

Kim Jong Un inspects preparatory committee for launching reconnaissance satellite



KCNA launching military reconnaissance satellite No. 1, which is composed of scientists and technicians of the DPRK Aerospace Development Administration, national defence science research institutes and universities and scientific research institutions at all levels of the DPRK, is pushing ahead with its work at the final stage amid an intensive campaign

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for bolstering up the self-defence capabilities to attain the major five-point goals for developing national defence capabilities set at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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 work of the non-permanent satellite-launching preparatory committee on the spot on May 16.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

was greeted by leading officials of the Department of Munitions Industry and the Department of Science and Education of the Party Central Committee, members of the Aerospace Development Administration and the non-permanent satellite-launching preparatory committee.

After acquainting himself in detail with the work of the committee, he inspected military reconnaissance satellite No. 1 which is ready for loading after undergoing the final general assembly check and space environment test.

He highly appreciated that the

preparatory committee has fulfilled its duty and role in a responsible manner in the course of carrying out the important work for dramatically developing the military technology of the country.

To successfully launch the military reconnaissance satellite is an urgent requirement of the prevailing security environment of the country, a process of correctly implementing the Party's and government's policy of bolstering up the defence capabilities on a top priority basis, and at the same time a clear stride forward in the space military and scientific and technological development of the country, he said,

specifying the strategic goals to be attained continuously in the field of space research.

Repeatedly stressing the strategic nature of possessing military reconnaissance satellites, he said that the more desperately the US imperialists and south Korean puppet villains escalate their confrontational moves against the DPRK, the more squarely and offensively the DPRK will exercise its sovereignty and right of legitimate self-defence to deter them and defend the country.

He approved the future action plan of the preparatory committee.

Kim Jong Un pays floral tribute at the grave of Hyon Chol Hae



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on May 19 to mark the first anniversary of the demise of Hyon Chol Hae.

He was accompanied by Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK. Kim Jong Un laid a flower at the grave of Hyon Chol Hae, recollecting

the sincere and resolute appearance and praiseworthy life of the revolutionary soldier who remained boundlessly loyal to the cause of the Party with his genuinely revolutionary traits and noble humanity and devoted himself to the country, revolution and people without any slight affectation and selfishness.

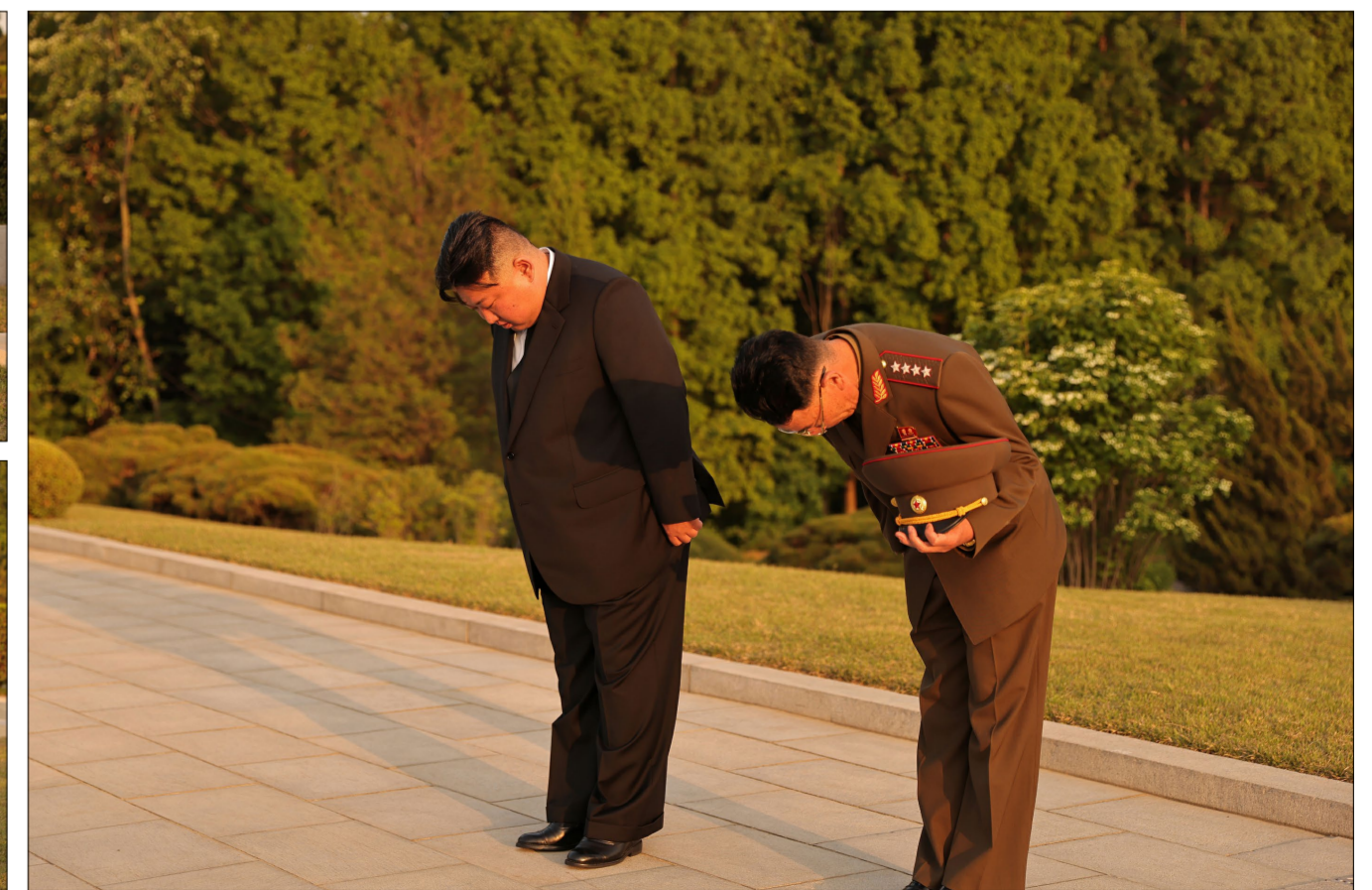
He paid a silent tribute to the memory of Hyon, a son of the great DPRK and distinguished elder loyalist produced by the Juche revolution.

Looking at Hyon's picture, Kim Jong Un had a conversation for a long time in his inmost heart with the beloved soldier he had never forgotten when the country was overcoming the worst difficulties and ushering in a new heyday in bolstering up the national defence capabilities as Hyon had always given him strength and courage while accompanying him.

He said that the feats of the veteran revolutionary who devoted his whole life to the revolutionary cause of Juche would

be immortal along with the history of the WPK and the country and that Hyon Chol Hae would always be in the hearts of the Korean people including the service personnel of the Korean People's Army.

In front of the memorial monument of the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery, he paid high tribute to the martyrs, praying that their valuable life recorded in the history of the country would be everlasting on the eminence of respect and honour generation after generation.



Memorial service honours first anniversary of demise of Hyon Chol Hae



A memorial service is held at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on Friday to commemorate the first anniversary of the demise of Hyon Chol Hae.

KCNA

A memorial service was held solemnly at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on Friday to commemorate the first anniversary of the demise of Hyon Chol Hae who was a prominent political and military activist of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state and a veteran of the armed forces organ of the DPRK.

of National Defence, and other senior Party, government and military officials, teaching staff and students of military schools at all levels and revolutionary schools and the bereaved family members. The participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of Hyon who devoted his all to the victorious advance of the Juche cause shining with the lineage of Paektu with the single-minded loyalty to the Party and the leaders and the spirit of devoted service to the country and people throughout his life.

having bidden farewell to Hyon Chol Hae, which left an indelible sense of loss in the history of the Korean revolution, still lingers in the hearts of all the people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army and referred to the brilliant life of the martyr who led and encouraged the Korean people as a model of loyalist, steadfast revolutionary and genuine human in the forefront of the revolution advancing toward a new victory, always being together with them in their struggle and life for the past one year.

had remained true to the leaders, the revolution and his duty all his life, showed the noble example of the harmonious whole of the leader and soldier with the boundless love and obligation. Reverently remembering the elder loyalist who enjoyed the highest honour and happiness as a soldier and Korean revolutionary in the warm embrace of Kim Jong Un, the speaker stressed that the noble life and distinguished feats of Hyon would be immortal as they are filled with legendary stories about love, trust, loyalty and repayment between the leader and soldiers.

generations to inherit the soul and spirit of the loyalists of preceding generations and all the people and service personnel should leave the trace of worthwhile life in the struggle for accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche as Hyon Chol Hae did, he said. He paid high tribute to the noble life of Hyon, calling for waging a dynamic struggle for the accomplishment of the cause of building a powerful socialist country of a Korean style led by Kim Jong Un and for the rosy future of the powerful country by carrying forward the batons of ideology, faith, loyalty and patriotism of the revolutionary martyrs.

Present there were Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Sun Nam, minister

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, delivered a memorial address. He said that the sorrow of

He said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, valuing most the genuine revolutionary traits and humanity of Hyon who



Senior officials visit martyrs cemetery in memory of Hyon Chol Hae

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Officials of the organs of the Workers' Party of Korea, the government and the armed forces visited the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on Friday on the occasion of the first anniversary of the demise of Hyon Chol Hae who

was a prominent political and military activist of the Party, the state and the revolutionary armed forces. Kim Tok Hun and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other officials of Party,

government and armed forces organs, teaching staff and students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and the bereaved family members laid flowers at his grave. All the participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of Hyon Chol Hae, a veteran of the armed forces

organ of the DPRK and a steadfast revolutionary who led a truly glorious life as a revolutionary soldier without any affectation and change of mind in supporting the Party and the leader and performed indelible feats in the sacred struggle for accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Premier Kim inspects different sectors

KCNA

Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, inspected various sectors.

Going round farms in Singye and Sohung counties of North Hwanghae Province and Pongchon, Paechon, Yonan and Chongdan counties of South Hwanghae Province, he learned in detail about the immediate farming progress.

He called on the officials and working people in the agricultural sector to fulfil their responsibility and role as masters in charge of the agricultural production in a "granary" of the country, bearing in mind the intention of the Party which set the attaining of the goal of grain production as the first target of the 12 major goals for national economic development.

He underscored the need to take timely scientific and technological measures for improving the nutrition of earlier crops to raise the per-hectare yield to the maximum, concentrate efforts on finishing the rice-transplanting in a qualitative way in the right time and readjust and reinforce and further perfect the irrigation system so that cities and counties can cope with forecasted extreme weather.

At the Taean Heavy Machine Complex, he said that officials and workers should produce and supply custom-built equipment needed for various sectors of the national economy in time, being fully aware of the importance of their duty in implementing the decisions of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

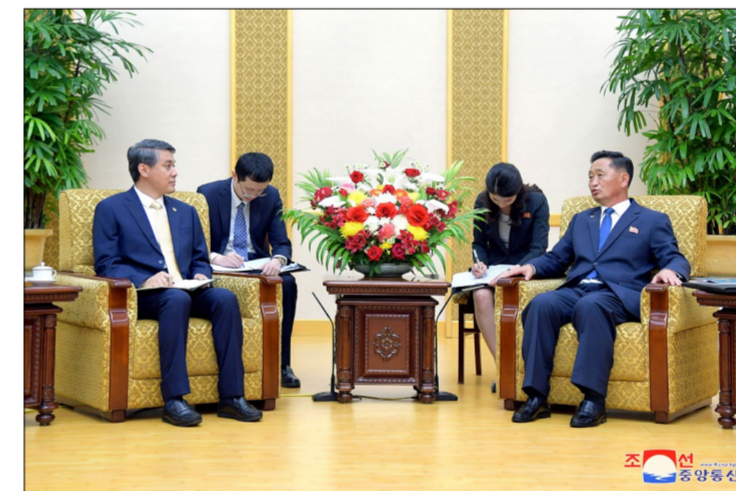
Learning about the operation of Nampho Port, he underlined the need to raise the operation rate of harbour cranes and other equipment so as to ensure full promptness in handling freights. The field consultative meetings took measures after discussing the issue of intensifying the agricultural guidance organs' scientific and technological guidance over farming, the issue of giving priority to the supply of farming materials to the countryside and



Premier Kim Tok Hun (third from left) visits several farms in North and South Hwanghae provinces to learn about their immediate farming.

the issue of improving of custom-built equipment with relevant research quality in the production by strengthening ties institutes.

Premier Kim Tok Hun meets new Chinese ambassador to DPRK



Premier Kim Tok Hun (right) has a talk with Wang Yajun, new Chinese ambassador, on Wednesday.

KCNA

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of

the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, met with new Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun who paid a courtesy call on him at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on Wednesday. Kim Tok Hun had a talk with Wang Yajun in a warm

and friendly atmosphere. Present there were Vice Foreign Minister Pak Myong Ho, officials concerned and staff members of the Chinese embassy including Resident Minister Feng Chuntao.

KCU members hold meeting to start relay for sending letter of loyalty

KCNA

The Korean Children's Union (KCU) members are faithfully following the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un who saw to it that the KCU congresses were held with splendour and bestowed great glory and the highest privileges to be envied by the world on them.

Such pure mind of all schoolchildren is expressed in the letter to the fatherly Marshal on the lapse of 70 years since a letter of best wishes was sent to President Kim Il Sung by Chairman Kim Jong Il during the rigorous days of the grim Fatherland Liberation War.

hearts each paragraph of the letter of best wishes written by Kim Jong Il for the good health and wellbeing of the President seventy years ago by reflecting the unanimous desire of the Korean people, requested that they take part in the relay for sending a letter of loyalty to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

on Thursday to start the relay for sending a letter of loyalty by KCU members across the country. Present there were Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Thae Il, chief secretary of the Ryanggang Provincial Committee of the WPK, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials concerned, officials of the youth league and members of the KCU in Ryanggang Province.

A letter reflecting the ardent desire of all the members of the KCU for the wellbeing of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un was read out

at the meeting. Mun Chol handed the letter to the Ryanggang provincial letter relay team. At the end of the meeting, the start of the letter of loyalty relay was declared. Members of the KCU in Ryanggang Province, who are heading the team, left the Paektusan Secret Camp with a strong will to prepare themselves as reliable successors and communist reserves carrying forward the revolutionary cause. Officials, working people, young people, youth and students in the City of Samjiyon and other places in the province warmly welcomed the Ryanggang provincial letter relay team that day.

A meeting takes place at the Paektusan Secret Camp on Thursday to start the relay for sending a letter of loyalty by KCU members across the country.



Projects undertaken to complete comprehensive irrigation system

Construction of Hwangju Kindung waterway in full swing



Hwangju Kindung waterway project is progressing apace.

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The project is aimed at building well over a hundred kilometre-long gravity-fed waterway to send the water of Lake Yonthan to Hwangju Kindung plain

By **Jong Hwa Sun** PT

The DPRK has carried out a series of waterway construction projects to improve its irrigation system. They include the Kaechon-Lake Thaeson waterway, Paengma-Cholsan waterway, Miru Plain waterway and South Hwanghae provincial waterway built as part of the grand nature-harnessing programme for boosting agricultural production.

At present, the Hwangju Kindung waterway is under construction in North

Hwanghae Province.

Hwangju Kindung plain has unfavourable conditions for the supply of water from the geographical point of view. The project is mainly aimed at building well over a hundred kilometre-long gravity-fed waterway to send the water of Lake Yonthan to the plain without using electricity or pumping facilities. Starting in June 2020, the project is now proceeding at a fast pace. "When it comes to waterway, people usually think of water channel that

stretches for a long distance at first. But the Hwangju Kindung waterway has many water tunnels through the mountains," said an official of the central waterway construction headquarters. According to him, its builders have tunnelled well over 10 000 cubic metres of earth for extension, laid over 10 000 cubic metres of concrete, removed hundreds of thousands of cubic metres of earth and excavated well over 10 000 cubic metres of bedrock this year alone. At the construction site

efficient construction methods including the stratum support method of construction have been introduced to ensure continuous successes in the project. When the waterway project is completed, a new irrigation system will be built to supply enough water of Lake Yonthan to the vast stretches of farmland in Hwangju Kindung plain and Yonthan County. And a large quantity of electricity will be saved as the system will not use many pumping facilities.

Provinces invest effort in perfecting dry-field irrigation system

By **Sin Pyol** PT

Rural communities in all parts of the country are directing big efforts to completing dry-field irrigation systems. To this end, South Hwanghae Province pushes ahead with the production of pumps and plastic pipes for dry-field irrigation. The rural economy committee of the province set up a plastic pipe production process at an enterprise and is arranging work scrupulously to produce necessary quantities of such pipes in a short period. Cities and counties in the

province are pressing on with the production of pumps. Pacchon, Pyoksong and other counties and cities are pushing forward with the production of pumps for dry-field irrigation as scheduled by inspiring technicians and skilled workers. At present, tens of kilometres of plastic pipes and hundreds of pumps have been produced and the laying of the pipes is under way in the province. North Phyongan Province is stepping up the construction and production of facilities and equipment needed for the perfection of the local dry-field irrigation

system. The province confirmed new irrigation projects and has organized transport scrupulously to ensure a steady supply of materials for the projects. Its cities and counties are producing pumps for additional pumping stations to be built there. Nampho City attaches importance to creating models and generalizing good experience. To this end, it made plans of projects for irrigating dozens of hectares of dry fields in Usan-ri of Hanggu District and Okto-ri of Ryonggang County and scrupulously

organized the work to set an example. It ensures the irrigation projects progress as planned by taking thorough measures to provide labour, materials and equipment. The city officials frequent the construction sites to learn about and solve problems in time. Working people participating in the projects are performing their tasks in a responsible manner. Other regions including South Phyongan and North Hwanghae provinces are promoting the work to establish irrigation systems with clear goals.

Factories ensure supply of necessary equipment, materials to irrigation projects

By **Chae Hyang Ok** PT

The Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea put forward the completion of overall irrigation system to cope with abnormal climate phenomena as a primary task to be carried out in guaranteeing the stable development of agriculture at present.

To this end, relevant economic sectors and units preferentially supply equipment and materials needed for irrigation projects.

The Taean Electrical Appliances Factory adjusted and reinforced overall production processes including upgrading of different test and measuring apparatuses and made the most of internal reserves to produce much more custom-built equipment pieces which have to be sent to irrigation construction sites.

The factory made an insulator needed for the production of electric motor by recycling waste vinyl and fibre, and solved the problems of necessary equipment and parts by itself, including heating press jig, cutter and roller.

The Munchon Valve Factory carries out its monthly production plan of valves which are essential for irrigation projects. While giving priority to raising the quality of products, the factory focuses its effort on further improving the technical knowledge and skills of employees.

In the course of strengthening collective discussion between technicians and skilled workers and waging a massive technical

innovation drive, it made different sizes of moulds and developed new devices and searches and introduces technical innovation plans for shortening the melting time. The Anju Pump Factory has produced large numbers of pumps after finding out the way for implementing a large irrigation pump production plan in the enhancement of productivity based on new technology and immediate adjustment and reinforcement of deficient factors.

The factory newly established the Juche iron-based cast iron and stainless steel casting production processes, eliminated deficient elements in the hundreds of metres of ceiling crane power lines in a short time and devised and introduced a new technology into the medium frequency induction furnace, thereby remarkably reducing melting cost and supplying the quality alloy steel materials for different uses.

And it remodelled the material forging furnace into an environment-friendly one and then remoulded rolling mills, thus increasing the production of pipes and parts more than 1.3 times.

The factory invented and introduced well over a hundred assembly jigs of all kinds to speed up pump assembly more than 3 times and finished the full equipment of power-saving production process of a dozen kinds of highly effective large pumps and the remodelling of the power lines and cooling system of a medium frequency induction furnace.

Regular meeting to present good ideas contributes to making employees master inventors

By **Yun Kyong Il** PT

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex steps up the production of Juche fertilizer. It overcomes difficulties by dint of science and technology while continuing to direct great efforts to the management of equipment and technology.

Workers of the dressed coal supply, humic acid and moulding workshops and gas generator workshops Nos. 1 and 2 are strictly observing standard regulations for the normal operation of equipment.

Gas generator operators are increasing the per-hour production of gas by introducing bold and ingenious working methods while making exact demands on themselves in an effort to increase their technical knowledge and skills.

Compressor workshops Nos. 1 and 2 and the ammonia and forwarding workshops are strengthening collaboration between processes and raising the scientific level of production.

In particular, all machine operators of compressor

workshop No. 2 take part in making new valuable technical innovation plans for raising the operational rate of equipment while taking good care of the facilities.

The complex regularly holds a meeting for the presentation of ideas for the introduction of new technical innovation plans so that all the employees become master inventors. Unusual conception boxes are found here and there at the complex and its employees now make a habit of putting into the boxes papers on which they write about the conceptions they developed during their work or quests.

Relevant officials of the complex frequent the units under their charge to acquaint themselves with the conceptions and regularly hold a meeting for the presentation of them.

The conceptions rated as excellent at the meeting are a big help to production at the complex and its management and operation.

Recently, the complex has made not a few achievements, including the effectively remodelling of

several facilities and solution of the problem of compressor parts by itself, all attributable to those rated as good at such meetings.

It also praises the workers, who present excellent ideas, in a methodological way to encourage more and more workers to become inventors.

Witnessing the effects of their ideas introduced into practice, the employees exert themselves to present better ideas, frequenting the sci-tech learning space in their spare time.

Thus the meeting for the presentation of conceptions became more animated and such a meeting took place twice or thrice a week, though it had been planned to be held once a week, with new ideas proposed in large numbers.

"Through the meeting for the presentation of conceptions, I became confident that I can also contribute to the development of the complex with science and technology. It just resulted in success like this," said a worker who thought of and realized a plan of replacing a worn-out part of a machine with a new one without disassembling the machine.

Introduction of optimal conditions, methods pushed

By **Kil Chung Il** PT

This year the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex has overfulfilled its national economic plan every month by positively introducing optimal methods into production.

The complex organizes and conducts all production activities by means of optimal methods in optimal conditions.

To this end, it pays close attention to the activities of its production control team.

The team led by the head of the production control room and consisting of technicians of the technology



Fertilizer production goes up at the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex.

department and industrial technology and catalyst research institutes solves the technical problems arising in production and ensures the finding and application of optimum indexes to the operation of every production process.

The complex attaches importance to the movement for technical innovation and invention.

"Only when employees, masters of production, are firmly prepared scientifically and technologically can they thoroughly put the fertilizer production and business activities on a scientific footing," said Ri Hyo Son,

deputy chief engineer in charge of technical affairs.

Not only leading officials of the complex but also all employees including young operators take part in the aforesaid movement.

Well over a thousand officials, workers and technicians participated in the recent sci-tech festival of the complex, which testifies to the mass technical innovation drive waged dynamically at the complex.

Some time ago, the gas generator workshop markedly increased the content of effective gas while saving much coal by successfully renovating the return cyclone.

The deputy chief engineer in charge of technical affairs said that dozens of technical innovation plans and creative ideas have been introduced in production this year and that the achievements help make all production activities of the complex more optimum.

This year, the complex has produced larger quantities of nutrient solution fertilizer and urea fertilizer while carrying out its monthly fertilizer production plan.

Production process set up for making major chemical equipment parts

By **To Kyong Chol** PT

The chemical machine branch factory of the Sunchon Chemical Complex has recently laid a production foundation for supplying different sizes of elliptic panels by further reinforcing medium- and large-sized elliptic panel production facilities.

The factory developed the production technology of elliptic panel whose diameter is a little over 1 metre and manufactured facilities for the first time two years ago, but it failed to produce large-sized elliptic panels as they required the solution of many technical problems.

Technicians and skilled workers of the factory buckled down to manufacturing the facility after confirming that they could easily manufacture large-sized elliptic panels by way of cold rolling if they found out a way to smooth the supporting feature of each part and vertical and horizontal rotary motion on the basis of their experience

of having manufactured small-diameter elliptic panel production equipment.

The technicians flawlessly completed over 1 000 designs in a month while working day and night to develop the design for the manufacture of equipment, thereby opening up the prospect for hastening the manufacture of equipment.

To make an elliptic panel with larger diameter, a thicker material had to be processed, and therefore the factory made close contact with relevant units to secure materials needed for the making of all kinds of parts and solved knotty problems while positively tapping internal reserves.

Though workers conducted a trial run after completing the processing and assembly of parts in four months by pressing on with the manufacture of equipment, the horizontal motion of rollers failed and the force transferring shaft was bent or broken by the compressive force. They did not succumb to failure

but came up with a method of measuring the vertical force of spinning roller and a new idea for making the spinning roller vertically press the iron plate to form a hemispheric shape. As they corrected defects, they finally manufactured a rotato-press working mill. Therefore, the factory became able to produce and supply any important parts needed for the establishment of the CI chemical industry and chemical factories and the manufacture of chemical devices for pharmaceutical and foodstuff industry sectors.

After completing the production process afresh, the factory ensured the full operation of reinforced elliptic panel production facilities to produce elliptic panels necessary for the establishment of the CI chemical industry and send them in time. It now strives for timely production and supply of elliptic panels needed for the construction of a nutritive liquid fertilizer factory.



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Production keeps going steadily at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex.

Locals cherish memory of May 2022

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Korean people vividly remember May of last year.

The journey of the Korean revolution has been a continuation of hard and bitter trials, and especially May of last year was literally a time of turbulence.

The most serious emergency occurred in the DPRK, which had prevented the influx of novel coronavirus and kept peace and order for two years and three months despite the global turmoil by building and resolutely maintaining a super high emergency epidemic prevention barrier from the beginning of the outbreak of the world pandemic. COVID-19 was transmitted to it.

A state measure was taken to block and isolate all the country by regions and units.

All traffic and travel were prohibited across the country, the rhythm of normal work and activities was broken and difficulties and obstacles grew several times in the life of every family and citizen as well as in state affairs.

The streets were empty as if all the country had left somewhere without notice and an increasing number of families suffered from the shortages of food including subsidiary food and daily necessities, to say nothing of medicines.

The locals were more worried about the fate of their beloved parents,

brothers and sisters and children.

It was the worst crisis they had ever experienced since the founding of the country.

However, their memory of May last year was not merely painful. A more shocking news warmed their hearts.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea who knows no compromise or concession on the personal safety of the people, called the Eighth Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK on May 12 last year when the spread of the malignant virus into the country was confirmed and ensured the state epidemic prevention efforts were switched to the top emergency anti-epidemic system. And he convened meetings of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee in succession to propose a series of measures and ways, and visited the theatres of the anti-epidemic campaign day and night, putting forward ingenious plans to fight the world pandemic and protect the valuable lives of the people.

Saying that as the stealth omicron variant spread into the country, he would personally take charge of the emergency anti-epidemic campaign from that time, and it was his official responsibility to do that, he stood at the forefront of the campaign for defending the people.

On the night of the first day when the top emergency anti-epidemic system was set in motion, he visited the state emergency anti-epidemic headquarters and instilled confidence into its officials encouraging them to fulfil their heavy responsibility without being exhausted. He also visited pharmacies in Pyongyang with a high risk of infection with the malignant virus without hesitation to learn about the supply of medicines in detail and took practical measures.

While ensuring that the state reserve medicines were urgently released so that necessary medicines could reach all the cases with fever as early as possible and all pharmacies switched to a 24-hour working system, he took a crucial measure to dispatch combatants in the field of military medicine of the Korean People's Army to the emergency anti-epidemic campaign in the capital city on the special order of the Party Central Military Commission.

As he regarded every one of his people as his own flesh and blood he could not or should not lose, he said he donated to the headquarters committee of the Workers' Party of Korea reserve medicines his family had prepared with a fervent wish that peace and laughter would settle on all families of the country again as soon as possible, asking it to send them to a needy family. And on June 15, a month later, he

sent medicines prepared by his family to the Haeju City Committee of South Hwanghae Province of the Workers' Party of Korea as acute enteric communicable diseases broke out in the city.

In the period of the top emergency anti-epidemic campaign which reminded the locals of a war, over a dozen important Party meetings took place under the guidance of the General Secretary and he examined 22 956 pages of 1 772 documents concerning the country's anti-epidemic efforts.

The self-sacrificing efforts of him who throws in his lot with the people, the scientific and people-oriented anti-epidemic policy of the WPK and its bold crucial measures enabled the country to stand a good chance of winning the emergency anti-epidemic campaign.

In fact, the General Secretary was also seriously ill with high temperature at that time, but he could not fall ill in bed even a moment as he thought of the people for whom he had to take full responsibility to the last but worked at the forefront of the campaign for defending the people.

May 2022 was indeed unforgettable days for the Korean people which instilled in them once again the iron truth that as they are led by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, they can overcome any disaster.

'Our army and system are the best'



Jang Ryong Hung and his parents.

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By Han Kwi Hun PT

My wish was to see even once my mother who gave birth to me and raised me, Jang Il Hong with visual impairment had said.

But after the top-level emergency anti-epidemic period was over last year, he said, "If a miracle happens and I become able to see even for a moment, I want to see the picture of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un and offer my heartfelt thanks to him." For his family, May last year was an unforgettable month.

They were very anxious when the national epidemic prevention work was switched to a top-level emergency anti-epidemic system due to Covid-19. Because the expected date of confinement of Jang's wife Han Mi Hyang was drawing nearer.

"We were yet to get ready for the confinement of my daughter-in-law as we were going to prepare for that at an opportune time. But regional lockdown prevented us from securing even a diaper, to say nothing of baby clothes," recalled Kim Pok Sil, mother of Jang Il Hong.

And misfortune befell on her family. Her daughter-in-law came to give premature birth to her baby. She had never been stunned like at that time and was at a loss as she could find neither vehicle nor passer-by on the road at dead of night, Kim said.

"Mother and I came out of our home with my sister-in-law, but she finally fell for the pain. At the moment of despair, I happened to see a light ahead. It was the Ryonghung Pharmacy where army medics were serving round the clock," said her daughter Jang Il Gyong.

Therefore, they entered the pharmacy with the thought that the pregnant woman would survive when they got help from service personnel.

As soon as they received the unconscious woman at midnight, the medics buckled down to midwifery.

As it was a pharmacy selling medicines, there was no delivery room equipped with necessary conditions for childbirth. Worse still, the visitors came there so hurriedly, they failed to bring a quilt for baby.

Under such circumstances, however, the medics helped the expectant mother with her safe delivery with all sincere devotion and promptly drove her and her baby to a hospital.

"I had no experience of midwifery and so I was quite confused at that time. But I was motivated by the consciousness that our people call service members first when they are in time of danger or difficulty, believing that nothing is impossible for the People's Army, and the determination to live up to their expectation," said army surgeon Kim Chung Bok.

The medics waited at the hospital until the postpartum examination was over.

Kim Pok Sil said they named the baby Ryong Hung after the pharmacy to get the child to always remember that he was born at the time when people were dying almost every day in other countries infected by the malignant virus.

The medics frequently visited the family of Jang Il Hong with nutritious foods like wild honey after his wife left the hospital and intimacy between the service personnel and the family got deeper as the days went by.

This May the family celebrated the first birthday of Ryong Hung and his father finished a vocational school for persons with disabilities thanks to the benefits of the state.

Kim Pok Sil and her family often say, "Our army and system are the best."

Alluring department store in East Pyongyang area



Customers purchase various kinds of goods at the Daesong Department Store.

JON KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Located in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang, the Daesong Department Store is a distinctive service facility in the East Pyongyang area.

Its building is decorated with glass curtain wall and yellowish brown finishing building materials and is attractive for its distinctive exterior from a great

distance. It has been four years since its renovation and draws many customers every day.

There is no need for customers to go out as they can receive all the necessary services indoors.

"I often visit the department store since its service environment is pleasing and everything including prices is convenient," said Han Yun Mi, a woman living in Munsin-

dong No. 1, Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang.

Put on display on the ground, first and second floors are different kinds of foodstuffs, daily necessities, medical supplies, fancy items and furniture. Here, customers can purchase what they need and go into the exhibition hall of building parts.

According to Ryu Hyon Ok, manageress of the Daesong Department

Store, every woman buying foodstuffs say they like them as they are tasty, reasonable in price and domestically produced.

The department store deals in domestic products along with commodities with world-famous trademarks.

There are a playground for children so that mothers can do shopping without any inconvenience, and an order and repair shop so

that customers who bought clothes or cloth can receive necessary services to their liking.

The restaurant on the third floor serves Korean and other famous dishes at the underground restaurant and there are also comprehensive welfare service facilities.

According to the manageress, there are not only shoppers but also many regular customers who come to relish dishes or receive public services.

"Rose", "Milky Way" and "Maple".

Visitors can relish the slices of live fish, terrapin soup and other famous dishes at the underground restaurant and there are also comprehensive welfare service facilities.

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Factory a prolific producer of worker poets, singers

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill is one of the units where mass-based cultural activities are conducted vigorously.

An art contest was held by workshops at the modernly-built hall of culture on the occasion of May Day while arousing every employee's interest and competitive spirit.

Choe Sok Hwan, an official of the factory, said, "All the numbers staged by reflecting the joy of labour and optimism of life through songs, poems and dance pieces were so excellent we found it hard to judge the entrants."

Their artistic skills are so high that even experts admire them.

Employees say that they have conducted artistic activities to their heart's content at the hall of culture

wonderfully built under the concern of the country.

After finishing their daily work, weavers often find themselves in vocal, dancing and narration practice rooms and musical instrument hobby playing and literary hobby group rooms in the hall.

They develop their talents in the hobby group rooms they selected according to their hopes and likings.

Choe Ryon Mi, a weaver who has enjoyed singing since her childhood, said that she became a good singer of the workshop while frequenting the vocal music practice room to win loud applause at the art contest held on the occasion of May Day.

"When I got an encore from employees, I was very happy. Now I am practising dancing hard in order to give greater pleasure to them with both song and dance," said Choe Ryon Mi.

According to the director

of the hall, such enthusiastic group members as Choe Ryon Mi are on the increase as the days go by.

There are many worker-poets who have learned at the literary hobby group.

They presented the collections of works "My workplace, our factory" and "The workers' hostel overflowing with deep gratitude" to General Secretary Kim Jong Un and many works have been carried in *Munhak Sinmun* newspaper and different magazines.

When the General Secretary bestowed love and benevolence again on the hostellers of the mill in January, employees brought out several poems in reflection of their resolve to repay his love with greater cloth production achievements.

"After a day's work, we return to the palatial hostel built under the great care of the country. We also study

at the e-library to our heart's content under the study-while-you-work system and develop different kinds of talents at the hall of culture.

So our pride increases day by day," said Kang Jong Hwa, worker who created poem "The letter I failed to complete".

"The attachment to the workplace and the working life filled with joy and optimism give me creative inspiration."



Workers conduct mass artistic activities on a regular basis at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill.

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Photos show medics of the Korean People's Army who made selfless, devoted efforts to protect the people's lives and safety during the top-level emergency anti-epidemic campaign in 2022.

Serious crisis caused by climate change

By Song Jong Ho PT

Today, humankind is suffering from calamitous abnormal climate phenomena including flood and landslide by heavy rain, high temperature, heat wave, drought, forest fire, destructive typhoon and earthquake.

According to a recent report on global warming published by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, if a brake is not put on global warming, the width of temperature rise will exceed 1.5°C by the first half of the 2030s and reach 3.2°C in the late 21st century.

Expressing a strong sense of crisis over the present situation of global warming, the report noted that to attain the goal (with the width of temperature rise less than 1.5°C) related to the reduction of greenhouse gases by 2030, it is necessary to cut their emissions by 43% by 2030 and 60% by 2035 as

compared with 2019.

The world public opinion expressed concern that if global warming is neglected like today, it will frequently cause natural disasters such as flood and drought and greatly affect ecosystem.

In many countries and regions there have occurred in succession various natural disasters owing to abnormal climate phenomena, entailing catastrophic damage.

Last winter, the US suffered tremendous damage caused by unexpected winter storm.

San Francisco was hit by a record-breaking rainstorm causing deaths and flood and landslide to paralyze the traffic.

The Los Angeles Times reported that different regions of California suffered serious damage from flood and landslide caused by gales and heavy rain from late December last year to January 10 this year.

Similar abnormal climate

phenomena occurred in Asia, Europe, Africa and other parts of the world.

In northern India, at least 125 people died and hundreds suffered from heart disease owing to severe cold from January 1 to 9 this year.

Different regions of Siberia, Russia, were affected by biting cold with sharp drops in temperature from January 8.

Vladivostok of Russia's Primorsky witnessed the highest temperature meteorological observation had ever recorded between January 11 and 13 and the night temperature there dropped by 17°C in a moment on January 14 and by 20°C in two days.

On the contrary, unprecedented high temperatures last in France.

According to data available, the temperature reached more than 10°C in the country for 20 consecutive days from late December last year to early

January this year.

Saying that last year was recorded as the hottest year since 1900, the meteorological authorities of the country asserted that abnormal climate change does huge damage to agricultural production.

In the Horn of Africa, tens of millions of people are faced with hunger and poverty owing to long-term drought and residents in many areas of the middle part are experiencing terrible disasters, including food crisis and malnutrition, due to the worst flood which hit the areas in several years.

Experts attribute such disasters to global warming and assert that dramatic abnormal climate phenomena will continue throughout the world in the future.

All countries in the world will have to take all necessary measures, including reduction of greenhouse gases, in order to check global warming.

For protecting and promoting reproductive health of people



Hwang Ju Song
Department director of the Family Health Association of Korea

The mission of the Family Health Association of Korea is to protect and promote the reproductive health of people with the support from the DPRK government and the East & South East Asia and Oceania Region of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

The association provides people with information, education and services related to reproductive health and conducts service activities for mountainous and rural areas.

In particular, it pays close attention to mountain villages far away from

railway lines and conducts service activities more positively for them.

Recently, it relocated its service units in cities to rural and mountainous areas to contribute to satisfying the demands on reproductive health of local residents.

Now it provides more comprehensive and integrated reproductive health services for protecting and promoting the people's health.

It focuses on carrying out the plan for overcoming the influence of the malignant virus and protecting and promoting the people's health in the face of the

world health crisis.

In May last year when the anti-epidemic situation was at the worst, members of the association provided family health clinic and outreach services and conducted reproductive health service activities for local residents without interruption in cooperation with hundreds of ri hospitals and clinics.

As a result, they offered over 82 000 medical services to more than 5 000 persons when the top-level emergency anti-epidemic system was in force, while making closer contact with the residents in the target areas.

It also conducts information activities through the mass media.

As public interest in the data on common knowledge of reproductive health posted on the homepage for health rises steadily, it heightens the people's awareness of reproductive health through experience sharing.

It also pays due attention to reinforcing its young volunteers in every region with competent youths.

OPINION

Japan must immediately abandon its criminal attempt to dump nuclear waste water

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The Japanese government is attracting soaring criticism and opposition both at home and abroad as it persists in its plan to discharge the radioactive waste water of the Fukushima nuclear power plant within this year.

Japanese fishermen are putting up strong resistance to their government and Tokyo Electric Power Holding Incorporation for their plan to unilaterally discharge the nuclear waste water, abandoning the promises they made several times that they would not discharge the nuclear waste water without seeking understanding from the concerned parties.

A person in fishery business in Iwaki city of Fukushima prefecture deplored that the livelihood of fishermen cannot be restored to the original state, once the waste water is dumped into the sea, and blamed the government for its insufficient explanation and improvised policy.

Moreover, mayors in Fukushima prefecture held a meeting and agreed to adopt a special resolution on coming May 11. The resolution, reflecting the general will of 77 cities in six prefectures of the Tohoku region, would call on the government to make a positive response to obtain the consent from the people.

Currently, more than 40% of the Japanese population oppose the plan of their government to discharge the waste water, and more than 90% of them have acknowledged that it will bring negative impact, and protests continue unabated. Such facts clearly reflect the public sentiments in Japan.

Meanwhile, the neighbouring countries are also on the close lookout for Japan's attempt to discharge the waste water.

China warned that Japan's decision to discharge the nuclear waste will bring an unimaginable danger to the global marine environment and the lives of humankind. It also made a strong assertion that Japan should fulfil its international duty faithfully by discharging the waste in an open, transparent and safe manner.

The China-Russia joint declaration released on March 21 also expressed serious concern over Japan's plan to discharge the nuclear waste water and demanded that Japan accept the long-time surveillance of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and relevant countries, and protect the marine environment as well as the people's "health-related rights and interests" in respective countries in an efficient way.

At the G7 Meeting of Ministers in charge of Climate, Energy and Environment held in mid-April, Japan schemed to mislead the public to believe that it had won support from the member states for discharging the nuclear waste, but it ended up with a tragicomedy. They have refuted Japan's assertion, saying that "Japan's discharging of waste water is not welcome".

According to a poll carried out by a country, 93.21% of the world people expressed strong opposition to Japan's discharging of nuclear waste water.

In particular, with regard to Japan's assertion that it has decontaminated most of 60-odd kinds of radioactive nuclides contained in the nuclear waste water, 90.28% of the respondents in the poll replied that it lacks credibility, and 86.45% of them criticized Japan for the disposal of the radioactive waste water, saying that it is unscientific and is not transparent.

Japan should not turn a blind eye to the serious concern from the international community, but abandon its criminal attempt to discharge the nuclear waste water at once.

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US-LED HOSTILE FORCES' CEASELESS WAR PROVOCATIONS UNDER FIRE

KCNA

On April 3, when the Ssangyong drill was going on, the nuclear carrier Nimitz and the Aegis destroyers Decatur and Wayne E. Meyer of the US navy, the destroyer Umigiri of the Japan Maritime "Self-Defense Force" and warships on different missions of the south Korean puppet navy were deployed in the East Sea of Korea to stage joint naval drill for getting familiar with sonar tracking, pursuit and destroying procedures under the simulated conditions of an "attack on a north Korean submarine".

On April 5, they magnified their war drumbats to the tune of "actualization of strengthened extended deterrence" by flying nuclear strategic bomber B-52H stationed in Guam and F-35A and F-35B stealth fighters into the sky above south Korea. On April 14, nuclear strategic bomber B-52H was again involved in a joint air drill.

The war exercises simultaneously staged in the sky and seas from April 17 to 28 with the involvement of large strategic assets were the largest-ever ones in the first half of this year, which further aggravated the situation on the Korean peninsula and the region.

By deploying all types of air strike means huge enough to fight a war, the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet forces staged so-called "combined joint formation drill." During the period, a combined naval drill was conducted on the East Sea of Korea with the involvement of the US navy, Aegis destroyers Benford and Athogo of the Japan Maritime "Self-Defense Force" and Aegis destroyers of the south Korean puppet navy.

It was followed by a special

high-altitude paratroopers drill involving the US special operations command and the special warfare command of south Korean puppet army, a combined ground combat drill and mobile and live-shell firing drill of the puppet army. Such ceaseless war exercises pushed the situation on the Korean peninsula to a more critical phase.

The US imperialists and south Korean puppet forces' military racket to pressurize the DPRK have assumed more undisguised and dangerous nature under the signboard of "strengthening extended deterrence", occasioned by the publication of the "Washington Declaration".

Amid the frequent joint drills under the simulated conditions of surprise "infiltration" into the DPRK and "occupation" of it, such as "emergency operation drill", "maritime counter special operations exercise" and "joint high-altitude airborne infiltration drill", strategic bombers being loaded with long-range air-to-ground missiles were unprecedentedly given media coverage to escalate nuclear threat and blackmail against the DPRK.

Traitor Yoon Suk Yeol and the south Korean puppet military gangsters are bluffing under the war scenario worked out by the US imperialists.

On May 11, traitor Yoon, gripped by war fever, impudently clamored for "reinforcing proactive deterrence and response capability", "possessing overwhelming power for deterring the north in advance" and "securing the capabilities for spying on the whole area of the north and ultra-precision high-power strike", talking about "nuclear and missile threats from the north" to turn black into white.

Further, the US' strategy was unwittingly revealed by the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, when he told in a recent interview that the US military needs to become stronger to deter a war with China, and the US must be careful not to drive China and Russia closer into a military alliance.

The US-led NATO is planning to open a liaison office in Japan as part of its strategy to deal with the

perceived geopolitical challenges posed by China to the transatlantic military alliance.

It is no secret that NATO has in recent years sought to strengthen its military ties with its Asia-Pacific partners by hyping up the perceived threat from China, despite Beijing reiterating that the Western powers should not use pretexts to turn the region into a geopolitical battlefield.

In conclusion, the editorial observed that the planned opening of NATO's liaison office in Tokyo does not bode well for regional peace and stability.

World situation analysts also comment that the US systematically escalates its various provocative moves against the DPRK, and Washington doggedly resorting to pressure and coercive methods is the root cause of the danger of a nuclear war brought by the escalation of tensions on the Korean peninsula.

The situation clearly shows who seriously disturbs peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the region.

The US and the south Korean puppet warmongers are bound to face corresponding responses for their madcap nuclear war racket.

It is the legitimate right of a sovereign country to equip itself with more powerful self-defensive means in order to cope with the prevailing grave situation and prospective threats.

Briefly

Russia

Foreign Ministry censures NATO for its moves to advance to Asia

Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, denounced the moves of NATO and Japan to establish military ties at a press interview on May 10.

She charged that NATO's scheme to establish an office in Tokyo, Japan, proves its ambition and plan to contain Russia and China once again.

She asserted that NATO's advance to Asia would intensify the militarization of the region and bloc confrontation there.

China, Laos

Joint military exercises staged

China and Laos started joint military exercises "Friendship Shield-2023" at the training ground of a Laotian military university on May 11.

In simulation of the strike on a cross-border criminal group based in mountains and forests near the border, officers and men of both sides conducted the training of professional subjects including the firing of various kinds of weapons, comprehensive training of individual soldiers, squad tactics and combat duties.

Japan

Demo against military base establishment

Recently, there were a rally and demonstration in Okinawa Prefecture of Japan against the establishment of military bases of the US forces and the Japanese Self-Defence Forces.

About 1 400 residents held a rally in Ginowan City on May 14.

They disclosed that many US military bases were established and even the SDF bases are strengthened in the prefecture, shouting "Don't reduce Okinawa to a battlefield!"

At a demonstration on May 13, the participants opposed and rejected the military bases of GIs and the SDF.

UK

Maltreatment of women rife

Maltreatment of women is rampant in the UK.

According to a survey report published by a labour union-related organization in the country on May 12, three-fifths of women workers polled were subjected to maltreatment in their workplaces.

In particular, two-thirds of young women workers reportedly suffer sexual molestation, maltreatment and violent language.

Afghanistan

Anti-drug campaign

On May 12 the Afghan police conducted anti-drug operations in Herat and three other provinces, exposing and destroying drug manufacturing facilities and arresting nine criminals.

And 600 acres of opium fields were removed in different areas of the country in the last two weeks.

BYWORD

Frontrunner of Socialist Patriotic Youth

As Meritorious Persons of Socialist Patriotism, who devote themselves to the prosperity of the country, continue to be produced from among working people, Frontrunners of Socialist Patriotic Youth are also being selected from among

young men and women to become the objects of envy of all.

It is the Korean young people's aspirations to become the performers of feats and miracles by devoting their youth to the

progress of the country in hearty response to the call of the Workers' Party of Korea and those who are honoured with the title of Frontrunner of Socialist Patriotic Youth through such efforts become a

great pride of families, the collective and the country.

Now Korean young people vigorously conduct a movement to model after the Frontrunners of Socialist Patriotic Youth.

Special 'gold medal' for coach

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Tennis players of the Kigwancha Sports Club demonstrated their excellent ability at the youth-level tennis competition of the 2023 spring national sports festival held from April 13 to 15.

Song Sok Bin, tennis head coach of the Songaksan Sports Club, said, "As to the recent competition, it is correct to say it was marvellous rather than fierce. The players of the Kigwancha Sports Club were excellent."

The public is of the opinion that the sports club has achieved much success in different tennis competitions in recent years and trained reliable reserve tennis players in particular.

In the recent competition where over 60 players competed, those of the club showed wonderful game play true to the expectations of tennis experts and fans.

The players won all medals in both male and female singles and female doubles and took the first and second places in male doubles.

U Hyok Chol, tennis coach of the

club, said that the achievements are inconceivable apart from its tennis head coach Yun Kyong Hwan (pictured).

Six years ago, tennis of the club was relatively poor in terms of players, condition for training and technical level.

Yun Kyong Hwan, who had started to work as head coach at that time, regarded it as the focal point in improving the sport to raise the level of coaches and find out reserve players of suitable constitution.

Thanks to his constant thinking, progressive work style and power of tenacious execution, the ranks of players were built up in a short time and the condition and environment for training gradually improved.

Yun strictly demanded a system and order in instruction and training.

He said, "It is because laying a solid foundation is very important. Only when one has a solid foundation can one put one's skills to better use in game. But I don't insist on the classic method alone."

As a result, female tennis players of the sports club won the event at



the national championships last year and its young players won gold medals in a competition held in spring this year in the wake of last year.

As to the achievements in recent years, many people say, "A player's achievement is the result of the coach's ability and devotion."

U Hyok Chol referred to the sincere opinion of the audience as special "gold medal" for the head coach.

AFC Grassroots Football Day marked

KCNA

An event took place at East Pyongyang Stadium on May 15 to commemorate AFC Grassroots Football Day.

It was attended by officials of the DPRK Football Association and teachers and students of Pyongyang International Football School and Pyongyang Municipal Football School and parents of the students.

Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations, who doubles as chairman of the Football Association, made a speech.

Saying that the ever-growing public interest in football constitutes a firm foundation for developing football techniques of the country, he called for motivating many more people to play football in the future to reliably guarantee a rosy future of the country's football.

Then there was a demonstration of basic technical movements of football by boy and girl students.

The participants, divided into two teams, played an 11-metre penalty kick and a football match and enjoyed themselves as they had their photos taken.



An event takes place at East Pyongyang Stadium on May 15 to commemorate AFC Grassroots Football Day.

Historical relics on Moran Hill

Ulmi Pavilion (left), Chilsong Gate (top right), Choesung Pavilion (bottom right).



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