

Ushering in new era of building prosperous country

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Since its founding over 70 years ago the DPRK has been subjected to constant war and nuclear threats, sanctions, isolation and suffocation by hostile forces.

However, it has overcome all those obstructions and is now on a dynamic historic march for the overall development of socialism.

Referring to the successes achieved by the Korean people, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said in the historic policy speech delivered at the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly that 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 the state up to such a

height as no one would ever dispute it. On behalf of the Party and government, he extended his heartfelt thanks to the people throughout the country.

The Korean people express the highest respect and profound thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who has brought about a great victory unprecedented in history by leading the Party, the state and the people.

In retrospect, he led the socialist cause of Korea to brilliant victory while giving a hard blow to the anti-DPRK moves of the enemy who were getting more violent at the watershed of history when the new century of the Juche era began.

A great change has occurred in the world political

structure surrounding the DPRK which has attained the highest aspect in national strength.

Its international position is soaring up and its political influence is growing remarkably.

The socialist cause is advancing victoriously and the people's laughter is getting louder despite the outrageous and cruel challenges by hostile forces.

At the beginning of the new century of the Juche era, the people's ideal streets and dwelling houses mushroomed across the country from the capital city of Pyongyang to the Samjiyon area in the northern tip of the country, the joyful events of moving into new houses were witnessed one after another and ordinary working people

became the owners of new houses. Today, a new era of rural development has been ushered in, when the construction of rural dwelling houses is conducted vigorously to bring about a great change in the livelihood of farmers.

The Munsu Water Park, Masikryong Ski Resort, Yangdok Hot Spring Resort and other modern large-scale cultural facilities were built to give pleasure to the people.

Remarkable progress has also been made in economic construction.

Every unit is bringing about a surge in production as key industry sectors further consolidate their production foundations by displaying the fighting spirit of self-reliance and self-development and the whole

country takes science and technology as a powerful impetus and strives to attain the goal of making all the people well versed in science and technology.

In the course of making a new history of "gold mountains", "golden fields" and "gold seas", more than 80 percent of the country's territory is turning into useful mountains, the hot wind of high-yield farming is sweeping the fields and *Song of Big Hauls in the Sea* is resounding on the sea.

The DPRK exterminated the malignant virus, which has plunged the world into a great turmoil, in only 90-odd days and thus won a miraculous victory.

As seen above, the country gets stronger and more prosperous as the days go by and the people's laughter gets

louder thanks to the people-centred socialist system.

It is the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who has ensured all these victories, prosperity and happiness and led its people to a greater victory and happiness. Under his leadership, the DPRK has entered a new era of building a prosperous country.

Though the challenges of hostile forces will become more outrageous to check its advance, the Korean people will more vigorously advance toward the victory in the cause of building a powerful socialist country as they have come to be convinced through practical experience that victory and glory are in store for those following the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Whole society maintains, intensifies anti-epidemic discipline

By Pang Un Ju PT

All sectors and units across the country are concentrating efforts on raising public anti-epidemic awareness and intensifying the discipline of observing anti-epidemic regulations.

The state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters pays primary attention to strengthening anti-epidemic information and education in every way possible lest the anti-epidemic atmosphere established throughout the society should weaken or lapse into a sluggish state, while further enhancing its command and control over the overall anti-epidemic work.

It attaches importance to field surveys so as to grasp and guide the anti-epidemic work at relevant regions and units in real time

and to intensify necessary measures.

Efforts are being made according to a well thought-out and practical plan to further perfect the national anti-epidemic system and order and to get a complete set of material and technical means.

The all-people monitoring and reporting system is being strengthened to maintain the utmost vigilance, while a strict system is set up for immediately reporting about and disposing of alien things or abnormal signs according to anti-epidemic regulations as soon as they are discovered.

Special attention is being paid to ensuring the completeness of lockdown by comprehensively evaluating the performance of medical workers in border and coastal areas, providing them with short courses

to improve their practical abilities, carefully selecting the personnel who should go on blocking duties and increasing the number of surveillance devices.

The inspection and quarantine sector is steadily pushing ahead with the work to make its employees clearly recognize the worldwide public health situation, reinforce disinfecting facilities, sterilize materials carefully according to their kinds and quality and increase the hygienic safety of isolation and inspection rooms.

The public health sector distributed the "Treatment plan on new variants of COVID-19" which was drawn up on the basis of latest documentary records and clinical experiences in the country and the updated "Manual for treatment of COVID-19 sequelae" among

emergency anti-epidemic units at all levels.

After comprehensively researching and inquiring into influence of several factors on the whole course of collection and conveyance of samples and nucleic acid tests in close collaboration with relevant institutions, it is taking measures to enhance the correctness and scientific accuracy of nucleic acid tests and manage the anti-epidemic situation safely in the upcoming winter.

All localities and units are conducting medical check-ups of all residents in a more responsible manner and strengthening anti-epidemic measures with regard to the possibility that the incidence rate of respiratory diseases like influenza and tonsillitis might increase due to seasonal conditions, while encouraging residents and employees to wear masks.

Children's camping begins across country

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Camping of schoolchildren began at the Songdowon International Children's Camp.

On September 20 there was a meeting for the starting ceremony of the camping, which was attended by Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central

Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, relevant officials, the staff of the camp and campers.

After the clarion call for the start of the camping was sounded, the camping flag was hoisted amid the playing of song *March of the Children's Union*.

Meanwhile, camping started in other children's camps in different parts of the country, including Mangyongdae, Sogam and Jangjisan children's camps.

AFC short course for qualification of grade B coaches held

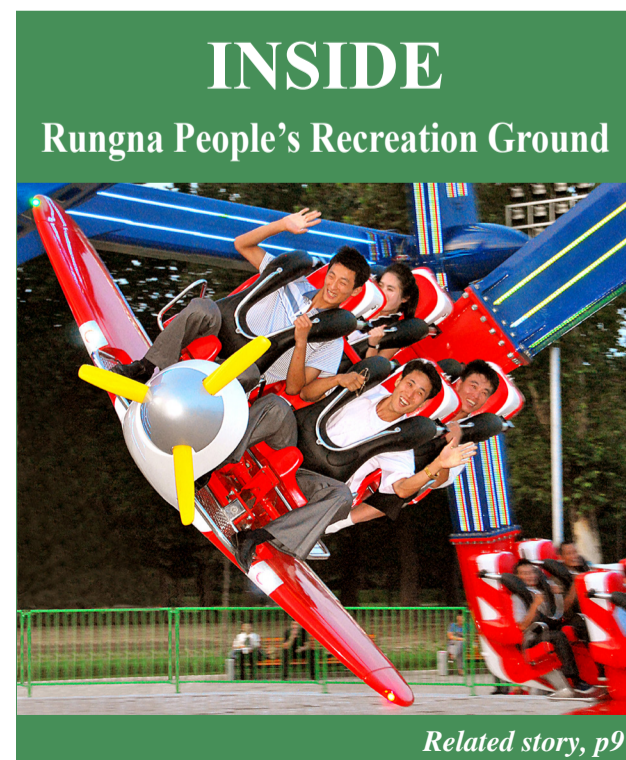
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An AFC short course for qualification of grade B coaches took place at Juvenile Sports School in Jongju City, North Phyongan Province, between August 30 and September 19.

It was attended by more than 20 soccer coaches and instructors from the Kigwanha Sports Club, Taeryonggang Sports Club, Pyonggyang International Football School, etc.

There were theoretical and practical lectures

including those entitled "Muscle system and exercise", "Individual tactics" and "Selection of position by goal-keeper and goalkeeping" and the participants' ability of guidance and instruction for matches and training were assessed.



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GFTUK Central Committee plenum holds enlarged meeting

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An enlarged meeting of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) took place on September 20 through videoconferencing.

It was attended by members and alternate members of the Central Committee of the GFTUK.

Present there as observers were officials of the GFTUK Central Committee and those of city and county trade union committees.

The meeting discussed such issues as of intensifying ideological education for union members.

Pak In Chol, chairman of the GFTUK Central Committee, delivered a keynote speech.

He referred to the need to continuously intensify the work of modelling the whole union on the revolutionary ideas of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and more thoroughly establishing the unified leadership system of the respected Comrade



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Kim Jong Un by taking the work as the lifeline. He said that TU organizations at all levels should provide its members with a full understanding of the immortal revolutionary exploits the peerlessly great persons performed for the

upbuilding of the trade union and conduct five-point education in various forms and by different methods with the main stress put on the education in the revolutionary traditions and loyalty so as to amplify its effects to the maximum.

He stressed the need to intensify the campaign against anti-socialist and non-socialist practices, which threaten the ideology, system and culture of the country, in order to consolidate the revolutionary and class positions more firmly.

He said that all TU officials and members should contribute to the economic life of the country and take an active part in different forms of do-gooding movement which is substantially instrumental to economic construction

and the improvement of the people's livelihood so as to truly contribute to the prosperity of the country.

Cherishing deep in mind the trust of the Party which gave the valuable title of the heroic working class of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, all the working people including TU members should fulfil their mission and duty as the eldest son and vanguard unit of the country by displaying extraordinary patriotic devotion in actively opening up a new phase of state development.

Speeches were made at the meeting.

Speakers expressed their resolve to perform new miracles and innovations in every site for bringing about an upswing to achieve the overall development of Korean-style socialism by invariably carrying on the fighting spirit of working people of preceding generations who had infinitely been loyal to the Party and revolution and the baton of patriotism.

The meeting adopted relevant decisions based on an in-depth study of their drafts.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—constitute the general line of building socialism and communism and the history of the DPRK is just the course of making the three revolutions.

Since the incipency of state building, the DPRK has brought about great changes in the aspects of man, nature and society and performed world-startling miracles.

It is its invariable policy to build a powerful socialist country, holding high the banner of the three revolutions whose truthfulness and validity have been proved by history.

In his historic letter to the participants in the Fifth Conference

of Torchbearers in the Three Revolutions *Let Us Achieve the Comprehensive Development of Socialism by Raising the Flames of the Three Revolutions More Fiercely*, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un specified the fighting tasks and ways to achieve simultaneous and balanced development of all fields of state and social life and in every region of the country with the three revolutions as the motive power.

The comprehensive development of socialism is a new revolution in the three realms of ideology, technology and culture.

Only when we attain the goals of the three revolutions—uniting all the people by means of the Party's ideology, establishing

a scientific and technological foundation capable of guaranteeing self-supporting and sustainable economic development, turning each person into an intellectual, and liquidating every manner of cultural backwardness—can we make our state more progressive and modern than ever.

Today, the Workers' Party of Korea set forth the slogan "Let us transform all our revolutionary positions in line with the demands of the three revolutions!" and an original idea of expanding the movement's scope to involve cities, counties and industrial complexes, thus making it a movement embracing the whole society and all the people both in name and in reality.

Conducting the movement with the

city or county as a unit presupposes a responsible attitude on the part of Party organizations and officials at all levels, including city and county Party committees, as well as the participation of the entire population. Therefore, it is a powerful way of making the whole country pulsate with the three revolutions.

At present, every provincial Party committee is playing a proper steering role in making sure that cities and counties vie with one another to transform themselves into a communist paradise ahead of others by giving strong impetus to the movement.

Efforts are being made by each province to build a three-revolution exhibition hall—where the valuable achievements made by its cities,

counties and industrial complexes in the course of carrying on the three revolutions can be displayed—as an important place for study, technical exchanges and information sharing designed to promote the campaign of overtaking and learning from others and sharing experience with one another and to give impetus to the endeavour to carry out the three revolutions. And the guidance over the movement is being improved.

The Korean people believe that the comprehensive development of socialism will be achieved earlier when all sectors and units across the country hold the movement as a powerful weapon for strengthening cities and counties and focus all work on it, and are redoubling their efforts to that end.

Through Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement



Lecturers evaluate teaching method through broad discussion at the mathematics faculty of Kim Il Sung University.

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By Kim Kang Ju PT

Amid the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement actively going on as an all-people drive, the mathematics faculty of Kim Il Sung University has recently become a Trice Honoured Three-Revolution Red Flag unit.

Several years ago, the officials, lecturers and researchers of the faculty made a decision to turn out in the movement of winning the title.

"We set it as our goal in the technical side of this movement to make all lecturers and researchers academic degree and title holders, introduce new subjects and new teaching methods, improve educational conditions and environment and achieve practical scientific research successes," said Hong Hyon Phyoo, senior official of the faculty.

Believing that students' scholastic attainments wholly depend on qualifications of lecturers, they regarded the improvement of qualifications of lecturers and researchers as the focal point in the development of the faculty.

The dean, vice-deans and other officials of the faculty took the lead in improving qualifications.

In the course of this, dean Kim Jin Myong was awarded the title of Professor and PhD and contributed eight study papers to international academic journals.

"Kim solved a key problem in the field of harmonic analysis which had remained unsolved in the world mathematic circles for over forty years and came up with a theorem conducive to the development of partial differential equation theory. The mathematic circles appraised that his solution was a surprisingly great analysis and completely perfect result," said Kim Mun Chol, vice-dean in charge of academic affairs.

His feat encouraged lecturers and researchers of the faculty to improve their abilities and to launch a competition in scientific research.

In those years, over 90 lecturers won the title of October 8 Model Teacher and all the lecturers and researchers became academic degree and title holders.

Their enhanced abilities resulted in great scholastic attainments of their students.

In the past five years, the faculty has produced four University Student Scientific Search Prize-winning classes with over 110 winners of University Student Scientific

Search Prize and more than eighty inventors and many students contributed to winning over twenty times at international Internet programming contests.

They also introduced over 30 new subjects, authored over 40 first-rate textbooks and invented and introduced over 50 new teaching methods.

"The movement for winning Trice Honoured Three-Revolution Red Flag is not only confined to theoretical research," said Kim Mun Chol.

Lecturers and researchers of the faculty contributed to scientific operation of furnaces and improvement of pig iron's quality by introducing a slag level measuring system into oxygen blast furnaces at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, which was appreciated by General Secretary Kim Jong Un. And they contributed to the development of the national economy and the improvement of the people's living standards by carrying out over 80 scientific research tasks.

The faculty grew into a competent group in the university as they conducted the movement.

They said with pride that all these successes were the result of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement.

Taking lead in technical innovation movement

By Pang Un Ju PT

Members of the three-revolution teams dispatched to production sites including factories and enterprises after graduating from universities are contributing to the development of those units by briskly conducting the technical innovation movement.

The same is the case with those at the Ryuwon Footwear Factory.

The members of the team, who were sent to the factory after graduating from technical colleges, always find the core of technical innovation in production sites.

One day, Han Kyong Jin, chief of the team, could not take off his eyes for a long time from the looks of employees who separated shootrees from completed shoes in a production line before carrying them to the first production process.

There was only one process where employees do physical labour in the automated production process.

He racked his brains to find out the way to automate the process.

"The determination of our team leader, who proposed making an automatic guided vehicle that can carry shootrees, won the positive support of our team members," said Ri Myong Il, member of the team.

The vehicle, which was introduced into practice, was welcomed by workers.

"Employees respect and show affection for members of the three-revolution team who solve technical problems arising in reality and give much help to the work of improving technical knowledge and skills," said manageress Kim Yun Sil.

Since then, the speculation and activities of the members were directed to completing the automatic guide vehicle.

Their goal was to make a guide vehicle which takes direction automatically without any fixed trajectory and carries and unloads things to a correct position.

Many technical problems arose, but they willingly accepted them as their "homework" and pooled their strength and wisdom.

"The joy of having completed a product by dint of creative wisdom was beyond imagination. But the pain of failure was so big," said Han Kyong Jin.

The vehicle failed to move in the set direction as it changed its course.

But the team members made strenuous efforts. Finally, they succeeded in developing the automatic guide vehicle which correctly carries shootrees to fixed position.

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Members of the three-revolution team discuss how to boost the performance of the automatic guide vehicle at the Ryuwon Footwear Factory.

Circuit forum of youth held

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The volunteers who met the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as they participated in the Youth Day celebrations last year took the floor at the forum held in Pyongyang, South Pyongan, North Hwanghae, Kangwon and South Hamgyong provinces and Kaesong City between September 12 and 20.

They emotionally talked about the benevolent affection of General Secretary Kim Jong Un who is so pleased with minor good deeds of young people and places great trust on and shows warm love to them.

The speakers said excitedly that the embrace of the General Secretary, who called the volunteers

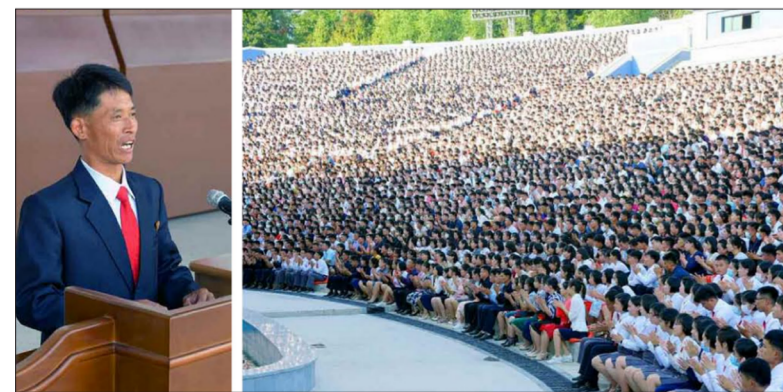
as delegates to the Youth Day celebrations and had a photograph taken with them, is the embrace of the Sun in which the Korean youth will live forever.

Ri Mi Sun, a worker at the Taesong District Road System Management Station in Pyongyang, said she volunteered as a road keeper out of an earnest desire to clean in all sincerity the roads the General Secretary travels for the country's prosperity and the people's well-being.

Choe Sung Ha, a subworkteam leader of the youth workteam of the Hyonri Livestock Farm in Sepho County, Kangwon Province, who left his dear home in Pyongyang and volunteered to work at the livestock farming base in the Sepho area with ambition

and hope to implement the childcare policy of the Workers' Party of Korea, said that to strive to carry out the noble intention of the General Secretary even a bit is just the way to remain loyal to the motherland and fulfil one's duty as socialist patriotic youth.

The touching stories of the speakers included those about the circumstances where they made a decision to volunteer for a difficult job, about the times when they succumbed to difficulties even for a moment as they vacillated, but the motherly Party gave them strength and courage each time and led them along the road of patriotism step by step, and about the trust and encouragement given to them by their organizations and comrades.



The circuit forum of young volunteers gives young people great inspiration.

HOME NEWS

Leader sends birthday spread to centenarian in Pukchong

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Ri Song Som living in neighbourhood unit No. 23 of Pochon-ri in Pukchong County on her 100th birthday.

Ri Song Som extended her heartfelt gratitude to General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

Sci-tech presentation and symposium on green architecture held

A sci-tech presentation and symposium in the field of green architecture was held under the sponsorship of the Korean green architecture society of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea between September 20 and 21.

The event, held on the themes of "Goals of green building and practice" and "Saving energy and water in building", drew officials, lecturers and researchers of educational and scientific research units in the sector of architecture and over 20 valuable papers.

Hero miner's wife becomes able to walk again after decades

Kim Jong Sun, wife of

Pak Thae Son who was a hero miner at the Komdok Mining Complex, has recovered from her leg injury and become able to walk again after decades.

Ten years ago Pak Thae Son sacrificed himself to save a colleague from an accident and the Workers' Party of Korea and the state, highly appreciating his heroic deed, have repeatedly shown favour to his bereaved family.

His wife hurt her leg at the age of three and got some treatment. She, however, could hardly turn over in bed and walk more than 1 kilometre for 35 years. Now she has become able to work in the workplace where her husband worked thanks to ten years of sincere treatment by medical workers at Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital.

Badminton tournament comes to end



The badminton tournament of officials of ministries and national agencies, which opened

at the Taekwon-Do Hall and Handball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang on September 12, came to a close.

There were final matches on September 18 between the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection and the Ministry of Information Industry from group A, between the Foreign Trade Bank and the Bureau for Affairs with Diplomatic Corps from group B, between the Ponghwa Trade Bureau and the Taesongsan Guidance Bureau from group C and between the Academy of Social Sciences and the Grand People's Study House from group D. They had registered good results in quarterfinals and semifinals through preliminaries.

In the final matches, the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection, the Bureau for Affairs with Diplomatic Corps, the Taesongsan Guidance Bureau and the Academy of Social Sciences won respectively by overpowering opponent teams.

Citations and medals were awarded to excellent organizations and players at the awards ceremony which was held at the Taekwon-Do Hall.

Factory offers fascinating variety of formula

Various baby formulas are produced at the Pyongyang Children's Foodstuff Factory.



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The factory's baby formula contains ingredients on the level of mother's milk.

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Pyongyang Children's Foodstuff Factory produces nutritious baby formula. "The prenatal life and 1 000 days after birth are very important in a child's growth and development. Our factory's baby formula

contains not only the three main nutrients needed for children's growth but also many other ingredients such as physiological activators, vitamins and minerals on the level of mother's milk," said Kim Ok Son, workshop manageress of the factory. The factory produces various kinds of formula

such as those for babies who are 0-5 months old, 6-12 months old and more than 1 year old and for underweight and undernourished babies. According to ages and constitutions of babies, each product has different ingredients, which include rice, bean, powdered milk, edible oil, liquefied

enzyme, vitamins, minerals and various kinds of physiological activators. In particular, their digestibility and absorption rates have been improved by resolving rice starch with enzymes and turning soybean protein in the form of low molecules. Recently, the factory newly developed formula for expectant and nursing mothers that nourishes babies even before their birth and lactic bacteria formula good for the treatment of diarrhoea of infants.

Among them, the lactic bacteria formula is effective for the treatment and prevention of babies' acute bacterial and viral diarrhoea. "The formula which was developed in consideration of the amount of nutrients required for children of our country contains several kinds of lactic bacteria including bifid bacteria and reuteri," said Ri Hui Suk, senior staffer of the factory. Especially, a substance generated by reuteri is recognized as a broad-

spectrum bacteria depressant and can effectively act on the virus causing diarrhoea and eliminate its infectivity. The formula normalizes intestinal bacteria plexus of children, boosts their immunity and prevents undernourishment which comes after diarrhoea. The factory also makes yogurt and milk by processing raw milk from livestock farms in Kangdong County, Pyongyang, and supplies them to children at nurseries and kindergartens in the city every day.

Jagang Province seethes with scientific livestock farming

By Han Jong Ho PT

Livestock farming units are raising the wave of scientific animal husbandry in Jagang Province. Every employee of the Kanggye Pig Farm is especially attached to their sci-tech learning space. Last year they overfulfilled the plan for meat production by introducing many technical innovation proposals through the mass technical innovation drive and in that course they developed and used highly efficient feed additives. The farm has also good prospects of carrying out the meat production plan for this year.

Each process of the farm is imbued with the assiduous way of work and novel ideas of the employees geared to boosting production and ensuring economic utility. Employees of the Hungju Chicken Farm have special pride in their work as they raise "Hungju chicken". President Kim Il Sung sent hundreds of chickens of a new variety to the farm decades ago and later named it thus. Chairman Kim Jong Il made sure that the chicken variety associated with the love of the President was preserved perfectly and also put his heart and soul into ensuring steady production at the farm.

Employees of the farm have used feeds made by decomposing chicken feathers and fermenting its excrement with compound bacteria as substitute feeds to produce many eggs and large quantities of meat while saving hundreds of tons of assorted feed every year. They also refashioned the gear motor depilator into belt motor one to keep production going steadily while saving the costs. The employees of the Kanggye Goat Farm are striving to breed goats in a scientific way. The officials of the farm deliver books on animal husbandry requested by employees whenever they come out to pastures.

Early this year the Hungju Chicken Farm and Kanggye Pig Farm were awarded official commendations and rotating pennants in the joint name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK Cabinet in the review of the socialist emulation drive for increasing grain and livestock production in 2021. The experience of these farms is being generalized in animal husbandry units in the province. Animal livestock producers in the province set science and technology as the way to carry out the meat production plan for this year and therefore all pastures and breeders try hard to acquire special stockbreeding knowledge, techniques and skills.



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Women farmers strive to promote the growth of paddy rice at the Wonhwa Farm in Phyongwon County.

Substantial efforts for increased grain output

By Yun Kyong Il PT

The Wonhwa Farm in Phyongwon County is doing farming scientifically and technologically and to suit the regional characteristics. "Our farm made thoroughgoing preparations from early January and pushed forward farming to gather good harvests this year without fail," said Han Song I, chairwoman of the management board of the farm. According to her, the farm directed primary efforts to resolving the problem of irrigation facilities for the stable and sustainable development of agricultural production.

Regarding the expansion of a waterway tunnel as an important issue from its experience and lesson drawn from last year's farming, the farm expanded the waterway tunnel 2.5 times more than before at the beginning of this year and constructed an arched structure at a hundreds-of-metre-long waterway section. And it built a hundreds-of-metre-long channel for drawing water to the pumping station and laid Hume concrete pipes and built waterway structures at a tens-of-metre-long section to ensure a safe supply of water for hundreds of hectares of fields.

To increase per-hectare yield by more than one ton this year the farm strove to increase the fertility of soil. It applied to all paddy and dry fields over 1.5 tons of silicon superphosphate per hectare and improved acid soil of two hundred hectares of dry fields by producing hundreds of tons of calcium hydroxide and applying more than one ton of it to the fields per hectare. And it produced thousands of

tons of hukposan fertilizer and applied more than five tons of it to all rice paddies and fields per hectare to increase their fertility. "We are making a big effort to select and distribute varieties of paddy rice resistant to unfavourable meteorological and climatic conditions and advanced farming methods," said chief engineer Jang Chol San. From the stage of growing rice seedlings the farm selected and distributed the best varieties whose superiority was already proved in practice and introduced scientific seedling growing methods to ensure an increase in per-hectare yield. The methods include the method of treating seedlings in natural low temperature to grow full seedlings highly resistant to diseases while using less vinyl sheets and an advanced farming

method based on water-saving technology to grow full seedlings with many stems so as to increase the yield. Meanwhile, the farm is directing efforts to raising the proportion of work done by machines in farming. It repaired tractors and rice-seedling transplanters in a qualitative way to finish rice-transplantation at the right time in the period of rice-seedling transplanting in spring and produced by itself and introduced deep-layer fertilizing machines to increase effectiveness of fertilizer and raise the efficiency over five times more than before. And it remodelled all rice combined threshers to make it possible to double the speed of threshing as compared to before. Now the farm is accelerating the preparation for finishing harvesting and threshing qualitatively in time.

New vegetable varieties and cultivation techniques developed, innovation made

By Ri Sang Il PT

The Pyongyang Vegetable Science Institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science has registered over 70 varieties of vegetables as national ones and established new cultivation techniques for the past ten years to produce a large amount of greenhouse vegetables every year, contributing to improving the people's dietary life. The institute succeeded in acclimatizing different functional vegetables to the climatic and soil conditions of the country and employed bioengineering technology to breed vegetable varieties, including bok choy, greenhouse cucumber, yellow sweet pepper and Hibiscus esculentus, which

are high in productivity and rich in vitamins, carbohydrates and minerals while reducing the breeding period as compared to before. An automatic nutritious solution supply system was researched and introduced in hydroponic greenhouses so as to provide a guarantee for raising their economic effectiveness. The institute achieved hundreds of research results including a nutrition diagnosis technique which can diagnose nutritious conditions of vegetables in time and ensure their normal growth. Cultivators produced and sent large amounts of fresh vegetables to the orphanage, baby home and other facilities in Pyongyang every year. While helping build

greenhouses across the country, the institute has made a substantial push to the dissemination of sci-tech information about vegetable growing.



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Researchers intensify research into the nutritious condition of vegetables in hydroponic greenhouses of the Pyongyang Vegetable Science Institute.

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Distinctive service facilities on Songhwa Street

Commercial service bases blending in well with diverse skyscrapers and high-rise apartment houses offer convenience to people in their everyday life

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Distinctive service units are located in different places of Songhwa Street which was built wonderfully in April this year.

According to an official of the Ministry of Commerce, there are well over a hundred service facilities on the street.

Commercial service bases blending in well with diverse skyscrapers, high-rise apartment houses, public buildings, several resting parks and decorative structures offer convenience to people in their everyday life.

Standouts are service facilities on the circular elevated bridge.

The service facilities built on the bridge in the shape of a circle across the road at the central part of the street cut a conspicuous figure.

There are foodstuff, cosmetics and mushroom booth as well as a bookstore.

The foodstuff booth deals in confectionery and condiments produced by renowned domestic production units, the cosmetics booth sells different cosmetics which are popular among women and the mushroom booth serves a variety of delicious mushrooms to attract attention of people.

According to servants, many people visit the booths on holidays or rest days. Visitors include not only residents on Songhwa Street but also those from several districts of Pyongyang and local areas.

A woman from Sogsin-dong No. 1 said that she had children who would marry soon and it is a good place for purchasing the dress materials for a wedding ceremony.

"We have purchased building parts and daily necessities for a new household and we are very satisfied since they are smart and useful ones made from domestic materials," said a newly married couple living



The circular elevated bridge and the cosmetics booth on it.

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in Songhwa-dong No. 2.

The Sadong Kumsanpho Speciality Shop near the iconic 80-storey skyscraper serves different kinds of pickled fishes living in the West Sea of Korea.

Public service amenities, especially photography studio, bathhouse and barbershop, are conveniently arranged for the life of residents of Songhwa Street

say that they are resolved to repay favour shown by the benevolent country which provided them with new houses free of charge and every convenience in their everyday life.

Kumgang medicinal stone drink

By To Kyong Chol PT

Many Pyongyang citizens have a deep attachment to Kumgang medicinal stone drink.

"As an old saying goes, if you drink good water, you can live a long healthy life. Since I started drinking Kumgang medicinal stone drink, I got over my chronic gastritis, my blood pressure and blood sugar level got fixed and acne cleared up on my face," said Jong Yong Ok living in Sochon-dong of Sosong District, Pyongyang.

There are many stalls selling the drink across

the capital city for the convenience of citizens and to satisfy their demand.

Nutritionists believe that a major cause of diseases developing in humans is the imbalance of nutrients in the body and it is associated with deficiency of inorganic minerals such as microelements.

However, the intake of food is just not enough to replenish the minerals needed in the human body.

The Kumgang medicinal stone is ideal for supplementing minerals as it contains more than 60 kinds of essential microelements including calcium and

magnesium and over a dozen kinds of rare-earth elements, according to O Ryon Suk, director of the Suhung technology company under the Pyongyang Municipal Water Supply and Sewerage Management Bureau.

The medicinal stone has adsorptive and sterilizing effects on several pathogenic bacteria and harmful heavy metals and can enhance the functions of all body cells and internal organs remarkably and also increase the resistance to diseases and the natural healing property of the body, she added.

President Kim Il Sung personally named the stone which was discovered for the first time in the country. Afterwards, research into the stone has been intensified under the care of the state and there are now over 200 stalls in the city dedicated to producing and serving the drink which is made from an extract of the stone.

Each stall is equipped with facilities needed for the drink production including water tank, filter and ozone sterilizer. Saleswomen examine the water quality with such indices as pH, smell, taste and turbidity before beginning the day's service.

"The efficacy of the drink is really mysterious," said Ri Il Hwa, saleswoman at the Kumgang medicinal stone drink stall in Kwanmun-dong No. 2 of Rangnang District. "As we get more regular customers, we get more intent on serving the drink."

Among the regular customers are war veterans Kim Pyong Gwan and Chae Hong Gyu, who are 88 years old.

The veterans who have been drinking the water for six years said that they drink a cup of this drink before going to sleep at night and just after waking up in the morning, which helps them fall fast asleep and feel refreshed in the morning. They can read newspapers without glasses and still have a keen sense of hearing, they said, adding they have become really attached to the drink.

Recently, the small molecular water making technology and magnetizing technology, which are advanced drink processing methods, have been introduced into drink production so that a new Kumgang medicinal stone drink with improved taste and efficacy is now available.

Appetizing Kumsanpho pickles

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

Many people visit the Kumsanpho Speciality Shop found everywhere in the capital city.

Originally, the Kumsanpho area had been known as a place of iron ore production which supplies it to the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex.

But the place is now recognized as a place of producing tasty and nutritious processed pickles.

The Kumsanpho Fish Pickling Factory distinctively makes pickles with various kinds of fishes from the West Sea of Korea.

The pickles are made with such fishes as anchovy, such shellfishes as clam, mussel and oyster and roes of such fishes as cod, salmon and trout.

According to experts, pickles, which are made to produce salty taste and unique fragrance by preserving seafood and by-products in salt and fermenting them, help improve appetite and digestion for their proteolytic

functions, such nutritious elements as lactic bacterium, vitamins and minerals and unique fermentation taste, and are widely used as side dish and seasoning for good storability.

The factory lends ears to the public and constantly strives to develop good ideas for the qualitative development of products.

"The clients of our shop lavish praise on our pickles for the good taste," said Ho Myong Suk, manageress of the Ryonghung Kumsanpho Speciality Shop.

Among the buyers, there are a housewife who said her husband, who was particular about food, ceased to complain about meals since he began to eat the pickles of the Kumsanpho Fish Pickling Factory and an elderly woman who said that her grandson attending a kindergarten eats double shares.

"I harden my resolve to better serve them while informing them of the taste and characteristics of each pickle product," said saleswoman Kim Un Gyong.

By combining theoretical and practical education

Koryo obstetrical department of the medical college ensures all teaching is directed to maximizing cognitive effects for students

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The Koryo obstetrical and gynecological department of Hamhung College of Medical Sciences ensures that all teaching is directed to maximizing the cognitive effects for students and improving their creative abilities.

A remarkable thing is that new teaching methods are devised with a correct methodology in keeping with the specific features of the department.

The department makes sure that lecturers attach importance to theoretical education and make

effective use of teaching aids including all kinds of models similar to real things so that students can have a correct understanding of the human body.

Department chief Om Hyon Chol recalled that the department failed to narrow down the difference between cognitive and practical abilities of students in the past.

To resolve the matter, it channelled efforts into the making of models and tools needed for teaching.

"Ordinary teaching aids, models and tools were not enough, so the department decided to get every lecturer to make teaching aids

conducive to maximizing students' perception in lectures whose contents are hard to understand," said Om.

The cognitive and practical abilities of students have remarkably improved as the lecturers introduced many models, tools and teaching aids to which VR and AR technologies were applied.

Subsequently, the number of academic degree holders has increased among the lecturers.

Another eye-catcher is that students consolidate what they learned at lectures through experiments and practical training.

At a meeting of lecturers an

opinion was voiced that some students properly grasped the contents of lectures, but their performances were not so good in practice.

Therefore, the department made sure that lecturers complete new teaching plans for experiments and practical training by incorporating in them the valuable experience they gained in clinical practice.

Such teaching plans have proved effective in fostering the practical abilities and skills of students.

"It is imperative to find out practical ways to meet your characteristic features and specific conditions," said the department chief.



Way for creation

By Ri Jang Chol PT

Continue to think and explore, and you will always find a way for creation. This is what Kang Un Jong (pictured),

teacher of natural science at Tongsong Junior Middle School in Central District, Pyongyang, is wont to say.

"An October 8 Model Teacher, Kang Un Jong holds dozens of certificates of registration of new teaching methods and invention of experimental apparatuses and teaching aids. Such honours are associated with her 20-year-long painstaking thinking and enterprising inquiry," said headmistress Hong Kum Sun.

While acquiring wide and profound knowledge of all subjects and grasping the global trend of continuous educational development, Kang directed her all efforts to inventing and introducing new teaching methods and means.

The new teaching methods created by her were generalized throughout the country, fully displaying their high efficiency.

A few years ago she created a national model of natural science lesson of junior middle school, and she has recently created and introduced a distinctive teaching method of applying foreign languages to such lessons so as to raise the cognition of students and improve their ability to put their knowledge of the languages to practical use and their faculty of expression.

She also does teaching in her own way: she chooses styles and methods of teaching suited to the preparedness of students.

Last year she taught students theoretical contents of natural science mainly through experiments but this year she has raised the effectiveness of teaching by letting students

select by themselves experimental instruments needed for grasping the theoretical contents or find out relevant substitutes from around them.

In a class with unusual enthusiasm for study she teaches them by inspiring their competitive spirit and in other class with remarkable personalities she arouses their curiosity by skilfully combining the content of a lesson with interesting elements of different subjects.

And before giving a lesson to a class, she always acquaints herself with the lesson the students have just taken in order to teach them lesson without repressing their state of mind and in the direction of developing their thinking faculties.

It can be said that she acquired and has perfected such a habit of teaching through constant thinking and exploration since she started her teaching career.

When the new teaching methods she had matured in her college days proved effective and she achieved certain success in teaching during the first term, she came to have a view that teachers should not only have great teaching ability and qualifications but also be more progressive and future-oriented than anyone else and that to this end they should study all their life and always continue their quest.

With the view and habit she never ignored even any trifling matter and phenomenon commonplace in life and introduced them into teaching methods. And she used to apply a new method to every lesson based on real objects and visual aids.

"We always wait for her lesson. Because it is interesting and its content always remains in our mind. During her lesson, we are unaware of the passage of 45 minutes," said student Pak Ye Rim.

Sariwon Art School strives to train promising reserve vocalists



Students undergo ensemble training at school.

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Day of department on Thursday is an occasion for teachers to exchange experience and explore the way to improve teaching methods

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The vocal music department of Sariwon Art School is recognized as a competent group that has not conceded the first place at the national schoolchildren's artistic individual contest.

Since 2016, students of the school have entered rankings every year.

Two students were placed first at the vocal music division of the 22nd national schoolchildren's artistic individual contest last year,

and five others finished runners-up.

Many graduates are now conducting artistic activities at the central artistic organizations and provincial art troupes, and those with high skills are admitted to Pyongyang Kim Won Gyun University of Music to cultivate their talents.

"Teachers make redoubling efforts to improve their artistic skills and qualifications and their teaching levels," said Mun Won Gum, the department chief.

According to her, the department makes sure that experience is exchanged through the day of department on Thursday and educational methods are steadily explored and improved to meet the developing reality.

On the day, there are the presentation of artistic skills, preview lessons and demonstration teaching. Taking this opportunity, they have a good understanding of their merits and demerits and improve their qualifications while generalizing better

Artistic activities turn working life into pleasure

Every workplace is filled with joy as life brightens through artistic activities

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The workers of the May Day Stadium General Processing Factory love songs very much. As their work turns into songs and a beautiful life flourishes with them, every workplace overflows with sheer delight.

The factory oriented its mass cultural and artistic activities not towards specialization but to making it an exciting activity full of joy and pride of labour as well as an artistic activity closely intertwined with working life. Workers say that meetings for disseminating songs and congratulating labour innovators

and recreation parties organized at workteams served as occasions for improving their cultural attainments and artistic abilities. According to workteam leader Jang Un Chol, it is natural for them to sing at break-times and everyone enjoys singing. Their workplace is always full of songs and, therefore, their

artistic abilities are improved automatically, he added. An employee created and performed a witty talk to earn the respect of many co-workers as a "master of narrative". The factory provides all conditions for everyone to display their talents in the mass cultural and artistic activities. The production activities and daily schedules are properly organized to suit the characteristics of each workteam and to help employees acquire different artistic skills like literature, sketch and calligraphy as well as singing and playing musical instruments.



Workers sing at break at the May Day Stadium General Processing Factory.

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Benefits of mass-based artistic activities

By Kil Chung Il PT

Employees of the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex take an active part in mass cultural and artistic activities.

The performance of art group members of the complex is widely known throughout Pyongyang for its specific character and high skills and, furthermore, almost all the employees can play at least one musical instrument and sing songs and dance well.

In a word, the complex is always vibrant and songs reverberate through the cultural hall every evening.

"All our artistic group members are talents who can sing songs, dance and play musical instruments very well, though they have not received professional art education," said Kim Song Sik, director of the hall.

Ordinary workers have acquired high artistic skills in the course of conducting brisk mass cultural and artistic activities and

members of the artistic group are those selected from among them, he added.

After finishing daily work, the group members gather at the hall to create a witticism, dramatic sketch and other works with their experienced materials and sing songs by reflecting their life worth living and joy of labour.

"It has been decades since I played the drum with the encouragement of our workteam members. Now I play it better than anyone," worker Ri Hyang Ran said proudly.

It is said that she is also a famous singer winning great admiration of the people.

And Jang Yon Gon, worker at the casting workshop, is a talent who can display high skills flawlessly not only in playing the guitar and accordion but also in witticism and other narrative works.

Everybody says in unison that he, who was shy with the masses for his timidity, has been able to become a star thanks to the

benefit of the mass-based artistic activities.

The group members took part in the Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival this year to sing about their merry working and life amid applause of many. They won high appraisal for having represented life truthfully.



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Mass cultural and artistic activity is conducted briskly at the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex.

Our life itself is poem and song

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

As we can expect no beautiful flower or ripe fruit on dry soil, so we can find no pleasure of life without emotion and optimism, said Ham Chun Ok, weaver at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill.

It is said that every day passes with songs at the textile mill. Every morning, impressive and appealing motivational activities conducted by members of the mobile artistic motivational team arouse its employees to labour feats and the news about feats performed by labour innovators are publicized along with songs from a loudspeaker van to encourage their morale.

And mass-based cultural and artistic activities are conducted briskly in every workplace. Therefore, stirring songs resound everywhere and everyone lives optimistically while reciting poems and playing musical instruments at breaks or on holidays.

Shortly ago, a new modern hall of culture has been built to add pleasure to its workers.

At the two-storey building with a total floor space of thousands of square metres, merry singing of girl workers and guitar and accordion sounds reverberate continuously.

According to their cultural attainments and talents, workers give full play to their skills in artistic group rooms for various artistic activities like vocal music, instrumental music, narrative technique and dance.

They are all innovators at production sites and good artists on stages.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the mill is enveloped in songs," said An Hyok Chol, director of the hall.

"When we arrive at the mill in the morning, our dear workplace welcomes us, the nice hall of culture calls us after a day's work and workers' hostel built like a palace await us after work. So, we sing songs continuously," said Ri Jong Hwa, worker at the youth spinning workshop of the general spinning workshop.

She added that the hostel, called the workers' palace, is filled with laughter and the hall of culture with songs and therefore our life itself turns into poems and songs.

It is a habit of everyone at the mill, from officials to workers, to create literary works.

Thus, they presented a collection of works "Songs resounding through the country in February" to General Secretary Kim Jong Un in 2020 and produced another one "Opening the record book" in December that year.

According to An Hyok Chol, all the works produced by workers reflect their worthwhile working life and cultural and leisure activities with words and melodies. Such works are so truthful and simple that they touch the heartstrings of the masses.

They were highly appreciated at the Sixth April Spring People's Art Festival and came first in different national artistic contests.

Recreation ground on islet

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

Rungna Islet is situated on the Taedong River which meanders through the middle of Pyongyang.

It has been known from olden times to have beautiful scenery with branches of willows drooping on the river water like silk rolls spread on gem-like clear water, hence the name Rungna.

The Rungna People's Recreation Ground was built on this beautiful island some 10 years ago.

It consists of a dolphinarium, water park, funfair and minigolf course.

The Rungna dolphinarium, incorporating formative and artistic features perfectly in architectural style, has performance and auxiliary tanks along with different service facilities.

Dolphins perform various stunts such as dancing in rotation to the tune of light music, swimming backward, jumping out, touching a ball in the air, group jumping, cleaving through waves and whirling rings.

The sci-tech knowledge learning space where visitors feel like they are under the ocean gives them broad

knowledge about the sea world and common knowledge about many sea animals.

The Rungna Water Park has a clean and cool atmosphere with all facilities and environment built in good harmony with an attractive colour combination of white, blue and green.

Water slides with tracks in different shapes, a shower bath site, a wading pool with ultrasonic wave generators, a diving tower, courts for basketball, volleyball and beach volleyball and snack bars are well arranged in a harmonious balance.

The funfair covers the largest area in the recreation ground.

Divided into two sections, the funfair is equipped with advanced amusement facilities, service facilities and various places for recreation.

The Minigolf Course is built to blend in well with the natural landscape of the islet.

It has dozens of golf panels in various shapes and gives a refreshing feeling to visitors as it is surrounded by thick woods.

Many working people come to the Rungna People's Recreation Ground every day and have a fun, pleasant evening.



Working people and students spend a good time at the Rungna People's Recreation Ground.

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Immortal achievements engraved in chronicles of DPRK-PRC friendship

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During the whole course of his revolutionary life, President Kim Il Sung paid more than 40 visits to China and forged special personal relations and deepened friendly feelings with Comrades Mao Zedong, Zhou Enlai, Deng Xiaoping and other Chinese leaders of elder generations.

Among those recorded in history of the DPRK-PRC friendship, there is his official visit to the People's Republic of China from September 15 to 26 in 1982, 40 years ago.

As his visit was made only four days after the 12th Congress of the Communist Party of China was closed, it had great significance in the development of the bilateral friendship as well as the situation of world politics. Thus, it drew great interest and attention of the peoples of Asia and the rest of the world, to say nothing of the

peoples of the two countries.

The Party, government and people of China accorded cordial hospitality and warm welcome to President Kim Il Sung with all sincerity.

At that time, according to the decision of the State Council of China on simplifying the diplomatic etiquette, a person of vice-ministerial level used to receive a head of foreign state at a station. However, Deng Xiaoping and other leading officials of the Chinese Party and government changed the receiving plan, saying that they had to go to the station as it would be improper if they did not personally greet Comrade Kim Il Sung, being bound by the protocol formalities, and that they should also accompany him on his provincial tour.

Thus, the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Central Committee of the CPC and

Director of the Central Counselor Committee, the Premier of the State Council, the Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC, the Vice-Premier of the State Council, the Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Central Committee of the CPC, the Minister of Defence, the Foreign Minister and other senior officials of the Chinese Party and government greeted the President at Beijing railway station and Comrade Deng Xiaoping accompanied him on a long journey from Beijing to Chengdu.

The sincere hospitality and warm welcome accorded to the President by the Party, government and people of China proved to the entire world the deepness and exceptionality of personal relations forged between the leaders of the DPRK and PRC as well as the credibility and firmness of friendship and unity between the peoples of the two

countries.

During the visit, he expressed his support to the programme of construction for socialist modernization set forth by the CPC and warmly congratulated the CPC on its successful 12th Congress.

Saying that the peoples of the two countries have always valued the friendship of revolutionary comrades-in-arms forged by blood and the ties of class brothers, and invariably consolidated and developed the relations of friendship even in the face of all sorts of trials and ordeals, he expressed his will to exert all efforts for strengthening and developing the bilateral friendship.

The immortal exploits performed by President Kim Il Sung in the chronicles of the DPRK-PRC friendship will shine forever through centuries and generations along with the ever-developing friendship between the two countries.

People-oriented nature of great anti-epidemic war



Ri Hwa Song

Department director of the Central District People's Committee in Pyongyang

All the Korean people cherished a philosophy during the 90-odd-day anti-epidemic campaign waged from early May to early August.

The philosophy is that thanks to the Workers' Party of Korea that fights for the interests of the people by believing in and relying on them, the lives and life of all people on this land are guaranteed forever.

The recent great anti-epidemic war more clearly highlighted the nature of the Party of the people which was born and exists for them and which shares destiny with them.

Love for the people is not expressed by any lines on textbooks or slogans. It proves genuine or false at the hardest time.

The Workers' Party of Korea organized and waged a well-timed campaign to defend the lives and

safety of the people in the recent anti-epidemic crisis which can be said to be a great turmoil in the history of the DPRK.

The national epidemic prevention system was immediately switched to the top emergency anti-epidemic system and all kinds of measures were imposed to run state affairs smoothly by setting up a proper system of work in all sectors and units accordingly. Steps were taken to tap medicine reserves which the Party and government built up in anticipation of emergency and to supply medicines to the people in time by dispatching to the anti-epidemic front the medics of the Korean People's Army in charge of national defence.

The sincere love of the Party for the people could be felt also through the struggle to minimize the inconvenience and anguish the people would suffer under the

condition of intensive blockade.

Over 8 000 outreach service teams were organized across the country and more than 30 000 volunteers took part in supplying food, medicines and daily necessities to residents on the spot to positively promote conveniences in their life.

Fever cases were identified and disease screening and medical check-ups were conducted covering all the residents every day and quarantine and treatment were correctly enforced based on the people-oriented and advanced medical service systems like the section doctor system, first-aid service system and telemedicine system.

Combatants of the medical sector of the Korean People's Army, who were seconded to the front line of the emergency anti-epidemic campaign in the capital city by the special order

of the Party Central Military Commission, devoted all their sincerity to the treatment of residents as they ate and slept on the spot and over 2 400 former health workers volunteered to provide medical service during the top emergency anti-epidemic period.

The Party Central Committee demands officials get closer to the people with deeper intimacy in hard times so as to become the prop they trust and rely on at any time.

Burning love produces great miracles.

The correct policies the Party and the state enforced during the anti-epidemic war and the ideological identity of all the people who positively turned out in the combat against the malignant infectious disease enabled the DPRK to control and manage the nationwide situation of the spread of the epidemic and bring this land back to a clean virus-free area in such a short period, an event to be specially recorded in the world public health history.

consuming sectors of socialist construction, officials secure food and medicines for their employees with their family property and residents offer rare food first to their neighbours. Such stories are only a small part of virtuous deeds often heard in the DPRK.

In the DPRK where all the people are firmly united with kindred affection, the communist virtues and traits constitute national traits and they surmount all difficulties on the strength of the noble and pure sense of moral obligation based on love and affection.

OPINION

Endless Diplomatic Friction

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In the context of the aggravating political and military confrontation between Russia on one side and the US and the West on the other over the Ukrainian situation, antagonism and friction in the field of diplomacy also remain unabated.

In the wake of the Ukrainian crisis, the US and the West expelled more than 400 Russian diplomats in groups in a bid to tarnish the external image of Russia and isolate it in the international arena. These days, they are also applying all kinds of sanctions including the seizure of property, prohibition of entry and suspension of visa issuance against individual companies and citizens, to say nothing of the senior government officials, institutions and state-run enterprises.

A few days ago, the Americans made a decision on seizing the assets of Lukoil Company of Russia based in the US, and Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland announced that they would impose a complete ban on the entry of Russian citizens into their countries from September 19.

Such an unfriendly act of the US and the West is giving rise to the strong reaction of Russia.

With regard to the escalating sanctions against Russian citizens by the Biden administration, the Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement on September 5 to clarify its hardline position that it would add 20-odd American personages of political, business, academic and cultural circles, including the Secretary of Commerce and congressmen, in the list of prohibited entrants, and would continue to deal a decisive counterblow to the hostile acts of the US.

Shortly afterwards, on September 7, the Russian Foreign Ministry declared that it has added high-ranking military figures of the EU member states as well as the businessmen involved in arms support to Ukraine to the list of prohibited entrants as part of the countermeasure to the unfriendly acts of the EU which had imposed sanctions to individuals and organizations of Russia.

Now, the foreign media and analysts predict that this fierce diplomatic friction will not be settled easily as the US and the West remain unchanged in their strategic goal to isolate and weaken Russia for their hegemony, and there has existed deep-rooted mistrust and hostility historically among these countries.

Under the pretext of ensuring the preparedness against our missile attack, Japan made a fuss, deploying interceptor missiles constantly in the government compound by mobilizing citizens who had been absorbed in their occupations. Besides, it released "false reports" on missile launch to incite an atmosphere of confrontation with us from time to time.

As Japan has an inveterate habit

Chinese media censure Japan for its moves towards military power

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China Daily revealed in its comment that the Japanese politicians are loudly talking about "Chinese threat" all these years to make an excuse for its military expansion. It also expressed its concern, saying that the continuous rise in Japan's military expenditure for the last decade is a clear signal of the revival of militarism and a manifestation of resurgence of Japanese military specter and that such moves constitute an act inciting arms race in the region and casting a dark shadow on the regional peace and stability.

Global Times also criticized Japan for its attempts to amend the guidelines on application of the "three principles of defense equipment transfer" in pursuit of the export of

offensive weapons, saying such an attempt is arousing concern among its neighboring countries. It continued that the Japanese right wing forces are becoming more undisguised day by day in their advocacy of constitutional revision and removal of the ban on the exercise of right to collective self-defense.

Meanwhile, the CCTV network quoted a Japanese scholar as writing that the constant promotion of constitutional revision and increase in defense expenses are grave errors as the Japanese government is now facing serious problems in different aspects such as economic stagnation, price hike and disruption of medical care system, and stressed that the neighboring countries and the world's peace-

loving peoples should be vigilant against Japan's attempts to rise once again as a military power.

Japan had invaded Korea and other Asian countries in the last century and drenched them in blood. Instead of reflecting on its heinous past, it rather attempts to embellish it and grow again as a dangerous aggressive force.

There is no guarantee that there will be no repetition of those terrible and bloody massacres and plunder that took place in Asia in the first half of the 20th century if Japan is allowed to rise as a military power.

All the countries in the world should never tolerate the dangerous move of the Japanese reactionaries toward a military power, but staunchly oppose and denounce them.

What does past one-year record of 'AUKUS' suggest?

By Ri Tong Chol

One year has passed since the creation of the US-led "AUKUS".

On September 15, 2021, the US, the UK, and Australia established "AUKUS", a security partnership, under an excuse of sharing information and technology for strengthening the cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and undersea capabilities. The kernel of this partnership is that the US and the UK transfer to Australia the technology for building nuclear-powered submarines which use the weapons-grade uranium enriched by over 90%.

During the past one year, the US ran amuck to complete "AUKUS" into a new tool for realizing its strategy of world supremacy, ignoring the proper concern from international society.

In November 2021, it concluded an agreement with the UK and Australia on the exchange of information about the nuclear power of nuclear submarines and in August 2022, they decided to provide Australia with education for training experts on building

and operating nuclear-powered submarines.

Earlier, in February this year, the US Secretary of State visited Australia and said at the interview with the media that the US is willing to help Australia possess nuclear-powered submarines as soon as possible and that the quickest way for Australia to set up a nuclear submarine unit is to hire the US second-hand nuclear-powered submarines, thus revealing the intention to arm Australia with nuclear-powered submarines at the earliest date possible.

What cannot be overlooked is that the US which, from the first days of creating "AUKUS", expressed its intention to provide Australia with not only the technology for building nuclear-powered submarines but also "Tomahawk" cruise missile that can mount nuclear warhead issued a joint statement in April 2022 that it is to extend the range of cooperation even to the joint development of ultra-sonic weapons.

The past one-year record of "AUKUS" shows that their much-touted transfer of information and technology for strengthening the cyber capabilities, artificial

intelligence, quantum technologies and undersea capabilities is a mere show.

The real intention of the US is to use "AUKUS" to contain the big powers in the region militarily and strategically by equipping Australia with nuclear attack means.

"AUKUS", from the very beginning of its creation, has been the target of condemnation and criticism from many countries as it posed a serious danger to nuclear non-proliferation and the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the entire globe.

At several meetings of the United Nations Security Council this year, China and Russia disclosed that the US, the UK and Australia openly violated the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) through "AUKUS". And in June, at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, they condemned the nuclear states for setting the first precedents of openly transferring nuclear technology to a non-nuclear state.

At the 10th Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT held at the United Nations headquarters from August 1 to 26, China revealed that the attempt of the US to transfer

highly enriched uranium to a non-nuclear state under the pretext of cooperation of the nuclear-powered submarine technology constitutes an undisguised breach of the nuclear non-proliferation system as well as the evident practice of double standard.

The media with fair opinion is also raising voice to condemn the misbehavior of the US as an "extremely irresponsible act of abandoning the regulations and obligations of nuclear non-proliferation" and as a "manifestation of double standard heavily inclined to Cold War mentality".

Nevertheless, the US is unreasonably insisting that it does not go against the NPT because it provides Australia with the technology for building nuclear-powered submarines, not with the nuclear weapon itself.

The one-year record of "AUKUS" graphically demonstrates that the US is the main culprit in the nuclear proliferation, which does not hesitate to do anything in pursuit of its wild ambition for world hegemony.

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What lies behind fuss about evacuation?

By Kim Sol Hwa

Japan is scheming to resume the evacuation drill all over the country from late September in simulation of ballistic missile launch by the DPRK.

It is a well-known fact that Japan has so far shown morbid reaction, giving a shrill cry whenever we took measures for bolstering self-defense capabilities as if a nuclear warhead has dropped in the middle of Tokyo.

Under the pretext of ensuring the preparedness against our missile attack, Japan made a fuss, deploying interceptor missiles constantly in the government compound by mobilizing citizens who had been absorbed in their occupations. Besides, it released "false reports" on missile launch to incite an atmosphere of confrontation with us from time to time.

of seeking its own interests by picking on others, it has used the "threats" as many times as the licorice in pharmacy in realizing its ambition for overseas invasion.

After "Meiji Restoration" in 1868, Japan which had fostered a wild ambition for realizing the "theory on conquest of Korea" annexed Korea as its colony, clamoring about the threats from the Qing Dynasty and Czarist Russia, and made frantic attempts to conquer the Asian Continent, taking advantage of World War II.

Even after its defeat, it took the Korean and Vietnam wars as good opportunities for high rate growth and rearmament, and with the Cold War over, it paved the way for overseas troop dispatch under the veil of the "war on terror" of the US.

In 2015 alone, Japan revised the "Japan-US Defense Cooperation

Guidelines" to provide the legal framework for stretching out its aggressive tentacles to the Korean peninsula. Besides, it has avowedly clamored for automatic intervention of the "Self-Defense Forces" in case of emergency.

With the Ukrainian crisis as a momentum, Japan is now getting more overheated than before in preparations for re-invasion, magnifying the "rumor of threats from neighbors". It is scheming to revise its defence strategy and adopt the possession of capability for preemptive strike as a state policy. To this end, it is giving spurs to sharp increase in defence expenditure as well as to the development of offensive military equipment.

Particularly, the Japanese authorities are making frantic attempt to turn Japan into a country that can fight a war by revising the

current constitution without missing the golden opportunity in which the forces in favor of constitutional amendment have taken control of the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors.

Japan is now attempting once again to raise a fuss about evacuation based on the simulated ballistic missile launch by our country. It is a manifestation of its sinister intention to justify its preparations for re-invasion by inciting the hostile feelings toward the DPRK and security crisis consciousness among its people.

It would be the wisest thing for Japan to stop the act of bringing danger on itself under the pretext of life safety of its people.

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Briefly

Russia
Missile launch exercise takes place

Recently, Russia's Pacific Fleet conducted a cruise missile launch exercise in the Arctic waters.

The nuclear-powered submarines participating in a comprehensive arctic expedition fired cruise missiles to targets on the sea.

The missiles destroyed the targets over 400 kilometres away.

The Russian Defence Ministry reported on it on September 16.

Cuba
Party leader stresses need to bolster party work

Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, on September 15 called on basic party organizations to bolster party work, take an active part in the implementation of key tasks and strengthen bonds with residents.

Noting that intensified ideological work can enhance the party's functions and shore up the country's economy, he said it is especially important to bolster the internal party work at present when the US is attempting to stamp out the Cuban revolution.

The only way to counter the hostile policy of the US is to achieve socio-economic development, resolve the energy crisis and the food shortage problem and overcome the blockade by dint of a creative struggle.

SCO
Summit meeting held

A summit meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization took place in Uzbekistan from September 14 to 16.

The meeting appraised the important role of the SCO which is developing from a regional organization into an international one.

The participants expressed concern over the food security situation of the world aggravated by the West.

They called for strengthening relations in all fields including military and culture and pointed to the need to oppose one-sided economic sanctions and trade protectionist actions.

Also put on the table were the border issue and issues of strengthening the anti-drug campaign and reforming the present world order.

The proceedings of admitting Belarus as a full member state of the SCO began and Iran signed the protocol on the duties for joining the organization.

COVID-19
Global casualties

BYWORD

Communist virtues and traits

Such virtues and traits as of sharing joy and sorrow with one another are called communist virtues and traits in the DPRK.

The Korean people think of the interests of the collective before their own, give priority to state affairs over their household ones and help and lead one

another forward in hard times. Such nice virtues and traits are commonplace in the DPRK.

Medical workers show kindred affection to seriously ill patients as they give them various tonics and foods prepared by their own families, youths volunteer to work in difficult and labour-

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Mausoleum of King Wang Kon



By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Mausoleum of King Wang Kon (877-943), a precious historical and cultural relic of Korea, is the tomb of the founder king of Koryo, in Haeson-ri, Kaesong City.

Wang Kon founded the first unified state in Korea.

The mausoleum was splendidly rebuilt as befits the one of the founder king

of Koryo in 1994.

The tomb district is divided into four terraces by granite embankments.

A grave mound, stone handrails, stone tigers, stone altar and a pair of stone posts are arranged on the first terrace.

The mound is 19 metres in diameter and 8 metres high.

Its lower part is surrounded by a dodecagonal stone folding screen each side of

which is 5.03 metres long and 2.01 metres high. A stone tiger stands on each of four corners of the tomb.

A stone lantern stands in the centre of the second terrace and two pairs of stone figures stand face to face on both sides. The stone figures on the west side represent military officers and those on the east side civil servants and they depict the ministers who were all loyal to Wang

Kon.

Two pairs of similar stone figures stand face to face on both sides of the third terrace.

On the fourth terrace there are the monument to the reconstruction of the mausoleum inscribed with President Kim Il Sung's autograph, a memorial service hall, a pavilion for the monument and the gate to the mausoleum.

The mausoleum is a semi-

underground single-chamber earth-covered stone grave. Four walls of the chamber were built with well-processed plain granite rocks and its ceiling consists of plain rocks propped in a parallel way.

Murals of the mausoleum show a vegetation map and four guardians and the ceiling is painted with a picture of stars.

Unearthed from the original chamber were

two jewelled belts, one celadon cup with inlaid chrysanthemum patterns, a gilt-bronze ornaments, a brass kettle, etc. A gilt-bronze seated figure depicting Wang Kon, jewelled belt, gilt-bronze buckle and so on were unearthed from around the mound.

The Mausoleum of King Wang Kon is under good preservation as a national treasure.

Woman from mountainous county lives her riding dream



By Ri Sung Ik PT

I am reluctant to awake from pleasant dreams, but I don't feel regret. Because our dreams come true in practice.

This is what a woman horse rider in Chosan County said after winning a 1 600-metre race of female amateurs at a horse race held in Pyongyang in March in celebration of March 8 International Women's Day 2022.

She is Kim Ok Mi in her early thirties. Growing up in the county that has long been called Chosan as it is covered with trees, Ok Mi liked to play various sports such as running, basketball and volleyball.

It was during her military service that she was attached to horse riding.

Seeing men riding horses, she got interested in riding. So, in her spare time, she would feed a horse carrots and give it a bath to get intimate with it and gradually got the knack of riding.

But, as she began to work as a nurse at the clinic of the Chosan County Sericulture Farm after graduating from the then Kanggye Medical College following her demob, horse riding only remained as her girlhood memory.

"I often imagined myself riding a horse along the mountain ranges that could be seen through the clinic windows," she recalled.

One day she heard that the Mirim Riding Club was built in Pyongyang and later she saw on TV ordinary working people having a good time as they rode there.

Now the time was gone when riding was alive only in her memory.

She began to practise riding again along the mountain ranges. And at the news that there would take place a horse race in celebration of March

8 International Women's Day, she applied to take part in the horse race before anyone else.

"In those days I had sleepless nights worrying that my application might be turned down. But after receiving a letter of approval, I worried that I might fail to be among the winners," she said.

Many people were quite pleased to know she would participate in the horse race, encouraging her to demonstrate her skills, and her anxiety grew further.

With such feeling she left for Pyongyang. At last she returned home with the delight of having won the 1 600-metre race of female amateurs at the horse race by fully displaying her techniques practised in ordinary days.

Her villagers rejoiced at her success, referring to it as another pride of their county. At that time, she told them, "But for this land, this social system, my dream would have remained merely a dream forever. Cherish your dreams, and they will surely come true."

She now works at the Kanggye Riding Club and many people visit her to learn riding.

"Only when you know about the benefit of the socialist system can you know about the true merit of riding," she often tells her students.

Hero gingko in Ichon

By Kim Kum Myong PT

The Hero Gingko in Ichon is a female tree in Ichon county town, Kangwon Province.

It is said that the tree was planted by a peasant over 700 years ago.

During the Fatherland Liberation War (June 1950-July 1953), trucks of the Korean People's Army would take shelter from enemy air raids under the tree.

As it provided KPA transport vehicles with shelter from enemy air attacks during the war, people named it "Hero

Gingko".

During the war, an enemy aircraft spotted a KPA truck hiding under the tree and pitched headlong in a reckless attack, only to be caught in its branches and fall. Therefore, there remained only one bough. But later, the tree spread out lots of small branches to become a tree with luxuriant foliage.

The tree is 24 metres tall, 8.5 metres round at the root neck and 14 metres across at the crown. And it bears about 100 kilograms of fruits every year.

It is under good preservation as a living monument of the country.

The Hero Gingko in Ichon

