

## Report on enlarged meeting of Seventh Plenary Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Committee



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The great Workers' Party of Korea is leading the revolutionary struggle to a new victory while overcoming the harsh situation, invariably holding aloft the banner of independence in politics, self-sustenance in the economy and self-reliance in national defence. This struggle is the greatest cause of making a fresh change and development in the course of building without fail Korean-style socialism, in which all the people live with nothing to envy.

The Party Central Committee, which is bringing earlier the future of socialist construction in our own way and with

our own efforts from A to Z, set forth a middle- and long-term strategy for the final solution of the rural question assuming the protracted and multi-faceted character at the historic December 2021 Plenary Meeting. After setting a grand economic development goal for national prosperity, it has confidently led the purposeful and phased struggle for its realization.

The plenary meeting of the WPK Central Committee had a discussion of historic significance to comprehensively analyze and review the work for 2022, the first year in implementing the programme for the rural revolution in the new era, and further concretize the important tasks

and long-term objectives for putting the agricultural production on a stable and sustained growth track and the urgent tasks arising at the present stage of the national economic development and the practical ways for carrying them out.

The enlarged meeting of the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK took place at the office building of the WPK Central Committee, the general staff of the Korean revolution, from February 26 to March 1 2023 to provide the guidelines for struggle that will dynamically accelerate the innovative development in Korean-style socialist construction.

Attending it were Kim Tok Hun and Jo

Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and members and alternate members of the Central Committee of the WPK. And present as observers were officials of departments of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of the Cabinet, ministries, national agencies and provincial-, city- and county-level leadership bodies and officials in the agricultural field and relevant sectors and units.

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended the plenary meeting.

When he took the platform, all the participants broke into cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him who is developing the WPK into invincible vanguard ranks and dynamically opening up a bright future of the socialist cause with his profound ideo-theoretical wisdom and distinguished leadership activities.

The plenary meeting elected its presidium with relevant members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee authorized Kim Jong Un to preside over the meeting.

Kim Jong Un clarified the purpose of discussion at the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and made an analysis and evaluation of the WPK Central Committee on the first year's work for implementing the new programme for rural revolution.

He stressed that it is urgently necessary to find out and remove in time the internal factors that have negative effects on the development of agriculture in order to definitely put the agricultural production on a stable track of development in the near future and substantially strengthen the political, ideological, material and technical foundations of the countryside.

Therefore, at the current plenary meeting the Party Central Committee should make a correct assessment of the whole course of last year's farming from the scientific, anatomical, subjective and objective point of view to draw up relevant measures, and clearly decide once again on the urgent and essential tasks and ways for this year's farming and for laying a foundation for the long-term development of agriculture, he said.

He declared the plenary meeting open, saying that all the participants should make the meeting an important turning point in opening up a definite prospect for the development of agriculture and a decisive occasion for making a breakthrough in economic construction and the improvement of the people's living standard, keeping in mind its importance.

The following agenda items were

brought up at the meeting:

1. On the first year's struggle for the implementation of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era and some important tasks

2. On thoroughly establishing a discipline of implementing the national economic plan

3. On the immediate matters arising in improving the state financial work

4. Organizational matters

The plenary meeting unanimously approved the presented agenda items.

It heard a report on the work in 2022 for implementing the programme for the rural revolution in the new era as part of discussion of the first agenda item.

The report referred in a many-sided and anatomical way to the successes made in the first year's work for implementing the Party's rural development strategy and the deviations and lessons to be corrected and overcome.

Secretaries of the Party Central Committee made speeches and senior officials in various sectors made written speeches.

The plenary meeting heard and analyzed the report and speeches and made a relevant evaluation.

Kim Jong Un made an important concluding speech "On the Immediate Tasks Arising in This Year's Farming and the Long-term Objectives for Agricultural Development" over the first agenda item.

In his concluding speech, he said that the WPK has attached importance to the rural question as a strategic one which should be settled without fail in accomplishing the cause of building socialism and communism and has consistently paid deep attention to its correct solution, and clarified the plan to vigorously usher in a new era of the rural development as required by the stage of the overall development of socialist construction.

Saying that in order to successfully solve the rural question, it is necessary to set a scientific stage and goal and wage a purposeful struggle as to attain the goal of socialist rural construction is a gigantic and serious revolution, he stressed once again the historic significance and importance of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era.

The programme for the rural revolution is an expression of the unshakable faith and will of the WPK to clearly indicate the important stages for transformation

of the rural communities and the goals to be attained in conformity with the changing times and the requirements of the revolution after the publication of the socialist rural theses and to build rich and highly-civilized socialist rural communities with advanced technology and modern civilization which will be translated into reality in the near future.

The concluding speech raised again the revolutionary change of the rural communities at the present stage of struggle as an important revolutionary task for achieving the prosperity and development of the state and the promotion of the people's well-being, and put forward the principled matters to be maintained in implementing the programme for the socialist rural revolution in a perfect way.

It referred to the intention of the Party Central Committee which set the attainment of the grain production goal as the first target of the 12 major goals for the national economic development and the main purpose of the current enlarged plenary meeting, and raised the main goals and tasks for agricultural development.

It is necessary to set it as a priority task in ensuring the stable development of agriculture at present to accelerate the completion of the overall irrigation system to cope with abnormal climatic phenomena, and dynamically push ahead with the irrigation project planned for this year and perfect the irrigation system of the country in the period of the five-year plan.

The machine-building industry and agricultural sectors should produce and supply to the rural communities more new and highly efficient farm machines which are the most necessary and effective in putting the agricultural production on a modern and advanced basis, while steadily propelling the work for renovating the farm machine sector in an innovative way.

Another crucial task which should be dynamically hastened nationwide for the agricultural development of the country is to reclaim tidelands and extend the cultivated areas.

The Agricultural Commission, the Academy of Agricultural Science and the State Hydro-meteorological Administration should play their role in a responsible manner and it is important to dynamically push ahead with the work to put the foundation for development of

the agricultural science and technology on a high level, including the work to make scientific research units up-to-date.

Stressing the importance of improving the guidance on farming, the concluding speech clarified the principled matters to be maintained in the agricultural production guidance and the ways for carrying them into practice.

In order to increase the nationwide agricultural output, attention should be paid to keeping balance between overcoming lopsidedness and being responsible for farming as a whole in the guidance on farming and it is important to concentrate on increasing the per-hectare yield at all farms. This is an important principle for guidance on the agricultural production.

The General Secretary stressed the need to enhance the role of the provincial, city and county guidance organs and all the farms in attaining the long-term objectives of agricultural development.

Last year, in the course of pressing ahead with the construction of modern farmhouses on a full scale throughout the country, true to the resolutions of the Eighth Party Congress and the programme for rural revolution in the new era, we gained valuable experience and lessons and found an effective methodology for dynamically pushing ahead with the rural construction on a nationwide scale. They serve as a precious springboard and asset in our struggle to bring about epochal changes in the rural development.

The concluding speech put forward the measures for further expanding the rural construction this year and the policy-oriented tasks to be prioritized and pushed forward by cities and counties.

In order to attain the gigantic long-term objectives of rural development, it is necessary to decisively strengthen the Party guidance over the agricultural sector and improve the rural Party work.

Saying that nothing is impossible as long as there are the powerful leadership system established throughout the Party and the united strength of all the people, he ardently called for attaining this year's grain production goal without fail and successfully achieving the long-term objectives of agricultural development for the sake of the comprehensive development in socialist construction and the self-dependence of the state and well-being of the people.

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The historic concluding speech by the General Secretary, which comprehensively deals with the practical strategies for achieving the sustained and systematic development of agricultural production and turning the countryside into civilized, rich and ideal socialist villages under the uplifted banner of rural revolution, was fully supported and approved by all the participants.

His concluding speech based on profound originality and scientific accuracy is a weapon of change that provided a springboard for an epochal leap in pushing forward with the gigantic process for implementing the programme for rural revolution in the new era, and the militant banner and great immortal programme encouraging to a great victory the historic advance of the whole Party and all the people full of confidence in their own ideals and strength.

The plenary meeting discussed the second agenda item "On thoroughly establishing the discipline of implementing the national economic plan".

The General Secretary mentioned the intention of dealing with the issue of discipline for implementing the national

economic plan as a major agenda item at the plenary meeting, and the positive changes and deviations the economic sectors and units have made in the course of carrying out their plans to implement the resolutions of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Once the national economic plan is worked out, no one has the right to change it, he said, adding that officials in the economic field should make strenuous efforts to carry it into practice with a correct viewpoint on its implementation while foreseeing possible difficulties and finding ways to overcome them.

He stressed the need for all Party organizations to intensify the struggle against the practices of weakening the organizational and executive power of the Cabinet, the economic headquarters of the country, and thoroughly orient and subordinate the Party work to the implementation of the Party's policies, thus getting their working efficiency verified in the practical struggle for attaining the 12 major goals for the development of the national economy this year.

The plenary meeting heard a report on practical measures for thoroughly establishing the discipline of

implementing the national economic plan.

The plenary meeting discussed the third agenda item "On the immediate matters arising in improving the state financial work".

Premier Kim Tok Hun made a report.

The report referred to urgent practical issues, including those of strengthening the country's financial foundation and financial discipline, improving banking and putting the state financial system on a more scientific basis, all of which will render financial support to the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialist construction.

The plenary meeting held sectional study and consultative meetings to draw up a thorough and correct plan for implementing the strategy for rural development set forth by the General Secretary in his important concluding speech and further accelerating the economic development.

Cadres of the Party and government guided the sectional meetings.

The meetings, held divided into eight sections, heard open, innovative and progressive opinions based on deep study of agenda-related issues according to the main idea of the historic concluding speech and worked out scientific

measures, substantial operational plans, of which feasibility has been thoroughly examined through serious discussion.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee examined the draft resolution reflecting new goals and ways for attaining them to bring about fundamental innovations and substantial change and development in agricultural production and economic construction, and presented it to the plenary meeting for approval.

The plenary meeting unanimously approved the development-oriented resolution for brilliantly materializing the great programme for socialist rural revolution.

And an important issue for developing the economy was adopted as a resolution.

The plenary meeting decided to amend and supplement some provisions of the resolution of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The plenary meeting discussed the organizational matters as the fourth agenda item.

It recalled and by-elected members and alternate members of the WPK Central Committee.

Kim Song Jun was by-elected as

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member of the WPK Central Committee from alternate member, and Choe Tong Myong, An Kum Chol, Choe Kun Yong and Jong Myong Do were by-elected directly as members of the WPK Central Committee.

Kim Kwang Un, Jang Yong Chol and Sonu Yong Hyok were by-elected as alternate members of the WPK Central Committee.

It dismissed and appointed a department director of the WPK Central Committee.

Choe Tong Myong was appointed as department director of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Cadres of the government organs were dismissed and appointed.

An Kum Chol was appointed as minister of Metallurgical Industry and Choe Kun Yong as president of the Central Court.

Kim Jong Un made a closing address.

Noting that the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, held in the period of key importance in the development of our revolution, is of great significance in

the struggle of our Party and people, he said that the plenary meeting set more definite proposals for decisively putting agriculture, one of the two major fields of socialist economic construction, on a stable and sustained development track in a few years to come and provided a turning point for accelerating the overall prosperity of the state.

For each sector and unit to give ideological and moral, material and technical support and assistance to the rural communities should be a trend of the whole society, he said,

mentioning once again the important principles and ways for bringing about a fundamental change in the development of agriculture.

Expressing expectation that all the officials including members of the Party central leadership body would creditably perform their duties as the banner of struggle and standard-bearers of advance in overcoming the obstacles standing in the way of socialist construction, deeply aware of the great trust of the people, he declared the plenary meeting closed.



# Ground-breaking ceremony for construction of new street in Sopho area held Kim Jong Un encourages youth vanguard with his stirring speech, shovels to start the project



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In the sacred course of the Workers' Party of Korea which is translating into a thrilling reality the grand plan and determination for prosperity and development of the DPRK and the wellbeing of its people, a new street will be built in the Sopho area of Pyongyang, the capital city, as a symbol of the development and future of socialism.

The construction of a new street in the capital city, set forth by the historic Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK as a major construction task for this significant year and entrusted to the youth, is a gigantic creation campaign to be carried out by the steadfast will of the WPK to provide the people with a highly-civilized and happy life as early as possible at the

extraordinary construction speed of racing against time and accelerate the ongoing grand revolutionary advance with the fighting mettle and advancing spirit of the fine, reliable and passionate youth.

The great Party Central Committee entrusted the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade with the important revolutionary task to make our young people, who have always served as a powerful driving force of the national development in the historic course of the Korean revolution pioneered in Mt Paektu, reliably carry forward the proud tradition of loyalty and patriotism in the ongoing general advance. Such great trust is giving further momentum to enthusiasm for the revolution and patriotic zeal of millions of young people

across the country.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a new street in the Sopho area of Pyongyang Municipality took place on February 25.

The venue of the ceremony, which will mark another brilliant chapter in the history of the Juche-oriented youth movement, was brimming with the revolutionary enthusiasm of young builders who were determined to create new legendary tales about the heroic youth as standard-bearers in building socialist civilization at the worthwhile theatre for translating into a proud reality the long-cherished desire of the Party Central Committee.

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, attended the

ceremony.

When he appeared at the venue of the ceremony together with his beloved daughter, all the participants broke into cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to the great father who put forward the young people as the vanguard and shock brigade in the struggle for socialist construction and as the promising, young main forces taking the lead in ushering in a new era of the country's prosperity and has shown all kinds of love and affection for them, while making a new history of attaching importance to the youth on this land.

Present at the ceremony were Kim Tok Hun and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Il

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Hwan and Jon Hyon Chol, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, Pak Hun, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, commanding officers and members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, officials of the youth league and young people in the city.

When the ground-breaking ceremony was declared, the national anthem of the DPRK was played solemnly.

Kim Jong Un made a significant speech.

Expressing his pleasure over the declaration of significant ground-breaking for building another modern street in the presence of young volunteers, which will be recorded as a proud page in the history of the Korean youth movement adorned with bravery and feats, he highly appreciated

once again the immortal feats of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade performed in building a monumental edifice dedicated to the motherland by the youth.

He said that the Paektusan hero youth spirit that has prevailed in all campaign theatres in the country comes to be the symbol of indomitable character and fighting spirit of our socialist young vanguard and an integral part of the irresistible might of Juche Korea courageously braving hardships, and clarified our Party's determination to provide a new and big theatre of activities for young people to show once again their patriotic enthusiasm in the course of overall development of socialist construction by further elevating this great spirit.

Expressing belief that the laudable Socialist Patriotic Youth League and Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade would successfully build a new street in

the capital city by living up to the call of the times and expectation of the people through their heroic struggle, he ardently appealed to them to wage a brave struggle for the high honour of the Korean youth and the eternal prosperity of our socialist state and for the sake of the capital city of Pyongyang.

At the end of his passionate speech full of great trust and love for the youth, all the participants, deeply moved with high honour and happiness, raised stormy cheers again.

Kim Jong Un gave the flag of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade to its commanding officers.

The young vanguard raised shouts of their firm will to create a new legendary story in the construction representing the era by amplifying once again the Paektusan hero youth spirit and mettle in carrying out the grand construction project, holding aloft the honorable flag given by the respected fatherly

Marshal Kim Jong Un as the banner of struggle and advance.

All the young builders made a solemn pledge to report their victory to the fatherly Marshal after successfully building another ideal street for people in Pyongyang, the heart of Juche Korea, through all-out charge in the spirit and mettle of the Korean youth not knowing impossibility by carrying forward the proud history and tradition of the Korean youth who have answered the Party's call with their devoted service.

The venue of the ceremony roared with the shouts of slogans of loyalty reflecting the faith and will of all the participants determined to devotedly defend the absolute dignity and prestige of the Party Central Committee and fully display the brave stamina of a large contingent

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of young people in the great era of Kim Jong Un by most creditably and perfectly carrying out the tasks assigned by him no matter what ordeals and difficulties may block their way.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un personally shovelled the first spadeful of earth, together with senior Party and government officials to mark the ground-breaking for the construction of a new street in the Sopho area of Pyongyang.

All the participants raised enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!", hardly repressing their surging emotion at the deep trust and love of

the fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un as he personally made a passionate speech at the ground-breaking ceremony and shovelled the first spadeful of earth together with his beloved daughter, giving great strength and courage to the young people in the hope that they would emerge as performers of feats and victors in the forefront of the capital city construction.

Kim Jong Un personally pressed the detonator button.

Amid the sound of blasting signaling the start of construction, fireworks were displayed in the sky of February to bless our young people who have turned out in the heroic struggle and advance.

Very high is the spirit and stamina of our young people who devote their all to the implementation of the Party's plan, keeping the loyalty to the Party and the revolution as their greatest honour and pride, Kim Jong Un said, adding that the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, which has built a solid fortress of faith defending our cause with ardent vigour and patriotism, and other young people should become the backbone in the ongoing grand socialist construction.

Expressing expectation and belief that our youth braving any difficulties in response to the Party's call would proudly build another luxurious street,

an innovative entity representing a prosperous and powerful country, keeping deep in mind their sacred duty and the call of the times, "For the victory of our cause!" and "For Pyongyang, our capital city!", he encouraged the reliable young vanguards.

The construction of a new street in the Sopho area of Pyongyang Municipality will strikingly demonstrate once again the mettle of resourceful and brave youth of Juche Korea, closely rallied around the great Party Central Committee with intense loyalty to the Party's cause, and the image of the DPRK dynamically advancing toward a bright future with youthful vigour.



# General Secretary Kim Jong Un speaks at the ground-breaking ceremony for new street construction project in Pyongyang

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech entitled, "Display to the Full Once Again in the Capital City of Pyongyang the Indomitable Spirit Unique to Our Courageous Young People", at the ground-breaking ceremony for a project to build a new street in the Sopho area in Pyongyang on February 25. The following is its full text:

Dear Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade members, who have come to a major site of the capital city construction with the mettle and spirit of sacred Paektu,

Dear young volunteers, who have come from across the country true to the ennobling duty and call of the times of "For the victory of our cause!" and "For our capital city of Pyongyang!"



clearly and proudly demonstrate to the world how dynamically our struggle for advance is developing in a more extensive and vigorous manner in the face of harshest ordeals and difficulties.

In this sense, this is not simply a construction project but a kind of political campaign indicative of the character of our revolution.

Such a revolutionary mission of crucial importance has been entrusted to you.

I believe that I will be able to witness, in your energetic endeavour here in this project site, the fact that the mettle and fighting spirit of performing, in whatever they do, feats which will represent the times and remain in history, which pulsated among young people of the preceding generations, still pulsates among young people of the current generation.

project for forming a characteristic street by building over 4 000 flats in the area of the northern gateway to the capital city of Pyongyang in the sidelines of the construction of 10 000 flats in the city in 2023.

The Party's intention is to help our young people demonstrate more powerfully the heroic spirit and patriotic devotion unique to the Korean youth in the grand construction site in the capital city and prepare themselves more satisfactorily as successors to the revolution, reserves of the Workers' Party and capable builders of socialism.

Not long after the Party called upon them, as many as 100 000 young men and women from all the Youth League organizations across the country have volunteered for the capital city construction and immediately left for Pyongyang amid warm encouragement and send-offs from all other people. Seeing this, the whole country was deeply impressed.

In this course, our praiseworthy Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade has been expanded and reinforced by several times.

I have no doubt that our young builders will create a dignified symbol of the development of socialism and its future, which will startle the world, at the northern gateway to Pyongyang by fully displaying the mettle of the Korean young people who are prepared to brave fire and water in response to the call of the Party and motherland and who love waging the revolution and working.

Dear young builders, When the golden age of construction in Pyongyang has reached its record high, you have joined in it as honourable builders.

The importance of the tasks assigned to you young builders lies not only in the fact that you will help to increase the number of flats for the capital city citizens by several thousands.

The new street you are going to erect is truly a worthwhile and proud project, which is geared to ushering in a new phase of the development of the Juche-oriented architecture.

There will be formed a grand street axis and residential quarters consisting of super-highrise apartment houses and other houses of different shapes in good harmony with public buildings. It will provide a model and important experience for the development of the Juche-oriented architecture and, in particular, for the capital city construction.

The large architectural group of this characteristic street will vividly illustrate the prestige of our country which is developing by leaps and bounds, and will

the current generation.

As you all know, not only the project for building 4 100 flats here but also second-stage project for building 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and construction of the Kangdong Greenhouse Farm have been launched simultaneously on the construction front in the capital city for this year.

Because all the construction projects are intended for the wellbeing of the capital city citizens and for motherly Pyongyang, our glorious capital city, our Party attaches equal importance and is giving a strong push to them. Still, I emphasize that it pays particularly closer attention to the construction of the new street you have shouldered.

It is partly because the completion of this street is of great significance, but more importantly because it has a great significance and is precious in that the 100 000-strong contingent of young people, who have come from every part of the country, will be tempered in a revolutionary way and grow up in the course of construction.

Construction of the new street is a challenging struggle as you will have to complete the colossal project in a short span of time. So after launching the project, you might encounter difficulties from the outset.

However, the force of hot-blooded young people who are burning with loyalty and patriotism can break through any trials and hardships.

Because you lack in experience and skills and you are unaccustomed to much work, you may waver or feel feeble-hearted. But you must courageously overcome them by relying on the organization, collective and comrades and by recalling the pledges you made when you volunteered.

You should learn from and assist one another to make collective innovations in carrying out the project and devote pure conscience and sincerity to build all the items of the project to be quality ones which you can bequeath with pride to posterity.

The whole country will see our young people growing stronger and wiser with each passing day in the looks of the architectural structures rising floor by floor, and see their ideals, ambitions, lofty dreams, courage and pluck which are growing beyond recognition in the grand appearance of the wonderful new street at the gateway to the capital city.

Just like the generations of your grandfathers and grandmothers, fathers and mothers, you will have the

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youthful pride and honour of having shed your precious sweat for the capital city construction, and will record in your autobiography the stories of merits, in which you can proudly say my capital city, my Pyongyang.

Moreover, the massive contingent of young people who have grown up here will, after returning to their home towns and villages, take the lead in the efforts to bring about radical changes with the mode of struggle and pattern of creation they have acquired in the capital city construction, and this is the greatest outcome our Party prioritize over anything else in the construction of the new street.

Laudable young builders, The time has come for working a miracle.

The present era of successive struggles pins its hope on your morale.

It is time to prove your true merits.

Pyongyang citizens are encouraging you, young builders; Youth League organizations that have recommended and dispatched you and your parents who have willingly let their beloved children take leave of them are watching you; all the other people across the country are looking forward to success in your struggle.

Besides them, the whole world will watch what the heroic mettle and unyielding struggle of our Korean young people will present.

I am fully convinced that the laudable Socialist Patriotic Youth League and Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade will prove themselves worthy of the

call of the times and the expectations of the people through their indomitable and heroic struggle, and thus build a splendid new street that will go well with our young people's heightened temperament, incomparable heroic spirit and precious honour, without fail in this area in 2023.

I hope that every one of you will overcome trials in good health and emerge as honourable victors without fail.

Comrades, For the dignified honour of the Korean young people,

For the eternal prosperity of our socialist state and our capital city of Pyongyang,

For our parents, siblings and friends, Let us all struggle courageously.

## Press release of Seventh Plenum of Eighth WPK Central Committee

Members and alternate members of the Workers' Party of Korea Central Committee by-elected at the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee are as follows:

### Members of the WPK Central Committee

Kim Song Jun

Choe Tong Myong

An Kum Chol

Choe Kun Yong

Jong Myong Do

Department Director of the WPK Central Committee appointed at the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

Choe Tong Myong



### Alternate members of the WPK Central Committee

Kim Kwang Un

Jang Yong Chol

Sonu Yong Hyok

Cadres of government organs appointed at the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee



Minister of Metallurgical Industry An Kum Chol



President of the Central Court Choe Kun Yong

## Politburo of WPK Central Committee meets

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The 14th Political Bureau Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the office building of the WPK Central Committee on March 1.

Attending it were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, presided over the meeting.

The Political Bureau of the Party



Central Committee deliberated on the draft resolutions reflecting the agricultural development plan and major economic issues on the basis of the opinions offered at the sectional study and consultative meetings of the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee. It decided to examine the feasibility of the draft resolutions and finally complete them before reporting them to the plenary meeting.

The Political Bureau meeting also discussed and decided on amending and supplementing some provisions of the decision of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.





# Girl assiduously follows her dream



Merited Athlete Kim Jin A is selected as one of DPRK's top 10 players of 2019 and 2022.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Everyone has a dream. But not all of them follow and realize their dreams. It requires immeasurable effort and zeal to live the dreams. And the effort and zeal are often likened to sweat. Kim Jin A, a judoist of the Pyongyang Sports Club, is a girl who pursues her dream by the sweat of her brow. When she was in the second grade at primary school, Kim went through a basic technical training course on judo at the



**“Fruits grown by your own effort taste sweeter and make you more pleasant and proud.”**

Kim Jin A, a judoist of the Pyongyang Sports Club

then juvenile sports school of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium with a dream to become a great judoka like four-time world champion Kye Sun Hui.

Though nobody was sure if she had a clear goal at such a young age, Kim persistently tried to grasp the principle of each technical move and attained proficiency through repeated training.

Her skills got more refined during her career at the Pyongyang Sports Club.

Her clubmates said that she would train tirelessly day and night.

When she got only a bronze medal in her debut, she showed no sign of despair but redoubled effort in training to overcome her defects under the guidance and assistance of her coach.

“Fruits grown by your own effort taste sweeter and make you

more pleasant and proud,” said Kim.

Her painstaking efforts eventually started to come to fruition.

She came first in the 44kg category women's judo second-class event of a tournament held in April the following year and emerged as a prominent female judoist.

Since then, she won medals at every national competition and distinguished herself at nine international events.

Especially, she snatched golds at the four international competitions she participated in 2019, including the women's 57kg category of the Qingdao World Judo Masters.

A Merited Athlete selected as one of the DPRK's top ten players of 2019 and 2022, Kim Jin A is still training hard to achieve a higher goal.

## Brass vessel and folk customs

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

The Korean people have widely used brass vessels since ancient times.

Brass vessels got diversified in kind along with the development of metal-processing technologies in the medieval age, and they became a necessity which was indispensable in the life of Koreans.

Brass has advantages as compared to other metals in terms of aesthetic sense and quality.

First, it gives no harm to human body.

When brass comes into contact with a poisonous substance, it soon changes its colour to show that the substance is toxic. When you wash your hands or feet with water in a brass basin, it is good for the treatment and prevention of skin diseases.

Brass vessels are very convenient for storage and use as they do not break like porcelain and earthenware and can be used for a long time.

For such characters and merits of brass, the Koreans have made with it the containers of foods, cooking tools and daily necessities since a long time ago.

They would polish brass tableware and put it into a kitchen cupboard when they did not use it. When deciding on the matter of marriage of their son, his parents acquainted themselves with the number of brass tableware in the kitchen cupboard of the family of his wife-to-be, like rice and soup bowls and dishes, and the orderliness of their arrangement. Therefore, the families with marriageable daughters would secure brass tableware before marrying them off with the tableware. They also practised the custom of using brass tableware when preparing tables for such family ceremonies as wedding and birthday parties and memorial services.

Today, Okryu and Chongnyu restaurants in the capital of the DPRK serve world-famous Pyongyang cold noodles in brass vessels.



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A set of brass tableware.

## Historical relic Ulmil Pavilion



Ulmil Pavilion stands on Moran Hill in Pyongyang.

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Ulmil Pavilion is a historical relic on Moran Hill in Pyongyang.

Built as a northern command post of the inner wall of the Walled City of Pyongyang during Koguryo's building of the wall in the mid-sixth century, the pavilion is a valuable architectural relic showing the creative wisdom and talents of the Korean ancestors.

It commands the beautiful scenery of Pyongyang and enjoying spring on the pavilion has long been regarded as one of the eight famous views in Pyongyang.

And it is better known as it is associated with the story of the ancestors' struggle against foreign aggressors.

It was destroyed severely by the US imperialists' air raids during the Fatherland Liberation War. Later it was restored to its original state and is preserved well thanks to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea on protecting national heritage.

