

General Secretary Kim Jong Un guides important test of strategic significance



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Another important test of strategic significance was conducted in the DPRK on December 15 while the practical successes are being made by the indomitable will and strenuous efforts of the scientists and technicians in the defence science research field to devotedly attain the important key goals for strengthening national defence capability set by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

An important institute under the Academy of Defence Science succeeded in the static firing test of high-thrust

solid-fuel motor with a thrust of 140tf, the first of its kind in the country, at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground on the morning of December 15.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the important test on the spot.

He was accompanied by Secretary Jo Yong Won and Deputy Department Director Kim Jong Sik of the WPK Central Committee.

The aim of this test was to verify all specifications of the high-thrust solid-fuel motor based on the thrust vector controlling technology.

The test results scientifically and clearly showed that all the technical indices, including the motor's thrust, specific impulse, combustion feature, duration and thrust vector controlling feature, are equal to the design values, and proved its reliability and stability.

This important test has provided a sure sci-tech guarantee for the development of another new-type strategic weapon system.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un highly praised the Academy of Defence Science for having successfully solved another important problem in carrying out the five priority tasks facing the strategic weapon field under the five-

year plan for the development of defence science and weapon systems set forth by the Eighth Party Congress. And he gave warm encouragement to its scientists and technicians, expressing the expectation that another new-type strategic weapon would be made in the shortest span of time.

Encouraged by his deep trust, all the defence scientists hardened their will to translate into practice the plan of the Party Central Committee by holding fast to another reliable greatest strength as soon as possible with the pride and confidence that they made a mighty creation by their own efforts and technology.

Chairman's lifetime wish translated into reality

By Pang Un Ju PT

It was a lifetime wish of Chairman Kim Jong Il to make his people enjoy all blessings of socialism.

In order to fulfil the wish, he drew up the blueprint for the building of a powerful nation and made tireless efforts as he travelled every part of the country.

His leadership resulted in great achievements in the building of a powerful socialist country including the eye-opening events of breaking through the cutting edge and the completion of monumental

structures of lasting value in the 1990s.

In December 2011 alone, the last month of his life, the Chairman visited the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park, the Hana Music Information Centre and the Kwangbok Area Supermarket to provide the people with better living conditions.

That is why at the unexpected news of his demise the Korean people wailed bitterly, thinking of the forced march he made for the country and the people all his life and encircled the hearse carrying his coffin to

wet the streets in the capital with hot tears.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un declared his solemn will to do every work as intended by the Chairman and in his style of work in the December of tears of blood and translated into reality on this land his patriotic desire for building a powerful country with unremitting speculations and practice.

In order to enable the people the Chairman had loved so much to enjoy all blessings of the world Kim Jong Un ushered in a golden age of construction

and brought about a new revolution in construction and thereby modern streets and cultural resorts for the people mushroomed across the country.

In the DPRK in the past decade, wonderful new streets boasting socialist civilization rose up in succession, including Unha and Mirae scientists streets, Ryomyong and Songhwa streets and a modern terraced houses district by the Pothong riverside, and so did such cultured leisure activity bases as the Masikryong Ski Resort, Munsu Water Park, Mirim Riding Club

and Yangdok Hot Spring Resort, with the result that the country rang with the laughter of happiness of working people.

In accordance with the Workers' Party of Korea's policy of bringing about a revolution in local industry and its plan for promoting the development of rural areas, modern factories constituting a new leap, exemplary entity and standard for local industry were built in Kimhwa County, a barren mountain county, and large greenhouse farms were constructed in Jungphyong and Ryonpho

areas in the northern part of the country to contribute to the improved diet of the locals.

Whenever facing such transformative entities, Kim Jong Un repeatedly says how pleased the Chairman might have been to see them and that he can vividly remember his beaming image.

The Korean people's laughter will get louder as they are led by Kim Jong Un who puts his heart and soul into fulfilling the lifetime wish of the Chairman, regarding it as his noblest mission.

Young study tourists travel revolutionary battle sites in Mt Paektu area

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Youths and students from across the country made a study tour of revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area.

At the Samjiyon Grand Monument, study tourists laid a flower basket and bouquets at the statue of President Kim Il Sung to pay homage to him.

And they visited the Mupho Bivouac where Commander Kim Il Sung camped during the advance into the homeland by leading the main-force unit of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army in May 1939.

Loudly singing revolutionary songs, they arrived at the Tachongdan Revolutionary Battle Site and looked round the command post for the Tachongdan Battle and others.

On their way to battle sites in the Mt Paektu area, they conducted various political and cultural activities including contests of group march accompanied by revolutionary songs, frontline-style political work and sketch.

They climbed up Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution, on December 9.

They cherished deep in their minds the history of the resistance replete with all hardships of President Kim Il Sung who achieved the historic cause of national liberation while crossing steep mountains of Mt Paektu and the noble spiritual world of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who engraved the solemn first page of the Korean revolution shedding warm blood in the vast Paektu plain.



Youth and students from across the country climb up Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution, as part of their activities for the study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area.

Provincial building materials exhibition continues

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The provincial building materials exhibition 2022 is still on.

It attracts the attention of visitors as it shows advanced building material production technologies and creative zeal of relevant units.

Pyongyang Municipality has presented data on great progress made in paint production technology through the completion of the method of making acrylic emulsion and such new products as a space-saving multi-functional desk connected to bed.

Building material production units in South Phyongan Province have exhibited various kinds of processed stone goods, including stone slab, stone bench and stone flooring, and hundreds of articles, including coloured cement and insulating brick, which were made with materials available in the locality.

Eye-catching are plywood goods and plastic building materials such as ceiling panel and fence which are good to see and easy to use and which were presented by Rason City and sanitary ware made in Sariwon City and other parts of North Hwanghae Province.

Put on display are also colouring sand, waterproofing sand and stone tile made in South Hwanghae and North Hamgyong provinces and Kaesong and Nampho cities, which now prove effective at rural construction sites.

The exhibition promotes the sharing of achievements and experience and exchange of technologies among the exhibiting units.

Phungsan dog show held in Ryanggang

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A Phungsan dog show was held on December 13 in Kim Hyong Gwon County, Ryanggang Province, the home of the national dog.

Hosted by the provincial committee of the federation of science and technology, the event was aimed at registering and investigating and evaluating the breeds of Phungsan dogs selected in the province and increasing the number of purebred Phungsan dogs by diffusing sci-tech knowledge about its standard shape and biological characteristics.

It was attended by Kim Phygong Hyon, chairman of the Ryanggang Provincial People's Committee, officials of veterinary and animal husbandry and national heritage protection sectors, people who breed Phungsan dogs and other working people.

Hundreds of the dogs were exhibited at the show in which rankings were decided according to the results of preliminary, main, expert, general and final judgments.

The dogs raised by residents of Kim Hyong Gwon, Phungso and Kapsan counties were highly appreciated.

Certificates of exhibition and prizes were awarded at the show.

HOME NEWS

Young people volunteer to labour-consuming sectors in North Hwanghae

Young men and women in North Hwanghae Province continue to volunteer to work at the labour-consuming sectors of the national economy.

Many discharged soldiers in Rinsan, Koksan, Sungho and Jangphung counties applied to join the county construction companies.

With a single mind to take the lead in hastening the future of rural development in the new era, young people in Yonsan and Sohung counties volunteered as farmers and those in Songnim City as workers at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, those in Unpha and Singye counties to work in the City of Samjiyon and at the livestock farming base in the Sepho area and coal

mines in their counties.

A meeting was held to congratulate them on December 13 at the North Hwanghae Provincial Art Theatre.

At the meeting which was attended by Pak Chang Ho, chief secretary of the North Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and youth league officials and members in the province, the certificates of volunteering were awarded to the volunteers and speeches were made.

Flour dish exhibition cuts conspicuous figure

The flour dish exhibition that opened at the Pyongyang Noodle House on December 13 is running on.

The show is aimed at contributing to improving the people's dietary life by widely introducing flour dishes and processed flour foods and disseminating their processing techniques.

More than 70 units, which were selected from ministries and national agencies and public catering units and foodstuff factories in Pyongyang, have taken part in the event.

Eye-catchers are booths of the Moranbong and Taedonggang district restaurant groups. They preserve in a distinctive style the taste and property peculiar to such flour dishes as the bread stuffed with jam, the wheat vermicelli mixed with mushroom,

the dumplings stuffed with chives and shrimp and the noodles mixed with fried vegetables.

Processed flour foods presented by foodstuff factories in Pyongyang win public favour.

The demonstration of culinary experts stood out from others since they showed such flour dish-making methods of other countries as hamburger and hot dog as well as original and unique skills in making traditional foods.

There was a short course related to the processing techniques of flour dishes on the sidelines of the exhibition.

Greenhouse farm hits annual vegetable production target

The Jungphoyong Greenhouse Farm has completed the annual vegetable production plan.

The farm put main stress on further improving the level of scientific and intensive greenhouse vegetable

farming.

Employees, who took charge of vegetable sapling production, supplied necessary vegetable saplings in the right time by introducing good species of seeds and conducting the sterilization of seeds, sprouting and sowing as required by technical regulations.

Caretakers of the hydroponic greenhouse, who took thorough heat insulation measures of blocks in keeping with winter conditions, boosted the output of fruit-bearing vegetables by scientifically and technically supplying liquid nutrients and regulating temperatures and humidity in collaboration with the general production control room.

Those of soil greenhouses, who applied dozens of tons of quality organic manure by finding compost sources without omission, grew healthy bok choy, cabbage, spinach and other green vegetables while

transplanting vegetable saplings in good season and manuring and tending vegetables in a responsible manner as they irrigated water, applied fertilizer and prevented harmful insects.

New-type double-decker runs along streets of Pyongyang



The employees of the Bureau of Passenger Service in Pyongyang, true to the decisions of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made a new type of double-decker with 78 seats for passengers, the top deck being 1.74m in height. The bus with a big electronic clock on the facade is now an eye-catcher of citizens.

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RODONG SINMUN



The paper mill (above) and foodstuff factory (left) in Kimhwa County.

Local-industry factories built as national models

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Wonderful models of modernized local industry, transformative entities, which fully demonstrate the validity and vitality of the Workers' Party of Korea's idea of giving importance to city and county and line of strengthening them, appeared in Kimhwa County, Kangwon Province, the most parts of which are mountainous areas.

The Second Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK for deciding on tasks facing the first year in implementing the five-year plan set the task of refurbishing local-industry factories in the county with the poorest living conditions and weak economic foundations to be put forward as models. To step up the task a powerful commanding group and sci-tech force were formed and measures taken preferentially every month for the progress in the projects.

Thus, in June, the county witnessed the inauguration of the local industry factories which are at a high level in domestic production and modernization and constitute a standard of local civilization.

Various kinds of quality consumer goods are produced at its foodstuff,

Consumer goods shows demonstrate vitality of local-industry factories

By Han Jong Ho PT

The revitalization of local industries made a tangible contribution to radically increasing the consumer goods production which was set forth as the most important task of the country throughout the year.

It was clearly evidenced by consumer goods exhibitions which were successfully held amid the deep interest of the people in different parts of the country throughout the year.

The second Pyongyang municipal consumer goods exhibition took place at the Wonsan Department Store last February. On display there were more than 344 000 pieces of items in over 1 100 kinds from more than 170 units in attendance. Visitors were so pleased at the sharp rise in variety and notable improvement in quality of the products that they gave vent to their excitement, saying that the level of consumer goods production was making rapid progress and that they feel much more attached to the goods on show as they were made by the domestic efforts, technologies and raw materials.

More than 471 600 articles

in over 6 200 kinds produced by some 220 units were exhibited at the Pyongyang municipal consumer goods exhibition which was held at Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 last April.

Similar exhibitions were also held in all provinces, which helped fire local industry factories with the zeal for consumer goods production and generalize experience gained by leading units.

This year, three rounds of daily necessities exhibition of Kangwon Province were held at the Wonsan Department Store.

The third round of the exhibition last August put on display more than 200 000 consumer goods in over 1 200 kinds from light industry factories belonging to all cities and counties in the province and central institutions, which were double the amount of items on show at the previous rounds in February and April.

What was more noticeable than the increase in kind and variety of products was that most of the visitors were seeking after products from Kimhwa County.

The county presented 24 210 pieces of consumer goods in 43 kinds, which were ten times more than other cities and counties. Looking at drinks made

from wild fruits like wild grapes and pear which convey the flavour peculiar to the mountainous region and different kinds of foodstuffs including hot pepper paste, jam, candy and biscuit, visitors could not help wondering if they were really from Kimhwa County.

Since the county's products were sold out in a flash from the first day of the event, officials of the province and county had to arrange urgent transport every two or three days.

The Women's Clothes Show-2022 held at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang marked the climax of this year's series of consumer goods exhibitions.

On display at the venue were seasonal clothes for women in their thirties and forties made by over 540 units including garment producers and tailor shops across the country.

One-piece dresses, suits, overcoats and other garments in light and soft colours that add elegant beauty to them with a combination of the aesthetic tastes of the times with national styles in accordance with the ages, figures and likings of women as well as seasons attracted special attention of the visitors.



Scenes of the 13th Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 Commodity Exhibition (right) and the Women's Clothes Show-2022 (below).



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2022, year of glorious victory

For new victory of socialist rural construction

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

This year, the DPRK has made vigorous steps to achieve rapid progress in socialist rural areas by powerfully pushing forward with rural development, true to the new programme on rural construction put forward at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The programme for socialist rural construction General Secretary Kim Jong Un clarified is to develop agricultural workers into performers and masters of the rural revolution, sustainably boost the country's agricultural production and radically change the appearance and environment of rural areas.

The programme, which unfolded a bright blueprint for the rural development in the new

era, greatly excited all the people including agricultural workers as soon as it was published.

The Workers' Party of Korea put forward the slogan "For new victory of socialist rural construction!" and wisely led gigantic creation activities for modelling rural communities across the country on the Juche idea and making them materially affluent.

In the course of this, the flames of the three revolutions for preparing the agricultural workers, masters of rural construction, into rural revolutionaries were kindled fiercely and thus rural positions were firmly consolidated.

Communist traits of helping and leading one another forward and dedicating themselves for society and the collective, were displayed among agricultural workers under the slogan "One for all and all for one!" and the campaign for modelling after former-generation

farmer heroes, patriotic farmers, tasks clarified in the programme on rural construction by pushing rice and wheat farming and arousing the enthusiasm for soybean and potato farming, while firmly adhering to the scientific farming-first principle, increasing per-hectare yields, especially doing farming well in low-yield fields, and developing animal husbandry, fruit culture and production of vegetable and industrial crops.

The guidance system was firmly established to supply cement needed for rural construction to all cities and counties on a preferential basis, push the construction of rural houses before anything else and command rural construction on a national basis.

Therefore, units and farmers that increased per-hectare yields in this year's unfavourable weather conditions and environment have been produced, material and technical foundations

for mechanizing agriculture consolidated and thousands of machines supplied to South Hwanghae Province. Modern rural dwellings epitomizing modern civilization and preserving well regional characteristics have competitively been built in provinces, cities and counties.

The Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK in September adopted the "Law of the DPRK on Socialist Rural Development" to legally guarantee the implementation of the programme for rural construction in the new era.

The Korean people are speeding up the efforts to powerfully accelerate rural development as required by the law while consolidating the successes made in the first year of implementing the new rural construction programme of the WPK.

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Grain production structure undergoes change

By Jong Chol PT

This year the Workers' Party of Korea has set it as an important task in boosting agricultural production to change the country's grain production structure and strongly push rice and wheat farming.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee illuminated the ways to direct the country's agricultural production to changing the food culture of the people into boiled rice- and wheat flour-oriented diet.

It is a tough and uphill task for the agricultural sector to change the grain production structure which has continued and consolidated for decades.

However, agricultural workers across the country directed a great deal of energies to wheat farming though they lacked experience.

The wheat growing area was increased in a planned manner to meet the

needs for rice and wheat in the country, advanced cultivation methods applied and machines and other means positively introduced into their farm operations.

Projects were undertaken to build wheat drying facilities and drastically increase the wheat processing capacity.

Before anything else, the government ensured that all farms worked out elaborate plans for gaining experience of wheat farming and set up a practical system of supplying seeds of high-yielding varieties and necessary farming materials.

In the course of it, many regions and units boosted wheat production.

Kangnam and Thaecheon counties doubled the wheat acreage and increased per-hectare yield by far and Mundok County established a high-yielding wheat cultivation technology.

Onchon County increased the wheat cultivation area 1.7 times though over

90 percent of its arable land is paddy fields and the Kumsong Farm, in particular, overfulfilled its wheat production plan by over 40 percent.

Tokchon City nearly trebled the earlier-crop wheat farming area and exceeded the production target by over 50 percent. The Ponghak Vegetable Farm under the Rural Economy Committee of South Phyongan Province harvested over five tons of wheat per hectare, overfulfilling its production plan by 35 percent.

Hamju County reaped hundreds of tons of more wheat than planned and built a high-capacity wheat processing facility at the county food administration station.

Busy as they were with autumn harvesting of this year, many other farms across the country simultaneously pressed on with the sowing of seeds of winter wheat and barley as an important farming process.

Rural villages spruced up with construction of modern houses

Residents fly the national flags after moving into new houses in the Jasan Farm of Phyongsong City, South Phyongan Province.



Modern dwelling houses built in the Mundong Fruit Farm of Pukchong County, South Hamgyong Province.



By Yun Ki Song PT

It is the policy of rural construction of the Workers' Party of Korea to turn all rural villages in the country into rich, cultured and ideal socialist villages at the same level as those in the City of Samjiyon in the near future.

Rural construction means a great change for ridding the countryside of its historical backwardness and building modern rural villages based on socialist civilization.

Designing farm houses is quite important in radically improving the appearance and environment of the countryside.

The National Designing Administration has directed efforts to designing rural villages in such a way as to reflect the characteristics of the relevant regions, thus producing novel designs of farm houses.

Divided into sections for such houses in mountainous, flat and coastal regions respectively, the plans were designed to build each of the houses to have a distinctive form suited to the characteristics of the respective regions and ensure artistic harmony, compatibility and connectivity between them while adhering to the principle of utilizing the rise and fall of the land in arranging them.

Besides, single-storey houses were designed to be covered with mansard flat, mansard sloping, flat or sloping roofs and low-storey houses to be covered with separate flat or sloping roofs with due regard for the physiographical

conditions, historical customs and surrounding environments of the relevant regions.

The new plans drawn to suit the aesthetic sense and sentiments of people and reflect the characteristics of the regions and the development trend of architecture free from the preceding mode of designing are favourably commented upon in the field of city and county farm house construction.

This year efforts have been made across the country to draw phased plans and establish the systems to accelerate rural construction in earnest, reinforce designing and construction forces and finishing materials production bases and use local resources to develop building parts.

Pyongyang Municipality has reinforced construction forces of different districts and counties with people who acquired rich experience at construction sites of major projects.

Jagang Province has newly created building parts production bases capable of producing and supplying tiles, LED lights, zinc galvanized sheet iron and various other finishing materials for rural construction and Kangwon Province has pressed on with the production of finishing materials of over 50 indexes after laying a foundation for making fittings, tiles and sanitary ware.

North Phyongan Province has mass-produced drainpipes and curved pipes of different sizes while reactivating production at a general building materials production base and North

Hamgyong Province undertaken a capacity expansion project of the Kyongsong Tile Factory to increase its finishing material production capacity.

Pyongyang Municipality, South Hamgyong, Jagang and North Phyongan provinces and Rason City have taken the lead in farm house construction.

Across the country there have appeared original modern farm houses—single- and low-storey and terraced ones—suited to the characteristics of their areas and regions, with the countryside changing for the better day after day.

In Hamju County, South Hamgyong Province, there appeared a large-scale farm district with the building of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm covering an area of 280 hectares with over 850 blocks of hydroponic and soil greenhouses where vegetable production is done on a modern, intensive and industrial basis and of over 1 000 houses, schools, a hall of culture and comprehensive welfare service facilities which reflect the characteristics of the region and are conspicuously in harmony by sections.

Over 600 modern farm houses have been built in Jangchon-ri, Hwangju County, North Hwanghae Province, hundreds of such houses in Kongpho-ri, Yonsan County of the same province, and hundreds of modern houses in Kumsong-ri, Onchon County, Nampho.

The construction of farm houses is also being pressed on with in other regions.



A ceremony is held at the square of Haeju City to deliver thousands of home-made modern farm machines to farms in South Hwanghae Province.

To cover every field with modern, efficient farm machines

By Kim Il Jin PT

It is a plan of the Workers' Party of Korea to cover all farms of the country with modern farm machines and enable all agricultural workers to do farming merrily with machines, thereby unfolding a new scene in the socialist countryside.

This year the DPRK has made dynamic efforts to completely transform the farm machine industry as it pressed on

with the renovation and modernization of major farm machine factories and the research and manufacture of new farm machines.

In particular, it gave priority to mechanizing labour-consuming farming processes and combined large, medium-sized and small machines, and advanced and simple manual machines, thus increasing the proportion of farm work done by machines.

In the course of this, 5

500 new farm machines manufactured by the munitions industry sector were provided to the country's largest agricultural province of South Hwanghae in September.

They included mobile rice combined threshers, small rice harvesters, mobile combined maize harvesters and combination soil management machines and were well received by agricultural workers as they were made to suit the

physiographical conditions of the country and the constitution of the Korean people.

The mobile rice combined thresher can be moved even with small tractors and therefore it can be installed and used wherever favourable for threshing. Its merits are that it helps save much labour, time and fuel and minimize the loss of grains. Its sorting rate is 98-99 percent and it can thresh and sort rice, wheat, barley

and vegetable seeds.

The combination soil management machine can always ensure the ploughing depth of 20-30cm in any fields and carry out ploughing, harrowing and furrowing all at a go, thus saving a great deal of labour consumed for land treatment.

The province finished harvesting and threshing far ahead of schedule with the help of the machines. The first-stage upgrading

project was completed at the Kumsong Tractor Factory.

Tractor parts factories and farm machine factories and stations across the country stepped up the manufacture of efficient farm machines.

Jagang Province channelled big efforts into producing small rice harvesters, manual rice transplanters and various other farm machines.

Particularly, the Kanggye Tractor Parts Factory and the Kanggye Farm Machine Factory, which take a large



A farmer operates a mobile rice combined thresher on the Songya Farm of Yonan County, South Hwanghae Province.

share of farm machine production in the country, turned out and supplied convenient and highly efficient machines that suit the specific conditions of the province.

The Chongjin Tractor Parts Factory established a cultivator assembly line commensurate with a factory and laid material and technical foundations for producing and supplying motors for various farm machines.

The establishment of the production line involving the processes of processing, pipe-making, assembly and coating has made it possible to satisfy the demands of farms in the province for cultivators and produce motors for various farm machines as well as tractors.

Pyongyang Municipality developed a manual rice transplanter that is very efficient for the most labour-consuming work of rice transplanting.

Meanwhile, Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering pushed the development of an ear-threshing combine harvester capable of increasing the operating rate while saving labour, Nampho College of Agriculture a fuel-saving mobile rice combined thresher of a new type and Haeju Kim Je Won College of Agriculture a wheat and barley sowing and manuring and tending machine using a small engine.

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Scenes from artistic performances given in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the DPRK and the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.



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Artistic performance epitomizing Korean-style civilization

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The grand performance in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the DPRK and the performance in celebration of the 69th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War which were staged this year showcased a new ground of civilization totally different from the past in terms of scale, form and level of depiction. Especially, the grand performance given to mark the DPRK's 74th anniversary offered a broad and profound

representation of its history and spirit of the present times and fully showed a new development aspect of Juche art. The performance given on the outdoor stage furnished in a distinctive style with the Mansudae Assembly Hall as the background impressively showed the people's great pride in and ardent love for the DPRK which fully demonstrates its dignity and might. Given by famous artists and talented young newcomers from prestigious art troupes, students and

children, the show left a deep impression on the audience. "Still ringing in my ears is *Song of the Proclamation of the People's Republic* which was sung as the first number of the grand performance. In particular, the line 'Korea is a country of the whole world to shout for the whole world to hear,' said Choe Song Mi, curator of the Korean Revolution Museum. The elegant and majestic orchestral pieces and medley of songs about the sacred history of the DPRK made the audience reflect

on the proud course of the country which recorded only victory while overcoming the blazing flames of the fierce war and ordeals of the Arduous March and forced march. "I sang songs together with singers throughout the performance," said Kim Song Ryong, a researcher from the Ministry of IT Industry. He added that no challenge or trials can check the advance of the DPRK and that our dreams and ideals will surely be translated into reality.

In the performance that interpreted famous songs loved by the people with unique artistic representation, song *Our National Flag* particularly tugged at the heartstrings of everyone. When the solemn and majestic melody reflecting the ideological emotions of all people sounded, tears fell on the faces of many. *Song In This Sky, on This Land* received an encore of the audience as it lively and vigorously represented the optimism and great hope of young people who fulfill their dreams and hope in the

embrace of socialist country. "I did not know when the time passed, fascinated by the performance. When children's ensemble and chorus *Flutter the DPRK Flag, Our Tricolour Flag* was sung, I wanted to dance to the tune of the lovely and exciting melody," said Ko Ok Yong, a resident in Taesong District, Pyongyang. The nocturnal sky aglow with fireworks, drones depicting various shapes and letters, and flickering illumination and decoration lamps added to the new taste and upbeat mood of the performance.

TV programme breaks fresh ground

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The video on the military parade held in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army left an indelible mark in the development of the national culture as it is not only recognized as the greatest masterpiece of TV programmes produced this year, but also has broken new ground. It showed the absolute might of the DPRK great enough to overpower any formidable enemy in the

world and the strong military muscle of its armed forces by employing unique direction and representation, shooting techniques and art, a variety of new editing methods and editing of recordings. "New styles of representation were widely introduced into the video recording of the military parade. It is very impressive that distinctive screen inserts and technical effects were applied to raise the artistic value of the TV programme," said Kim Chung Song, lecturer at Pyongyang University of Dramatic and

Cinematic Arts. The scenes of combat boots taking steps with vigour when the parade columns entered the venue, Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, and those of military personnel of the special forces under training were superimposed to highlight the characteristics of the whole march-in ceremony of the military parade. And the already recorded scenes of paratroopers getting on and jumping from the helicopters and falling in a ring formation

without opening parachutes were screened to vividly show the stunts of paras falling from an altitude of thousands of metres, and they were followed by the scenes of the moment when the paras actually opened their parachutes in the air above the square to make the TV programme look more lifelike. The flag hoisting ceremony was also so compiled as to make TV viewers feel as if they see the event on the spot. The scenes of the parade columns saluting the national flag at the flag hoisting ceremony were shot and edited vividly and the moment of the colours unfurling, that of the colours paying respect to the national flag and the scenes of service personnel of the parading units and units of

all arms giving a salute to the national flag were compiled graphically while giving the effects to highlight the solemnity of the flag raising ceremony. Parade columns were also shot in a different way from before. Different objects in the event were shot from different angles and at different moments to heighten the feeling of dynamics and actual scenes to the maximum. The video showed the appearances of paraders marching past the platform full of confidence and the scenes with a high level of presentation including the close-ups of the decorations on the chests of the commanders of parade columns, which were followed by the gradually zoomed-out views of the

whole of parade columns, said Kim. The scenes of flying stunts were also shot at different angles to produce the three-dimensional effects of the military parade. The video on the military parade opened up a new path in recording edit as well. The din and bustle on the spot was presented naturally and the proper amount of necessary effective sounds and music inserted to add to the truthfulness and artistic quality of the video. New technical means like unmanned small video recording vehicle made by the painstaking efforts and research of the cameramen were used to produce the video. "The TV programme on the military parade is really a perfect monument in all aspects," said Kim.

Exemplary units in technical innovation increase

By Kim Il Jin PT

With the mass technical innovation movement gaining momentum in different sectors of the national economy, vigorous activities have been conducted to win the title of model technical innovation unit. In Pyongyang, over a dozen units have become thrice and twice model technical innovation units and the model technical innovation units in the second half of the year alone. The Pyongyang Condiments Factory regularly ran the sci-tech diffusion room and organized technical study sessions to improve the level of technical skills of employees and researched and introduced new technical innovation plans through technical

conferences and prize sci-tech contests. As a result, it achieved notable successes in technical innovation, including the improvement of the level of automation of the production process of fermented soybean, or natto, the packaging process of hot pepper paste with sailfin sandfish and the refining process of soybean oil and remodelling of old equipment in a rational way. The Pothonggang Foodstuff Factory introduced valuable technical innovations into the production processes of drinks, bread and others to improve the quality of products and productivity. The Mangyongdae Leather Shoes Factory applied dozens of technical innovation plans for remodelling the footwear delasting machine, adhesive mixing machine and others

to lay a foundation for producing quality leather shoes and injection-molded boots, while saving materials, electric power and labour. The Pyongyang Textile Machine Factory focused on encouraging the field workers to acquire knowledge of advanced science and technology and apply what they learned to practice. As a result, they improved their technical knowledge and skills a level higher and many employees became technicians or skilled workers. As technical innovation plans were devised and put into effect in succession, the factory carried out the national economic plans for every ten days and month on all indices, built up the production foundations and won the title of thrice model



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Technicians discuss how to enhance the performance of a pneumatic jet loom at the Pyongyang Textile Machine Factory.

technical innovation unit. The Pyongyang Mechanical Pencil Factory, the Kangdong Condiments Factory, workteam No. 3 of the Jungdan Vegetable Farm in Rangjang District and several other units earned the title of twice model technical innovation unit. And the movement of winning the title of model technical innovation unit gained strength across the country. Thirty-three units were

awarded the title of twice model technical innovation unit and over 40 units became model technical innovation units. It is noticeable that the agricultural production units throughout the country hold a significant proportion of the model technical innovation units. Many agricultural producers placed emphasis on actively running the operation of the agricultural sci-tech diffusion rooms,

increasing the proportion of farm work done by machines and putting agricultural production and management on a new scientific and technological basis, thus overcoming the adverse effects of unfavourable weather conditions and providing a guarantee for the growth of production. Over 80 units were highly appraised at the third evaluation for awarding the title of model technical innovation unit of this year.

Exchange service centre run as hub of advanced sci-tech diffusion



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The Sonjin Science and Technology Exchange Service Centre of the Grand People's Study House provides a good opportunity to exchange latest information and products.

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Grand People's Study House now runs the Sonjin Science and Technology Exchange Service Centre, attracting the attention of many. The centre is aimed at regularly putting on display advanced scientific and technological achievements and new products conducive to economic construction and the improvement of the people's living standards and giving publicity to and diffusing them and conducting exchanges of a wide range of information in various forms. Regarding fidelity and credit as the rules of operation, the centre

puts on display excellent information and products in great demand, information on valuable conceptions and discoveries possessed by institutions and enterprises of different sectors of the national economy and individuals, development of new technologies or products, scientific research findings in every field and exchange of relevant products and literature on and samples of the products and also gives wide publicity to them through newspapers, radio, TV and computer networks. The centre introduces the detailed contents of the investment in and joint efforts into scientific and technological research and development

objects and advanced science and technology transfer through various information publications or computer networks, thus helping consumers and developers make contact. It also organizes the investment and tender needed for circulation and production of new special technical products in great demand so as to accelerate the extended introduction and production of the products. Besides, it promotes convenience for making order contracts for products based on sci-tech research hits. What is characteristic of the operation of the centre is that it conducts all kinds of technical exchange activities in various forms

including seminar and consultation on relevant themes as proposed by participants of the exchange activities and information guidance and advisory activities for two days—Wednesday and Friday—a week. For example, the technical exchanges, which were done on the theme relating to application of water and rare-earth metals in the second half of this year, were quite favoured by the relevant participants as their contents were advanced sci-tech research hits proving effective in practice. According to Han Yong Jin, head of the centre, it issues participation certificates to those who are to take part in exchange activities and the holders of such certificates can participate in all exchange activities and be provided with relevant services. All visitors to the centre say that its active diffusion of new technologies obviously enables factories and enterprises to markedly shorten the cycle of sci-tech introduction and production and remarkably boost production.

Factory improves technical level of employees

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

The Pyongyang School Supplies Factory has made remarkable progress in its technical development in a short span of time. The secret of success lies in its prioritizing two matters in technical development. One is to strengthen the sci-tech forces of the factory by establishing a well-knit work system to train its employees into technical talents. Until some years ago, most of its facilities were old equipment requiring manual labour. Therefore, the factory could not increase productivity, to say nothing of the quality of products. Competent technical personnel were definitely required to innovate the technical development work of the factory. The factory strove to establish a well-knit system for training talents. Each workteam worked out a plan for the operation of sci-tech learning space and the factory put the selection of talents on a scientific footing by organizing the technical study and exam for employees and evaluation of them in a planned way and on a regular basis. In particular, they conducted

technical study by way of question and answer while putting main stress on showing employees videos on technical issues to suit their preparedness and psychology. The employees took an active part in the technical study with curiosity and a high spirit of inquiry. The factory preferentially involved selected members in the online education system to enable them to improve their technical and practical skills and abilities and boldly assigned them technical innovation tasks for modernizing production facilities so that they could increase performances in practical activities. The ranks of talents increased day after day thanks to the work system for training and managing talents. As a result, the automation and digitization of its production facilities were realized in a short period and innovations made in ensuring the domestic production of raw materials and the quality of products and in fulfilling its plans. Among such successes, there are eraser and ink production processes whose processes are streamlined, from plasticization to cutting. The factory turns out dozens of kinds of products.

Decades of devotion of innovator couple

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

Everyone wants to achieve happiness. But every individual or family understands happiness differently.

There is a couple of innovators earning the love and respect of coworkers in the casting workshop of the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex.

They are workteam leader An Yong Sik and his wife Ri Yong Sil, a worker.

They find happiness in devoting themselves, not in enjoying themselves.

They have worked at one job for decades with deep attachment to their workplace and are famous innovators of the workshop.

At this workplace they developed love for each other in their youth and a sense of honour and responsibility of being in charge of railways, the arteries of the country.

“Our complex has a proud history and tradition known to the whole country. We regard it as a natural obligation to follow in the footsteps of our seniors,” said An Yong Sik.

Working people of the

Labour innovators An Yong Sik and Ri Yong Sil of the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex. They are husband and wife.



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complex made the country's first electric locomotive in the face of all difficulties under the leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung not long after repairing damage in the post-war period.

As they work in such a labour-consuming place, the couple have worked hard not out of a sense of duty but with conscience.

According to Ri Yong Sil, there were both advantage and unavoidable trouble in working at the same

workplace.

“They have now become things of the past, but there were times when both my husband and I had to work in the same shift and could not return home for urgent production. However, we did not leave our workplace and became innovators at last,” Ri recalled.

As the saying goes, “A good neighbour is better than a brother far off.” Their neighbours helped the innovator couple with their

living and their coworkers in the workshop rejoiced at their success in production and congratulated them.

Thanks to such encouragements, they have been able to proficiently solve problems arising in the production and repair of electric locomotives to remain as innovators for decades.

They also devoted their wisdom and passion unsparingly to manufacturing a new type of metro cars.

Doctor brings hero miner's wife back on foot

Jang Jong Hak voluntarily became Kim Jong Sun's regular doctor and spent ten years shuttling back and forth between Pyongyang and Komdok.

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

An excerpt of the case history of Kim Jong Sun, wife of Hero Pak Thae Son of the Kumgol Mine under the Komdok Mining Complex, 10 years ago said: “She began to limp due to injury at the age of three, which naturally passed for 35 years. At present she limps in both legs, especially in the right leg more badly. She cannot turn over on her side or walk due to pain in the area of caput femoris.” But she stands on her feet and walks unaided today.

She feels as if she is dreaming now and expresses her gratitude to the many health workers who devoted all their sincerity to her medical treatment, especially Jang Jong Hak, PhD, associate professor and lecturer at Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences.

There is a reason why Jang, who had helped many patients rise on their feet with traditional Koryo medicine for a long time, visited Komdok far away from Pyongyang and took charge of the medical treatment of Jong Sun.

He came to know her when he heard about the heroic feat of her husband.

Pak Thae Son, who saved his comrades by sacrificing himself at an unexpected critical moment, had worked hard as a miner and labour innovator since he was demobbed and settled in the unfamiliar mining village and got married to a nearly crippled woman as his life companion. The story impressed many people who heard about him.

“Pak did not live long, but the footprint he left is engraved deep on the heart of the people. I really bowed my head to the noble spiritual world of him who dedicated his life to the collective and his comrades and who was also self-sacrificing in love. The more I thought of him, the deeper I felt it as my duty and conscience to cure his wife of her disease,” Jang recalled.

He voluntarily served as

a doctor in charge of Kim Jong Sun. For 10 years since then, he put his heart and soul into her treatment shuttling back and forth between Pyongyang and Komdok.

He toured every nook and cranny of the country to find medicinal herbs that suited her physical constitution and burnt the midnight oil hundreds and thousands of days studying new therapies to find the secrets of medical treatment.

Sometimes he felt so sorry as her health showed no sign of improvement that he lamented his poor medical techniques.

But at that time officials of his university and the mine and mining villagers gave pep talks to him with sincerity, which was a great source of encouragement that helped him rise up again.

He threw himself into her medical treatment with redoubled efforts.

Several years passed and a miracle happened: she stood up on her feet.

That day Jong Hak and his wife, who walked her way to find medicinal herbs and visited Komdok with her husband, congratulated Jong Sun with tears in their eyes.

The day when she got up on her feet, Jong Sun was so thankful that she said: “The country put my husband forward as a hero and a patriotic martyr and ensured that our children were brought up at revolutionary school. And it sent Dr Jang Jong Hak and other health workers from central hospitals to treat my illness.”

“The Workers' Party of Korea and the benevolent socialist country that praise so highly the deed of an ordinary miner and continuously take care of us are really the eternal embrace of life to which we can entrust our destiny and future.”

A few years have passed since then. She now walks freely without the walking stick.

And she works at the workteam where her husband worked as she wished.

Mother's duty



Choe Hye Gyong living in neighbourhood unit No. 67 in Ryugyong-dong No. 1 of Pothonggang District, Pyongyang, helps her daughter with her study.

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By Kwon Hyo Song PT

It is a unanimous desire of mothers to bring up their children to be reliable persons for the country.

“There is an old saying that goes, ‘If you want to know about a person, observe his or her mother.’ It means that maternal education is very important among the factors affecting the growth of a human being and the formation of their character,” said Kim In Suk, chairwoman of the Pyongyang municipal women's union committee.

If you do not properly fasten the first button of

your clothes, you cannot fasten the last button correctly, she said, adding that mothers should therefore bring up their children properly from the beginning.

Busy as they are with their work, women of the DPRK always pay close attention to the growth of their children and attach importance to family education.

“It is a duty of a mother to look after and guide her child in every aspect, not merely wishing him or her success,” said Choe Hye Gyong living in Ryugyong-dong No. 1, Pothonggang District, Pyongyang.

It is said that back home from work, Choe always acquaints herself with the study of her daughter attending a primary school, examining her homework and solving any knotty problem together with her.

Previously, she was unconcerned about her daughter's study, she said, adding that whenever she sees her daughter engrossed only in play without doing her homework back home from school, she thought that it could not be helped because the latter was still a child.

Only after she witnessed her daughter's continuous

poor records at school and talked with the parents of other pupils could she know that her thought was wrong, she added.

In contact with her daughter's class teacher, she examined the child's homework every evening together with her husband and learned about her weekly study and took necessary measures every Sunday. And she frequently took the child to a zoo, a museum or the Sci-Tech Complex on holidays.

Under her parents' care, the child gradually got interested in study, had fine records at school, did lots of good things and became a pupil with a high moral sense.

As shown by Choe's experience, mothers' role is very important in the education of their children.

“Everyone gets education from their mother first and the education from the mother serves as the basis of their lifetime and a spiritual nutrient for the formation of their personality and outlook on life. The genuine duty of mothers is to train their children to be the pillars shouldering the future of the country, not merely those enjoying only happiness,” said Kim.

On board full-service ship Mujigae



**Total floor space: 11 390 m²
Length: 120 m
width: 25 m**

By Pang Un Ju PT

The full-service ship, *Mujigae*, wins special favour with a wide range of visitors.

The ceilings and walls inside the ship are decorated with patterns of waves and portholes to highlight the characteristics of a floating service ship, the balcony of the cylindrical hall on the first floor is shaped like a hull, and the backs of chairs are all designed like a steering wheel. The environment of each dining room is so varied and unique that visitors express open admiration for them.

According to its employee Jang Son Nyo, every visitor aboard the *Mujigae* says that they like it as it is designed to provide cozy, fascinating yet intimate atmosphere and they feel like entering a luxury hotel.

At the hall on the ground floor visitors first turn their steps to the water tank teeming with sturgeons.

There are similar water tanks on the first floor. Sturgeons, Ryongjong fish and carps moving around them are served as tasty dishes at the request of diners.

Hundreds of kinds of

dishes are served at the restaurants of the ship and their tastes are very impressive.

The traditional food restaurant on the ground floor serves *sinsollo*, Pyongyang cold noodles, mung-bean pancake, kimchi and other traditional dishes and the buffet restaurant on the first floor foreign dishes including roasted piglet and omelette.

Cooks skillfully make dishes ordered by diners in front of them by exhibiting various technical skills with deft hands.

The 350-seater outdoor deck restaurant is always full of diners.

According to waitress Hong Jin Sun, it is really impressive to see the beautiful sights along the Taedong River while drinking Taedonggang Beer.

The banquet hall is widely used for wedding ceremonies of young men and women.

Visitors enjoy buying souvenirs with the logo of the *Mujigae*.

People describe the ship as a “place they frequently visit for its distinctive service environment with alluring taste of dishes”, said the employees.



The full-service ship *Mujigae* fully meets customers' needs with first-class service.

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The tower to the great leaders' immortality "The great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il will always be with us!" is seen in every part of the DPRK.

Eternal are ties of kinship between Chairman Kim Jong Il and people



Jon Man Chol
Deputy department director of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee

Eleven years have passed since Chairman Kim Jong Il, eternal leader of the Korean people, passed away.

The history of the great harmonious whole continues on this land as countless numbers of people regard their ties of kinship with the fatherly leader as more precious than billions of tons of gold and retain their loyalty to him out of a sense of moral obligation despite the passage of time.

Holding him in high esteem as the leader of the revolution and their benevolent father and dear teacher, the Korean people believed in him alone as in heaven and upheld him

with a single mind.

Though he passed away, the Workers' Party of Korea and the people held him in high esteem as the eternal leader of the revolution and the Sun of Juche in the new century of the Juche era.

It was a manifestation of their boundless trust in and ardent loyalty to him as they intended to follow the road of Juche indicated by him to the end, cherishing in their mind ties of kinship with him.

At the exciting news that it was decided on to preserve him in his lifetime appearance in the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, all the people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army,

with great passion, showed great devotion to the work of glorifying the supreme temple of Juche as the one and only grand monument to the immortality of the leader in the world.

Every facility of the palace and even a single blade of turf and a single tree around it are all associated with Koreans' utmost and fervent sincerity.

The Chairman always lived in the hearts of the people and in their life during the grand march of the new century of the Juche era.

When a modern street, fairyland village and new factory appeared, the people were moved to tears, full of great remorse for failing

to show them to him in his lifetime. When they looked at farm fields where golden ears of grain swayed, they paid tribute to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, thinking of the Chairman who had energetically led land rezoning while walking along rough paths.

With the faith that he was watching them and wishing them good luck for the future, the Korean people never knew pessimism even in the harshest trials but could vigorously advance straight along the path of Juche, the path of socialism, indicated by him.

The past eleven years were really the period in which the purity and eternal invariability of the Koreans' ties of kinship with the great leader were fully verified.

The Chairman will always live in the minds of the Korean people.

implement the instructions the President and the Chairman.

Taking into consideration the people's desire to always see the great leaders, General Secretary Kim Jong Un ensured that the Kumsusan Memorial Palace was renamed the "Kumsusan Palace of the Sun" on February 16 2012, the

DPRK law on the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun was adopted and statues and mosaic murals showing the beaming images of the great leaders were erected on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in other parts of the country.

And he formulated their revolutionary ideas as

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and declared it as the eternal guidelines of the Korean revolution and modelling the whole society on it as the supreme programme of the Workers' Party of Korea to accomplish the cause of perpetuating the memory of the leader.

OPINION

Determined efforts to develop renewable energy

By **Choe Song Jun** PT

Many countries around the world are making proactive efforts to use renewable energy resources, which do not destroy ecological environment and which are profitable and have good prospects, in keeping with the trend of sustainable economic development, thereby bringing about considerable changes in the energy development sector.

Saudi Arabia has a plan to build the largest solar farm in the Middle East.

The solar power plant with a capacity of 2 060 000kW of electricity is constructed by stages and expected to be completed in the final quarter of 2025. It will reportedly supply 350 000 families with electricity and make a contribution to fulfilling mid- and long-term development plans of the country in the renewables sector.

On December 1, the Nigerian government announced a road map aimed at building the capacity of generating 178 000MW of renewable energy by 2050.

Unveiling the plan, the Nigerian energy committee said that it would encourage the production of electricity from hydraulic resources and solar energy and the use of electric vehicles, while reducing the generating capacity based on oil and gas. When the plan is carried out, 92 percent of the country's total power needs will reportedly be met with renewables.

Egypt plans to build a solar farm and wind power station with a capacity of 500MW in Red Sea and Aswan governorates in two years to start their operation.

Cape Verde intends to build a water pumping factory equipped with wind-driven energy generating facilities on the island where the capital city of Praia is located. When it starts operating in 2026 as planned, the wind-driven power generating capacity on the island is expected to be 24MW. And the power output based on renewables will reportedly account for 30 percent of its domestic power output by 2025 when minor solar energy generating facilities are installed on different islands in the country. Furthermore, Cape Verde will be able to accomplish a goal of meeting half of its power needs with renewables by 2030 ahead of schedule in case the contract with several business partners are implemented according to an already-adopted strategic plan. In addition, it is going ahead with the "solid energy effectiveness" project designed to boost the effectiveness of energy utilization and minimize its loss by dint of up-to-date technologies.

Not a single country can think of its economic development and stable social progress apart from energy.

The international community will redouble its efforts to build a civilized society free from environmental pollution by making energy utilization diversified, departing from the dependence on fossil fuels.

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Canadian policy of toeing US line—doomed to pay due price

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On November 27, the Canadian Foreign Minister released an "Indo-Pacific Strategy", in which she made nonsensical remarks that the Indo-Pacific region is faced with the "real security threats" from our country and China.

The "Indo-Pacific Strategy" of Canada—an "exemplary state" in terms of servitude to the US—is a carbon copy of the US' Indo-Pacific Strategy aimed at containing China.

It is no coincidence that Chinese media including Global Times commented as follows:

Ottawa renounced its long-term foreign policy on cooperation and engagement with China and has finally started to act like Washington's anti-China servant. Canada is now investing all its profits in the US.

What cannot be overlooked is that Canada, which had closely followed the US into the aggression against the DPRK during the Korean war, openly revealed its intention, through the above-mentioned "Indo-Pacific Strategy", to take yet more proactive part in the military operations aimed at our country under different codenames.

That such a country is

condemning our exercise of the legitimate right to self-defence as a "threat" to peace and security in the region is nothing more than a trick to justify its act of submission to the US, blindly following the latter's unwarranted policy of hostility towards the DPRK.

Canada has persisted in its blind following of the US acts of hostility towards the DPRK since the Korean war and is now deploying various military equipment in the vicinity of the Korean peninsula under the pretext of implementing the UNSC "sanctions resolutions" on the DPRK, worsening the already dangerous situation.

For instance, since 2018,

Canada has been conducting operation "Neon" under the pretext of "monitoring" ship-to-ship transfer around the Korean peninsula. Canada's recent statement of its intention to continue such an operation is a perilous act further aggravating tension in the Asia-Pacific region.

Canada had better remind itself that its reckless act is as foolish as dashing into fire with firewood on its back.

Should Canada, oblivious of its defeat and shame in the Korean war in the 1950s, continue to toe the US line of hostility towards the DPRK, it will be doomed to pay a due price for it.

US, West shoot themselves in their feet

By **Choe Yong Nam** PT

The antagonism and friction between Russia, the US and the West are now growing further surrounding the price limit issue of the Russian crude oil.

The US Secretary of Treasury came out with the issue of setting the ceiling of the Russian crude oil price last May. It is aimed at preventing Russia from gaining profits with the rise of crude oil price by making oil consumers jointly refuse the import of the Russian oil in case Russia attempts to sell crude oil in a higher price than the ceiling through maritime transport.

Afterwards, the issue was agreed on at the meeting of G7 financial ministers held in Germany in early September. The EU also conducted intensive internal negotiations to set the ceiling price of the Russian crude oil, with the result that it formally decided to limit the price at US\$ 60 on December 3.

Russia assumes a posture of taking strong countermeasures against the sanctions by the US and the West.

On November 24, Russian President Putin said that the West's plan to set a limit on the Russian oil is a dangerous attempt that runs counter to the marketing principle and

that can bring about serious consequences on the world's energy market. And he added that Russia has not a plan to deliver crude oil to the countries joining in this scheme.

The press secretary of the Russian President, deputy prime minister of the government and other high-ranking officials also took a strong stand that they would cope with anti-market economic measures which are detrimental to the energy supply chain of the world and would not deliver crude oil to the countries joining the West's sanctions even if they might have to reduce oil output.

Economic experts comment

that though the US and the West are taking different kinds of sanctions measures to prevent Russia from gaining economic profits through oil export, they would be ineffective as long as large-scale oil importing countries including China and India do not join them. They will rather amplify "boomerang effect" that deteriorates the economic situation of European countries which have suffered from a serious energy crisis.

The anti-Russia sanctions trick played by the US and the West will invite strong counteractions from Russia and thus shoot themselves in their own feet.

By **Kim Jin Hyang** PT

Many countries direct the effective recycling of waste produced in large quantities to environmental protection and the development of green economy.

Waste incineration power plants with the generating capacity of hundreds of thousands of kilowatts are run in different areas in China including Chongqing.

Waste slags produced from the modern incineration process are recycled into building materials, fertilizer and others and heat and gas generated from the same process are used for power production.

In Lanzhou of Gansu province, procured waste is used to make various kinds of products, including packing paper and plastic chairs. And a garment factory in Shanghai collected scraps of cloth from the production process to increase the production of clothes, neckerchief, bag,

pillow, gloves and different kinds of other products.

It is the policy of China to hasten green development and build an ecological civilization.

Therefore, China subordinates the recycling of waste produced every day to protecting the environment and realizing a free symbiosis between humans and nature.

Other countries also put efforts into developing the green economy through recycling.

In a city of Vietnam, about 70 percent of solid waste collected a day is burnt to increase the power production. On the basis of the success, it plans to collect household solid waste 100 percent and use it for the production of energy or organic fertilizer.

The Thai government made a plan to extract rare-earth metals from industrial and household waste and use them for the high-tech industry and promotes the recycling of electronic wastes dumped every year.

Shoes made by reusing waste are popular among the people in a country.

Over 90 percent of materials used to make these shoes are plastic waste in the sea, collected scrap shoes and recycled cloth.

Recycling is not smooth sailing and success is not easily achieved.

Billions of tons of waste in different kinds are produced every year in the world.

Fires are caused by gas produced as the dumped waste decomposes, or the harmful substances released from it contaminate lakes, rivers and underground water, destroying ecological environment and increasing the danger of jeopardizing the health and lives of people.

Experts say that however difficult recycling is, it is a must for the sustainable economic development and environmental protection, health and civilized life of the people and the way humanity should go.

Briefly

Cuba

Party leader refers to enhancing role of CPC

Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, referred to the need to enhance the role of the party as the vanguard of the revolution in a conclusion made at the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee on December 10.

The Communist Party of Cuba should further improve the party work to correctly implement the measures for socio-economic development of the country, he noted.

Although they have experienced a multitude of difficulties including the US' vicious manoeuvres and natural disasters, the Cubans neither yielded nor abandoned the struggle for achieving the country's prosperity, he said, adding that the Communist Party of Cuba should conduct its work more effectively and enhance its role as the vanguard organization.

President clarifies stand to overcome socio-economic challenges

In a speech at a meeting of the National Assembly of People's Power of Cuba on December 11, Cuban President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez clarified their stand to overcome socio-economic challenges facing the country.

Many-sided crises are increasing worldwide, he said, adding that it presents itself as a more serious matter for Cuba undergoing sanctions and blockade imposed by hostile forces.

Cuba struggles to defend socialism without tolerating neo-liberal measures, he said, and noted that Cuba's strategy and measures will not produce immediate effects but surely bear fruit.

He stressed that the Cuban people will win victory through their creative struggle and should overcome the tightening blockade with their own efforts, sacrifice and will.

China

FM warns against Japan's increasing of defence spending

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry warned against Japan's increasing of defence expenses at a press conference on December 6.

Saying that Japan's defence budget has been increasing for ten consecutive years, he disclosed that it often talks about a tense situation in the region in an attempt to strengthen its own military force.

As a very dangerous tendency, it makes its neighbouring Asian countries and the international community sceptical about the country, he said, adding that it ought to reflect on its history of aggression.

Russia

Powerful weapons production called for based on new principles

Dmitri Medvedev, vice-chairman of the Security Council of Russia, noted on December 11 that the country is increasing the production of powerful weapons based on new physical principles to cope with the continuing hostile acts of Western countries.

The enemies of Russia are in Europe, North America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, he said, and stressed that his country is therefore expanding the production of powerful means of destruction based on new principles.

COVID-19

Global casualties

According to a foreign media report, 655 387 828 persons contracted novel coronavirus, 6 663 828 died of it and 18 608 001 were undergoing treatment in the world as of 24:00 on December 14.

MT PAEKU COVERED IN SNOW



The photo shows snow-covered Mt Paektu seen from a tableland of Mt Sono. The ancestral mountain of the Korean nation with its white top nearly touching the blue sky seems to reflect the spirit of the Korean people.

Mass-based sports events liven up nation throughout 2022

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Throughout this year, mass-based sports activities have been actively conducted in all parts of the country to infuse optimism into the whole society.

The sports activities conducted across the country on the occasion of the first sports day of this year imbued the Korean people with joy and vitality from the outset of the year.

“It was really gratifying to see the workers showing off their sports skills, which they had honed in their free time, in the games held on the first sports day. The enthusiasm for sports heightened with the turn of the year made our workshop brim with fresh energy and optimism, which enabled us to bring about innovations in electricity production. The enthusiasm for production grows in direct proportion to that for sports,” said a workshop manager of the Pyongyang Thermal Power Station.

Mass-based sports games, including volleyball, tennis and badminton, have been played in animated moods at spare times in different workplaces.

The vitality of such activities was fully demonstrated in the sectoral sports games.

The 25th sports contest of the officials of national agencies held in February and the 9th sports contest of health workers in May highlighted the aroused enthusiasm for sports as well as the participants’ sports skills which they broadened amid the effort for making sports mass-based and part of everyday life.



The National Inter-Provincial Games-2022 are held amid the enthusiastic rooting of spectators.



The 52nd sports contest of artistes is held in Pyongyang, divided into cinematic art and theatrical art sectors.



A scene from the swimming contest of the civil servants’ games.

The National Inter-Provincial Games-2022 held in early September were a good occasion for adding delight and optimism to all people and for promoting the development of the country’s mass-

based sports. The 52nd sports contest of artistes in November was the focus of public attention as they were attended by celebrated actors. In the sporting event held

between the two teams of cinematic art and theatrical art, they competed in various kinds of sports such as basketball, volleyball and table tennis and amusement games. The degree of enthusiasm in

those sports fields where a great collectivist spirit, skills as high as those of professionals and untiring perseverance are displayed to the full was the epitome of innovative surges achieved at their workplaces.

