

## Immortal journey under banner of independence, socialism

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The far-reaching strategy of the Korean revolution and its ultimate victory lie in advancing straight along the road of independence, the road of socialism indicated by President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Over the past 10-odd years, the Korean people have invariably followed the road of victory under the uplifted banner of independence and socialism.

Despite the painful loss of the father of the nation and the vicious offensive of the hostile forces reaching the extremes, which entailed harsh trials and difficulties, the Korean people have invariably moved on along the road of independence and socialism without any slightest vacillation or political upheaval. This is unthinkable apart from the

outstanding leadership ability and tireless efforts of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

He formulated the road of independence, the road of socialism, as the far-reaching strategy of the Korean revolution at the beginning of the new century of the Juche era, and instilled the spirit of national self-respect into the people.

At the third and fifth plenary meetings of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and other important Party meetings, he declared that our descendants got to have a sure guarantee for enjoying the most dignified and happiest life in the world and clarified the Korean people's firm will that they can never sell their dignity which they have so far defended as valuable as their own life, in the hope of gorgeous transformation.

Afterwards, he gave precious

instructions that national self-respect is our lifeblood and the basic cornerstone and foundation of the Korean revolution.

This has served as the strength and spirit of the DPRK and the Korean people have dashed toward a new era of prosperity by dint of self-reliance, regarding the self-development-first principle provided by Kim Jong Un as an almighty treasured sword.

In the course of this, DPRK-made airplanes flew through the sky and homemade subway trains ran under the ground.

Not only the news of thriving streets symbolic of socialism built in Pyongyang and new houses in all parts of the country but also such amazing achievements as the sea of farm machines in South Hwanghae Province that surprised and delighted the people are the precious fruition of the spirit of

self-development.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un glorified the Korean people as the people who embody the spirit of self-reliance and self-development as well as the independent faith that they would never yield even if the sky falls, and the DPRK as the country of independence. Herein lie his undying exploits.

Socialism, which advances under the banner of independence and defends the dignity of the people and realizes their dreams and ideals with the invincible arms, is the Korean people's precious home that cannot and should never be lost, before it is an ideal.

Kim Jong Un put forward the people-first politics as the fundamental issue and basic political mode decisive of the success and failure of socialism and consistently applied it, thus strengthening the might of

Korean-style socialism in every way.

Thanks to his great and painstaking efforts to make the socialist policies produce greater benefits by thoroughly establishing the atmosphere of giving top priority and absolute importance to the interests of the people in all fields of the activities of the Party and the state, many successes have been achieved in the fields directly related to the improvement of the people's living standards, especially in the fields of housing, education and public health.

It is the faith and will the Korean people have fostered over the past decade that the road of independence and socialism advancing under the leadership of Kim Jong Un is the road of eternal victory and glory and that they will surely build a socialist paradise under his leadership.

## National economy makes continued progress in different sectors

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Economic sectors of the DPRK have made achievements to implement the decisions of the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Agricultural workers in all parts of the country make progress in weeding every day true to the intention of the Party Central Committee which set the attainment of the grain production goal as the first target of the 12 major goals for national economic development. They have secured rational means of weeding and raised the utility rate of them to carry out daily plans without fail while taking

thorough measures to minimize damage from flood and storm.

Except for farms in North Hamgyong and Jagang provinces where crops ripened late due to local natural and geographical conditions, all other farms cultivating wheat and barley as earlier crops successfully finished the work for national grain procurement 15 days earlier than last year.

As the new era of rural development is being ushered in, battalions of Party members were organized in the capital and provinces and sent to aid rural construction in Ryanggang Province.

Successes have been achieved in the metallurgical and chemical

industry sectors, too.

The projects for the construction of an energy-saving oxygen-blast furnace and installation of a large-size oxygen plant are nearing completion at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex and the project for setting up an additional continuous casting machine is pushed ahead with at the Chollima Steel Complex. And the completion of the project for the development of a Sohaeri branch mine is near at hand at the Unnyul Mine.

All projects are well under way on a scientific and technological basis at the construction site for the establishment of the C1 chemical industry and at the one of a new chemicals production base. The

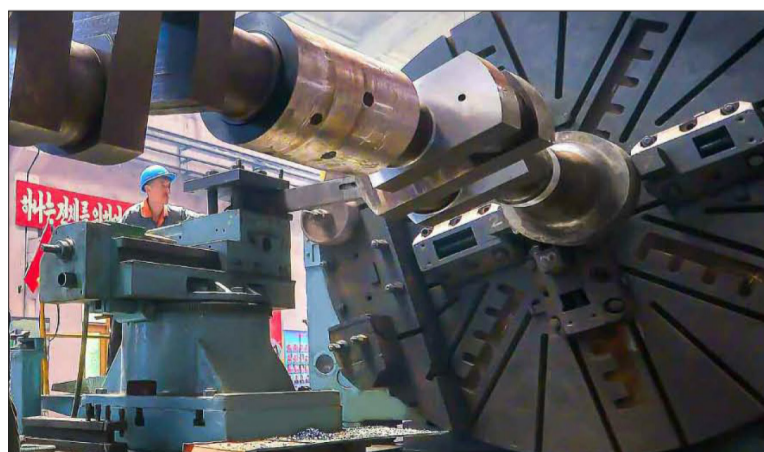
construction of a nutritive solution fertilizer factory of the Suncheon Chemical Complex proceeds at the final stage.

The project for the expansion of coal yard was finished at the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex and the work to raise production capacity, including the reinforcement of the gas purification process, is pressed on at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, where the construction of a base for producing catalysts based on domestically available raw materials is also under way.

The Sinuiju Chemical Fibre Factory and other chemical industry bases work to establish new production processes.



Rice paddies are manured and tended scientifically and technically in Pongsan County.



The production of major custom-built equipment is speeded up at the Ryongsong Machine Complex. RODONG SINMUN

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### Korean people proudly recollect history of 70 years

It has been 70 years since the ceasefire in the Korean war.

During these many years the sky of the country was always clear and azure.

Under the sky the Korean children grew up happily, learning and playing to their heart's content and its people built a socialist country in which all live together harmoniously with nothing to envy in the world by working hard with profound wisdom and enthusiasm.

Peace and happiness they enjoy on this land did not come of their own accord.

As the victorious wartime generation did, the Korean people won victory after victory in the battles without the sound of gunfire, countering the constant war threat of the US and successfully safeguarded the sovereignty, dignity and peace of the country.

Victory is inherited generation after generation as they have been led by the peerlessly great leaders.

Celebrating the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, they look back on the past seven decades with great pride.

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# War victory medal to be conferred on war veterans and persons of wartime merit

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A decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on conferring the 70th Anniversary of Victory in the

Fatherland Liberation War Medal on war veterans and persons of wartime merit was issued.

The decree says that the 70th Anniversary of Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War Medal is conferred on 9 296 war veterans

and persons of wartime merit, who performed immortal feats during the war and adorned the annals of the revolution with loyalty and patriotism, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the war.

# National symposium held in celebration of 70th anniversary of war victory

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A national symposium took place at the People's Palace of Culture on July 13 to mark the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Attending it were Pak Thae Song, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of Party, administrative organs and working people's organizations and information workers in charge of theory from armed forces organs, the fields of science, education, art and literature, media and the preservation of revolutionary relics and Party cadre training institutions.

The symposium heard papers explaining the exploits of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman

Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who won a great victory in the past Fatherland Liberation War and achieved one victory after another in the confrontation with the US-led imperialists that has lasted from one century to the next.

Speakers highly praised the President as an ever-victorious and iron-willed commander who defeated the imperialist aggressor forces with his gifted military wisdom, strategy and tactics and matchless pluck and courage.

They said that the Korean People's Army could defeat the numerical and technical superiority of the enemies with the politico-ideological, strategic and tactical superiority and record the tradition of victory in gold letters in its glorious course as

it was guided by the peerlessly brilliant commander who led the Fatherland Liberation War to a shining victory with his Juche-oriented military idea and outstanding and tested leadership.

They stressed that the DPRK had won the proud victory in every acute military confrontation provoked by the US imperialists as it was led by Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the iron-willed commanders.

The ever-victorious history of the DPRK is being firmly carried forward by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the peerlessly illustrious commander, they said, adding that the great historic cause of building the state nuclear force was successfully realized with the successive victories to be specially recorded in the history of the nation.



A national symposium takes place at the People's Palace of Culture to mark the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

# National photo exhibition opens

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A national photo exhibition "July 27 shining with tradition of great victory" opened with due ceremony at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on Wednesday to celebrate the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

On display at the venue of the exhibition are photos showing the personality traits of President

Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as great men who performed miracles of winning victory after victory in the confrontation with the imperialists and provided a firm military guarantee for the victorious advance of the socialist cause with their Juche-oriented military idea and superb commanding art.

Present at the opening ceremony

were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Yong Sik, chief secretary of the Cabinet committee of the WPK, Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, officials concerned, officials of ministries and national agencies and working people in Pyongyang.

Vice-Minister of Culture Pak Kyong Chol made an opening address.

# Premier Kim inspects various sectors



Premier Kim Tok Hun(middle) inspects the Songwan Farm of Unnyul County.

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

Visiting farms in Unnyul and Unchon counties of South Hwanghae Province, Jungsan County of South Phyongan Province and Onchon County of Nampho City, he said that they should manure and cultivate crops scientifically to suit their growth, review and evaluate the work well by considering quality first, while mobilizing all forces and means on weeding in particular, and employ various rational weeding methods to enhance their efficiency to the maximum.

Earlier, the Premier visited the construction site of the Kangdong Greenhouse Farm to solve the problems arising in proceeding with the project as scheduled.

manage and operate drainage facilities and reinforce sea dikes to cope with them in a responsible manner, he noted.

At the Sariwon Boiler Factory he called on the factory workers and officials to bear in mind the noble intention of the Party to supply the people with fresh vegetables in all four seasons and work hard to preferentially produce equipment needed for the construction of a large greenhouse farm.

As he inspected the Ryonggang Stone Processing Factory and the Sariwon Food Administration Station under construction, he stressed the need to strictly ensure the speed and quality of construction and at the same time go ahead with the training of skilled workers needed for their normal operation after inauguration according to the well thought-out plans.

All officials and working people in the agricultural sector should accept the extreme weather conditions like heavy rain, typhoon, tidal wave and others as a fait accompli and

irrigation construction policy of the Workers' Party of Korea with practical achievements.

## HOME NEWS

### Outdoor structures built in 500 places of waterway project

The construction of the Hwangju Kindung waterway, a large gravity-fed waterway project, now proceeds at the final stage.

The construction of outdoor structures in over 500 places was successfully completed.

The construction command group learned about the construction force and conditions in detail and on this basis carefully set targets in each stage, organized the work to improve the level of specialization in construction and increase the proportion of mechanized work while taking steps in advance to supply materials and equipment and gave intensive technical guidance over the project.

The hundreds of kilometres long gravity-fed waterway has taken shape thanks to the do-or-die spirit and untiring efforts of the builders to uphold the rural development strategy and

### Union takes positive steps to develop folk dance

A short course and presentation on the basic movements of the Korean national dance took place under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the Dancers Union of Korea.

The course and presentation were attended by chorographers, lecturers and teachers from art troupes and dance education units across the country. They included lectures on the undying feats performed by President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il for the establishment and development of the fundamentals of the Korean dance, the theoretical problems arising in the performance of the basic movements of the Korean national dance, and the Korean dance techniques with a long-standing tradition.



# Iron-willed, brilliant commander ushers in golden age of buildup of revolutionary armed forces

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Korean People's Army, which was born more than 70 years ago, defeated the arrogant US imperialists in the Fatherland Liberation War to set off fireworks of victory, flying the flag of the DPRK.

From then on, the KPA developed into an invincible army under the wise guidance of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Today the KPA is in its heyday as powerful revolutionary armed forces under the guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un has developed the KPA into the strongest revolutionary army.

He clarified it as the general task of army building to model the whole army on Kimilsungism-

Kimjongilism and attached primary importance to developing in depth the great leaders' ideas of army building and their exploits performed in army building in a comprehensive way so as to develop the KPA into an invincible army which always emerges victorious by dint of ideology, spirit and morality.

Whenever he visited KPA units, he made sure that they constantly added lustre to the outstanding military ideas of the great leaders and their exploits performed in army building and that all KPA officers and men were firmly armed with the history and tradition of the great victory in the war.

He organized the Fifth Conference of Company Commanders and Political Instructors of the KPA and other conferences of the whole army to make them significant milestones in further strengthening the

might of the revolutionary armed forces.

He did not hesitate to make any long and difficult journey and readily climbed a dangerous front-line height in order to develop the KPA into the strongest revolutionary army.

He resolutely sailed through the rough seas to go to see soldiers, saying that as there are soldiers, there is the supreme commander. During his inspection of the post of Kkachil Peak on the front line, he implanted into soldiers there firmer confidence in sure victory, saying that behind them there is the way to their hometowns and their beloved parents and brothers and sisters live there.

In combat training grounds and trenches clouded with powder smoke, he taught service personnel about the mission and duty of armed soldiers

and value of their life and the meaning of feats, saying that a soldier who is good at combat in wartime is a hero but the one who is good at training in peacetime is a hero and patriot. He also set units and subunits unexpected situations at any time to acquaint himself with their preparedness for actual war, making sure that soldiers spent every day of their military service doing training.

He put it forward as the most important state affair to bolster up the defence capability to defend the destiny of the country and people.

The DPRK's defence capability reached a higher stage of development after the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea. The Defence Exhibition Self-Defence 2021 held in October 2021 fully demonstrated the prestige of the state which fulfilled the long-cherished desire of the nation's history spanning 5 000 years by displaying its tremendous

revolution one by one.

Under his energetic guidance, powerful strategic and tactical weapons with high precision and intelligence were born in a short span of time, along with continuous successful test fires, on the untrodden path of developing Juche-oriented weapons. Thus Juche missiles flew high in the sky, creating spectacular vapour trails, by staking the destiny of the country and people.

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Setting the definite military edge of the state as an essential requirement of the developing revolution to cope with the daily-escalating moves of the imperialists toward a war of aggression, he successfully provided the absolute weapons for the Korean

defence capability, the greatest ever since its foundation.

At the military parade in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, he said that in the present world where different forces collide fiercely with one another, a nation's dignity and sovereignty and reliable genuine peace are guaranteed by powerful defence capability that can overpower any enemy and that we should continuously grow stronger.

The military parade held in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the KPA last February marked an occasion in demonstrating again the might of the DPRK which radically emerged as an invincible superpower.

A world power with strong national power—this is the status of the DPRK today.

# Everlasting war victory

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The victory in the fierce three-year Fatherland Liberation War teaches a very valuable truth to the Korean people.

The war engraved on the annals of history the truth that only defeat is in store for the aggressors who encroach upon the sovereignty of the DPRK.

The US imperialists mobilized their huge war materiel and even troops of its satellite nations in the Korean war and employed the most brutal and savage war methods in it.

Therefore, the world carefully watched the course of the war, a showdown between a rifle and an A-bomb, with serious concern.

However, under the outstanding and seasoned leadership of President Kim Il Sung the Korean people and the People's Army rose up in a do-or-die spirit to safeguard their country and system and inflicted an ignominious

defeat on the invaders, fully exhibiting the true merits of the Korean people who surely win if they fight and wrote a legend of war victory never known in the world history of war.

The iron faith that they were sure to win if they were led by the President was the source of strength which enabled the Korean people to fight against the US-led imperialist allied forces and win victory.

In hearty response to the call of the President on the entire nation to the sacred war to smash the enemy they turned out for the all-people resistance and made brilliant military achievements unparalleled in the world history of war one after another on the strength of ardent patriotism, unrivalled valour and life-and-death self-sacrificing spirit.

The undaunted spiritual strength of the People's Army soldiers, who fought without hesitation the do-or-die battles to defend the Party and leader and keep the vow they made to the leader and

who displayed extraordinary bravery longing for the supreme headquarters even in deadly circumstances, produced world-startling legendary stories.

Keeping in mind the President's declaration that the Korean people should show the US aggressors their true merits, the People's Army soldiers gave full play to peerless valour and fighting spirit in every battlefield.

They inflicted wholesale deaths on the enemy in all heights and blocked the enemy gun muzzles with their chests and the people manufactured weapons and munitions under the heavy bombings of enemy warplanes and ensured increased grain production and wartime transport with service personnel to put into effect the operational plans of the President. Underlying their heroic feats was their infinite loyalty to their leader.

In those years the fighters of the Fatherland Liberation War in the 1950s proved the fact that a rifle loaded with

the leader's ideology was stronger than any modern military hardware along with the philosophy that no force on earth can overpower the single-minded unity of the leader believing in his people and the people trusting and following their leader only.

Victory becomes more brilliant when it is inherited.

The Korean people, who have inherited the great heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation, overcame the trying ordeals in the campaign to defend socialism in the 1990s which was equal to several rounds of war and accomplished the great causes facing the revolution victoriously.

Today the great victory on July 27 is guaranteed as the everlasting war victory by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Providing a guarantee for the coming generations to enjoy happiness free from war, he called war veterans the old generation of the revolution and heroic generation and leads the whole nation to copy their

heroic feats and perform fresh miracles and exploits.

He saw that the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery were wonderfully built as centres for education in the tradition of victory and monuments to the feats of the victorious wartime generation and it has become a tradition to splendidly celebrate war victory day as the holiday of victors.

He also attended the national conferences of war veterans to make congratulatory speeches there, bestowing every favour on war veterans.

"What those who fought in the war must have pictured in their minds during the many days and nights of do-or-die battles, was the beautiful people's paradise that would be built on our 3 000-ri land. Our Party will strive with redoubled courage to realize without fail our forerunners' dream and ideal of a powerful country, so as to make

our people the happiest in the world," he said in his speech at the Sixth National Conference of War Veterans, expressing his strong will to carry forward generation after generation our ideology and system and the great tradition of victory.

A secret of victorious advance of the cause of the Workers' Party of Korea without marking time for a moment even at the times when the Korean revolution faced a mountain of difficulties on its way and the existence of the state and survival of its people were frequently threatened is that the invaluable spiritual legacy and tradition of victory left by the victorious wartime generation are successfully carried forward by the new generations.

Now in the DPRK lots of young men and women who have inherited the soul of the victorious wartime generation volunteer to work at the theatres of operation for socialist construction and perform miracles and feats.

# By updating production management method



The Osoksan Granite Mine increases production by introducing rational management methods. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Osoksan Granite Mine is a base which provides stone materials to construction sites across the country. Granite from the mine was used in building many monumental structures of the times in a golden age of construction, including the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort, Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm and Songhwa Street, first-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and Kangdong Greenhouse Farm and overfulfilled its yearly plan by the end of May.

The secret of success is to upgrade the method of production management," said Chang Jae Ryong, manager of the mine. The mine is pushing ahead with the planning and supply of materials in a meticulous and consistent way as required by the socialist economic management. Thanks to well-knit planning,

practical immediate and long-term objectives and a consistently maintained system for supply of materials, production is organized in a planned and orderly way and all work is actively organized and conducted. It also concentrates primary efforts on the development of science and technology and works hard to find a correct methodology for all employees to have keen interests in and turn out for technical innovation. The mine runs a technical innovation prize contest on the basis of the evaluation rules that consist of 16 articles with over 80 items for technical innovations and

original plans and the deliberation is very strict. The relevant review and evaluation done divided into the first and second halves of the year fully arouse the creative zeal of its employees for technical innovation.

This proves effective in finding out talents and developing their creativity and thus increasing production techniques, the manager said.

What is also noteworthy in the production management activities of the mine is that it steadily consolidates the basis of self-reliance for increasing production without vacillation even in the face of any upheaval.

The repairs and maintenance workteam, for instance, puts in much effort to build up the ranks of skilled workers and frequently organizes technical consultations with the technical department so that technicians and skilled workers can learn from and teach each other on the spot. The workteam now makes and supplies hundreds of parts.

Meanwhile, the mine is developing a new mining district. The new mining district, whose development started this year, covers an area of thousands of square metres.

"The existing mining districts are enough to ensure the production of stone materials for decades. But we are developing a new mining district for our posterity," said employees of the mine

The mine has so far produced many heroes, meritorious persons of socialist patriotism and innovators.

# Complex promotes technical innovation to tap reserve for increased production

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex is increasing production by effecting possible reserves. It has been a custom of the complex for dozens of years that gas generators should go through overhaul every July and August. The overhaul required the halt of fertilizer production and some problems used to be occurred in ensuring the quality of the repair as many employees of the complex were mobilized to it. "A decisive step had to be taken. That's why we had a brainstorming with technicians and skilled workers of the gas generator workshop and gathered innovative plans, resulting in settling a sure way for turning overhaul into a regular repair," said Hong Chol Nam, deputy chief engineer in charge of production. They finally established a plan for regularly checking more than 20 generators with only 30 technicians and skilled workers.

Fertilizer produced by the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex is sent to farms. RODONG SINMUN



The complex also encourages all employees to take the lead in the mass technical innovation drive. A competition of allowing all employees to participate in inventing new ideas shows good results. It set up a system of encouraging all workshops and workteams to use an "idea box", bringing together every innovation plan and judging them every week and month. It also highly appreciates

those who presented good ideas, encouraging others to be active in it. The competition of using 80-odd boxes is gaining momentum in each workshop and workteam. In the course of it, it succeeded in reducing the consumption of anthracite, main materials for fertilizer production, but increasing the gas output per hour by bettering granularity. The first half of this year witnessed more than 100 technical innovation plans.

Meanwhile, it is working to increase the number of skilled workers by regularly running the sci-tech learning space and 180-odd groups for conveying technical specifications. As a result, it exceeded the all-time high in fertilizer production last year and fulfilled its plan for the production of fertilizer for the manuring year 20 days earlier ahead of schedule as of June 10, while producing a larger amount of fertilizer.

# Factory promotes production of functional foods with spirulina

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Paeksong General Foodstuff Factory puts big efforts into the production of functional foods using spirulina.

"Spirulina, which the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization designated as the most ideal food and the best health food in the 21st century, evenly contains all nutrients needed by the human body," said Manager Kim Yong Ryop.

Spirulina with a high protein content evenly contains essential amino acids and is ideal in the composition of natural unsaturated fatty acids, antioxidant, minerals and vitamins. Although the plant is a highly enriched nutritious food, its digestibility is 95 percent.

That is why many countries produce health foods using it for old persons, children and women and it is regarded as an essential foodstuff for sportspeople.

The factory set up a spirulina culture ground ten years ago to produce it by an industrial method. "Through years of production we have taken firm hold of its production technology," said workteam leader Ri Kyong Hak.

According to him, maintaining temperature, humidity, pH and carbonic acid gas is important in the culture of the plant.

It requires a temperature of around 25-35 degrees centigrade and therefore the factory created necessary conditions to keep the production going all the year round, unaffected by winter cold especially. It also selects good spirulina strains and multiplies them to gather only the healthy and fresh plant.

In particular, it established a strict quality control system to prevent the nutritive substances peculiar to the plant from being damaged in all production processes ranging from washing to dehydration, drying and production.

"On that basis, our factory develops and produces a variety of functional foods with spirulina," said Chief Engineer Kim Hak Man.

Its products made with the plant such as sweets, sandwich cake, nutritious and other yeast breads, sponge cake, jam, granulated tea and instant noodles are favoured by many people from children to the aged.

The granulated tea is blue in colour and has the taste peculiar to spirulina.

The lightly bluish instant noodles are taken after soaking it in cold water for about 30 minutes and housewives especially favour the food.

The factory extracts phycocyanin, which has marked anticancer effects, from the plant to use it in making energy-boosting drinks.

# Disaster prevention campaign in full swing across country

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Different economic sectors of the DPRK have turned out in the campaign for preventing all sorts of natural disasters.

Officials of the Central Emergency Disaster and Crisis Response Group are taking necessary measures in close cooperation with the State Hydro-meteorological Administration, scientifically examining the possibility of various kinds of disasters to be caused by El Nino this year.

The Agricultural Commission and agricultural guidance organs at all levels concentrate all efforts and means on reinforcing reservoirs and irrigation facilities, accelerating the harvest of earlier crops and protecting the crops from possible damage.

The electric power industrial sector pays attention to protecting the hydraulic structures, generating equipment and

transmission facilities from damage by flood, typhoon and lightning, while observing the volume of water kept in reservoirs and the change of water level.

At the construction sites across the country, including Hwasong and Sopho areas of Pyongyang Municipality where the second-stage 10 000 flats and a new street are being built, steps are taken to prevent personal injury by accidents such as lightning and fall during the rainy season and protect people from heat stroke and sunstroke.

The coal and mining industrial sectors are directing efforts to installing additional pumps and laying pipes in pit faces at risk of flooding and securing plenty of spare parts while preventing collapse and landslide.

The rail transport sector has tightened the supervision of railways, railway bridges, tunnels and other structures and remedied sections of rockslide risk to ensure the



The State Hydro-meteorological Administration timely provides different sectors of the national economy with weather forecasts. JON KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

safe operation of trains. The sector of land and environment protection has taken measures to remove the defective spots of roads, bridges and retaining walls and rapidly pushed ahead with the dredging of rivers and

repair of levees and sea dikes while paying close attention to preventing landslides and forest fires. The urban management sector has made material and technical preparations to supply the people with domestic water come what

may, while working to prevent roadside trees from falling in the strong wind and increasing the passage capacity of rain water and sewerage networks. Metal, machine-building, chemical, salt and other industrial sectors also

launched the disaster prevention campaign involving all the people. The public health sector has secured reserve medicines while putting rapid anti-epidemic teams and rapid diagnostic and treatment teams on stand-by.

# Measures taken to minimize damage in rainy season

By Pak Song Min PT

All parts of the DPRK have worked out detailed plans to minimize damage in the rainy season and, on this basis, take meticulous measures while identifying dangerous spots in detail.

North Phyongan Province ensured that all regions, sectors and units, including cities, counties, industrial establishments and farms, quickly formed emergency disaster response command groups to plan and command the work to minimize damage in the rainy season in time. All cities and counties have registered all areas, houses and public buildings prone to inundation without omission and made preparations for evacuating the inhabitants first to safe places in case of emergency and taking urgent measures to provide them with staple and subsidiary foods and so on in good time.

South Hwanghae Province has surveyed the places and major units vulnerable to flood damage and takes necessary measures. Many counties take thorough measures to prevent breaking of river banks and paddy field ridges and submergence of farmland by mobilizing all forces and means while enhancing the role of pump operators and caretakers of water in paddies to the maximum.

North Hamgyong Province enhances the role of the emergency disaster response command groups involving senior officials of cities, counties and complexes. Meanwhile, relevant officials are sent to cities, counties and major industrial establishments on coastal areas and in the Tuman River basin to survey all dangerous spots and take immediate measures

River improvement is under way in Thaethan County. RODONG SINMUN



on the spot.

North Hwanghae, South Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces and Nampho and Rason cities are also striving to protect the lives of the people and the wealth of the country from flood and heavy rain while examining in detail whether there is something to be desired or something neglected.

Emergency disaster response command groups at all levels are focusing on the work to minimize damage in sectors, units and regions under the unified command of central organs.

Such a group of the Ministry of Coal Industry conducts monitoring in real time so as to prevent pits and equipment at coal mines across the country from being inundated due to downpour and heavy rain. In particular, coal mines in charge of coal supply to thermal power stations are taking far-sighted measures in advance to press on with coal production even in the rainy season. Under the guidance of the command group, the coal mines frequently learn about the retaining walls, roofs and drainage systems of coal yards to find

out and repair shortcomings. And they have installed additional pumps and drainpipes at dangerous spots as a precautionary measure to drain off water in time in case of heavy rain. Work is also under way to prevent electric accidents caused by strong wind and thunderbolt.

Such a group of the Ministry of Land and Maritime Transport has constantly monitored and measured change in the water level of all rivers in close contact with the Hydro-Meteorological Administration and is intensifying the guidance for barrage stations to control floodgates on a scientific basis in case of downpour and heavy rain. It also sees that barrage stations pay attention to checking portal cranes and other equipment in a responsible manner to ensure proper control of water.

That of the Ministry of Urban Management works with emphasis put on directing urban management units across the country to make sure that local people do not feel any slightest inconvenience in life in the rainy season.

# City takes scrupulous steps to provide for natural disasters

By To Kyong Chol PT

The Pyongyang municipal emergency disaster and crisis response command group is taking positive measures to respond to calamitous abnormal weather phenomena that may occur in summer.

Now that the rainy season started, the group organizes and directs work according to a realistic plan for minimizing damage from flood, typhoon and high temperature.

It directs primary efforts to heightening the public awareness of disaster and crisis, focusing on the full protection of the people's lives and safety.

It makes sure that districts, counties, institutions, enterprises and other organizations give people a clear understanding of the importance of the prevention of natural disasters, the present reality concerning it, consequences of possible natural calamities and the like. It also informs people of destinations and the order of action at the time of evacuation.

It finds out every risk factor and root cause of danger to take timely measures. As part of the work, it ensures that districts and counties

check one another's situation on a regular basis and find out shortcomings to address them immediately so that they can draw on success and experience and overcome mistakes in time.

Efforts are also made to properly run the natural disaster warning and notification and rescue systems.

The command group sees to it that relevant units constantly maintain the unified natural disaster warning and notification system and notify in time institutions, enterprises and other organizations of information about dangerous meteorological phenomena that is received from specialized institutions. It also presses on with the work to readjust and reinforce the rescue system so as to put it into operation at any time.

All areas and units have already got ready vehicles, other means, relief goods, etc. and completed the preparations for evacuation and protection of people in case of emergency, and regularly check shelters and evacuation routes to ensure their security.

Special attention is paid to taking measures for the evacuation and protection of those in educational and public health sectors.

# Sea change in North Phyongan Province



The newly built North Phyongan Provincial Sci-tech Library (top), the North Phyongan Provincial Amnokgang Toothpaste Factory (left) and the Sinuiju Mirae Shop (right).

By Yun Kyong Il PT

North Phyongan Province in the northwestern part of Korea has been in the limelight in recent years for its remarkable development.

All its structures recently built are transformative entities which were unimaginable before.

One of the amazing changes that happened in the province can be noticed at Sinuiju Square which can be claimed to be the image of the city as a political, economic and cultural centre of the region.

The platform at the square and the provincial sci-tech library standing imposingly behind the platform, crowned with a Korean-style gabled roof, go so well together in architectural style and formative arts that they remind you of the pleasant combination of the platform at Kim Il Sung Square and the Grand People's Study House in Pyongyang.

The architectural group in Sinuiju looks strikingly similar to that in the capital

## Local industry factories undergo modernization

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Since the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, local industry factories have put spurs to raising the modernization level of their production processes and developing local industries.

Every province, city and county have organized work according to their long-term plans and pushed all undertakings simultaneously, such as the updating of production techniques, improvement of the production structure of local industries, training of technical talents and skilled workers and the building of raw material bases by focusing on making the modernization of their factories substantially contribute to bettering the people's living standards, strengthening the foundations of the local economies and

thereby speeding up rural development.

Many cities and counties including Tanchon City and Changsong and Jongphyong counties are working to rapidly boost the technological level of their local factories as befit those in the era of the knowledge economy so as to improve the quality of consumer goods, and turn the factories into material- and site-saving ones.

They widely introduce advanced techniques for enhancing the quality of products and reducing the consumption of energy and labour, recycling techniques, techniques of developing and using renewables and site-saving architectural techniques.

They strive to apply information technology to production techniques and business management so as to make production unmanned and precise and put business activities on a scientific basis.

Meanwhile, provinces, cities and counties press on with the building of raw material bases according to long-term plans as they identify and tap every available source of raw materials in their areas.

They gather larger quantities of natural materials including wild fruits and marine resources and build raw material bases of various sectors including forests for producing timber and fibre.

In particular, they put in effort to ensure the quality, purity and size of foodstuffs and other local industry goods to meet the scientific and technological requirements.

They pay attention to solving the problem of raw material sources, which are needed for specializing in producing local specialties, satisfactorily to suit their specific situations.

Due attention is also paid to putting the management and operation of local industry factories on a

scientific basis.

Those factories across the country strive to ensure the maximum economic effectiveness by conducting production and business activities rationally and making economic calculation scientifically.

They maintain the strict discipline and order of observing technical and standard regulations of operation in production and make quality, labour, technical, equipment and finance management IT-based, while lowering the norm of materials consumption per unit of output.

The training of talents is held up as an essential need in modernizing local industry factories.

The Kim Chaek Foodstuff Factory, the essential building materials factory in Unjong District and the Hochon County Foodstuff Factory have technologically upgraded their production processes by relying on their own technical forces.

educational development of the province, to serve as the base spearheading the educational revolution in the region and to be up to the development standard of the new era in form and content.

All its facilities such as the seven-story main building, gym, e-library and dormitory are large in scale and distinctive in form and its more than 30 multifunctional classrooms and ten-odd labs and practical training rooms are furnished with well over 1 000 pieces of educational equipment and teaching tools including educational robots, five-sided displays and 3D motion sensors and therefore the nice teaching conditions, environment and content fill visitors with admiration.

Even under difficult conditions, the province set up 87 model schools in a matter of a year to ensure the start of new school year in April in the first year of implementing the five-year plan.

And inaugural ceremonies were recently held for the Sinuiju Mirae Shop for scientists and technicians, the Amnokgang Toothpaste Factory and a factory specializing in the production of school uniforms.

All these new structures were beyond imagination before or only hoped for as in dreams and among them are those that do not exist in other provinces.

The other feature in

the change the province underwent is that those structures were built in an incomparably short period and at the highest possible qualitative level, which could not be even thought of in the past.

The province completed the reservoir of the Tongrae River, which is of key significance in farming on the reclaimed Honggondo tideland, at lightning speed when tideland farming arose as a matter of nationwide importance, modernized in a short period the Jongju Tractor Parts Factory after the programme for the rural revolution in the new era was published calling for keeping increasing the proportion of work done by machines on farms and finished a stevia-processing factory in Jongju City in a qualitative way and in the fastest possible period after the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea discussed the matter of solving the sugar problem.

Upgraded structures as well as newly-built ones are remarkably high in quality.

The provincial quality assessment lab, the provincial forestry research institute, Sinuiju Chicken Farm, Phyongbuk Pig Farm, Army-People Ryongchon Pig Farm, Kusong Chicken Farm, provincial agricultural science research base and others are also stylish.

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Several army-people

## Province presses on with power station construction

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

A coastal province in the middle of Korea, Kangwon Province is a mountainous region with a high annual rainfall.

The province has built hydroelectric power stations in succession by making effective use of its favourable physiographical conditions for power generation and enjoys great benefits from them. Now it has become a model of the construction of hydropower stations in the country.

Though it satisfies the need for electricity of the province and delivers surplus electricity to the national power grid, the province continues to build hydropower stations in places favourable for their construction.

Service personnel of the Korean People's Army have rendered positive assistance to the construction of power stations. So all of them are called "army-people" power stations.

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# For protecting people's lives and promoting their health

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

It is the physiology of socialist public health to give top priority to the protection of the people's lives and the promotion of their health and subordinate and orient everything to it.

It was just the people's safety that the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government attended to as their most important affair last year when the malignant disease made inroads into the country.

The Party and the government took every possible measure and tapped every potential to protect

the lives and safety of the people.

They took strong measures to lock down each region and unit all across the country in spite of huge economic losses and made sure that strict and intensive screening and examination of the entire population was done so as to locate, quarantine and treat every fever case. They urgently released reserve medicines of the state to supply all the fever cases with necessary medicines in time and ensured that all pharmacies switched over to the round-the-clock operation system.

The Party Central Military Commission issued a special order to commit combatants of the medical sector of the Korean People's Army to the emergency anti-epidemic front in Pyongyang.

During the top-level emergency anti-epidemic period, General Secretary Kim Jong Un convened more than ten major Party meetings and examined 1 772 documents covering 22 956 pages.

He did not hesitate to visit pharmacies in the capital city where the malignant virus still lingered and donated official medicines

prepared at his family to the neediest families. The self-sacrificing efforts he made for the people sharing the destiny with them and his scientific and people-oriented anti-epidemic policies and resolute crucial measures enabled the country to seize the right moment for winning victory in the anti-epidemic war and aroused all the people to the fight. As a result, the DPRK restored peace and stability as a clean, virus-free zone in a little over 90 days to create a miracle to be etched in the world history of public health.

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Hospital, Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital and Myohyangsan Medical Appliances Factory. And public health policies are on the increase, including the section doctor system, emergency medical service system and telemedicine.

As they regard the people as the most precious being in the world and take their smile as the most important index of a powerful socialist country, the WPK and the government strive to develop the socialist public health system as they take all pains with pleasure and lavishly spend money for it.

## Letter of thanks for selfless devotion

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

"I tried hard to select appropriate words all night, but I could find no better word than thanks. Sorry. When even my family members were only worrying, you put your heart and soul into healing me and bringing smile back to my family. Thank you for melting my frozen and broken heart with your devotion hotter than flame."

This is a passage from the letter Ryo Ok Byol (aged 39) living in Unjong District of Pyongyang wrote to Ko Mun Sik (aged 41), doctor at the traumatic surgery department of the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital.

Some months ago, Ko Mun Sik treated Ryo who was hospitalized as the bone tissues of her upper arm were dislocated and fractured in an accident.

"The injury was very serious. And it was dozens of days after the patient got injured when she came to us,"

recalled the traumatologist.

According to Ko, the six months pregnant woman had a miscarriage after she was seriously wounded in the right shoulder. When bone tissues are dislocated or fractured, the patient should have treatment within 15 days, but Ryo was compelled to delay having treatment for over 40 days as she had to restore her health that got bad for abortion.

As the damaged bone tissues were stuck after their shapes changed, even a slight movement gave her excruciating pain.

She finally came to the university hospital to ask the doctor to amputate her arm.

In the consultation, Ko fully understood the mind of the unfortunate woman and made a firm resolve to cure her injured arm without fail.

The doctor who had made remarkable achievements in surgical practice and scientific research and obtained an academic degree in his 30s made

an in-depth study of the results of dozens of tests and case history sheets, performed several rounds of simulation operations in search of an effective remedy and tried his best to stabilize the mental state of the patient who lost confidence.

After three days of intense speculation and painstaking search, he found out a rational operation method which proved successful.

Even after surgery, Ko sat up all night at the hospital to treat her with all devotion.

On the day when she left the hospital after getting back both her arm and joy of life, the patient could find no words of thanks for Ko and other doctors and nurses, only shedding tears of gratitude.

"It is the duty of our medical workers to bring lasting happiness to patients, not a moment's comfort. For this, all the medical workers of our department pooled ideas and efforts to give her encouragement," said Ko.

Doctors hold a consultation for the treatment of patients at the traumatic surgery department of the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital.

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Online medical service is provided at the Kongang Online Pharmacy. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Website Kongang, doctor for all

By Sin Pyol PT

Subscribers to website Kongang (health) of the national data communications network continue to increase.

The website developed by the Kongang Online Pharmacy of the Central Medicine Management Station of the Ministry of Public Health enables people to diffuse and share broad and diverse knowledge of medicine and purchase medicines.

The website has such items as forum, medical consultation, medical technique forum and Q & A.

Subscribers find answers to many problems arising in practice in the forum and share plenty of

medical techniques and knowledge in the medical technique forum and Q&A.

The medical consultation enables subscribers to consult medical workers about diseases of their own or their family members and obtain much data conducive to the treatment of the diseases.

The item runs over 30 consultation departments according to different diseases and ensures medical assistance from over 200 medical workers of central-level hospitals.

The Q&A is quite popular as it runs a contest to judge who possesses correct and ample medical knowledge.

Ri Chol Jin, staffer of the Kongang Online Pharmacy, said that hundreds of thousands of people have subscribed to the website so far to benefit much from it and they post thank-you messages on the forum item.

O Yong Gyong, a 23-year-old subscriber, said in her message, "I'm a doctor but it is website Kongang that takes care of my mother's health. I spend more time in the hospital as I am busy with my work, but the website kindly provides data for the health of my mother. It is as good as a member of my family."

The website is constantly updated in keeping with the opinions of subscribers.

The number of subscribers to Kongang website grows continuously.

# Future artists

By Pang Un Ju PT



Kim Phyang Hwi is absorbed in sketching.

Many Russian viewers admired the drawings presented by Korean children to the international charity creation festival "Children to children-2023" held in Krasnoyarsk of Russia in May.

Here are some young presenters and their exhibits.

### Painting prodigy

When Kim Phyang Hwi, third-year pupil of Tongmun Primary School in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang, was three years old, his mother Kim Myong Sil put in his hands a pencil and notebook to teach him the Korean alphabet. Then her son drew on it the pictures of apple, fish, rabbit, bear and the like, not writing letters, all day long.

Despite the rawness of the pictures, she was satisfied with his painting "skill" and therefore she took him to the zoo on an upcoming holiday. The following day, Phyang Hwi buckled down to drawing the animals he had seen at the zoo and the drawings surprised his parents and neighbours for lifelikeness.

This earned him the nickname of "painting prodigy".

His inborn talent was spotted by Jang Kyong Sim, fine art teacher of the primary school, when he copied intact two running

horses from a picture carried on a pictorial.

Under her instruction, his skill improved day after day and he could present a collection of works "We are happy" to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea in October 2021.

He likes to express his feelings with his drawings.

After accompanying his mother to newly-built Songhwa Street with 10 000 flats in April last year, he grabbed a pencil to express his excitement.

His sketch "Wow, splendid!" was highly appreciated by the Korean jury and qualified to be presented to the international festival in Russia. The drawing shows children looking on Songhwa Street, a new spectacle in Pyongyang, in wide-eyed wonder.

Cherishing a dream of becoming a talented artist, he is working hard at painting.

### Imaginative child

Jang Yong Phyang left Haeun Kindergarten in Phyongchon District, Pyongyang, last March and entered a primary school. He is still attached to his kindergarten teacher Kim Un Hyon.

"My family owes much to kindergarten teacher Kim as she nurtured Yong Phyang's talent," said his grandmother Om Yong Ok.

According to Om, his parents were so tied up with their jobs he was under her care and he was exceptionally fond of drawing fish when he was three.

On the day he entered the kindergarten, Om showed his drawings to Kim and the teacher suggested bringing him up well, saying he has a gift for painting.

"When I taught him one thing, he would realize more things with a long-range view

Hyon.

According to her, he drew pictures in a very creative way. For example, when he was told to draw a shark, he did not sketch the fish alone. He portrayed a shark revealing sharp teeth and a shoal of fishes as its prey in front of it to highlight the features of the predator.

Yong Phyang expanded the objects of portrayal from animals to social phenomena.

He represented in his works the greening campaign conducted in villages and on streets on a large scale. His pencil drawing "In reflection of our mind" showing the

art festival in celebration of the Day of the Sun last year and was presented to the international festival.

He had appeared on the stage of talented children with his remarkable origami skill. Without marking line, he folded coloured paper to make models of a squid, swellfish, crab, dolphin, whale and deer with scissors.

Yong Phyang continues to produce artworks.

### 'Masterpiece'

Han Ka Yong who entered Ryonhwa Primary School in Central District, Pyongyang, last April also presented her work to the international festival.

Taking after her dad who is incredibly skilful in painting, Ka Yong further developed her inborn talent under the guidance of Kim Yong Bok, teacher at Oesong Kindergarten in Central District.

A girl with highly creative and depictive abilities, Han presented a picture showing the jolly life at kindergarten to the national sketch and calligraphy festival in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star last year.

The pencil drawing "Kindergarten is nice" was awarded a prize at the festival.

Her crayon painting "Snowy day" was awarded



Han Ka Yong is plotting a work.

a prize at the 8th Asian children's picture exhibition held on the theme of "Meeting, dream in winter, future" in Dalian City of Liaoning Province, China, in July last year.

It so vividly depicted a family walking towards a ski run the viewers could hardly believe the drawing was created by a child and the judges highly appreciated it for the good portrayal of details and unique technique.

She presented her "Kindergarten is nice" to the international festival in Russia.

The viewers were struck with admiration at it and said the young painter graphically represented children's sentiment in real life, which can be expressed only by words, with her picture.



Jang Yong Phyang learns the details of depiction through scenes of an animation.

and great cognitive power. As he was a fast learner, it was very interesting for me to teach him," recalled Kim Un

children planting young trees with much care took the first place in the kindergarten division of the national fine



Kim Phyang Hwi's sketch "Wow, splendid!"



Jang Yong Phyang's pencil drawing "In reflection of our mind"



Han Ka Yong's pencil drawing "Kindergarten is nice"

# 'I could not but admire Korean children's skills'

By Han Kwi Hun PT

An international charity creation festival "Children to children-2023" took place in Krasnoyarsk, Russia, between May 16 and 31.

On show at the festival were over 340 pictures drawn by children from various countries. Among them 14 were from the Korean children.

The sketches of the Korean children were exhibited in the festival for the first time, drawing the admiration of

many Russians.

Anastasia Kondourova, a history teacher, said that their artworks were wonderful, they were soft and accurate and they reflected well the inner world of children full of enthusiasm and fantasy. It would not be easy for even grown-ups to produce such artworks, she noted.

Alexei Nobikov, a computer programmer, said that though he saw sketches of the Korean children for the first time, he could not but admire the capacity of the Korean children who

portrayed the feeling, which can only be articulated in life, in a picture, noting that as young painters created works of art at a level as good as experts, visitors could visually understand the content of their artworks.

A teacher at Krasnoyarsk Children's Art School No. 1 said he felt a strong feeling that he had unexpectedly come to know something that he had not experienced, seeing the exhibits in the festival. He added he deemed it necessary to learn and deeply study the education methods of fine art

in the DPRK and introduce them into education of children in the city.

"Seeing the artworks of the Korean children full of love for their country, I felt I was ineffably enchanted by them. They really touched my heartstrings. Every piece is unique, clear in the theme and very truthful. I've come to know well that teachers in the DPRK train children to become versatile talents," said Valentina Romanova, member of the Russian Artists Union.

"Excellent works of art

drawn by adults were on show at the DPRK photo and fine art exhibitions held in our city in the past. But in the current festival those of talented children have been exhibited, leaving a good impression on the visitors. I hope the two countries would further expand and develop mutual cooperation," said Inna Dozortseva, a department head of the city administration.

After looking round the festival venue, the mayor of Krasnoyarsk was also pleased that the DPRK took

part in the festival for the first time in its history, expressing thanks to the efforts the DPRK directs to developing Russo-DPRK relations.

"The current festival is a significant occasion for contributing to boosting cultural relations between Russia and the DPRK and consolidating friendship between their peoples. I hope the children of the two countries would become true friends and help each other to strengthen and develop bilateral friendly relations," he noted.



# Water park teeming with crowds of visitors in midsummer

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Munsu Water Park located on the banks of the Taedong River in the capital city of Pyongyang is being crowded with lots of visitors as the summer heat has set in.

All the passengers aboard vehicles including tram cars carrying them to the water park are excited with the same impulse to swim there as quickly as possible and the thought of having fun with paddling.

"Vexed by my eight-year-old son attending a primary school, my family are on the way to the Munsu Water Park this holiday. Frankly speaking, my feeling is the same as my son's as we are approaching the destination," said Kim Yun Nam, resident of Rangnang-dong No. 1 of Rangnang District, on a Munsu-Thosong tramcar. Even onlookers are pleased to

see those who have a good time swimming in different types of cool pools.

"The visitors are on the increase as the sultry weather has set in. The number exceeds the limit especially in midsummer," said Jong Yon Hui, guide of the Munsu Water Park, adding that the visitors are now numbered in thousands a day.

They are absorbed in having fun in different types of pools located in indoor and outdoor wading areas.

In the indoor wading area covering over 16 000 square metres are seen children playing with water watched by their mothers, men having a high-pressure water shower to reduce their fatigue and examine their physical strength, persons relaxing in a pool with ultrasonic water jet facility and others drinking cool beverages under "banana trees" covered with fruits.

The outdoor wading area, which is more than ten times bigger than the indoor one, is crowded with people sliding down water slides in different angles of inclination and types, floating on calm waters to go exploring a "natural cave" or climbing a man-made mountain depicting rocks of fantastic shapes. You can soon find yourself deafened by happy laughter around you.

They are also enjoying great satisfaction at the park's indoor gymnasium, fitness room and nine saunas for medical use. Saying that all the pools are regularly examined for water quality every four hours, Jong added that all the employees are trying hard to provide ever-increasing visitors with every convenience with a high sense of responsibility.

Eye-catchers of the Munsu Water Park are a steep water slide, other kind of water slide,

diving pool and wave pool in the outdoor wading area, which resound with merry laughter. The steep water slide is the highest and is so steep that sliding down it is very fast. It is favoured by men, especially young men. Even young men feel dizzy on the top of the slide which is 18 metres high. They slide with shouts of fear, excitement and joy and onlookers watch them in strain and burst into laughter at their helpless comic acts.

The other kind of water slide can be slid down by two persons in a life buoy. They come down a relatively gentle slope before suddenly going up and sliding down a slope which is almost vertical. Both they and onlookers feel thrilled. Some women cannot open their eyes even after reaching the end due to the thrill and tumble off the buoy into water, provoking a roar of laughter.

The diving pool also resounds

with shouts of admiration and peals of laughter.

Some people dive like experts and others step on the diving board for the first time out of a desire only to feel helpless. Some others bravely throw themselves but fall into water horizontally with their eyes closed, which cannot be imitated by any comedian.

Spectacular are also the people enjoying themselves in the wave pool, shouting with joy.

Jo Un Suk, a 65-year-old woman living in Songbuk-dong, Moranbong District, said, "Seeing others enjoying themselves at the water park also relaxes me. I feel ten years younger when I laugh to my heart's content."

Pack Yong Hui, caretaker at the Munsu Water Park, said, "I'm always glad to see people enjoy themselves here. The sight of them playing with water is a delight to me."



Working people, youth and students enjoy themselves at the Munsu Water Park. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

# Traditional DPRK-Russia friendship grows

By **Choe Song Jun** PT

July 19 is the day when the DPRK-Russia Joint Declaration was announced.

On the day in 2000 Chairman Kim Jong Il held talks in Pyongyang with Russian President Putin on a visit to the DPRK and signed the DPRK-Russia Joint Declaration together with him.

The 11-article declaration says that cooperation and mutual collaboration between the two countries conform to the trend towards establishing a new international order and respect sovereignty of each nation and support each other's effort to defend independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Through the joint declaration the two countries expressed their stand on strengthening their economic foundations and developing trade, economic and sci-tech ties and declared they would encourage cooperation in wide-ranging fields.

The joint declaration marked a new milestone in boosting friendship and cooperation between the two nations and constituted an important document of historic significance in ensuring world peace and stability.

Over the past 20-odd years since then the two countries have steadily bolstered

bilateral relations, supporting and cooperating with each other on the basis of the joint declaration.

Today the bilateral friendly relations develop to meet the common aspirations and interests of the peoples of the two countries.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited Russia in April 2019, had the first historic meeting with President Putin and strengthened the bond of strategic and traditional DPRK-Russia friendship a level higher. The leaders of the two countries held an openhearted and meaningful discussion on the development of bilateral relations and international issues of common concern and reached a consensus of opinion.

The Russian government and people extended warm hospitality to the DPRK leader during his goodwill visit to their country. His visit was a great event which served as a historic turning point in demonstrating the solidness of the long-standing and close bilateral friendship which has developed from one century to the next and from one generation to the next and further promoting the traditional friendly and cooperative relations in line with the requirements of the new era under the new situations.

To constantly boost the strategic and traditional friendly relations between the

two countries at a new height as required by the new century conforms to the aspirations and demands of the peoples of the two countries and it is of great significance in ensuring regional peace and stability.

The two countries make every effort to safeguard sovereignty and achieve international justice, and bolster support and cooperation on the way.

Now, the Russian government and people positively strive to sustain economic growth and expand external relations, while resolutely frustrating the military moves of the hostile forces which pose a grave threat to their national sovereignty and peace. The Korean people extend full support and sympathy to them.

To constantly consolidate and develop the DPRK-Russia friendly relations fully conforms with the aspirations and demands of the peoples of the two countries and constitutes a positive contribution to ensuring peace, stability and development in the region.

The friendly and cooperative relations between the DPRK and Russia which have been carried on century after century and generation after generation will continue to improve with the passage of time.

## Serious crisis caused by climate change, international efforts to cope with it

KCNA

In recent years, frequent natural disasters caused by climate change have cost lives and shelters of many people and had negative impacts on the economy in many countries.

According to data available, many countries suffered great human and material losses due to the aftermaths of climate change last year alone.

In Western Europe, study results estimated that more than 20 000 people were killed by extremely fierce heat last summer. According to data from health institutes, deaths caused by fierce heat numbered over 4 650 and over 4 500 in Spain and Germany respectively from June to August last year.

In Kenya and other parts of Africa, many people suffered from food shortage as their food situation worsened by severe drought.

The abnormal climate threatening mankind every moment is again highlighting the danger of global warming.

This year, many countries have suffered from huge damage as El Nino has resulted in unprecedentedly frequent disastrous abnormal weather.

In the southern part of Brazil, over 40 towns were damaged by storm and flood caused by the extratropical cyclone which started on June 16. Power supply to more than 500 000 people was cut off, over 4 900 were evacuated and more than 10 died.

Shortly ago, one person died and 25 people went missing in the eastern part of Nepal due to flood and landslide caused by heavy rain. It is also reported that the structures of a hydropower station under construction were washed away, two bridges destroyed and some roads blocked.

An official of Indonesia on June 13 said that 870 000 hectares of farmland would fail to yield crops due to drought damage.

In mid-May, a tropical storm hit Myanmar, injuring more than 700 people, disrupting communications and leading to evacuation of 20 000 people.

Experts say that the calamitous abnormal climate bringing great disasters is a clear sign of the daily accelerating global warming.

Disaster caused by climate change is not that of a distant future, but a vital issue closely related to human existence, which shows that substantial measures should be taken quickly.

Therefore, international efforts are being further intensified to suppress global warming to the maximum.

The 19th session of the World Meteorological Organization conference held recently decided to comprehensively monitor the emission of greenhouse gases, the changes they cause in the natural world and their negative effects and establish a relevant database. At the meeting, different member states expressed serious concern over the fact that changes in the polar and alpine regions are affecting the whole world, particularly small island countries and densely populated coastal areas, and agreed to intensify observation in the regions and promote close international cooperation in making the establishment of relevant database more scientific.

Many countries in the world are now taking various measures, including encouraging the use of renewables to generate electricity, reducing carbon dioxide emissions and planting trees.

And they are strengthening international cooperation to cope with disastrous abnormal climate and taking measures to minimize damage to suit their own actual conditions.

All these profusely corroborate Japanese egoism and arrogance.

Japan's request for the IAEA's assessment after having already made an irrevocable decision to dispose of radioactive-contaminated water in the ocean is no more than an outward show.

Solely intent on getting rid of its headache of nuclear waste water as soon as possible, the Japanese government is paying no heed at all to the efforts, resources and risks that will have to be borne by other countries to cope with Japan's dumping of radioactive-contaminated water into the sea.

The spokesperson made yet another pressing demand for Japan to handle its nuclear waste water in a responsible manner.

# Indelible A-class crime against humanity

By **Song Jong Ho** PT

Soon it will be 100 years since the great Kanto earthquake, which claimed many lives and damaged property of many people in Japan. The quake inflicted greater misfortunes and sufferings upon the Korean people living in Japan than the Japanese at the time.

On September 1 1923, the greatest earthquake ever in Japanese history hit the Kanto area centring on Tokyo, destroying all and causing heavy casualties and missing persons.

At the time the Japanese government took no relief measures in the face of the grim reality, inflaming the anti-government sentiment among the Japanese.

Much upset by the situation, the Japanese authorities spread false rumours that the Koreans took advantage of the confusion to intentionally set fire, put poison into wells and try to start a riot in a desperate bid to appease the angry locals and on this pretext committed a massacre against the Korean people across Japan.

The Japanese human butchers resorted to all cruel means to kill the Korean people: they tied them along the banks and killed them by shooting newly made machine

gun, regarding them as targets for its performance test, burnt them to death by throwing them in the coke oven, beat and stabbed them to death with clubs, bamboo spears, knives, iron hooks and bayonets.

The massacre against the Korean people is widely known to the world by the testimonies of Japanese who had witnessed the horrific crime scenes at the time.

However, the Japanese authorities have refused to show any remorse, make an apology and pay reparations for the slaughter of the Koreans until today over 70 years after the Second World War, trampling upon social justice and conscience. Instead, they do not try to reveal the truth behind the incident and feel guilty about it.

In this context, a hanging picture showing the massacre of the Korean people by the Japanese imperialists at the time was newly opened to the public in Japan.

Exhibited at the Koryo Museum in Shinjuku-ku of Tokyo on July 5, it would reportedly be shown to the public till December 24.

The scroll was reportedly painted in 1926, three years after the great Kanto earthquake. The picture shows the scene of the Korean people in light blue clothes falling down to the ground, bleeding, as

they were attacked by Japanese servicemen armed with knives and bamboo spears, along with people being caught in a fire after rushing out of their houses due to the quake.

Arai, former director of the museum and ex-professor at Shenshu University, reportedly found the scroll in the auction site and purchased it in March 2021. He was shocked when he saw the scene of the massacre against the Koreans.

The publication of the new hanging picture once again proved the historical fact that the Japanese imperialists had committed the slaughter of the Koreans availing themselves of the great Kanto earthquake.

Written on the scroll are the words meaning "Hope will be fulfilled if it urges many people who have not experienced this terrible disaster to show remorse and serves as a memento for posterity". As he made public the hanging picture, Arai said he hoped the authorities would face the past.

It is the conscience of the Japanese people who love justice to draw lessons from the wrong past, make sincere soul-searching and work to ensure the wrong would not be repeated again.

But the Japanese authorities turn their face away from the voice of

justice of the locals and try in every way to conceal the truth.

On June 27, a protest action took place in front of the Tokyo prefectural government office building against the authorities that suspended the screening of a video clip dealing with the massacre of the Koreans during the great Kanto earthquake.

Artists and cultural researchers participating in the protest demanded the government face the past and the video maker derided Tokyo prefecture, saying though it should enforce the policy towards building a symbiotic society, it now causes division.

The denial of the past means the revival of the past.

It is evidenced by the political climate of Japan which is rife with ultranationalism including the reckless arms buildup and radical revision of the constitution, arousing concern and vigilance of the international community today.

The past can neither be erased nor covered up and a dark heart without remorse for the crime committed can never face the reality and future proudly.

The Korean people will receive full apology for the A-class crime against humanity of Japan without fail.

## Protection of ecological environment brooks no delay



**Choe Hung Gwon**  
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At present, the protection of ecological environment is an issue of extreme urgency.

Environmental pollution has got more serious worldwide, gravely threatening the existence of mankind. There are natural and artificial factors of ecological destruction and here the latter can be said to be the main cause of the devastation.

Massive quantities of plastic waste accumulate in rivers and seas worldwide and the amount of it keeps increasing every year.

According to an international survey published last year, plastic and other wastes polluting the sea are estimated to amount to 250 million tons in 2025 and about 700 million tons in 2040.

The pollution of natural and life environments does harm to human lives and health.

Therefore, many countries put great efforts into the protection of ecological environment.

The DPRK channels big efforts into

land management and protection of ecological environment, regarding them as important affairs for protecting the lives and health of the people and beautifying the mountains and rivers of the country and serious undertakings related to the future of the country.

The Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held last June discussed the issue of pushing ahead with these undertakings in a development-oriented way according to a long-term plan.

Pyeongyang Municipality strives to protect and improve ecological environment.

The city is working to create beautiful and distinctive landscapes while planting tree species of great ornamental and economic value and introducing advanced landscaping methods including roof and vertical greening.

Nationwide endeavours are being made to prevent pollution of rivers and

streams and improve their water quality.

The ministries of Land and Environment Protection and Urban Management and other relevant units normally operate environmental monitoring posts all across the country by reinforcing relevant equipment so as to detect and tackle environmental and air pollution in time, while making the best use of the real-time monitoring system.

They also conduct surveys of candidate areas for increasing nature reserves in a far-sighted way and studies of scientific and technological problems arising in the management of major reserves.

They take steps to provide sufficient sewage treatment facilities and make a scientific survey of water quality at lower reaches of major rivers flowing into the sea, water areas in industrial zones and offshore farms as part of the efforts to prevent destruction of marine ecology.

Every province makes a detailed survey of forest ecology and makes positive preparations for upgrading, repairing or setting up environmental protection facilities at industrial establishments.

The protection of ecological environment is not a temporary work but a permanent undertaking of humankind.

### BYWORD

## Tradition of victory

In the Fatherland Liberation War (June 25 1950-July 27 1953), the Korean people and the Korean People's Army defeated the US imperialist aggressors, creating a legend of July 27 war victory, a tradition of victory, unprecedented in

the world history of war. The victory was the fruition of the Juche-oriented military idea, adroit strategy and tactics and outstanding art of command of President Kim Il Sung, and of the heroic spirit and indefatigable struggle of the Korean people and the

KPA infinitely faithful to the leader.

The DPRK's tradition of victory has continued as it is led by great leaders through generations.

The Korean people have kept advancing and achieving victory despite all sorts of difficulties and

obstacles in defending the dignity and sovereignty of their country and developing it. The secret of it lies in that they have steadily carried forward the precious mental heritage and the tradition of victory provided by the victorious wartime generation.

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## Briefly

### China

#### FM spokesman demands Nato abandon cold war thinking

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry in a press conference on July 12 urged Nato to discontinue unfounded accusation against China and give up the way of thinking of the cold war era.

He said that China and Russia established bilateral relations on the principle of not forming an alliance, having confrontation and targeting a third party and that this is essentially distinct from the case of Nato member nations which incite confrontation between camps by making a small fence.

### Russia

#### Horrors of WWII should not repeat themselves, says speaker of State Duma

Byacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of Russia, on July 11 stressed the need to make sure that the disasters of the Second World War are not repeated.

It is time for NATO member nations to recognize how dreadful mistake they are making, he said, asserting that it is important to make sure that the horrors of the world war are not repeated.

### Iran

#### Declining influence of US and West

The chief of the general staff of the Iranian armed forces asserted that the influence of the US and the West is declining in a meeting with the Pakistani army chief of staff on July 15.

He referred to the necessity to ensure security in the area of the common border by strengthening cooperation between the two countries.

### Horn of Africa

#### 2.7m people displaced by drought

Drought has lasted in the Horn of Africa, resulting in about 2.7 million refugees.

The World Food Programme on July 16 noted that 1.7 million, 516 000 and 466 000 people have become refugees in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya respectively.

According to data available, 23.4 million people are now suffering from food shortage and 5.1 million children from acute malnutrition in the region.

### COVID-19

#### Global situation

The WHO announced that 768 237 788 persons were infected with COVID-19 and 6 951 677 died of it across the world as of July 19 (Middle-European time).

According to the data put together at its regional offices, the toll in Europe reached 2 245 217 and infected cases and deaths increased to 205 190 770 and 415 008 on the Western Pacific coast.

Infected cases registered in America and Southeast Asia numbered 193 162 133 and 61 194 724.

## America celebrates Independence Day with deadly shootings

By **Kim Jin Hyang** PT

Gun crimes occurred in succession in many parts of the US before and after its Independence Day, killing 10 people and injuring dozens of others.

According to statistics published by a relevant institution, on July 4, Independence Day of the US, a man in his forties fired at random on the people around him to kill five persons and wound two children in Philadelphia. Similar incidents happened in Ohio, North Carolina and Michigan, causing casualties.

Three persons were killed and two others injured by a shooting incident in Texas on July 3 and two were killed and 28 others wounded in Maryland and 11 people injured in Kansas on July 2.

In this respect, US President Biden expressed disappointment over the increased shooting incidents on the occasion of Independence Day on July 4, saying that the holiday turned into a painful and tragic day in a moment.

It is common in every nation that festive atmosphere prevails in the whole country, all kinds of celebrations are held and people happily spend the day on national day, a national holiday.

But gun violence continued to take place in the US, taking the lives of people even on national holiday and turning Independence Day into a day of bloody massacre.

Shooting incidents reportedly killed seven people and wounded over 30 others on Independence Day last year.

Gun crimes rampant in the US is an

# Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery



Many people visit the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on the occasion of war victory day.

## Third round matches of 2023 basketball Premier League

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The third-round matches of the 2023 basketball Premier League began on July 16. 3x3 basketball grows popular

The 2023 basketball Premier League kicked off with 3x3 basketball matches from the first round.

“Smaller in the number of players and size of the court than the usual basketball, 3x3 basketball helps viewers concentrate their sight and it is played in a short time, but requires high techniques and physical

strength. Therefore, it has become a matter of great interest among the people,” said Ri Yong Ho, an official of the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports.

It can be played everywhere if there is a small court and hoop and is good for health and physical training in several aspects including dribbling and agility, thereby attracting growing interest of amateur players.

There were men’s 3x3 matches on July 16.

The April 25 team beat all opponents and won the men’s event.

The Amnokgang finished

runner-up again as it did in the past.

It lost to the April 25 with five points less, but beat all other powers like the Kigwancha, Sobaeksu and Pyongyang teams by a wide margin.

The Kigwancha put pressure on the Amnokgang and the April 25 as well in the event.

It came third by a narrow margin of a few points in the matches with the two leading teams.

In the women’s event the Kigwancha defeated April 25 and Amnokgang to top the ranking.

**Premier League still expected to be close**

Basketball matches started at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street of Pyongyang on July 17.

That day, the Amnokgang team played a match with Kigwancha, the April 25 with Pyongyang and the Ministry of External Economic Relations team with Sobaeksu.

The Amnokgang trounced Kigwancha in the first match by 89 to 42. The former never missed the weak points of the latter.

In the match between the April 25 and Pyongyang the former adjusted its offensive speed.

In the last two rounds it replaced star players with young ones and beat the Pyongyang 77-59.

And the Sobaeksu defeated the Ministry of External Economic Relations team.

The third round of the Premier League this year has witnessed a marked improvement in its technical level, said Ri, noting the current third round would also be very fierce.

The April 25, as it did in other tournaments, won all the matches in the previous two rounds.

Therefore, it is the odds-on favourite to win the current contest.

It remains calm and composed and such an attitude was seen in the first match with the Pyongyang team.

In the first two rounds it widened the margin and in the next two rounds replaced the experienced with young players.

It was partly aimed at giving the strong players some time to have a rest and concentrating efforts on the matches against such strong teams as the Amnokgang and Sobaeksu, but maybe the coach intends to make early preparations for a shift in generation in the team with many veteran players, Ri added.



A scene of a match between the April 25 and Pyongyang teams during the 2023 basketball Premier League. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## NEW NATURAL MONUMENTS REGISTERED

KCNA

The fossil of *Gophotherium*, discovered in Komun-ri (then Yangjong-ri) of Myongchon County, North Hamgyong Province, and the Yangdok spring water have newly been registered as natural monuments in the DPRK.

The fossil of *Gophotherium* was found in the Miocene Formation of the Tertiary period of the Cenozoic era.

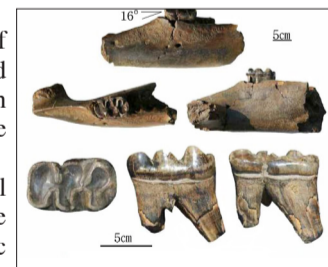
The fossil, material evidence showing the natural and climatic environment in the period, proves that Korea had a favourable natural environment for the birth of human beings in the Cenozoic era.

The History Faculty of Kim Il Sung University verified its zoological name and registered it as a natural monument. The fossil is now preserved at the Natural History Museum of the university.

The newly registered Yangdok spring water is drinking water favoured by



Yangdok Spring Water.



The fossil of *Gophotherium*.

the Korean people.

The temperature of the spring water running from a cave in the middle of a valley in the Puktaebong mountain range is 8 degrees centigrade and the volume of water remains unchanged even in dry or rainy seasons.

The spring water contains a suitable amount of calcium and bicarbonate for digestion.

