

Grand military parade held to celebrate 70th anniversary of great war victory



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The 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War is being celebrated across the DPRK as an auspicious holiday of the country and its people in the glorious course of glorifying heroic Korea's history and traditions

of great succession and dashing toward a greater victory under the uplifted banner of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence, guided by the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea.

All the people are filled with great pride and confidence of greeting the 70th war

victory anniversary with the unshakable faith and will to give eternal continuity to the undying history of the war victory which saved the new-born republic from the danger of collapse and preserved human peace by averting a new world war with the inexhaustible strength resulting from the single-minded unity around

the great leader and the great Party and indomitable fighting spirit.

A grand military parade took place in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on the evening of July 27, the eternal war victory holiday of the glorious DPRK, in

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celebration of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

The sculpture "Victory", symbolic of heroism of the army and people of the DPRK who inflicted the most miserable defeat upon the US imperialists in the history of war and brought about the beginning of ruin for them, was shedding its bright rays on Kim Il Sung Square, where an endless stream of military paraders of the strong revolutionary army, a reliable defender of the DPRK government, and entities of its inexhaustible national defence capabilities, would go past representing the history of ever-victorious Juche Korea.

The strategic reconnaissance drone and the multi-purpose attack drone which

were newly developed and produced and are to be furnished for the KPA air force made circular flights in the sky above the square for the military parade to add to the joy of the people who have celebrated July 27 representing victory and glory of Juche Korea generation after generation.

Then, youth and students started their dancing party to rev up the festive atmosphere around the solemn sculpture "Victory" representing the costly self-sacrifice for the country and the noble soul of the victorious wartime generation and reflecting the dignity and spirit of the great country and the great victors on the eminence of the world.

When the defenders of the country and heroes of the myth of the epoch-making war victory in the 1950s, who have provided the great privilege and honour of celebrating the great war victory generation after generation, entered the

military parade square amid the display of fireworks, youth and students presented bouquets and flowers to them and the audience loudly applauded them.

The State Merited Chorus in charge of playing military parade music entered the square.

A combined military band started its ceremonial performance as a curtain-raiser to the military parade.

With cheerful melodies and dynamic rhythms, the music players represented the great joy and excitement that filled the square celebrating the war victory 70 years ago and the proud history of the victorious war of the revolutionary armed forces which have reliably carried forward the spirit of the heroic generation.

The members of the guards of honour of the KPA showed the invincible spirit and militant optimism of the one-match-for-a-hundred army through their peculiar

and skilful handling of rifles to the tune of exciting revolutionary military music.

Then, the parade units of the ever-victorious heroic army, the elite armed forces of the DPRK, dignified with its invincibility, entered the square to the tune of music played by a grand parade orchestra.

Colours of the guard units which glorified the 1 129 days of the Fatherland Liberation War with feats and the matchless elite units which have demonstrated invincibility in the confrontation with the US-led imperialists spanning the two centuries were brought and lined up at the entrance to the square.

All the members of the military parade were looking up to the platform of the square, greatly excited to be reviewed by Kim Jong Un, symbol of the mightiness

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and absolute dignity of socialist Korea and banner of all victories and glory.

A solemn reception ceremony of the guards of honour of the Korean People's Army (KPA) took place when Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, arrived at the square.

After receiving a salute from the head of the guards of honour of the KPA, he reviewed the guards of honour and the colours of major units of the KPA.

Kim Jong Un, supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, was greeted by commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, the large combined units and combined units of the KPA.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un came out to the platform of the military parade square amid the playing of welcome music.

The moment, all the members of the military parade and the participants in the celebrations broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" as a token of their highest tribute to Kim Jong Un, outstanding leader and the great brilliant commander, who has injected tremendous vitality into the lifeblood of the Korean revolution and provided a firm guarantee for eternally carrying forward the ever-victorious history of Juche Korea.

He was presented with bouquets of fragrant flowers by pretty children.

He warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering paraders and participants.

Taking the platform were Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, commanders and political commissars of the KPA large combined units, and commanders of the combined units.

Senior Party and government officials and veteran cadres who had worked at the Party, the government and the military for a long time took the special seats of the platform.

Present there at invitation were General Sergei Shoigu, minister of Defence of the

Russian Federation, Li Hongzhong, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, and other members of the Russian military delegation and the Chinese party and government delegation visiting the DPRK to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, and diplomatic envoys of Russia and China in Pyongyang.

The participants in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, including war veterans, persons of wartime merits, persons of exemplary traits in supporting the army, persons of merits, labour innovators, exemplary service persons and descendants of martyrs, were present on the reviewing stands.

A ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK was solemnly held.

To the tune of the song "Our National Flag" that instills patriotism into all people, a formation depicting the DPRK Hero Medal entered the square, being reviewed by the colours of the KPA combined units at all levels.

Along with the spotlighted Hero Medal that represents the spirit of the heroic people who defeated the two formidable imperialist enemies in one generation under the guidance of the great leader and symbolizes the valuable dignity and honour of Juche Korea winning the most brilliant victory in the face of the stern tempest of the revolution, war veterans handed the flag of the DPRK, which they defended at the cost of their blood in the flames of the war, to members of the KPA guards of honour.

The sacred national flag, the undying banner which was held aloft in the van of advance by the victors of the great years, the flag which represents the prestige and might of the country being powerful as an independent nation and reflects the boundless pride and happiness of the Korean people, was hoisted slowly amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

All the participants paid high tribute to the national flag, looking up to it with a surge of excitement.

Fireworks were displayed in the sky of significant July and the square of the military parade was filled with emotion and joy when the flag of the DPRK shining as a symbol of eternal victory and

justice began fluttering at the top of the flagpole.

A 21-gun salute was fired to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Kang Sun Nam, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and minister of National Defence of the DPRK, made a speech.

He said that it is a great honour of the service personnel of the armed forces of the DPRK and a great auspicious event for all the Korean people to hold a military parade for celebrating the war victory day at the square where the shouts of "Hurrah!" reverberated with the joy over the great victory after firmly defending the country from the armed invasion by the US imperialists and their vassal forces 70 years ago.

Saying the military parade, which will show the history of the great victory through a striking demonstration of great strength, shall be the greatest-ever one in the world, the most unique and powerful festival for marking the victory in the war, the speaker stressed that the DPRK, led by the invincible revolutionary Party and the outstanding leader, will prosper forever and the great Korean people propelling the revolutionary cause of Juche, the cause of socialism, will always emerge victorious in glory.

Then followed a review of the preparations for the parade.

Army General Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, reported to KPA Marshal Ri Pyong Chol, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, that the military parade units lined up to be reviewed for the parade preparations.

He reviewed the parade units. Then he reported to the supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK that the military parade for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War was ready to start.

The grand parade began with the entry of a column of paraders in wartime officer uniform carrying a picture depicting the venerable image of President Kim Il Sung who glorified the history of the hard-won great war victory.

Ri Myong Su, a war veteran, was in the van of the marching column holding the portraits of the brave anti-Japanese and

anti-US fighters including Kim Chack, Kang Kon, Kim Il and Ryu Kyong Su who performed the undying feats to be eternally recorded in the history of the great war victory, deeming their loyalty to the leader conscience and honour, morality and obligation, before regarding it as their duty.

Led by a war veteran Choe Yong Rim, the column of the paraders in wartime bodyguard company uniform marched past the square with the portraits of the ardent loyalists including Hyon Chol Hae, Yon Hyong Muk and Pak Song Bong, who became a fortress and shield to devotedly defend the Supreme Headquarters during the war, to remind the spectators of the historical iron truth that the outstanding leader and the genuine revolutionaries who devotedly defended him are always together in the history of the great war victory.

Columns of the first guard unit of the revolutionary armed forces, legendary guard divisions and guard regiments entered the square one after another, holding aloft their colours reflecting the immortal feats they performed to make a breakthrough for advance at every strategic stage of the Fatherland Liberation War.

The column of the Guards Kang Kon 2nd Infantry Division, whose soldiers destroyed a large number of enemy troops and combat equipment in each stage of the fierce war, performed matchless feats in the battles for defending Height 1211 and plunged the aggressors into a "trap valley" of ruin, started its march, holding the portraits of Division Commander Choe Hyon and KPA heroes produced by the division, including Ri Su Bok and An Yong Ae.

They were followed by the column of the Guards Seoul 3rd Infantry Division, the "arrow of advance" unit which performed the admirable feats in the operation for liberating Seoul, annihilated the "Smith commando", a scouting unit of the US imperialist aggressors, in the Osan battle and set a brilliant example of the modern siege in the operation for liberating Taejon, and the column of the Guards Seoul Kim Chack 4th Infantry Division, a world-famous brave combat unit.

The column of the Guards 6th Infantry

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Division renowned for its high mobility and serial strike warfare and the column of the Andong 12th Infantry Division, a unit of tigers which fought in the eastern mountainous areas, went past the square holding the portraits of Hero Han Kye Ryol who pioneered the movement of "My Height" and Hero Jo Sun Ok and Hero Kang Ho Yong who became human bombs during the war.

Then, the columns of the Guards 10th Infantry Regiment which produced 16 brave fighters of Phohang, the Guards 18th Infantry Regiment, a winged tiger unit which ran over 40 km in a single night to block the enemy's retreat and conclude the siege on Taejon, and the Guards 14th Infantry Regiment and the Guards 86th Infantry Regiment whose soldiers stroke

horror into the enemy by becoming human bullets and swords standing in the van of the victorious advance directed by the Supreme Headquarters, marched past the square, fluttering their colours reflecting their great exploits.

The column of the Guards 56 Pursuit Aircraft Regiment, whose propeller planes shot down the then latest fighter planes of the enemy, including B-29 heavy bomber advertised by the US imperialists as an aerial fortress, in the early days of the war, and the column of the Guards Second Torpedo Boat Squadron whose four torpedo boats destroyed the heavy cruiser USS Baltimore and a light cruiser of the enemy in the Jumunjin naval battle, a miracle unprecedented in the world war history, went past the square to remind the spectators of the heroic phoenix-like pilots and death-defying sailors during the war.

The audience loudly applauded the columns symbolic of the feats of the wartime guard units which provided the traditions of eternal victory of the country by demonstrating the mettle of heroic Korea in turning the crime-woven tradition of "upturn" of the US imperialists into the one of disgrace and defeat.

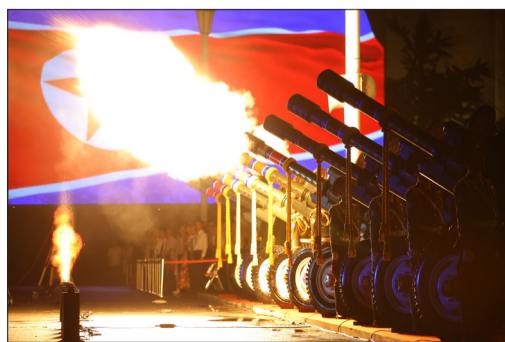
The column symbolic of the railway soldiers who performed matchless feats in munitions transport in the flames of war and the column representing the Ministry of the Interior whose soldiers discovered in time the enemy's aggression war plan in the battle fields without gunfire and promptly detected and purged many spies and saboteurs to make distinguished contributions to the victory of the war, marched past the square. Then, the columns symbolic of the children, men and women guerillas who had fought

against the aggressors in the death-defying battles against aggressors by inheriting the invaluable traditions of the anti-Japanese war appeared at the square with fluttering red flags and the flags of the Children's Union to represent the history of indomitable resistance.

The columns of wartime mechanized units entered the square filled with the heroic fighting spirit and stamina of the victorious wartime generation.

Led by Tank No. 312, which had rushed into the citadel of the enemy three days after the start of the war before any others, mercilessly smashing the aggressors, and hoisted the flag of the DPRK on the rooftop of the puppet capital building, the column representing the wartime unit which liberated Seoul went past the square, reminding the spectators of

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the excitement and joy on the historic liberation day.

The column symbolic of the guards anti-air artillery regiments, which successfully carried out the capital city anti-air defence duty to defend the security of the Supreme Headquarters and shot down or damaged more than 640 enemy planes during the war, moved past the square with artillery pieces shining with their heroic feats.

The column of the heavy machinegun carriages, whose crack shots mercilessly killed the aggressors to dauntlessly defend every inch of the homeland during the war, cantered past the square, telling the signal military exploits they performed by overpowering the US imperialists' numerical and technical superiority in the spirit of devotedly defending the country and with the Juche-oriented war methods and tactics.

They were followed by the representatives of the army strong in idea and faith, the elite revolutionary army filled with the spirit of devotedly defending the Party Central Committee and the heroic fighting spirit.

The column of honorary cavalymen trotted past the square in the spirit of advancement of the heroic KPA which

is carrying forward generation after generation the precious traditions of defending the leader pioneered in the bloody anti-Japanese war and further consolidated in the flames of the anti-US struggle, and dashing along the single road of victory indicated by the leader.

The columns of the Guard Office of the WPK Central Committee, the Guard Department of the State Affairs Commission, the Bodyguard Department, and the Bodyguard Command marched past the square in majestic appearances, eloquently proving the invincible philosophy and the immutable truth that the eternal victory of Juche Korea and the happiness and prosperity of the posterity lie in devotedly defending the Party Central Committee.

Led by their commanders holding the swords for annihilating the enemy, the columns of the frontline corps marched past the square, proudly flying the colours of the invincible divisions and brigades which have always emerged victorious in the decades-long confrontation with the US.

The column of the naval and air forces, which are renowned for a series of myth-like historic victories they achieved by inflicting defeats upon the arrogant US aggressors in the battles for protecting the

territorial waters and sky of the country, and the columns of the Strategic Force and the Special Operations Force, which are symbolic of the tremendous strength of the DPRK armed forces, appeared on the square demonstrating their strong will to make the tradition of the bitter defeat a fate of the US imperialists.

The columns of the unit for mountain warfare in the rear of the enemy and the 41st Amphibious Shock Battalion, which are fully ready to inflict an unimaginably terrible defeat on the enemy by infiltrating into the enemy positions at a lightning speed with the Korean-style Juche-based war methods and in the spirit of a-match-for-a-hundred attack, marched past the square, looking up to the platform.

Kim Jong Un extended warm militant greetings to the columns of the paraders marching in high spirits, holding high their glorious colours associated with the great feats they performed by winning one victory after another in the long-standing confrontation with the US, with their hearts burning with the unshakable class awareness, the uncompromising fighting spirit and the will of merciless punishment.

The military paraders loudly shouted "Hurrah!", looking up to the peerlessly brilliant commander who turned the KPA

into the strong fist of justice filled with the revolutionary spirit of Paektu, the spirit of defending the country in the 1950s and the invincible fighting spirit, and into the invincible army capable of defeating any formidable enemy.

The columns of the corps, which are responsible for defending the capital city, and the columns of the corps, which are firmly guarding the coastal area of the country, the border and the depth of the rear, went past the military parade square rocked by the chants of the ardent resolution to unhesitatingly dedicate their lives to implementing the plan, intention and order of the Party and the leader just like the great revolutionary generations who braved the flames of the anti-US war, and to win all the glory of life in doing so.

They were followed by the proud march-past of the columns of tank divisions, the units of iron-claw tigers, the columns of mechanized infantry divisions and the General Reconnaissance Bureau, which will hoist the flag of victory before anyone else on the target spots specified by the Party Central Committee in the same spirit, morale and mettle as the wartime guards tankmen, the columns of Kim Il Sung Military University,

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the highest institution of Juche-based military education for training the brave fighters for the showdown with the US-led imperialists, and Kim Jong Il University of Military and Politics, the center for training the highest-ranking military officers of the country, and Kim Il Sung University of Politics, the pedigree institution for training the political officers of the KPA.

The columns of revolutionary schools, the ranks of the reliable successors who are successfully carrying forward the original lineage of the revolution and the traditions of victory generation after generation at the pedigree institutions for training the backbone of the revolution

for guaranteeing the eternal purity of the revolutionary cause of Juche, and the column of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, who are making full preparations for all-people resistance by turning every part of the country into iron wall, went past the square with loud footsteps.

Entering the square with the militant spirit to perform feats in the frontline of the class struggle were the columns of the Ministry of State Security, the Ministry of Public Security and the armed mobile unit of the Public Security Forces, which are demonstrating their might as the WPK's reliable political security units reliably defending the precious gains of the socialist country and the security of the people and the elite units holding a part of the revolutionary armed forces.

Kim Jong Un waved his hand as a token of his encouragement at the paraders who filled their single mind of upholding the Party Central Committee with the spirit of the victorious wartime generation out of their pledge of faith to glorify for seven hundred, seven thousand years the history of the great war victory and the 70-year-long history of struggle for preserving that victory.

The square was rocked by the loud chants of pledge by all the paraders to continue their dynamic advance for the permanent might and victory of the DPRK under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, the most brilliant commander in the world.

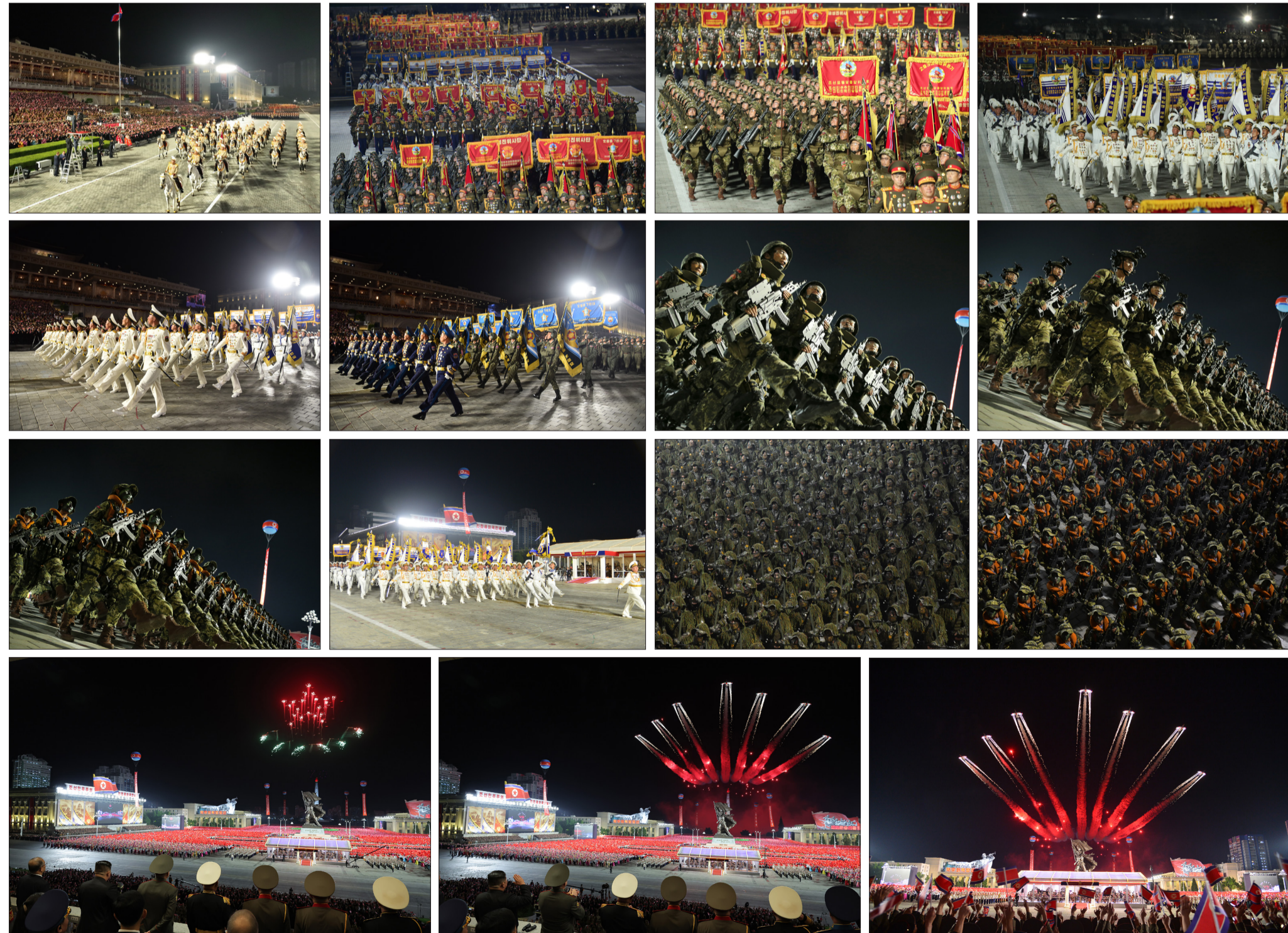
A parade flight of the people's air force began over the square overflowing with

the great joy and festive mood on the war victory day.

A flight column depicting five-pointed stars and figure "70" flied across the sky of July above the square, representing the history of the great war victory of the DPRK unprecedented in the history of the world wars in the light of ferocity and heroism.

The columns of mechanized units started their parade, showing the mightiness, modernity and will of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK to deal merciless blows at the descendants of aggressors in the acute confrontation which continues generation after generation.

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The columns of the main tanks, which will dash ahead in the van of the decisive battle for territorial restoration while giving vent to the bitter grudge of the

victorious wartime generation who had to stop their advance near the southern coast of the country due to the lack of weapons, and the columns of artillerymen, the primary service of the People's Army, who will open up the road of advance of

the frontline units with merciless gunfire, roared past the square. The columns of tactical and long-range cruise missile units, which are on standby for fire, entered the square, declaring before the world the toughest stand of the

revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK to mount unprecedentedly powerful final annihilating strikes upon the enemy in response to their frontal challenge.

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The columns of the latest weaponry, which have become stepping-stones for giving eternal vitality to the name and the flag of the DPRK and rapidly enhancing its prestige, fully demonstrated the spirit of the nuclear combat force of the DPRK. The columns of the DPRK's strategic

weapons roared past the square. Let's react to nuclear threats and all-out confrontation in kind! The excitement and great joy of the spectators reached its height when the Second Red Flag Company of the General Missile Bureau entered the square with the new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-18, the most powerful core mainstay of the

strategic force of the DPRK, which is fully deterring and overwhelmingly countering the hostile forces' various nuclear war threats and provocative acts of aggression against the DPRK and reliably defending the security of the DPRK. The column of the ICBM Hwasongpho-17 representing the might of the strategic force of the DPRK,

an absolute entity of the might of the powerful state and its people capable of putting an end to the imperialist tyranny on the earth and saving the future of mankind, and a treasured sword for justice and peace, passed the square, led by the hero launcher in its van.

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General Secretary Kim Jong Un visits war martyrs cemetery

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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, visited the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 25 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

He was accompanied by Minister Kang Sun Nam and other commanding officers of the DPRK Ministry of National Defence and commanders of the services and large combined units of the Korean People's Army.

Kim Jong Un laid a flower at the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery.

He paid high tribute to the martyrs of the great years who honourably defended the sovereignty and security of the country and people with bloody victory and at a heavy cost and provided the precious ideological and moral heritage and tradition of victory as an eternally invariable cornerstone for the mightiness of the DPRK.

He said that the miracle of July 27 the first defenders of the DPRK brought about while reliably safeguarding the outpost of the anti-imperialist struggle in an eastern part of the earth is a victory of the distinguished and ardent patriotic cause of the army and people of the DPRK who devotedly defended the honour and sovereignty of the country and, at the same time, a great victory of significance in the human history as they inflicted eternally indelible disgrace and defeat on the US imperialists, the chieftain of aggression, and prevented a new world war.

Saying that the precious war victory won by the victorious wartime generation at the cost of their blood and lives and the victory always won in the unyielding confrontation with US imperialism for 70 years through centuries and generations are a genuine example of defending the country and peace which clearly impressed the whole world with the entity of the people's country and just state that no force can conquer, he stressed this is the proud dignity and prestige established in the 5 000-year-long history of the Korean nation.

A country, great in history and



tradition and steadfast in succession, is invincible, he said, affirming that the DPRK, the most dignified and

independent powerful country in the world, will always emerge victorious when the heroic spirit and fighting

trait displayed in the great years are creditably inherited as the irresistible might peculiar to the Korean revolution.

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All the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to Kim Jong Un, peerless patriot and invincible iron-willed commander who adds glory to the fame and honour of the DPRK, won by the victorious wartime generation 70 years ago, at the highest-

ever level in the history of the nation and provided an ever-victorious treasured sword to be handed down to posterity with his strong pluck, far-sightedness and extraordinary leadership ability.

At the end of the parade, thunderous cheers of excitement again reverberated far and wide and fireworks were displayed in the nocturnal sky of the war victory

day. Kim Jong Un warmly waved his hands to acknowledge the enthusiastically cheering crowds.

The military parade for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War will be recorded in the history of the country as a grand political and military festival

which demonstrated to the world the unshakable will of all the service personnel and people of the DPRK to accelerate the overall prosperity and development of socialism and create a new myth of war victory in the era of Kim Jong Un in the sacred war against the US-led imperialists in their great heroic spirit and fighting traits.

Meeting held to mark 70th anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War

General Secretary Kim Jong Un attends meeting

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The great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War shining with legendary miracles is an unprecedented great event of special significance in the national and world history, in which the army and people of the DPRK made a history of heroic resistance striking the world people with admiration, consolidated the foundation for eternal victory and prosperity of the powerful DPRK and defended peace of humankind at the most acute outpost line of anti-imperialist independence under the leadership of the outstanding leader.

On the V-Day, an all-people and national holiday that gives the eternal glory and fame to the dignified DPRK, the whole country is paying the noble respects to the heroic generation who created the tradition of great victory with boundless loyalty, bravery and patriotism in the hard-fought war in the 1950s and has constantly developed the history of succession.

A meeting for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War took place with splendour in Pyongyang on July 27.

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 meeting.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the platform of honour, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him who represents the strength and dignity of the powerful DPRK and the symbol of eternal victory.

Acknowledging the enthusiastically cheering crowds, he warmly congratulated the Fatherland Liberation War participants and all the people across the country and the men and officers of the Korean People's Army (KPA) on the eternal V-Day of the



the government, the speaker offered heartfelt greetings to the respected war veterans and persons of wartime merits who performed immortal feats in the Fatherland Liberation War under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung, the brilliant military strategist and invincible and iron-willed commander, handed down to the Korean people the history and tradition of victory to be remembered with pride century after century and took part in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the war victory to be specially recorded in history, in good health.

He also warmly congratulated all the people across the country and the KPA service personnel who greet the V-Day with high pride of having honourably safeguarded for 70 years the name and flag of the DPRK, defended by the first heroic generation of the DPRK at the cost of their blood, and fully demonstrated its dignity and might before the world.

And he extended heartfelt gratitude to the Communist Party of China, the government of the People's Republic of China and all the Chinese people who helped the DPRK's revolutionary war at the cost of blood and have invariably supported the just cause of the Korean Party and people, and warm greetings to the veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers and bereaved families of those who took part in the war.

He said that the Fatherland Liberation War was unprecedented in terms of arduousness and fierceness as it was a war for defending the sovereignty, territory and people of the DPRK from the invasion by the formidable imperialist outsiders and a total war between the progressive and the reactionary for defending the socialist and democratic camp and peace of humankind from the arrogant scheme by the US imperialists to dominate the whole world.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a speech in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the war victory.

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People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

Present at the meeting were war veterans and persons of wartime merits who are masters of the great heroic era, and activists in the traits of assisting the army, persons of distinguished services, labour innovators, descendants of martyrs, young builders, men and officers of the KPA and students of the revolutionary schools.

Present at invitation were members of the Russian military delegation and the Chinese party and government delegation on a visit to the DPRK for attending the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War and foreign diplomatic envoys here.

The tribune was also taken by Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Jong Kyong Thack, director of the KPA General Political Bureau, Pak Su Il, chief of the KPA General Staff, and other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and commanders of the services and large combined units of the KPA.

Seen at the tribune were Sergei Shoigu, defence minister of the Russian Federation, and Li Hongzhong, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National

People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

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He noted that the confrontation between the young sovereign state and US imperialism, which boasted of being "the strongest" in the world with the history of more than hundred years of aggression, was the harshest trial, but the DPRK and its people bravely turned out in the struggle for discharging their responsibility and mission given by the times and history and performed a miracle of frustrating the aggression offensives of the imperialist war maniacs.

Along with the war victory, the DPRK came to be clearly recognized by the world as a bulwark in the East that defends independence and justice by resolutely fighting against the most ferocious and formidable US imperialism, and its dignified name and flag came to shine all over the world as a symbol of heroism and banner of victory in the anti-imperialist struggle, he said, referring to the historic significance and profound meaning of the victory in the war.

The historic significance of the war victory shining with gold letters in the history of the country lies in the fact that the history of heroic struggle of winning the greatest victory in the gravest circumstances was created and it was cemented into the tradition of the Korean revolution and the character of our national development, he said.

Thanks to the great history in which the war that could have been ended in a terrible tragedy was concluded with victory, a new history of the DPRK, in which it accomplished the great cause of building a powerful nation while setting up new milestone in such harsh annals, was created and legendary 70 years of defending the regional and global peace from all sorts of injustice and tyranny were recorded in the history of the country, he stressed.

The legendary annals and watersheds of changes that astonished the world over the past 70 years since the day of the war victory were all witnessed in the periods when the internal and external situation was complicated and the country faced difficulties, he pointed out, adding that all the heroic feats that stirred up the times were linked to the revolutionary spirit of the victorious wartime generation.

He said what the DPRK held fast to like the banner in the face of trials that are too severe for a country and nation was the history and tradition of war victory which transformed the most arduous years into ones of miracle and what its people cherished as an example of their life and struggle was the indomitable fighting spirit and legendary feats of the victorious wartime generation.

The speaker said that millions of young

people, aware of the honour and mission of being descendants of the victorious wartime generation, rushed to the places called by the country to steadily carry forward the heroic epic of the Korean youth with youthful passion and fearless mettle. And all the people strived to build socialism in the spirit of the wartime generation and with an indomitable will as intended by the Party Central Committee, thus proving once again the truth of history that nothing is firmer and more reliable than the unity of the people rallied around the great leader and that no force is more powerful than their staunch anti-imperialist revolutionary spirit.

He went on: This gathering shared by the creators and eyewitnesses of history who achieved the fame of heroic Korea despite the worst-ever challenges and misfortune and the trustworthy descendants who carried forward their noble soul and lifeblood is like an epitome of the country's 70-year history showing how the lifeline of our revolution has been inherited, how the nature of our state has been preserved and how our national power has grown stronger.

All generations have been firmly connected by a single red bloodline and become a whole of one life thanks to the history and tradition of the great war victory no matter how much water flows under the bridge. Herein lie the factor that the orthodoxy of our revolution has been preserved to date, and the strength peculiar to our state which is free from degeneration and frustration.

It is the greatest honour and pride of our Party and people to have the history of victory that will defend the strong breath of the ever-victorious Korean revolution and add eternal lustre to the mightiness and invincibility of the Republic.

The war provided the DPRK with the glory of victory and the intense experience that a horrible war should not be repeated as well as the goal of building a powerful country at all costs, the speaker said, stressing that if it had had the strength powerful enough to frustrate the US imperialists' ambition for aggression, the war would not have ended in ceasefire on this land.

As they have that bitter experience and towering grudge and can no longer live as a target of aggression, the WPK and the DPRK government have made a strenuous advance to bolster up the military capability, regarding self-defence as a keynote policy despite all challenges and hardships of history, and history remembers how peace has been maintained and defended for many years on this land turned into a fierce theatre of confrontation between the two parties conflicting with each other ideologically and institutionally, he said, adding:

The history of strength of the DPRK and its people can neither be stopped nor



delayed as the US, an aggressive and hegemonic entity, exists on this planet. If the US imperialists run amuck, failing to clearly understand the trend of the times and the changed reality, and ignite another war in Korea, they are certain to be buried in the grave of history together with their excessive ambition.

The speaker said that 70 years ago the Korean people waged a heroic struggle, enjoying selfless mental and material assistance from the peace-loving peoples of the world and thus created a great history in which justice beat injustice and progress overwhelmed reaction.

During the Fatherland Liberation War, the Chinese party and government dispatched their excellent sons and daughters to the Korean front despite difficult conditions and thus devotedly contributed to the victory in the war and made a great contribution to safeguarding the security of their country and defending the socialist eastern outpost, he said.

The Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV) formed a good tradition of winning victory by dint of revolutionary unity after becoming one with the Korean People's Army in the staunch revolutionary spirit against imperialism while fighting in the same trench together with the KPA, he said, adding that the Korean party and people will never forget the militant feats and historic achievements performed by the officers and men of the CPV and will always remember them in the future, too.

The speaker once again warmly welcomed General Sergei Shoigu, defence minister of the Russian Federation, a friendly neighbouring country, who came to Pyongyang in congratulation of the great holiday of the DPRK and extended heartfelt militant salute to the Russian government, army and people who have turned out in the historic struggle for defeating the groups threatening and damaging its sovereignty, security and interests and building powerful Russia.

Saying that as long as there exist dominationist forces and high-handed practices to cook up and incite bloody confrontation, coup and war in different parts of the planet in pursuance of hegemony and expansion and restrict and hurt other countries, no country and region can be safe, he stressed that the DPRK government and people will stand firmly on the side of those countries against the US hegemony and fight in the same trench with them.

He affirmed that the Korean people would fight unyieldingly and staunchly, united around the great Comrade Kim Jong Un for eternal peace, prosperity and development on this land, for the immortality of the noble sacrifice and beautiful soul of many sung and unsung brave soldiers and for the great powerful

country where their desire would be translated into reality and for the eternal prosperity of the beloved DPRK which will shine for all ages.

At the meeting, Sergei Shoigu read out a congratulatory speech sent by Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, to the participants in the meeting for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Korean people's victory in the Fatherland Liberation War on the occasion of the victory day.

All the participants expressed their gratitude with the ardent applause for the speech of President Putin who extended heartfelt congratulations to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and the participants on the glorious holiday of victory of the Korean people.

Jo Yong Won, Presidium member of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, conveyed a congratulatory message from the WPK Central Committee to all the people and service personnel who have made immortal contributions to glorifying the tradition of victory of heroic Korea.

All the participants were impressed by the congratulatory message that reviewed the 70-year history of struggle which firmly linked the idea of pioneering the Korean revolution to the new century and clearly proved before the world the scientific accuracy and immortality of our idea and cause as the immutable truth that no one can deny and that showed the unwavering will of the WPK to defend the country, associated with the sacred life of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, and the socialist system upheld through the heroic struggle and costly self-sacrifice of the revolutionary forerunners and demonstrate the honour of victors forever.

They more deeply cherished the conviction that the ever-victorious history and tradition will be immortal as they hold in high esteem Kim Jong Un, peerless patriot and great defender of peace who is firmly turning the heroic fighting spirit of the victorious wartime generation into the blood vessel of the Korean revolution and ushering in a new era of a prosperous and powerful country independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence.

The meeting served as a significant occasion that fully displayed the unshakable faith and will of the WPK and the people of the DPRK to build the country, defended by the forerunners at the risk of their lives, into an eternally thriving socialist power with the transparent spirit of defending the country and the revolution as a treasured sword of victory and the invincibility of Korean-style socialism.



Grand performance given to celebrate 70th anniversary of great war victory

Kim Jong Un enjoys performance with goodwill missions on visit to Pyongyang

KCNA

A grand celebration performance was given at 00:00 on July 27, adding to the joy and excitement of celebrating the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War shining as a symbol of heroism and justice along with its great eminence of victory in the course of the development of the dignified Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as a grand festival of glory and succession to be specially recorded in history.



The performance venue was overflowing with the great pride and self-confidence of significantly greeting the war victory day, the holiday of the DPRK and all its people, with the priceless honor and dignity offered by the victory in the three-year war and the 70-year-long indomitable struggle for preserving that victory - 25 568 days since July 27, the historic day when the first people's country in the East, a newborn republic, won a victory in the war for repulsing the brigandish armed invasion

by the US imperialism, the ringleader of the imperialists, in the middle of the 20th century called the "century of war".

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, enjoyed the performance.

Prior to enjoying the performance, he had a warm and friendly talk with Li Hongzhong, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress of the

People's Republic of China who is on a visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the great war victory.

Li Hongzhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress of the PRC who is leading a Chinese party and government delegation on a visit to Pyongyang, courteously handed to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

delegation to the DPRK in the current crucial period, he said that it showed the general secretary's will to attach great importance to the DPRK-China friendship.

Saying the Korean people will never forget the fact that the brave soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers shed blood to bring about the war victory and their noble spirit and soul though many

a personal letter sent by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC and president of the PRC, on the occasion of the war victory day.

Expressing thanks for it, Kim Jong Un offered his heartfelt thanks to Xi Jinping.

He told Li Hongzhong that the significance of July 27, the war victory day common to the Korean and Chinese peoples, was further highlighted as they were present together to celebrate it. Noting that Xi Jinping dispatched a party and government

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years have passed and generation has been replaced with new one, he affirmed that the WPK and the DPRK government will as ever strive to further strengthen the friendship and solidarity with the fraternal Chinese people and always advance hand in hand with the Chinese people in the struggle for socialism.

When Kim Jong Un appeared at the theatre auditorium with the heads of the delegations, stormy cheers of the audience shook the theatre.

Pretty children presented fragrant bouquets to Kim Jong Un.

Children presented bouquets to the heads of the delegations.

Members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, cadres of the Party, the government and the military, and the participants in the celebrations including war veterans and persons of wartime merits watched the performance.

Present there at invitation were members of the Chinese party and government delegation and the Russian military delegation.

The performance was given by leading art troupes including the State Merited Chorus, the Ensemble of the State Affairs Commission and the Wangjaesan Art Troupe, and social and military art troupes and artists and students of art education institutions.

Put on the stage of the performance which started with overtures "Tell, Fireworks of War Victory" and "July 27, Our Victory Day", were wartime songs, hymns for the war victory, songs of faith popular during the years of succession and other numbers.

Through the immortal hymn "Cantata to Marshal Kim Il Sung", the performers sang highly of the greatest-ever feats of President Kim Il Sung, who trained the Korean people to be the strongest ones with indomitable spirit and matchless strength punishing the imperialist tyranny and made a history of miraculous war victory admired by mankind in the grim period when the US imperialists, who boasted of being the world's "strongest", had gone to extremes in their arrogance and arbitrary practices and thus brought about a fierce storm of independence against

imperialism and the revolution for national liberation.

When the venerable image of the President declaring victory at the military parade for celebrating the war victory was shown on the background screen along with his friendly voice resounding throughout the venue, the audience broke into loud applause with boundless reverence for the peerlessly brilliant commander who reliably protected the destiny of the country and peace of humankind by winning a great victory in the fierce anti-imperialist, anti-US sacred war with his Juche-oriented military idea, outstanding strategy and tactics and iron faith and will.

"Song of National Defence", "To a Decisive Battle" and other wartime songs, which resounded all over Korea fighting against aggressors, touched the audience, bringing back the memory of the legendary years.

Through the numbers representing the endless advance by the defenders of the country under the hail of bullets and shells and their hand-to-hand combats for annihilating the enemies, and through the numbers pulsating with the patriotic

passion and emotion lavished by them out of their confidence in victory during the three-year-long war woven with life and death, blood and tears and love and hatred, the performers impressively sang of what a stern death-defying resistance the heroic army and people of the DPRK waged to preserve the dignity and prestige of their country.

When Chinese and Russian serial songs specially selected for goodwill missions visiting Pyongyang were put on the stage, the audience felt their hearts overflowing with conviction and friendship that the history and traditions of friendship and solidarity formed and consolidated in the joint struggle for independence against imperialism would be steadily carried forward and developed century after century.

The performance ended with the finale "The People Offer Glory to the Party" and "July 27, Our Victory Day".

At the end of the performance, the audience again broke into enthusiastic cheers.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged their cheers, congratulating the performers on their successful performance.



General Secretary Kim Jong Un receives Russian defence minister



KCNA

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, received a military delegation of the Russian Federation led by Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, on a congratulatory visit to the DPRK for the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, at the office building of the Party Central Committee on July 26.

He gladly met and exchanged warm

greetings with Sergei Shoigu.

He warmly welcomed the visit of the Russian military delegation to the DPRK and had a friendly talk with Sergei Shoigu.

On the occasion, Shoigu courteously conveyed an autograph letter from Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Expressing gratitude to Putin for his warm and good letter, Kim Jong Un asked Shoigu to convey his thanks to Putin who dispatched the military delegation led by the defence minister to Pyongyang to congratulate the Korean people on the

glorious victory holiday.

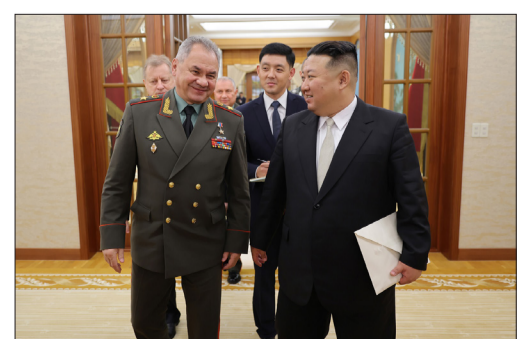
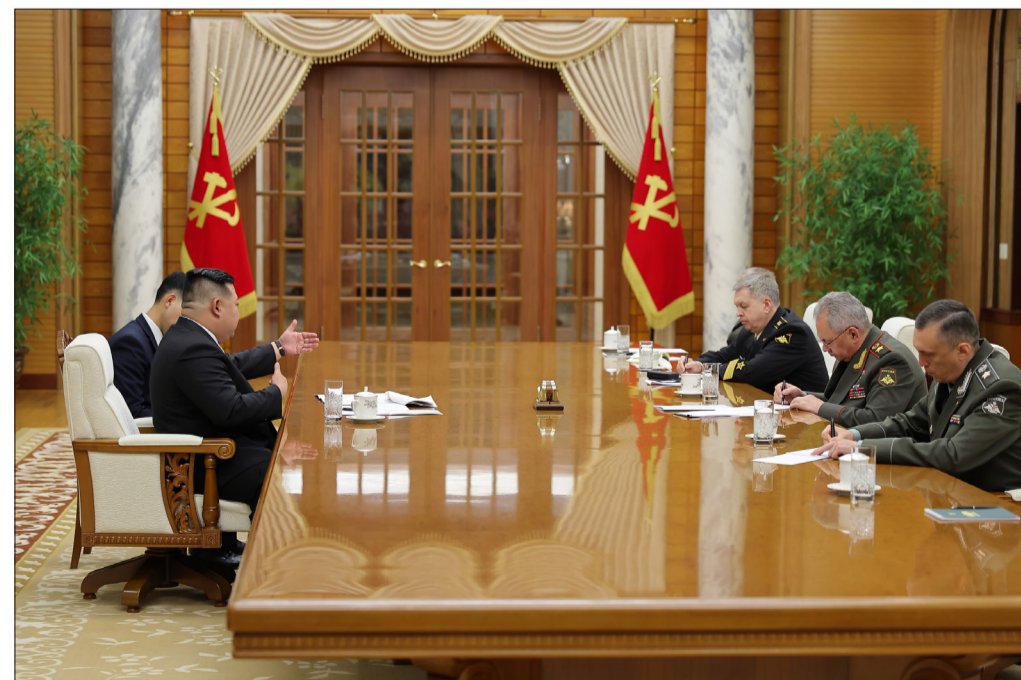
Recollecting with deep emotion the history of deep-rooted DPRK-Russia friendship, they at the talk exchanged the appraisal and opinions on the matters of mutual concern in the field of national defence and security and on the regional and international security environment and reached a consensus of view on them.

The talk proceeded in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with militant friendship.

After the talk, Kim Jong Un was presented with a gift prepared by Sergei Shoigu with sincerity.

He expressed deep thanks for it and presented his souvenir to Shoigu in commemoration of his visit to the DPRK.

The meeting between Kim Jong Un and Sergei Shoigu at an important time serves as an important occasion in further developing the strategic and traditional DPRK-Russia relations as required by the new century and further boosting in depth the strategic and tactical collaboration and cooperation between the two countries in the field of national defence and security to cope with the ever-changing regional and international security environment.



DPRK leader visits weaponry exhibition house with Sergei Shoigu



KCNA

The "Weaponry Exhibition-2023" is going on under the sponsorship of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK to mark the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

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, visited the

weaponry exhibition house on July 26, together with Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and members of the military delegation of the Russian Federation.

When he arrived at the exhibition house, Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, made a salute to him.

Present there were senior party and government officials including Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and

Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political commanding officers of the large combined units and combined units of the Korean People's Army.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un again expressed thanks to Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and members of the Russian military delegation for visiting

Pyongyang with militant comradeship and friendly feelings to congratulate the DPRK and its people on their great auspicious event.

Sergei Shoigu expressed his gratitude to Kim Jong Un for paying deep attention to the itinerary of the Russian delegation, offering it significant occasions and lavishing warm welcome on it despite his

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busy schedule.

Kim Jong Un, together with Sergei Shoigu, looked round the new-type weapons and equipment.

Telling the Russian defence minister

about the weapons and equipment which were invented and produced under the national defence development plan set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK and have recently been furnished to the Korean People's Army, Kim Jong Un shared with Sergei Shoigu comments

on the worldwide trend of weaponry development and its strategy.

Having a friendly talk with the Russian defence minister, he expressed his views on the issues of mutual concern in the struggle to safeguard the sovereignty, development and interests of the two

countries from the high-handed and arbitrary practices of the imperialists and to realize international justice and peace.

He repeatedly expressed belief that the Russian army and people would achieve great successes in the struggle for building a powerful country.

Kim Jong Un meets Sergei Shoigu at office building of WPK Central Committee

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, invited Minister of Defence Sergei Shoigu, head of the military delegation of the Russian Federation paying a congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, to the office building of the WPK Central Committee on Thursday morning.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with Sergei Shoigu

before having a comradely talk with him in his office.

He had a detailed and candid discussion

with Sergei Shoigu on the important issues of mutual concern of the two countries.

He referred to the judgment and principled stand of the WPK and the DPRK government on the rapidly changing

attention to him and the military delegation's Pyongyang visit and lavishing warm hospitality on them.



international security environment and the military and political situation of the Korean peninsula and exchanged views with Sergei Shoigu on many issues.

The talk also sincerely discussed some issues arising in further developing the strategic and tactical collaboration and cooperation between the two countries in the field of defence and security.

Then he had a luncheon with Sergei Shoigu.

The Russian Minister of Defence expressed sincere thanks to Kim Jong Un for paying special



DPRK leader hosts reception for Russian military delegation



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, hosted a reception for the military delegation of the Russian Federation led by Minister of Defence Sergei Shoigu on July 27, the war victory day.

Present there were Jo Yong Won and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, and other senior Party and government officials, and commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and commanders of the services, large combined units and combined units of the Korean People's Army.

Prior to the reception, Minister of Defence Sergei Shoigu courteously handed a gift from Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks to Putin for sending a significant gift to him.

He entered the banquet hall together with Sergei Shoigu amid the playing of welcome music, being given a standing

ovation by all the participants who greeted the meaningful moment, another event to be etched in the history of the traditional DPRK-Russia friendship.

Ri Pyong Chol made a speech at the reception.

Warmly welcoming the Russian Minister of Defence, who is the closest comrade-in-arms and brother, and all comrades of the Russian military delegation, who were present at the significant reception for marking the 70th anniversary of the great war victory, Ri Pyong Chol said that their visit to the DPRK served as an occasion for powerfully demonstrating the might of unity and solidarity between the two countries which had been sealed at the cost of blood and have been growing stronger on the road of realizing the common ideal and goal.

He said the DPRK-Russia friendship, which the revolutionary forerunners of the two countries provided and cultivated with much care by fighting bloody battles together, is developing into the invincible comradeship and long-term strategic relations under the special care of Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

The armies and peoples of the two countries are safeguarding the sovereign rights, development and interests of



their countries from the US brigandish strategy for world domination by dint of ideologies and arms, and strongly supporting and encouraging each other to protect the regional and global peace and security and international justice by their concerted efforts, he said.

Upon authorization of Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, he extended the warmest militant regards, support and encouragement to the fighting Russian army and people on behalf of the DPRK government, armed forces and all the Korean people.

He expressed belief that the armies and peoples of the DPRK and Russia would always get united as genuine comrades and comrades-in-arms and emerge victorious thanks to the deep friendship between the top leaders of the two countries and the traditions of victory and the noble spirit bequeathed by the victorious wartime generations.

Then Sergei Shoigu made a speech.

He extended sincere congratulations to all the Korean people on the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War in reflection of the feelings of the Russian people.

The KPA has become the most powerful army in the world as it has honorably

inherited the militant traditions of the Paektusan guerrilla army and the respected generation and striven to make itself strong, rallied close around its Supreme Commander, he stressed.

The KPA has faithfully upheld the leadership of the WPK, reliably defended the country from the imperialists' threat, devoted themselves to the people and made positive contributions to the economic construction, he said.

Wishing all the veterans who took part in the Fatherland Liberation War longevity in good health and the peoples of the two countries friendship and well-being, he expressed the willingness of the Russian Federation to develop the multi-faceted cooperation with the DPRK consistently.

All the participants toasted the good health of Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, and Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation.

An art performance was given to welcome the Russian military delegation during the reception.

Kim Jong Un had pleasant chats with Sergei Shoigu and other major members of the Russian military delegation, deepening comradely friendship.

The reception proceeded in an amicable and friendly atmosphere.



General Secretary Kim Jong Un visits cemetery of CPV martyrs

KCNA

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, visited the cemetery of martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hocchang County of South Phyongan Province to pay high tribute to them on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Presidium member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Song Nam, department director of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee.

The guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the cemetery.

The national anthems of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were solemnly played.

Amid the playing of the wreath-laying music, a wreath in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the monument to the CPV martyrs.

Written on the ribbons of the wreath were letters reading: "Martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers Will Be Immortal".

Kim Jong Un paid a silent tribute in memory of the CPV martyrs who unsparingly dedicated their precious lives to the righteous war of the Korean people to repel the imperialist aggression.

Then, he placed a flower before the grave of Mao Anying at the cemetery and paid tribute to him.

He made the rounds of the cemetery, together with senior officials accompanying him.

He said that the noble soul and spirit of sons and daughters of the Chinese people who supported the Korean people in the sacred anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle with their heroic sacrifice



and made an important contribution to the war victory are obviously recorded in history as a foundation and model of the DPRK-China friendship to be immortal along with the socialist ideal.

Noting that the hard-fought Fatherland Liberation War was a war of justice to defend their dignity, honour and sovereignty as well as world peace and security and an acute political

and military confrontation with the imperialist dominationist forces which was staged on behalf of the peace-loving forces and the progressive mankind, he stressed that the great victory won by the peoples of the DPRK and China at the cost of their blood is invariably displaying its great vitality still now, century after century.

He said that the noble life of the CPV martyrs would be immortal in the

hearts of the Korean people and that the history and tradition of unity between the peoples of the two countries, who forged the bonds of kinship in the sacred struggle for accomplishing the cause of anti-imperialist independence and socialism and have resolutely smashed the reactionary offensive of the imperialists by dint of justice and truth, would be reliably carried forward through generations.

Kim Jong Un hosts reception for Chinese delegation



KCNA

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, received the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Li Hongzhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress,

on July 28.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gladly greeted the members of the delegation and had a souvenir picture taken with them.

He had a talk with them in a warm atmosphere.

Repeatedly expressing gratitude to the respected Comrade Xi Jinping for having dispatched a party and government delegation to the significant celebrations of the victory common to the DPRK and China and sent his personal letter with best

wishes, he extended heartfelt thanks to the Communist Party of China, the PRC government and all the Chinese people that helped the DPRK's revolutionary war at the cost of their blood and have invariably supported the just cause of the WPK and the people of the DPRK.

He said that the Korean people would always remember and praise the militant feats and historic contribution of the service personnel of the Chinese People's Volunteers who provided the excellent tradition of winning victory in the staunch

anti-imperialist revolutionary spirit and with the revolutionary unity while heroically fighting in the same trench with the Korean army in the most difficult period of the DPRK.

He was very pleased with the fact that the Chinese party and government have made world-startling achievements in the new journey of comprehensively building a modern socialist country with the Chinese characteristics and

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the international position of the PRC is growing higher with each passing day, he said and expressed conviction that the fraternal Chinese party and people would surely realize the Chinese nation's dream of great rejuvenation under the wise leadership of Xi Jinping.

Reaffirmed at the talk was the stand of the parties and governments of the two countries to cope with the complicated international situation on their own initiative and steadily develop friendship and comradesly cooperation onto a new high stage through close strategic and tactical collaboration while dynamically accelerating socialist construction.

He invited the members of the delegation to the reception.

Present there were Jo Yong Won and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Il Hwan and O Su Yong, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Song Nam, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and officials concerned.

Kim Yo Jong and Li Hongzhong made speeches at the reception.

The reception proceeded in an amicable atmosphere overflowing with warm comradeship and friendship.



Kim Jong Un sends presents to war veterans on V-Day

KCNA

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent significant gifts to the war veterans across the country on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Saying that the war veterans in good health are a great strength to our Party and people and a great encouragement to our revolution, he has injected vitality into their life with his warm love and continued to

bestow favours on them.

The gifts associated with his benevolence were courteously conveyed to the war veterans across the country amid the great emotion of all the people.

The war veterans extended their deep thanks to Kim Jong Un, expressing deep emotion over his continued great favours.

Carried in every gift is the trust and expectation of the great father hoping that the victorious wartime generation with their eternal spirit and vigour displayed

in the wartime will stir up the loyalty and passion of the ranks of successors advancing toward a new victory of the revolution.

All the war veterans were full of enthusiasm to glorify their whole life as the educators who more deeply implant the tradition of victory and the noble soul of the great years into the hearts of the younger generation in the ongoing sacred struggle to hasten the overall development of Korean-style socialism under the leadership of the Party.

Kim Jong Un sends gifts to activists in traits of assisting army

KCNA

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un invited the activists in the traits of assisting the army to the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the Korean People's Army as special delegates and, this time again, to the significant celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and bestowed great favours on them.

A meeting was held at the People's Palace of Culture

on Friday to convey the gifts from Kim Jong Un to those who took part in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the war victory.

Present there were Ri Il Hwan and Ri Yong Gil, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and other officials of the Party Central Committee and activists in the traits of assisting the army.

Ri Il Hwan in a speech said that the continued great solicitude of General Secretary Kim Jong Un carries his warm loving care

for the activists who have devoted their pure civic conscience and sincerity to the road for building a rich country with a strong army, putting the state affairs over the family affairs.

Extending gratitude to Kim Jong Un, the activists in the traits of assisting the army renewed their firm determination to make an active contribution to strengthening the revolutionary armed forces, cherishing the motherly Party's special love and trust as their lifetime assets.

In celebration of war victory day

KPA commanding officers visit Kumsusan Palace of Sun

KCNA

Commanding officers of the Korean People's Army including Kang Sun Nam, Jong Kyong Thack and Pak Su Il visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on Tuesday on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The KPA commanding officers solemnly entered the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun with the pride and honour of significantly greeting the

holiday of victors.

Flower baskets in the name of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean People's Army were laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The participants paid high tribute to the President and the Chairman at their statuses in reflection of the boundless reverence of all the service personnel of the armed forces of the DPRK.

Commanding officers of the Korean People's Army visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on July 25 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.



Floral tribute paid to great leaders on V-Day



People from all walks of life visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill to pay homage to them on V-Day.

KCNA

Officials, working people, service personnel and schoolchildren in the DPRK visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on July 27, the 70th anniversary

of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War. Laid before the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill were flower baskets in the name of Party, power and armed forces organs, social organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces and institutions, industrial establishments and universities at all levels in Pyongyang.

The visitors made a bow before the statues.

Baskets of flowers in the name of KPA and PSF units, institutions, industrial establishments and others were placed before the statues of the peerlessly great men and the mosaics depicting their smiling images in different parts of the capital city.

Officials, working people, service personnel and schoolchildren across the country paid high tribute to the statues of the President and the Chairman and the portraits of the smiling great leaders in their residential areas.

Construction of railway martyrs cemetery completed

KCNA

The Railway Martyrs Cemetery was wonderfully built on the occasion of July 27, the significant war victory day.

Buried at the cemetery, which is located in Haksandong, Hyongjesan District of Pyongyang, were remains

of martyrs who made contributions to hastening the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War by displaying the indomitable fighting spirit and matchless self-sacrificing spirit in the flames of the war and thus successfully ensuring wartime transport and production.

Present at the inaugural ceremony held on July 25 were Minister of Railways Jang Chun Song, officials in the field of rail transport and bereaved families.

Kim Yong Nam, chief secretary of the Ministry of Railways Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made an inaugural address.

Wreaths laid at martyrs cemeteries

KCNA

Wreaths were laid at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 25 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

The guards of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the cemeteries.

Present at the wreath-laying ceremonies were 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, Ri Yong Gil, O Su Yong and Pak Thae Song, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other officials of the WPK Central Committee and officials of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet, ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs.

Present at the wreath-laying ceremonies were war veterans, students of revolutionary schools, youth and students.

Amid the playing of the wreath-laying music, wreaths in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the SPA Standing Committee of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK were laid at the wreath-laying stands of the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery.

The participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the martyrs who devoted their all to the struggle for the liberation and prosperity of the country, and the accomplishment of the socialist cause.



Wreaths are laid at the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 25 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

In celebration of war victory day

Commemorative coins to be minted SPA Standing Committee issues decree

KCNA

Commemorative coins will be minted in the DPRK on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

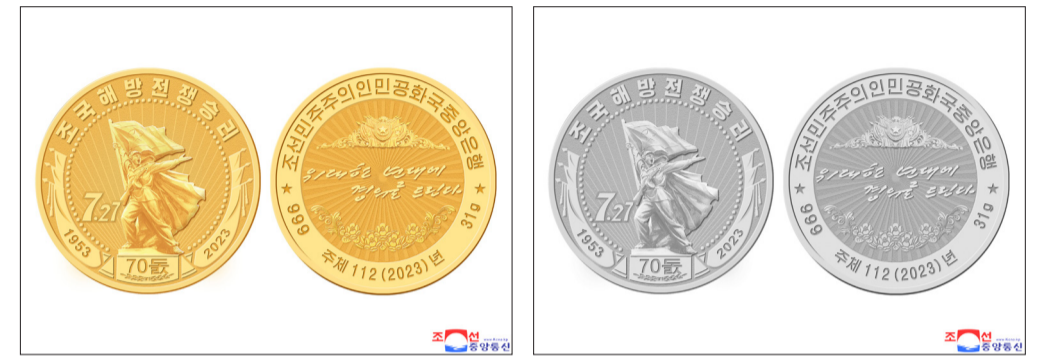
A relevant decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was issued on July 23.

The commemorative coins named "The 70th Anniversary of Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War" will be minted into gold and silver ones.

Relieved in the centre of the front side of gold and silver coins are the Statue of Victory at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and the date of "7.27" with 70 points in a circle around it. Seen on the upper part of the fringe are letters "Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War" and on its lower part the letters "70th Anniversary" and figures of years "1953" and "2023".

Seen in the centre of their back side are letters "Respects to the Great Years". On the upper part are flags of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK and a shield and on the lower part are magnolia blossoms. Relieved on the upper part of the fringe are the letters "The Central Bank of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" and at the bottom the figures implying the fineness, weight and minting year.

The size of the pure-gold and 2mm in thickness and is 40mm in diameter and that of the pure-silver coin is 35mm in diameter and 3mm in thickness.



Gold and silver commemorative coins named "The 70th Anniversary of Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War".

State banquets given

KCNA

The state banquets were given at the Mokran House, the People's Palace of Culture, Okryu Restaurant, Chongryu Restaurant and other places in Pyongyang on Thursday to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Invited to the banquets as the guests of honour were the veterans participating in the celebrations of the V-Day including war veterans and persons of wartime merits.

Present there at invitation were members of the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Li Hongzhong on a visit to Pyongyang and Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK.

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, senior officials of the Party and the government, leading officials of armed forces organs and labour innovators in Pyongyang sat with the participants.

Speeches were made there. Speakers said that it is the legitimate right acquired by the Korean people through the 70-year-long bloody struggle after the war of three years to celebrate V-Day with splendour, adding that the whole country has turned out more dynamically to make a new history of greater victory.

It is the might of a powerful nation ardently desired by the Korean people and the honour of the state which will never be replaced by anything that the DPRK has turned

National art exhibition opens

KCNA

A national art exhibition for celebrating the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953) opened with due ceremony at the Okryu Exhibition House on Monday.

On display at the venue of the exhibition are art pieces depicting President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who won a historic victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and achieved one victory after another in the confrontation with imperialism and the US that has lasted for centuries.

Present at the ceremony were Choe Chang Hak, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, officials of ministries and national agencies, officials and creators in the field of fine art and working people in the municipality.

Vice-Premier Kim Song Ryong made an opening address.



A national art exhibition opens at the Okryu Exhibition House on Monday.

Participants in V-Day celebrations visit Mangyongdae

KCNA

The participants in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War toured various places in Pyongyang, enjoying warm hospitality of the citizens.

They visited time-honoured Mangyongdae, the sacred place of the revolution.

After visiting the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Museum, they entered the yard of the old home of President Kim Il Sung and looked round the historic relics associated with the life of the family members of the President, recollecting the

sacred revolutionary career of the President who set out on the road of the revolution with a lofty aim to save the destiny of the country and nation in his early teens and performed a miracle of world historic significance of defeating two imperialist powers in one generation.

They also visited the Korean Revolution Museum.

They paid homage to the revolutionary forerunners at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery.

They also visited the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum.

At the Military Hardware Museum of the Korean People's Army they looked round the latest weaponry of Juche Korea which has become an invincible power under the outstanding military strategy and idea and wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the entities of the might of justice incomparable to those 70 years before, with admiration.

They also visited the Natural History Museum and other places and enjoyed a pleasant time at the Mansu Water Park, conducting various cultural activities.

War veterans enjoy themselves at hot spring resort

KCNA

War veterans, the participants in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, had a good time at the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort.

Officials and employees of the service management station of the resort warmly greeted the forerunners of the revolution who are held in respect as grateful benefactors and precious teachers by all the people.

The service management station made sincere efforts to make sure that the war veterans, who had given to the DPRK and its people the eternal glory and fame to be remembered with pride century after century along with the V-day of July 27 and taught their descendants the truth of patriotic life, spent pleasant days at the resort.

The veterans beamed with delight and optimism as they enjoyed themselves, taking a cool water bath and a medical bath in outdoor and indoor spa baths in a pine wood and relishing the special flavour of boiled eggs in the site where eggs are boiled in the spring water.

Different places of the resort, including the service centre furnished with all sporting apparatuses and cultural and amusement facilities, constantly resounded with laughter of the veterans full of passion and vigour.

Distinctive performances given at the resort by central artistic organizations and central artistic motivational team add to the joy of the veterans.

In celebration of war victory day

Young people meet war veterans, give wartime song performance

KCNA

Youth and students met with war veterans at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on July 24 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

When the war veterans entered the venue of the meeting, youth and students greeted them, presenting bouquets.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee

of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, in his congratulatory speech paid high respects reflecting the minds of the youth and students across the country to the victors of the 1950s who gave the Korean people the privilege and the supreme honour of celebrating the great war victory year after year.

Then, war veterans Pak U Chil, Kim Jom Sun and Pak Tok Hae made remarks.

The war veterans recollected with pride the grim days when they fought decisive battles against the aggressors in their youth with absolute loyalty to President Kim Il Sung, an ever-victorious iron-willed commander, ardent love for the country and hatred for the enemy.

They asked young people of the new generation to hold in high esteem the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,

peerlessly great man born of heaven, and glorify the country as an indomitable nation of war victory along with July 27, the war victory day.

Youth and students gave a performance of wartime songs "Song of Eternal Victory" at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-Air Theatre on July 24 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.



Youth and students meet with war veterans at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on July 24 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.



Performance given by trade union members

KCNA

The workers' art group of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and the mobile artistic motivational squad of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex gave a joint performance at the Hall of Culture of the complex on July 24 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The performers highly praised President Kim Il Sung who defeated the US

imperialists who boasted of being "the strongest" in the world and brought about a shining victory in the Fatherland Liberation War with his Juche-oriented military idea, outstanding strategy and tactics and rare commanding art.

Put on the stage were numbers reminding the audience of the immortal long journey for Songun leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il who made untiring efforts for the beloved country and people, shouldering their destiny

upon himself.

Also staged were numbers reflecting the reverence for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is demonstrating the dignity and national power of the DPRK on the highest level.

Among the audience were Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the GFTUK, Om Pong Guk, secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials and workers of the complex.

Week of film show opens

KCNA

A week-long film show opened with due ceremony at the Pyongyang International Cinema House on July 21 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Jong Yong Nam, director-general of the National Administration of Motion

Picture Industry, made an opening address.

At the end of the ceremony the participants watched a documentary film "Tradition of Victory in Great Annals Will Be Successfully Carried Forward Generation after Generation".

A week of film show also opened in all provinces on the same day.

New stamps issued

KCNA

The State Stamp Bureau of the DPRK issued new stamps (one sheet and five individuals) on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Seen in the stamps are letters "70th Anniversary of Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War Juche 42 (1953) - Juche 112 (2023)".

The sheet bears the

coloured statue of "The Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung Waving His Hand to the Enthusiastic Cheers of Our People and Service Personnel at the Parade Square of Victory", and an individual shows the sculpture "Victory", the main theme of the Monument to the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War, with immortal autograph of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un "Respects to

Farmers hold oratorical meeting

Officials of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea (UAWK) and agricultural workers held an oratorical meeting on July 25 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Present there were Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the Central Committee of the UAWK, Hong Chol Jin, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers in the municipality.

The speakers at the meeting praised the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung, who glorified the Korean people as the heroic people and the DPRK as heroic Korea by achieving a shining victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, and the noble mental world of the victorious wartime generation who defended the country at the rain of bullets and shells.

Their enthusiastic and stirring speeches clearly showed the firm faith and will of the agricultural workers and members of the UAWK to add luster to the history and tradition of the great war victory for all ages and uphold the Party's grand programme for the rural revolution in the new era with proud success of rich harvest.

The artistic motivational squad of the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea and agricultural workers gave a performance at the Jangchon House of Culture in Sadong District, Pyongyang, on July 24 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

The performers sang highly of the exploits performed by President Kim Il Sung who set a shining world example in the history of the anti-imperialist struggle by leading the Fatherland Liberation War to victory.

Women hold dancing party

KCNA

Officials and members of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea held a dancing party at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on July 27 to mark the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The dancing party started with the playing of the song "Long Live Generalissimo Kim Il Sung".

The dancers danced paying the highest tribute

and immortal glory to President Kim Il Sung who dealt a decisive crushing blow to the US imperialists boasting of being the "strongest" in the world with his original military ideas and ever-changing Juche-oriented war tactics and opened a new historic era of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle.

They continued dancing full of endless pride in having the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who provides the Korean women with

glory and happiness, while demonstrating the dignity and might of his country with his extraordinary wisdom and outstanding and seasoned leadership.

The dancing party vividly showed the will of the Korean women to add eternal brilliance to the history and tradition of the great V-day and fulfil the mission and duty of women revolutionaries in the sacred struggle for opening up a new phase of development of Korean-style socialism.



An individual shows the sculpture "Victory".

Russian defence minister lays flower basket at statues of DPRK great leaders

KCNA

Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, head of the military delegation of the Russian Federation on a visit to the DPRK for congratulating the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, laid a basket of flowers at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on

Wednesday. Present there were Kim Min Sop, vice-minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Im Chon Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, members of the Russian military delegation and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

A flower basket in the name of the Russian defence minister was placed before the statues of the great

leaders. The participants paid tribute to the great leaders with boundless reverence for the peerlessly great men who made immortal contributions to the steady development of the DPRK-Russia friendly relations and the accomplishment of the cause of global independence with their outstanding idea, leadership and noble benevolence.

Sergei Shoigu lays wreath at Liberation Tower

KCNA

Sergei Shoigu, defence minister of the Russian Federation on a congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, laid a wreath at the Liberation Tower on Wednesday.

Present there were Kim Min Sop, vice-minister of

National Defence of the DPRK, Im Chon Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and members of the Russian military delegation and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

Members of the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the Liberation Tower.

The national anthems of the Russian Federation and the DPRK were played.

A wreath in the name of the Russian defence minister was placed at the Liberation Tower amid the playing of the wreath-laying music.

The participants paid tribute to the martyrs of the Soviet Army who unsparingly dedicated their lives to the sacred war for Korea's liberation in the noble internationalist spirit.

Then they looked round the Liberation Tower.



Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu lays a wreath at the Liberation Tower on Wednesday.

Reception given for Russian military delegation

KCNA

The Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK gave a reception on Wednesday to welcome the military delegation of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Present there at invitation were members of the Russian military delegation led by Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the

DPRK, Jong Kyong Thack, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army (KPA), Pak Su Il, chief of the KPA General Staff, and other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and Im Chon Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, were on hand.

Kang Sun Nam made a speech at the reception.

He once again warmly welcomed Sergei Shoigu visiting Pyongyang with warm feelings of friendship toward the army and people of the DPRK at the significant time of splendidly celebrating the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland

Liberation War. Sergei Shoigu's visit will serve as a significant occasion in demonstrating the might of the militant unity of the armies and peoples of the two countries, established in the historic struggle against the common enemy and further consolidated on the common front against the hostile forces' moves for a war of aggression, he noted.

Referring to the history and tradition of DPRK-Russia friendship, he said that the present conflicting international military and political situation requires the armies of the two countries to resolutely stand against the US

Talks between defence ministers of DPRK and Russia held

KCNA

Talks were held in Pyongyang on July 26 between Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and Sergei Shoigu, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation.

Present there from the DPRK side were Jong Kyong Thack, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, and Im Chon Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and from the Russian side

were Aleksei Krivoruchko, vice-minister of Defence, Andrei Rudenko, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and other members of the Russian military delegation and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy.

At the talks, the two sides exchanged views on the issue of further strengthening the strategic and traditional DPRK-Russia relations of friendship and expanding and developing the militant

friendship and cooperation between the armies of the two countries in conformity with the historic common understanding and agreement reached by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, and on regional and international issues of mutual concern before reaching a complete consensus of views.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Russian military delegation visits Mangyongdae



The Russian military delegation visits the old home of President Kim Il Sung at Mangyongdae on July 26.

KCNA

The military delegation of the Russian Federation led by Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, on a tour of the DPRK to congratulate the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, visited Mangyongdae on Wednesday.

Accompanying the delegation were Kim Min Sop, vice-minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

At the old home of President Kim Il Sung at Mangyongdae, members of the delegation looked round with keen interest the historical relics preserved

with much care, being briefed on the sacred revolutionary career of the President who embarked on the road of revolution in his early years and defeated the two formidable imperialist foes in one generation under the uplifted banner of Juche and anti-imperialist independence and thus performed immortal exploits for the prosperity of the country and the accomplishment of the cause of global independence.

Sergei Shoigu wrote in the visitor's book:

"The Mangyongdae Revolutionary Site visually shows the deep and sincere respect of the DPRK people for President Kim Il Sung who built the first independent state in Korea and laid a foundation for the friendly relations between our two countries.

"I wish the people of the DPRK peace, well-being and fresh successes in building a socialist state."

brigandish strategy for world supremacy and further strengthen their mutual cooperation and collaboration on the principle of defending the national sovereignty and interests.

Expressing the full support for the just struggle of the Russian army and people to defend the sovereignty and security of the country and reaffirming the stand of the army of the DPRK to further strengthen cooperation and solidarity in the same trench of the anti-imperialist struggle, he sincerely wished the Russian army and people success in building powerful Russia under the

leadership of President Putin.

Then Sergei Shoigu made a speech. He expressed thanks to the army and people of the DPRK for their warm hospitality and warmly congratulated the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The Korean People's Army honorably inheriting the fighting tradition of the respected generation is not only reliably preventing the threat of outside forces but also actively taking part in economic construction and the work for improving the people's standard of living, he said.

He stressed that the KPA, closely rallied around the Supreme Commander, has become the strongest army in the world by glorifying its heroic feats in the Fatherland Liberation War and steadily bolstering its might.

Expressing belief that the Korean people would register fresh successes in their struggle for building a thriving country, he showed the will of the Russian Federation to boost many-sided cooperation with the DPRK in full accord with the interests of the peoples of the two countries.

The reception proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

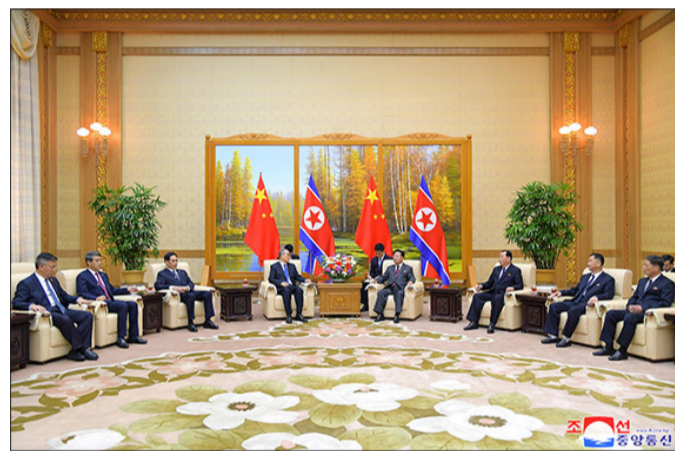
Choe Ryong Hae meets Chinese party and government delegation

KCNA

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, met the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Li

Hongzhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, who paid a courtesy call on him, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on Wednesday. The talk proceeded in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. Present there were Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman

of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Pak Myong Ho, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Pak Kyong Il, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries who is chairman of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, and Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun.



Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the SPA Standing Committee, meets Li Hongzhong, head of the Chinese party and government delegation at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on July 26.

Reception given for Chinese party and government delegation

KCNA

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government gave a reception at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on July 26 in honour of the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China on a visit to the DPRK for participating in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

Present there at invitation were the party and government delegation of the PRC led by Li Hongzhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, and Ambassador Wang Yajun and staff members of the Chinese embassy in Pyongyang.

Attending it were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the

Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Kim Song Nam, department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and senior officials of the Party and the government.

Kim Song Nam made a speech at the reception.

He warmly welcomed the Chinese delegation's visit to the DPRK on behalf of the WPK Central Committee and the DPRK government and paid high tribute to the martyrs and veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers who helped the Korean people in their revolutionary war at the cost of their blood in the most difficult period.

He said that the Korean people would not forget forever the heroic feats and merits of the brave CPV

soldiers who recorded a brilliant page in the history of the great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the history of DPRK-China friendship.

Then Li Hongzhong made a speech.

Noting that upon authorization of General Secretary Xi Jinping and the Central Committee of the CPC, he visited the DPRK leading the Chinese party and government delegation, he said that General Secretary Kim Jong Un and the WPK Central Committee attach great importance to the visit of the delegation and accord cordial hospitality to it. This is a manifestation of friendly feelings toward the Chinese party, government and people, he noted.

He hoped that the Korean people would continue to achieve fresh successes by promoting the cause of socialism under the leadership of the WPK headed by General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The reception proceeded in an amicable atmosphere.

Chinese delegation visits war museum

KCNA

The party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Li Hongzhong visited the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum on July 27.

The visitors laid a bouquet at the Monument to the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs newly built at the entrance to the museum and observed a moment's silence in memory of the

brave soldiers of great years.

They looked round the Chinese People's Volunteers Hall reminding them of the history of fraternal friendship and militant unity in which the armies and peoples of the DPRK and China repelled the imperialist aggression while sharing life and death.

Li Hongzhong wrote in the visitor's book: "Hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder to safeguard peace".



Li Hongzhong lays a bouquet at the Monument to the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs newly built at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum.

Chinese party and government delegation visits Friendship Tower, cemetery of CPV martyrs

The party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China on a visit to the DPRK to attend the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War visited the Friendship Tower on July 27.

Present there were Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Myong Ho, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and officials concerned.

Members of the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the Friendship Tower.

The national anthems of the PRC and the DPRK were played.

A flower basket in the name of the party and government delegation of the PRC was placed at the Friendship Tower.

Written on the ribbons of the flower basket were letters reading: "Martyrs

of the Chinese People's Volunteers will be immortal".

The participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of the CPV martyrs who dedicated their youth and lives to the just cause of the Korean people against the imperialists' invasion and set a genuine example of militant friendship.

The members of the delegation looked round with deep emotion the interior of the Friendship Tower which was built more wonderfully to display the immutability and invincibility of the DPRK-China friendship on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the war victory.

Li Hongzhong, head of the delegation, wrote in the visitor's book: "Hero will be immortal and friendship will be everlasting".

The delegation visited the cemetery of the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoelang County of South Phyongan



The Chinese party and government delegation lays a flower basket at the cemetery of the CPV martyrs in Hoelang County of South Phyongan Province.

Province and laid a basket of flowers there on July 28.

A flower basket in the name of the party and government delegation of the PRC was placed at the monument to the CPV martyrs.

The participants observed a moment's silence in memory of the CPV martyrs who fought by dedicating their precious blood and lives to help the revolutionary war of the Korean people to destroy

the imperialist aggressors by displaying the noble spirit of internationalism.

They also laid a basket of flowers and flowers at the grave of Mao Anying buried in the cemetery and paid homage to him.

That day the Chinese party and government delegation visited the Songhung revolutionary site.

Li Hongzhong made an entry in the visitor's book.

