing the lines and policies of the Party and the state as absolute truth and devoting untiring efforts, Kim Jong Un

had a photo session with the labour innovators and meritorious persons.

A grand banquet for the labour innovators and persons of merit was given in the garden of the Mansudae Assembly Hall, in the presence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju.

Also attending the banquet were leading officials of the Party, the government and the military including Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae, Pak Jong

Chon and Ri Pyong Chol.

A congratulatory speech was made at the banquet.

The venue of the banquet presenting a moving picture of sharing the feelings of a family under the care of a great father was filled with the joy of the participants spending a happy time like in a dream.

Kim Jong Un learned about the health and work successes of the labour innovators and meritorious persons who devote themselves to the prosperity and

development of the country and the people's well-being, and encouraged them warmly.

Saying that the mightiness of the state is supported by each creation and work success associated with the tireless patriotic enthusiasm, painstaking efforts and heart and soul of the great people, he expressed expectation that the participants will in the future, too, glorify their honourable lives as pioneers of the times the country and people put forward proudly.



# Meeting of reviewing national disaster prevention work held under guidance of Kim Jong Un



KCNA

A meeting of reviewing the national disaster prevention work took place in Pyongyang on September 4-5 to examine the country's overall situation for disaster prevention and take decisive measures for strengthening the crisis response capacity.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, presided over the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Kim

Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won and Pak Jong Chon, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Party Central Committee, the Cabinet, commissions, ministries and national agencies, those of the public security, judiciary and prosecution fields and leading officials of the provincial-level guidance organs, cities, counties and major industrial establishments.

Also present there were commanding officers of the Ministry of National

Defence.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered an important speech.

Kim Jong Un said that the work for boosting the capability to prevent disaster is an important undertaking for achieving the prosperity and development of the state and safeguarding the people's lives and a crucial revolutionary task that should surely be kept ahead of all other work for the younger generations, to say nothing of the current generation, and presented a plan of the Party Central Committee on the orientation of the

building of the national crisis response capability.

Stressing once again that nothing is more precious for the WPK and the state regarding the people-first principle as the basic political ideal than the people's lives and safety, he specified the tasks and ways for putting the state's disaster prevention capability onto a new high level in the shortest possible period.

At the meeting, Premier Kim Tok Hun reported data, which was followed by speeches.



# Koreans celebrate DPRK's 74th anniversary

KCNA

All the Korean people significantly celebrated the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

People and service personnel paid the noblest tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche where the President and the Chairman are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

Working people, service personnel, youth and students laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the statues and the portraits of beaming images of the great leaders



Working people and youth and students visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.

across the country, including their statues on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, and made a bow to them.

The national flag raising ceremony took place in all parts of the country.

The participants in the DPRK's 74th anniversary celebrations visited various places in Pyongyang amid the welcome from its citizens.

Celebratory performances were given in Pyongyang and provinces.

Sports and cultural events of youth and students and women's union members, including dance parties and sports and amusement games, took place across the country, adding to the festive mood.

# Wreaths laid at martyrs cemeteries

KCNA

Wreaths were placed at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on September 9 to mark the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

Wreath-laying ceremonies were 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 State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's

Assembly, Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Jon Hyon Chol, Jong Kyong Thack, Pak Jong Gun, Yang Sung Ho, Ri Chang Dae, Pak Su Il, U Sang Chol and other cadres

of the Party, the government and the military and the participants in the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Amid the playing of a wreath-laying music, wreaths were placed at the

wreath-laying stands of the Central Committee of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The participants paid a

silent tribute to the memory of the martyrs who dedicated their precious lives to the patriotic road for the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche in wholehearted and loyal support of the ideas and leadership of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman

Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Bouquets and flowers were also placed at the statues and cemeteries of martyrs, memorial towers for the fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army and their graves in other parts of the country.



Wreaths are laid at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt. Taesong on the occasion of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

# Banquets take place to mark national day

KCNA

Banquets took place in Pyongyang on September 9 on the occasion of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

The venues for the banquets, including the Mokran House,

People's Palace of Culture, Okryu Restaurant, Chongnyu Restaurant and Pyongnyu Taedonggang Fish Restaurant, were filled with jubilation of the participants who celebrated the DPRK's anniversary with pride in working for the prosperity

and development of the country, single-mindedly and devotedly upholding the leadership of the great Workers' Party of Korea.

They were attended by Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae, Pak Jong Chon and Ri Pyong Chol,

members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK, other cadres of the Party and government, those of the military, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and participants in celebrations of the DPRK's

birthday.

Invited to the banquets were veteran cadres including Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Pak Pong Ju, Ri Myong Su, Choe Thae Bok, Kim Kyong Ok, Pak Jae Gyong and Kim Jong Gak who had worked with the Party, the

government and the military for a long time.

Speeches were made at the banquets.

All the participants drank a toast to eternal prosperity of the country and well-being and happiness of the Korean people.



# Evening entertainment of youth and students, firework display held



An evening entertainment of youth and students and a firework display take place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on September 9 in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the DPRK.

KCNA

9 in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the DPRK. As the melody of song *The Glorious Motherland* reverberated to signal the beginning of the evening entertainment, a large DPRK flag was unfolded at the centre of the square, followed by a circle dance of youth and students. They danced to the tune of *Glory to General Kim Jong Un* with the reverence for General Secretary Kim Jong Un who raised the dignity and national power of Juche Korea to the highest level and ushered in a new era of self-esteem and prosperity on this land. Their hearts burned with pride as the youth of a powerful country as they enthusiastically danced to the tune of *Looks of Korea* and *We Started from Scratch*. Fireworks displayed in the nocturnal sky along with the thrilling sound of firing revved up the atmosphere of the dancing party.

# Oratorical contest held by youth and students

KCNA

An oratorical contest of youth and students took place at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre on September 8 to mark the 74th anniversary of the DPRK. Those who took the floor praised the revolutionary exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who built a genuine people's country and glorified it as an invincible and powerful socialist state, and the greatness of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is demonstrating the prestige of the DPRK at the highest level. The contest was attended by youth league officials and youth and students in Pyongyang.

# Grand magic and acrobatic performance adds glamour to festivity

KCNA

A grand magic and acrobatic performance in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK was given in front of the People's Theatre in Pyongyang on September 9.

Members of the diplomatic corps in the DPRK and visiting foreigners and overseas Koreans watched the performance.

Marking the birthday of their beloved country which has made dynamic advance on the will and strength of the people, creators and artists of the National Acrobatic Troupe presented special grand magic pieces and acrobatic feats to add to the jubilation of the holiday.

Put on the stage were a variety of magic and acrobatic works such as illusionary magic "Disappeared magician", physical acrobatic pieces "Seesaw set", "Dove trick and modelling on roller stakes" and "Horizontal bar and flying from swing" and comic acrobatic piece "Ring trick".

The performers displayed high artistic skills and refined technical moves in the fantastic pieces well preserving the characteristics of socialist national acrobatics including those which won gold prizes at international acrobatic festivals.

The spectators were



A grand magic and acrobatic performance is put on in front of the People's Theatre in Pyongyang on September 9.

entranced by the nimble and elegant seesaw piece and sophisticated acrobatic stunts performed on iron bars and swings, which inherit the folklore tradition and combine modern features to meet the growing aesthetic and emotional demands of the people. The entire audience broke into laughter and applause during the comic acrobatic piece, a subtle blend of humorous and witty tricks and unique stunts. Magic pieces which are grand, artistic and three-dimensional on a high level also drew the audience into the mysterious world of acrobatics. The performance climaxed with illusionary magic "Escaping stunt and disappearing car" in which young magicians who are popular among local people demonstrated their dexterity and finesse.

# Workers, TU members mark DPRK anniversary with poem recital, singing

KCNA

Workers and trade union members held a meeting of poem recital and singing at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on September 6 in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

The numbers reflected deep reverence for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who opened up a new era of self-respect and prosperity, an our-state-first era, and is demonstrating the national power and prestige of the DPRK to the whole world.

Workers and trade union members get together for poem recital and singing at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang.



# Women's union artistic motivational team gives performance

KCNA

The central artistic motivational team of the women's union gave a performance entitled "We will uphold our country of the people for all ages" at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on September 7 in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK. The performance was seen by officials of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and its members in Pyongyang. Starting with narration and chorus *Our National Flag*, the performance included such numbers as the oungum ensemble of immortal classic work *The Embrace of My Motherland* and trio *We Started from Scratch*. The performers sang highly of the exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who built a genuine people's country, a people-centred socialist state, on this land and laid an eternal foundation for the prosperity of all generations to come. They also represented the people's immense reverence for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who makes a new history of dignified and powerful country by administering politics of the people-first principle.

# Agricultural workers hold celebratory meeting

KCNA

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea held a celebratory meeting at the hall of culture of Migok-ri, Sariwon City, North Hwanghae Province, on September 7 on the occasion of the 74th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK. At the meeting, the speakers said that the history of the DPRK is a glorious history which ushered in the new age of prosperity unprecedented in national history by dint of extraordinary ideas and theories, great revolutionary practice and noble patriotic devotion of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il. They expressed their determination to remain loyal to the ideology and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. The meeting was attended by Ri Il Hyok, secretary of the North Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, UAWK officials and agricultural workers.



# Vinalon complex simultaneously pushes production revitalization, readjustment and reinforcement

By Kim Il Jin PT

The February 8 Vinalon Complex has overfulfilled this year's economic plan by indices and established foundations for the production of different chemical goods.

It has made successes in the construction of buildings and the reconstruction and repair of equipment.

"The complex has dozens of workshops and every unit had urgent problems. Furthermore, there were many workloads that should be done for readjustment and reinforcement and improvement of production conditions," recalled the chief engineer of the complex.

The complex set a goal of stepping up production and readjustment and reinforcement simultaneously and pushed ahead with this project.

It carried out the overhaul of circulating fluidized bed boiler in the first quarter.

Technicians and skilled workers introduced a technical innovation plan capable of completing the piping work of over 7 000 metres in



Production and consolidation of its foundations are simultaneously pushed at the February 8 Vinalon Complex.



JAENG SONG BOK / RODONG SINMUN

a matter of ten days in unfavourable winter conditions so as to complete an overhaul task as scheduled. In those days, the complex also pushed ahead with several readjustment and reinforcement plans simultaneously and overfulfilled national economic plans for vinalon, caustic soda and vinyl chloride on all indices.

And it updated the boiler operating method, which had been in use for a long time, as part of a project for shortening the cycle of vinalon production, thereby shortening the time in the processes of synthesis and polymerization. Operators of the acetic vinyl production process

also shortened the cycle by six hours by eradicating double rectification which had to be carried out as they had failed to raise operating efficiency. As a result, they fulfilled vinalon production plan for July in time. According to workshop manager Ri Sung Uk, the complex reduced

the consumption limit of a material for caustic soda as much as possible and built a salt resolution and storage area and a new super precision filtering process capable of removing even tiny impurities completely, thus opening up a good prospect of remarkably increasing caustic soda productivity.

# Unique virtual exhibitions win popularity



PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Preparations are made for a virtual exhibition through the Jagangryok technical trade service system at the Moranbong technology trading company.

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

Virtual exhibitions have recently been held positively through the Jagangryok technical trade service system.

Different exhibitions have taken place this year in the wake of last year's provincial building-materials exhibition in each province.

The exhibitions are under way on a unique way to meet their goals and missions.

Especially, the venues for three-dimensional exhibitions further excite the visitors since their environments such as rooms, halls and the open air are diverse with a variety of appropriate music pieces ringing out of them.

The Pyongyang municipal exhibition of technical innovation achievements of three-revolution teams held in February this year

provided the same environment as the Three-Revolution Exhibition House and the national exhibition of technical innovation achievements of workers and trade union members held in April offered the same environment as the hall of the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium.

Another example is the first round of the 2022 national sci-tech presentation in the land and environment protection sector held between May and June. It provided an environment similar to the foot of Moran Hill, a scenic attraction in Pyongyang, amid the sounds of clear water flowing, the chirping of birds and a nostalgic melody.

The participants and visitors read valuable data on scientific research achievements made in the sectors of afforestation, atmosphere, plants, landscaping and animal protection of the country in the past ten years through mock-ups,

images, technical manuals and diagrammatic charts like at an actual exhibition hall.

An official of the Central Committee of the Nature Conservation Union of Korea said that during the exhibition many people including scientists, technicians and university students from over 140 units submitted their opinions and recommendations of realistic proposals through the Jagangryok website.

Visitors to it said that they had felt regret whenever several exhibitions were held in Pyongyang and they failed to visit them, but thanks to the Jagangryok website they feel as if they look round the whole country since they can see sci-tech achievements

and products made in Pyongyang and the provinces at any time and in an environment similar to an actual exhibition. There are still a lot of shortcomings, but if such exhibitions are organized frequently to encourage the campaign to overtake, model after and share experience with each other, a still better future will surely be brought about, they added.

"Through virtual exhibitions, the diffusion and exchanges of advanced technologies and experience between presenters and between presenters and subscribers have been brisk to promote the country's sci-tech development. Technologies and products worth a large sum of money have been applied this year alone," said Kim Hong Yong, director of the Moranbong technology trading company which runs the Jagangryok website.

# Production boosted by dint of technical innovation

By Yun Kyong Il PT

The Pyongyang cast iron pipe factory, through a mass technical innovation drive, made and introduced a new-type desanding machine to raise the quality and productivity of castings and automated the former semiautomatic desanding process.

According to employees of the factory, in the past when they relied on sand blasting for desanding of castings, it raised dust during the work and the used sand could not be reused so that they had to spend lots of money to purchase sand for desanding.

Technicians of the factory introduced several technical innovation plans, including the one for making the head of a shot-blasting desanding machine which they had had trouble making because of unequal numbers of revolution of motor

and centrifugal force, to succeed in making an efficient one suited to its actual conditions.

According to Kim Kwang Il, designer at the factory, the shot blasting desanding machine is airtight so as to raise almost no dust, thus ensuring a clean working environment. It is quite practical as it is three times faster in working speed than the machine for sand-blasting desanding and capable of doing the desanding of parts beyond reach and can be automatically controlled, he added.

Besides, the factory has carried out technical innovation to improve the quality indexes of a dozen kinds of drainage gratings to win popularity with the units using them introducers.

Now the factory is consolidating the material and technical foundations of overall production processes by carrying out several technical innovation plans.



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Employees have a discussion to ensure the quality of products at the Pyongyang cast iron pipe factory.

# Chinese newspaper denounces US for perpetrating Rogun-ri massacre during Fatherland Liberation War

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A few days ago, China's Global Times carried an article condemning the US imperialist aggressor army for committing horrible atrocities on more than 400 innocent persons around the Rogun-ri area in Yongdong County, North Chungchong Province, in July 1950 during the Korean war.

The article pointed out that soon after its revelation to the world in September 1999, the incident prompted the surge of great grief and anger on the Korean peninsula

and that many people from various countries also denounced the US army, the main culprit of this incident, being unable to repress their astonishment at the bloody atrocities against humanity.

After the war, the survivors of the massacre and the families of the victims demanded that the US administration make an apology and bring those who concealed the truth during its investigation to account. But the US refused to admit its crimes related to the "Rogun-ri incident". Not content with this, it is protecting its soldiers who are committing all sorts of crimes in south Korea. Referring to these facts, the article asked if the US

"human rights standards" are aimed at protecting itself at the sacrifice of others' interests.

Saying that all the successive US presidents from Clinton to Biden showed no reaction to the requests for a fact-finding investigation, the article stressed that the arrogant behaviour of the US administration clearly shows the deceptive nature of its much-touted "friendly alliance", "protection of human rights" and "common values".

It can be said that this article laid bare the hypocritical nature of the US which is now strongly advocating the "protection of human rights", posing as a "human rights judge".

# DPRK is true country of people



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All the policies of the DPRK are people-oriented ones.

This year, anti-epidemic barriers that had remained safe for over two years broke in the DPRK, causing a health crisis.

Since then, the Korean people witnessed in just some 90 days many things that could not be experienced even in thousands of days until peace and stability came again.

After the Eighth Politburo Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on switching the state epidemic prevention effort over to the top emergency anti-epidemic system, a special order of the WPK Central Military Commission was released on immediately stabilizing the supply of medicines in Pyongyang by committing the powerful forces of

medics of the People's Army.

And the state pushed forward with the work of releasing and supplying the reserve medicines of the state on a prioritized and urgent basis to make it possible to supply necessary medicines to all patients with fever and a series of measures were taken one after another to ensure the people's living.

Thanks to the state measure for the people, a surprising miracle to be etched in the world history of public health was worked to restore the anti-epidemic security on this land in a short period of time and turn the whole territory into a virus-free zone again.

In the true sense of the word, misfortune is never a disaster or trouble. There can be unexpected ups and downs and difficulties in the course of life, but the real problem

is when there is nothing to trust and depend on at that moment.

Through the recent anti-epidemic period, the Korean people have felt once again that the embrace of the Republic, the socialist country, is the true embrace of life which is wholly responsible for their destiny and future.

Do the people exist for the state or does the state exist for the people? Everything starts from this and divides into many.

It is the DPRK which values the people the most in the world and spares nothing for the good of the people.

That is why the Korean people always keep in their minds the pride and self-esteem that they are citizens of the Republic headed by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

## BYWORD

## Patriotic citizen

There is a title of patriotic citizen in the DPRK.

The country puts forward a patriotic citizen as a person who invariably and unassumingly works hard out of a sense of patriotism despite difficulties with the determination to repay the favour shown by the

Workers' Party of Korea and the state cherishing it deep in mind.

Every citizen has a share to do for the good of the country. It is natural for citizens to be loyal to their duty as citizens in a good situation, but their conscience and obligation further stand out in difficult situations.

The Korean people overcame the spread of COVID-19 and recovered the epidemic prevention security in a short span of time, something even the countries known as being advanced in public health service have failed to achieve for years. It is unthinkable apart from the patriotic

spirit displayed by all the Koreans in their emergency anti-epidemic work.

It is a patriotic fighting spirit peculiar to the Korean people to devote themselves to state affairs, regarding them as being more important than the affairs of their families, with trust in the Party and government.

# OPINION

## Unity, cooperation strengthened between African nations

By Song Jong Ho PT

African countries are getting more active in their moves to eliminate hunger and poverty and build a prospering continent.

Today, their socioeconomic and political position has been remarkably raised with their influence growing in the international arena.

Such a change taking place in African nations are unthinkable apart from constructive activities of the African Union.

The African Union is the successor to the Organization of African Unity, which started functioning at the special summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity held in Libya on September 9 1999.

The meeting made a decision on founding the AU replacing the Organization of African Unity in reflection of the century-old desire of the African people to build a strong Africa and the changed requirement of the times by ensuring lasting peace and stability in the region and achieving unity of the continent.

Later, thanks to the continued efforts of African countries for aspiring after peace and friendship, progress and development and for integration of the continent, the First Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the AU was held in July 2002, when the AU officially began its work.

At present, the union has grown and developed into a continent-wide organization with over 50 member nations and a prestigious group struggling for the interests of the African people.

The AU is now actively waging a struggle for strengthening the unity and collaboration between member nations in wide fields, including peace, security, transport, space development, anti-terrorism and coordination of disputes.

Especially, it is stepping up economic integration of the countries through the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

This agreement concluded in March 2018 aims at removing trade tariffs within the continent so as to promote regional businesses, hasten industrialization and create more jobs.

As many signatories of the agreement are facilitating economic cooperation, the vitality of the agreement is growing.

Experts say that if all member nations of the AU join the agreement, the free trade zone will become the biggest one in the number of member nations in the world.

After recognizing the backwardness of substructures in the continent such as the energy problem, the AU set the improvement of substructures as an important task for accelerating integration and trade development of the continent and calls upon member nations to strive to achieve sustainable and comprehensive development of substructures.

According to a plan of developing substructures, the African countries built roads with a total length of 16 066 kilometres and railways of 4 077 kilometres and laid power cables of 3 506 kilometres from 2012 to 2020.

The AU will continue to make efforts to build an independent and prosperous Africa in the future and the struggle of African people will bear proper fruits.

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# National inter-provincial games held



KCNA

The National Inter-Provincial Games-2022 took place in Pyongyang to mark the 74th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

Players competed in the tug-of-war, 4x100m relay, archery and other events in the competition which brought together players and cheer squads from Pyongyang and all the provinces (cities under direct jurisdiction of the government).

A preliminary tug-of-war contest took place at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street on September 3.

The games continued at the gymnasiums and stadiums in the capital city until September 8.

A tug of war that started on September 3 got fiercer day after day.

In the group league matches comprising Groups A and B, the teams from South Phyongan Province and Pyongyang Municipality took the first place and those from Rason City and North Phyongan Province finished runners-up.

A preliminary match for relay race was held on September 6 by way of each of four players from each team running 100 metres.

Finals were competed among the teams of South and North Phyongan, South Hamgyong and Kangwon provinces from Group A and South Hwanghae and North Hamgyong provinces from Group B.

The final matches of the National Inter-provincial Games-2022 were held at Kim Il Sung Stadium on September 9.

It was seen by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium

National Inter-Provincial Games-2022 are held in Pyongyang.



of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly,

and other officials of the Party and government, chief secretaries of provincial Party committees, chairpersons of provincial people's committees, the deputies to the SPA, participants in the celebrations of the 74th

anniversary of the DPRK and Pyongyang citizens, and veteran officials who had worked at the Party, the government and the military for a long period.

Kim Il Guk, minister of the Physical Culture and Sports,

made a speech before final matches were held according to events.

At the games, South Hwanghae Province took the first place in total rankings to win the rotating trophy.

