

Socialism is a science

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The socialist cause of the DPRK could win victory after victory for decades, which is unthinkable apart from the immortal contribution of Chairman Kim Jong Il who clarified the scientific accuracy and truthfulness of socialism.

From the late 1980s to the early 1990s socialism suffered a setback in several countries. When the tragic situation occurred, the imperialists and reactionaries of history clamoured for the "eternity" of capitalism, even trumpeting about the "end of socialism".

At this juncture, Chairman Kim Jong Il made public the immortal classic work *Socialism Is a Science* on November 1 1994 to deal a crushing blow to the

imperialists and renegades of socialism.

In the work, he comprehensively analyzed and reviewed the course of historical development of the socialist ideal and socialist movement and clearly defined that genuine socialism and the most advantageous and vital socialism is man-centred, people-centred socialism.

In particular, he proved that in a society based on individualism class antagonism and inequality are unavoidably generated, accompanied by exploitation and oppression, independence of the masses of the people cannot be achieved and it can only be attained in socialist society based on collectivism, and that it is an inevitable course of historical development

that a society based on individualism is transformed into the one based on collectivism.

It constitutes a new formulation of the socialist theory on the basis of the Juche idea, the man-centred revolutionary idea, by completely overcoming the limitations of the socialist theory based on the materialistic conception of history.

Kim Jong Il also expounded on the intrinsic advantages of socialism in his work. According to it, the intrinsic advantage of Korean-style socialism is that it is based on the Juche idea.

The Juche idea clarified that independence, creativity and consciousness are man's intrinsic attributes and man, a social being, is the only

master of the world and the most precious and powerful being.

Starting from such Juche-based view of and attitude to man, socialism of the DPRK makes everything serve the people and solves all problems by enhancing their creative role.

Therefore, the masses of the people take the position as masters of everything, fulfil their due responsibilities and role and lead the most worthwhile and happy life.

After that, the Chairman published many classic works to explain the validity, originality, great vitality and significance of the socialist idea and gave correct answers to the theoretical and practical problems arising in advancing the Korean revolution and the

world socialist cause.

The looks of the DPRK, which wins victory after victory and makes a leap forward, overcoming severe trials in the 1990s when sophism about the "end of socialism" spread, proves the inevitability of the victory of socialism as a science.

Today, socialism has become the life of the Korean people and the mainstay of their faith.

In the DPRK the afflicted areas where everything had been swept by flood and heavy rain were turned into ideal socialist villages and powerful measures taken to block the whole country for the safety of the people's lives, ready to suffer huge economic losses. When COVID-19 made inroads into the country, officials from the Central Committee of the

Workers' Party of Korea to Party and government organs at all levels made their way and supplied medicines to the last family in the remote mountain village. And the production of school uniforms and supply of nutritious foodstuffs to children were high on the agenda of the Party Central Committee and luxurious dwelling houses and new streets were built wonderfully in succession and provided to the people for free. That's why the Korean people call their socialist country "our home".

Now Korean socialism vigorously advances towards a brighter future, forming a single-minded unity of the leader, Party and people and enjoying absolute trust and support of the masses of the people.

Sea of greenhouses unfolds in Ryonpho area

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

A large-scale greenhouse farm was built in the Ryonpho area on the east coast of Korea.

"A new look of socialist farm village was unfolded as a greenhouse farm that nothing else can match in terms of size, style and modernization was built there in a matter of a few months," said Jo Song Dae, manager of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm.

And he said with excitement that the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, which was built splendidly as the base for creating rural civilization in such a difficult period as now, is another present that the Workers' Party of Korea provides for the people.

Covering a production area of

over 100 hectares, the farm is the one with production capacity of over tens of thousands of tons and with the production of vegetables put on a modern, intensive and industrial basis at a high level, that for practical education to disseminate advanced agricultural technology and a new base for rural civilization.

Over 850 hydroponic and soil greenhouses covering an area of 280 hectares and over a thousand dwellings, schools, a hall of culture and comprehensive service facilities designed to suit the specific feature of the local area are in harmony by divisions. The large farm area demonstrating the civilization of a new era makes people bubble with great admiration and passion.

The farm, once the ideal of

people, was built in a little over 230 days since groundbreaking under the leadership of the WPK.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un, who was determined to build a large-scale greenhouse farm in South Hamgyong Province, a large-scale industrial province with a greater number of population than other provinces, chose an important military base on the eastern front as the lot for the farm.

And he saw to it that the greenhouse farm was built as a new standard of greenhouse farm, the largest in production area and capacity, with the production of vegetables put on a modern, intensive and industrial basis at a high level and as a new base for creating

rural civilization.

Three years ago he personally confirmed the site for the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm in the face of sand storm which raged so strongly as to make it difficult to take steps, put forward the construction of the farm as the most important task of the construction policy for this year and solved all problems arising in the project.

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm was inaugurated on October 10 to mark the founding anniversary of the WPK, thanks to the care of the Party which regards it as the goal of the revolution and the state's mode of development to completely realize the people's dream and ideal.

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Camping at its height at Mangyongdae Children's Camp

By Pang Un Ju PT

Children's camps are situated in scenic spots of the DPRK.

Among them is the Mangyongdae Children's Camp located at the foot of beautiful Mt Ryongak, which has long been called thus as its peak looks like a dragon about to fly up to the sky, or called Mt Kungang in Pyongyang for its scenic beauty.

Thanks to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea which spares nothing for the rising generations, the camp was renovated to suit the modern aesthetic taste in 2016.

What first catches your eye on the road to the camp is the sight of three six-storey camp buildings standing in a line, decorated with bright-coloured tiles to contrast with thick forest of the mountain.

In the cozy buildings, there are bedrooms and folk game rooms, video game rooms, karaoke rooms and libraries arranged to suit the sentiment of schoolchildren.

The camp also has a two-storey hall where campers can do colourful cultural artistic activities. The hall has rooms for the diffusion of knowledge on the sea and mountain-climbing, which are designed to produce cubic effect.

The dining hall of the camp can serve meals for many campers at a time. The hall also has a dining room to congratulate campers who greet their birthdays during camping and a cooking practice room where campers can cook by themselves.

In addition, the camp has an outdoor swimming pool, boating-ground, animal shed, folk game ground, basketball court and wide playground where campers can dance and play sports games.

According to Pae Kwang Su, section chief of the camp, over 1 170 terms of camping have so far taken place at the camp, involving more than 1 008 000 schoolchildren since its founding.

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The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm sprawls over 100 hectares of production area.

Large-scale modern greenhouse vegetable production base



Production area: 100 hectares
Production capacity: tens of thousands of tons

A panoramic view of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm with over 850 blocks of one-hectare, 1 000- and 500-square-metre hydroponic and soil greenhouses.

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'We will return favour shown by the country'

The soil cultivation greenhouses covered with inclined roofs of glass panes interconnecting with each other and over 830 semi-arched double-vinyl sheet-covered hydroponic greenhouses are run on the basis of modern hydroponic cultivation technology. All the characteristic values are measured scientifically, including the amount of consumption of nutrient solution according to vegetable crops and their stages of growth, and an automatic system of supplying relevant nutrient solution and a high-performance integrated production system with different functions added to it are in operation. Our vegetable technology laboratory, for instance, is equipped with latest facilities. Really, the county built our Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm with great efforts. We are filled with enthusiasm to repay the favour of the country with a rich harvest, as it provided this large-scale modern greenhouse farm in order to solve the vegetable problem of residents in South Hamgyong Province. Our researchers will work hard to supply fresh vegetables to the local people by continuously introducing advanced techniques to reenergize vegetable production. **Kim Jin Hyok, chief of the vegetable technology laboratory of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm** I came to realize what kind of happiness the country intends to give us. Whenever I see the village, it seems that Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in Kyongrodong of Pyongyang has been moved to the land of Ryonpho on the east coast of Korea. It is really a spectacle to behold. Low- and single-storey houses for more than a thousand families are all different in form and shape. Indeed, famous villas and luxury residential quarters in other countries can't match the village. It is really dreamlike that we ordinary workers will live in such wonderful houses. I have come to realize keenly what kind of happiness the Party wants to provide to the people as I see the farm village. Our Party (the Workers' Party of Korea) and socialist system are the best. **Pak Hye Sim, employee of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm**

Vegetable production put on modern, intensive and industrial footing

By **Kwon Hyo Song** PT

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, in which a sea of greenhouses stretches out boundlessly, has over 850 greenhouses, each of which covers a hectare, 1 000m² and 500m² in area. "Our greenhouse farm is a large-scale greenhouse vegetable producer in which the production of vegetables is on a modern, intensive and industrial basis. Advanced technologies including hydroponic cultivation and comprehensive liquid nutrient analyzing system have been introduced into each greenhouse to ensure high

productivity," said Choe Myong Chol, senior staffer of the farm. According to him, the farm turns out cucumber, tomato, red pepper, watermelon, bok choy, celery and various other fruit and green vegetables. It is a larger-scale farm furnished with more advanced technology and equipment than the Junghyong Greenhouse Farm which was built earlier in the country. Over 830 semi-arched double-sheet hydroponic greenhouses nestling like one in a huge area, for example, are designed to manage the environment and liquid nutrients on a scientific and optimized way

while correctly understanding the growth of crops and the condition of cultivation substrates. The greenhouses can increase heat-preserving effect with the help of double-vinyl sheet system and heat-preserving cover to produce vegetables under the condition with no heating system, save manpower and improve productivity by introducing a soilless cultivation method. To meet the climatic characteristics of the Ryonpho area, in which wind blows hard, highly functional and quality vinyl sheets with tensile strength are used and the quality level and lifespan of truss and heat-

preserving cover are higher and longer than before. Among over 830 semi-arched double-sheet hydroponic greenhouses, dozens of seedling greenhouses, where geothermal heating pipes were installed to ensure the growth of seedlings, can reportedly ensure the cultivation of vegetable seedlings all the year round. Soil cultivation greenhouses covered with inclined roofs of glass panes interconnecting with each other and a dozen soil cultivation greenhouses covered with arched roofs of interconnecting vinyl sheets are also effective as each of them covers an area of a hectare to ensure the high utilization rate of machines and the production of different kinds of vegetables suitable for soil cultivation. The hydroponic and soil cultivation greenhouses, including hydroponic greenhouses covered with inclined roofs of glass panes interconnecting with each other which can be referred to as the model of practical education farm for diffusing advanced agricultural technology, are equipped with an automatic system of supply nutrient solution by which the characteristic values including the amount of

consumption of nutrient solution according to vegetable crops and stages of their growth are measured scientifically and the solution is supplied accordingly. And a high-performance integrated production system with different functions added to it is in operation there. According to Kim Jin Hyok, chief of the vegetable technology laboratory, the temperature, humidity and salinity of all the greenhouses and all other data are measured automatically, and nutrient solution is automatically supplied according to weather and time and the management of environment is done automatically. In particular, the hydroponic greenhouses covered with inclined roofs of glass panes interconnecting with each other are modern ones where everything is done on a scientific, unmanned and automatic footing. The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm is designed to save much fertilizer and put production on a normal track as its humus soil production process is rationally furnished, the hydroponic greenhouses are fully equipped with a foundation for specially producing cultivation substrates and distributed nutrient solution is sterilized and supplemented with nutritive elements to be reused. "Our farm was built and is in operation for the people both in name and reality. A variety of vegetables produced here will be supplied to residents in Hamhung and other parts of the province in the near future to give them joy," said manager Jo Song Dae.



Vegetables grow at a soil greenhouse covered with arched roofs of interconnecting vinyl sheets.

Spectacular view of residential area at greenhouse farm

By **Kil Chung Il** PT

The greenhouse farm is a sight to behold, and the district of luxurious houses for its employees creates a magnificent spectacle as well. "Seeing the luxurious houses built on the Pothong riverside in Pyongyang in April this year, we were very envious of their owners. But now a district of luxurious houses like them has sprung up in Ryonpho-ri where we live and ordinary employees of the farm like me have become owners of these houses. I feel as if I dream, but it is a reality," said Kim U Chol living in neighbourhood unit No.1 of Ryonpho-ri. Visitors to the dwelling houses district of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm express their open admiration for their picturesque rural village at the seaside of Ryonpho where green forests of pine trees stretch far and wide and flocks of white seagulls fly in the air at any time. Single- and low-storey houses of all forms, school, hall of culture, general service amenities and others creating a complete harmony with each other in each section, roads of the village evenly paved with asphalt and fruit trees rustling lightly in the autumn wind—it looks as if all these welcome the owners of the new houses who would settle in them. The dwelling houses here are so designed as to provide the residents with every convenience. To cite an example, the terraced house is composed of a spacious living room with veranda on the upper floor and another neat living room connected to the kitchen, washroom, toilet, storehouse and others on the lower floor. It looks larger and cozier than the

previously built farmhouses with the same floor space. Embracing 113 blocks of single- and low-storey houses for over 1 000 families in 99 different styles, the village gives visitors the impression that they have come to a famous holiday resort or tourist attraction. The Workers' Party of Korea has provided the people with many dwelling houses and cultural recreation centres, setting new standards and developing new models continuously over the past ten years. But in this rural village everyone can feel the new height and brilliant new leap of socialist civilization again with great excitement. A woman who recently volunteered to work at the farm with her husband from Jungdol-ri of Toksong County wanted so much to see the house they would live in that they took a bus in the early morning and hurriedly came from over a hundred kilometres away. After looking round the houses in the village, she said that she could not believe it and she felt like dreaming. She wanted to live a day in every house, she noted, expressing her resolve to put down their roots at the farm generation after generation and return favour bestowed by the country. "It is very convenient for parents with several children like me that nursery and kindergarten stand side by side near the houses," said Kim Song Sim, who is to become the owner of a luxurious house. Pak Kwang Hyok, a farm employee, said that all welfare service amenities including pharmacy, shop, post office and laundry are arranged in line forming a group of buildings and it made him feel again the validity and vitality of the policy on the construction of dwelling house of the WPK that gives top priority to the people's convenience in life in building their houses. In Ryonpho everyone expresses their gratitude to the WPK for the great favour it bestowed on the farmers to enjoy socialist civilization.



The village of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm has 113 blocks of single- and low-storey houses for over 1 000 families built in 99 different styles.

Fitness centre gains growing popularity



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Working people, youth and schoolchildren have a good time, building up their physical strength and enjoying cultural life at the Thongil Street Fitness Centre.

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Thongil Street Fitness Centre is a modern public service base built for physical training and promotion of people's health. Youth and students and working people build up their physical strength, do therapeutic exercises and enjoy cultural and emotional life at the centre equipped with various sports apparatuses and treatment facilities.

"Since it was inaugurated

on October 16 2012 the centre has served Pyongyang citizens as an enjoyable space inseparable from their life," said Pak Yun Mi, chief of the service department. In the fitness hall on the ground floor there are dozens of kinds of sports equipment including those for running, cycling and arm and leg exercises. Here, customers are engrossed in physical training as they use facilities appropriate to their constitutions and ages.

"As I have become

attached to the physical training facilities of this centre, I have become a kind of sports master at my factory. Now it is my habit to visit the centre overflowing with strength, passion and optimism of life after a day's work," said Ri Myong Chol, worker of the Pyongyang Textile Machine Factory. Two fitness halls on the first floor are equipped with various pieces of sports equipment including horizontal and vertical cycling facilities and

comprehensive exercise apparatuses for women. Particularly, several recuperative rooms are their favourite haunt. In these rooms women receive different services including beauty treatment and massage. According to Pak Yun Mi, special services are provided for women on such holidays as March 8 International Women's Day and July 30, the anniversary of the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality. The fitness hall on the

second floor is furnished with comprehensive apparatuses for such exercises as rowing, running and vibration. Ri Kwang Chol, employee of the centre, said that the butterfly chest-muscle training apparatus seen by General Secretary Kim Jong Un is popular among young men. The table-tennis hall capable of accommodating dozens of players at a time always bustles with visitors as it is a scene of matches never inferior to professionals'. The water ultrasonic hall

on the ground floor also attracts many. Equipped with dry and wet saunas, ultrasonic water jets and high-pressure water showers, it relieves working people of fatigue from a day's work to bring them joy and laughter. "Our fitness centre has a daily accommodation capacity of about 1 000 visitors. It gains growing popularity as a public service base contributing to the improvement of health of the people," said director Kim Hye Sun.

Three photos passed down as family heirlooms



RI TONG MYONG / RODONG SINMUN

Kwon Sung Hyok's family in Mirae-dong, Phyongchon District, Pyongyang has three photos they keep as heirlooms.

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Korean people regard photos taken with their leader as the most precious heirlooms in their families. The family of Kwon Sung Hyok living in Mirae-dong, Phyongchon District, Pyongyang, has such treasures.

Kwon, who is an official of Pyongyang University of Computer Technology, had a photo taken with General Secretary Kim Jong Un at a factory on July 29 2016.

That day, Kwon explained to the General Secretary, on an inspection tour of the factory, about the integrated manufacturing system established at the factory by lecturers and researchers of the university and thanked him, saying that he received a new flat on Mirae Scientists Street for free. Saying earnestly that he wanted to even pluck a star from the sky for the scientists who were making contributions to the building of a powerful socialist country with science and

technology, the General Secretary had a photo taken with lecturers and researchers, including Kwon, who were mobilized for the modernization of the factory. Kwon's wife, Choe Won Hui, is a worker of the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory. Fortunately, she also had a photo taken with the General Secretary in her workplace in January 2018. "I want to have another photo taken with him after my workplace is turned into a model factory in the sector of the pharmaceutical industry," she said. Kwon's son, Kwon Rin, had a photo taken with the General Secretary in celebration of the 66th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union in June 2012 when he was a student of a junior middle school. Later, he entered a university and had the honour of receiving Kim Il Sung scholarship and winning Scientific Search Prize for Students. Proud of their rare fortune, Kwon's family members are striving to do more good things for the country and people.

War veteran garners youth literature prize



By Ko Kwang Yon PT

Pang Yong Sim lives in Waudo-dong, Waudo District of Nampho City. The war veteran is now called a "war veteran grandmother poetess" and a "grandmother of bookshop". Visitors can see the certificate of youth literature prize and many books filling a wall of her house in a low-storey apartment house. She had purchased the books one by one when she studied literature. But now villagers, young people and schoolchildren visit her home one after another to read the books, turning her house into a bookshop. She began to write poems during the Korean war. As a teenage girl, she learned to write Korean alphabets for the first time after Korea's liberation from Japanese military rule and studied to her heart's content with a dream of becoming a poetess in the future.

However, the dark cloud of war hanged over the country soon. Such valuable dream compelled the young girl to jump into the flames of war without hesitation. In great excitement she felt an irresistible impulse to write poems. So she wrote poems and kept her diary every day. Serving as a nurse in a field hospital, she often recited her simple poems to the wounded soldiers and comrades-in-arms. Seeing the soldiers renewing their will to annihilate the enemy as they heard her crude poems, she realized how effective a piece of writing was in encouraging the people. She was seriously injured while rescuing wounded soldiers from the enemy bombing and discharged from the military service. And she graduated from the then teachers' training school and became a teacher. Later, she studied literature to her heart's

content through the study-while-you-work educational system. Poem was just her life and her life was just poem. She wrote poems again and again by reflecting her ardent love for the country and hatred towards the enemy. She hoped fervently that her poems would serve as ideological and spiritual food for the new generations, though little. Her poems were carried by magazine *Youth Literature* several times to find great favour with young readers. In the course of it, her poem "I will live forever as a soldier" won the youth literature prize. "I often remember my comrades-in-arms who sacrificed their lives without hesitation for the future of the country. At that time I harden my resolve to write more good poems which will help implant the spirit of the generation of war victors in the minds of the rising generations," said Pang.

Pleasant days of camping



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Schoolchildren enjoy themselves, consolidating what they learned and building up their physical strength at the Mangyongdae Children's Camp.

By Pang Un Ju PT

At the Mangyongdae Children's Camp standing as a palace of children at the foot of beautiful Mt Ryongak, over 1 000 students of junior middle schools in Pyongyang started autumn camping from October 17 to 22. "Autumn camping takes place between September and November 15. We place stress on mountain climbing because the camp is near Mt Ryongak and also organize various outdoor activities like boating, video games and sports games so as to make students consolidate the knowledge they have acquired and build up their physical strength," said Pac Kwang Su, section chief of the camp.

When a bugle note rings out to signal the start of mountain climbing, students put mountaineering clothes on and go mountain-climbing. Mt Ryongak which they will climb up is 292 metres above the sea and the way to Tae Peak, which is covered with fallen leaves and old acorns, is 1 060 metres long with an average incline of 40 degrees. On the way there are a dozens-of-metre-long steep and slippery rock ridge and protruding huge rocks that seem about to roll down over the head. "It was hard to climb the steep mountain. But when

I reached the Songdok Pavilion on the top of Tae Peak and got a view of the beautiful city of Pyongyang as a whole, I had a throb in my heart and felt invigorated," said Kim Tac Bom, student of Jonu Junior Middle School in Moranbong District. Boating is part of the camping routine eagerly awaited by campers. Riding boats different in shape, including swan- and car-shaped ones, students enjoy themselves, handling the steering wheels and working the pedals with all their strength without knowing the passage of time. Paek Ye Rim, student of Sangsin Junior Middle School in Sosong District, said that she had taken a boat with her father on the Taedong River but never known there was a boating-ground in the mountain, expressing her delight in her improvised poem "A small lake in a mountain, our boating ground". Campers can cook rice outdoors and cook dishes in a cooking practice room by themselves. They learn how to make simple dishes and put cooking materials on cutting boards wearing caps and aprons. But without knowing what to do, boys furiously look at girls and some girls skillfully make different dishes, saying that they have always seen their mothers cook. According to Choe Kum

Ju, instructor of the camp, not only girls but boys take part in cooking practice with a considerable curiosity about cooking and students who have come this time are fairly good at cooking. Enthusiasm for sports games held during camping is great. Players do their best for victory of their teams in different events and other campers cheer their teams at the top of their voice beating drums and gongs. This adds to the pleasant atmosphere of camping. Sports games serve as a significant opportunity to implant the sense of organization and of unity in the minds of students and demonstrate the might of collective to the full, class teachers said. Besides, campers take photos of their memorable life at the camp, spending a good time in the folk game room, video game room and animal shed. In the evening, they dance to the tune of light music in the playground and cheerful singing from the karaoke room resounds to the night sky. "During the camping, I received a birthday spread prepared by teachers and the camp's cooks. At that time, I had unusual feelings. I will never forget the happy days when I have spent with my classmates at the camp," said Yun Song Jin, student of Kinjae Junior Middle School in Sosong District.



Autumn amateur golf tournament held

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The final matches of the autumn amateur golf tournament took place at the Pyongyang Golf Course on October 19-20.

O Kwang Hyok, vice-minister of Physical Culture and Sports who is concurrently chief of the Golf Association of the DPRK, said in the opening ceremony which was held on October 19, that he hoped that all the participants would achieve good results while displaying noble sportsmanship and fair

play with the pride in leading the spread and development of golf culture in the country.

There were stroke play, doubles, skill competition and water golf amusement games in the amateur golf tournament, drawing over 40 amateurs.

In order to ensure fair play, the organizing committee of the contest divided participants into four divisions according to their level, age and sex. The first division involved amateurs whose handicap is less than 97, the second division more

than 98, the third division for women fans and the fourth division included the aged amateurs above 60 who could not do the whole match play for their health reasons.

In the stroke play, the players of the first division played four rounds with 18 holes, the second- and third-division players three rounds and the fourth-division players two rounds with 9 holes. The rankings were decided by bringing the results together.

Paek Sun Hak won the first place in the first division,

Kim Myong Nam in the second division, Jon Kyong Hui in the third division and Ryu Song Thack in the fourth division.

In the doubles, women amateurs of the third division teamed up with men amateurs whose average handicap is less than 110 and played two rounds with 18 holes. The rankings were decided by putting together the results of the two rounds.

Kim Su Ryon and Kim Jong Chol won the doubles event.

Kim Su Ryon, who competed in the third-division, demonstrated her excellent skills with the handicap of around 70 in the preliminaries.

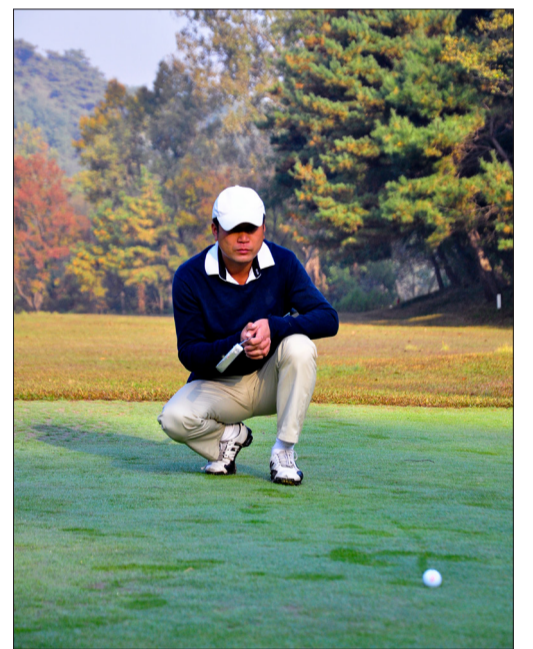
In the skill competition, which was held through driving contest, near pin and hole-in-one, Ho In Chol won prizes in the driving contest and near pin by displaying high skills.

In the closing ceremony on October 20, diplomas, cups and relevant prizes were awarded to excellent players.

During the event in which

80-odd-year-old golfers competed in harmony with those in their twenties, the doubles and water golf amusement games were held in a spectacular way.

Ri Yong Ju, a senior staffer of the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports and one of the organizers of the contest, said that the last two events which were held very distinctively unlike those of last year encouraged the zeal for the contest among beginners and injected youthful vigour into the aged golf fans.



The final matches of the autumn amateur golf tournament are held at the Pyongyang Golf Course.

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'It was a game of pleasure, joy'

I often play golf, but this is the first time for me to compete with many people.

I have never thought that such young amateurs and women would play very well, though I have played golf for over ten years.

I hope that I will meet them more frequently in the future.

I feel ten years younger while playing golf together with young people at the Pyongyang Golf Course which boasts a beautiful landscape as Lake Thaeson and Mt Sokchon go well with

each other.

Choe Kyu (aged 76)

I have taken part in a amateur golf tournament for the first time.

As many amateur golfers gathered, I felt more competitive and had to strike

each ball so carefully.

I only decided to have a try, and I have taken the first place.

I offer my gratitude for providing this excellent contest in which any amateur can take part.

Paek Sun Hak

This is the first time I played the doubles.

As everyone else would do, I thought much how my partner and I could play the game well with one accord.

It was a difficult game, but I took the first place.

What is most delightful

is that I have reached a handicap of 70 for the first time during this contest.

I want to play better in the future.

I hope that more people would participate in this contest.

Kim Su Ryon

