

Great event heralding arrival of new era, turning point in bolstering up Juche-based naval force

Ceremony of launching newly-built submarine held with splendour in presence of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un



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A new powerful entity has emerged to demonstrate the rapid development of the Juche-based naval force all over the world in the glorious journey of ushering in a new era of a great prosperous and powerful country with the world-renowned tremendous national defence

capabilities, unprecedented in the nation-building history of the DPRK, under the outstanding leadership of the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea.

The heroic munitions industrial workers, scientists and technicians, boundlessly loyal to the revolutionary cause of the WPK, built a Korean-style tactical nuclear attack submarine and

presented it as a gift to the motherland celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The submarine-launching ceremony heralded the beginning of a new chapter for bolstering up the naval force of the DPRK and made clearer the steadfast will of the WPK and the government of the DPRK to further strengthen the state nuclear deterrent both in quality and

quantity and by leaps and bounds for regional and global peace and security.

The ceremony was splendidly held on September 6 in the presence of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic

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People's Republic of Korea, with attendance of leading officials of the Party, government and military, including Marshal Ri Pyong Chol, Marshal Pak Jong Chon, Premier of the Cabinet Kim Tok Hun and Admiral Kim Myong Sik, amid the great joy and excitement of commanding officers and seamen of the East Sea Fleet of the Navy and all the workers, scientists and technicians of the Pongdae Dockyard.

The venue of the ceremony was full of deep gratitude and reverence for the WPK, the great motherly Party, which has realized the long-cherished desire of the nation by leading the great development

of the self-reliant defence industry, the revolutionary industry, to further strengthen the nuclear force representing the national prestige and honour and the absolute might of the DPRK and consolidate the irreversible status of the country.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue for submarine-launching ceremony, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers as a token of their admiration for the iron-willed brilliant commander and outstanding leader of the people who is paving a broad avenue toward great victory and prosperity with his world-famous matchless pluck and courage, ardent love and trust in the people, and

tireless dedication to the building of a prosperous country with a powerful army.

Amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK, the guards of honour of the Navy of the Korean People's Army slowly hoisted the national flag associated with the noble soul of the service personnel of the Navy who have fought to defend the vast sea of the country for more than 70 years, and symbolic of the eternal dignity and invincibility of the DPRK.

Then, Marshal Ri Pyong Chol conveyed the order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK on the transfer of the tactical nuclear submarine to the Navy of the KPA.

According to the order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK,

tactical nuclear attack submarine No. 841, the first of its kind, was transferred to the relevant submarine squadron under the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy and named the "Hero Kim Kun Ok".

Kim Jong Un conferred the transfer certificate on the commander of the submarine squadron under the East Sea Fleet of the Navy.

He made a meaningful speech congratulating the launching ceremony.

Saying that submarine No. 841 "Hero Kim Kun Ok" to be launched today will perform its combat mission as one of core underwater offensive means of the naval force of the DPRK, he highly praised it

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as the first entity, produced by the noble ideal and peerless creation struggle of the WPK and its revolutionary industrial workers, in the great cause of building an advanced maritime power.

He noted that the Party Central Committee decided to make greater leaps forward in the shipbuilding industry of the country in order to substantially guarantee a new heyday of bolstering up the naval force. There is no room to step back in the drive for the expansion of the naval vessel-building industry as it is the top priority task to be fulfilled without fail, he said, clarifying the strategic and tactical plan to continuously enhance the modernity of underwater and surface forces and push forward with the nuclear weaponization of the Navy in the future, too.

When Kim Jong Un finished his congratulatory speech, all the participants broke into cheers of "Hurrah!" to express their ardent loyalty.

The scientists, technicians and workers of the Pongdae Submarine Factory extended deep thanks to Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a heyday of bolstering up the naval force, clearly indicating the orientation of the development of the Korean-style submarine industry and the way for developing new-type submarine.

Kim Jong Un had a photo session with senior officials of the Party and the government, leading commanding officers of the Navy and senior officials of the submarine factory in commemoration of the launching ceremony.

Marshal Ri Pyong Chol ordered the launching of the submarine after being informed by the manager of the factory

that it was ready to be launched.

When the signal was given, the newly built submarine was launched amid the shower of confetti and release of balloons, reflecting the excitement and joy of all the participants witnessing the historic moment of epochal significance in bolstering up the naval force.

Kim Jong Un repeatedly praised the workers in the munitions industry, saying that thanks to the inexhaustible strength and enthusiasm resulting from the loyalty and patriotism displayed by them upholding the revolutionary defence-building policy with pure conscience, sense of obligation and devoted implementation, it was possible to demonstrate the might of the country once again before the 75th anniversary of the DPRK. He expressed belief that the officials and workers of the factory would

continue to add glory to their great honour as the genuine patriots contributing to the development of the naval vessel-building industry in the new century and the frontline fighters defending the arsenal for the defence of the territorial waters.

On September 7, he inspected the tactical nuclear submarine "Hero Kim Kun Ok" preparing for a shakedown cruise.

A ceremony was hosted by the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy, to which the tactical nuclear attack submarine was assigned, to greet the Supreme Commander of the DPRK armed forces at the dock.

Kim Jong Un reviewed the honour colours of the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy and the guards of honour.

He was greeted by Admiral Kim Myong

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Sik, commander of the KPA Navy, Vice-Admiral Kim Chang Guk, political commissar of the KPA Navy, commanding officers of the East and West Sea Fleets of the KPA Navy and military and political officers of submarine squadrons.

He entered the tactical nuclear attack submarine to acquaint himself with its weapon system and underwater operation capability.

Saying that to arm the Navy with nuclear weapons arises as an urgent task of the times and a crucial requirement for building the revolutionary armed forces, the fulfillment of which brooks

no further delay, he stressed the need to enable the Navy to successfully carry out its strategic duty by hastening the transfer of underwater and surface vessels equipped with tactical nuclear weapons to the Navy.

He expressed expectation and belief that the officers and sailors of the submarine would become the model of the navy and the example to the whole army not only in the politico-ideological, spiritual and moral readiness but also in rounding off the preparations for a revolutionary war and continue to create new legend of the heroic Navy in the van by firmly carrying forward the great sailor spirit of the preceding generations as befitting

the ones of the submarine named after Hero Kim Kun Ok, the hero commanding officer of the first generation of the naval force of the DPRK.

He had a photo taken with all the sailors of the submarine against the background of the submarine "Hero Kim Kun Ok".

All the commanding officers and sailors of the submarine "Hero Kim Kun Ok" made a firm pledge to demonstrate their bravery as death-defying seamen and strong fist of the navy, regarding as lifeblood of their destiny the boundless love and trust by the great brilliant commander who provided them with an invincible treasured sword capable of defeating any formidable enemy, prayed

for their safe navigation and feats and indicated the ever-victorious route aboard the submarine.

The ceremony of launching a tactical nuclear attack submarine, held just before the 75th anniversary of the DPRK, will be etched in the history of the country as a historic event worthy of special note in the history of bolstering up the Juche-based naval force and the history of building the state nuclear force in the great era of Kim Jong Un, and as a significant occasion that solemnly declared the start of the advance toward the attainment of the grandiose goal for turning the country into an advanced maritime power.



Kim Jong Un makes congratulatory speech at submarine launching ceremony

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech at the ceremony for launching a newly-built submarine on September 6. The following is the full text:

Workers, scientists and technicians of the Pongdae Submarine Factory,

Major commanding officers of our heroic Navy, and commanders and sailors of the submarines,

Dear comrades,

Today is a day of great significance for our naval forces.

The historic moment has come when the first tactical nuclear attack submarine we have built wets its name and body in the blue water of our sea.

No. 841 Hero Kim Kun Ok, which is to be launched today, is the standard type of tactical nuclear submarine, after which we intend to convert the existing medium-sized submarines of our Navy into an attack type, as I mentioned on the last Navy Day.

The means of nuclear attack submarine, which had been regarded as a symbol of aggression against our Republic over the past decades, has now become symbolic of our overwhelming might that can strike terror in the hearts of the shameless enemy, and the fact that it is a new attack submarine of our own style, which the world has never known, is a great auspicious event for all our people.

Our intention to turn all the other existing medium-sized submarines into attack ones like this one, which can carry tactical nukes to play a significant role in modern warfare, in addition to our development-oriented, prospective plan for building nuclear submarines, is a "low-cost, hi-tech strategy" as part of the line of strengthening the naval forces adopted at the Eighth Congress of our Party.

We intend to improve and maximize the weapons systems and underwater operation capabilities of the existing submarines like this one, so that they could take a great share in the long-term building up of the national naval forces.

This will be a revolutionary step for ensuring maximum efficiency in the light of the defence and economic strategy and a revolutionary strategy for the development of the naval forces.

Designed fully to meet the demands of the strategy of our Navy, the strategy of national defence and military strategy

of war plan, this submarine constitutes a menacing means as it is capable of carrying a large number of means for delivering nukes of various powers and of launching a preemptive or retaliatory strike at the hostile states in any waters.

This new entity, which will fulfil its militant mission as a core underwater means of strike of our naval forces, was presented by the revolutionary workers of the Pongdae shipyard to their motherland on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of its founding.

This is clearly the first "child" of the great cause of building an advanced marine power, the first of its kind, which the Workers' Party of Korea and its revolutionary industrial workers have given birth to with their noble ideals and matchless creative struggle.

It is really exciting to imagine that such submarines, shoulder to shoulder with new-type submarines, will stand in different parts of our territorial waters, reliably defending our beautiful and rich seas, and that our elite underwater nuclear fleets will keep off the aggressive fleets of the enemy.

Some time ago we signalled the second revolution in strengthening the naval forces, and we can say that today is the day when our naval forces have been reborn with a new image and greeted a period of their renewed development.

In this way, we proved with a clear

entity that our declaration, made greeting August 28, that we would usher in a new heyday of the naval forces of the Korean People's Army was not empty words.

This success, which you have achieved with your ardent patriotism and loyalty, is a great event that promises not only the rapid expansion of the power of our people's Navy but also a rapid improvement of our national defence capabilities with the nuclear deterrence as the core; it is also a great demonstration of our tremendous national strength that has been consolidated as firm as ever in the face of trials.

Availing myself of this significant opportunity, I, on behalf of the Party and the Government as well as all the people across the country, would like to extend warm thanks and congratulations to all the comrades in the munitions industry sector, including the revolutionary workers of the Pongdae shipyard and all the officials concerned, who have opened the prelude to a new heyday of strengthening the naval forces and added glory to the 75-year history of our great state by successfully attaining another main goal of defence development set forth by the Eighth Congress of our Party.

Comrades,

This eye-opening success is of great significance as it has been achieved just at a time of crucial importance with regard to the future destiny of our naval forces

and the safeguarding of our state's right to maritime defence.

As I emphasized in my congratulatory speech during my visit to the Navy Command some time ago, developing our naval forces rapidly and successfully is our top priority task for national defence, which brooks no further delay, in view of the geopolitical peculiarities of our country sea-girt on three sides, the world trend in rapid development of warships, and the enemy's aggressive schemes and the characters of their military actions in recent years.

Our Navy is now in the most important and crucial stage of its development.

In the past we, in developing the submarine industry, focused on building many small and fast submarines, true to our Navy's mission which is restricted to defending our territorial waters in any case, as we believed we could use them to defeat the

enemy at a stroke once they invaded us.

But the times have changed beyond recognition, and the weaponry and operational aspects of the Navy and our will have changed as well.

I confirm that the mission of absolute importance, which no other services will be able to accomplish, will be fulfilled only when we, in five or ten years, usher in an era when our Navy changes.

In order to take the initiative in three-dimensional naval battles and truly exercise the right to self-defence on the sea, the overwhelming ideological and spiritual superiority of our Navy should be accompanied and supported by the growth of its military and technical hardware. In this regard, the most important thing is to go nuclear.

This is a time when how quickly our Navy is equipped with nuclear weapons, more specifically, whether we launch powerful nuclear submarines sooner or later, will have a critical bearing on our state's destiny, that is, whether our state's right to self-defence on the sea is exercised properly or not and whether its territorial integrity and peace is maintained or not.

Taking this into consideration, the Party Central Committee decided to usher in a great heyday of strengthening the naval forces by effecting a revolution in the

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submarine-building sector first, and, as the first option for its implementation, studied a way to turn the existing medium-sized submarines into tactical nuclear attack submarines of our own style by replacing their weapons systems.

In a submarine, power system, underwater cruising speed and level of navigation equipment are very important—these are called operational capabilities in general—but it is my view that what type of weapons it is equipped with is most important and that when equipped with nuclear weapons, it is precisely a nuclear submarine.

It is now four years since I came here and gave the task of introducing advanced power systems in the existing medium-sized submarines and improving their overall underwater operation capabilities as well as the new-type submarines planned to be built, especially nuclear-powered submarines, and commissioning them to the combat ranks. And two years have passed since the Party Congress approved the plan.

The workers at Pongdae, who shared bitters and sweets, joy and sorrow with me on the arduous long journey of building the nuclear forces over the past ten years or so, have lived up to the expectations of the Party Central Committee with credit this time, too, by presenting the best results in the given period.

Tremendous, indeed, are the feats you have performed by defending our Party's military strategic idea and plan in practice in absolute support of the crucial decision the Party Central Committee made at the crucial point, which was decisive of the future of the naval forces and the security of the country.

As we have the dependable revolutionary working class like you who devote themselves to any struggle, if the Party requests them to do so and indicates the orientation, a special event has been brought about in which our naval weapons and equipment have made a leap forward by decades, and the glory of invincibility the heroic Korean People's Army has enjoyed for over 70 years can be steadily continued.

You are true patriots who have made it possible to immortalize, with the priceless glory of victory, the fighting spirit of the sailors of the Republic who are determined to shed their blood in the boundless seas in defence of their country. Your contribution will remain conspicuous in a page of the Navy's proud records of victory.

As the Navy of the Republic has come to possess comprehensive capacity of operating various means of strike and even tactical and strategic nuclear weapons, its militant course filled with unexcelled heroism, bravery, fighting spirit and courage can continue for ever as a proud history of invincibility.

Today's launching ceremony will be as burdensome to our opponents as is our building a new-type nuclear-powered submarine.

Up until now, whenever we test-fired

SLBM, the enemy have tried to shake off their security uneasiness by speaking disparagingly of the capabilities of our submarines in every possible way and made desperate efforts to prevent the nuclear weaponization of our Navy while stigmatizing it as illegal. This was aimed at maintaining at any cost their military and technical superiority on the sea, which is the most acute and decisive battle site in their confrontation with us.

But now, as they face the reality which they have desired least and feared most, how displeased they must be!

We are filled with the will to continue to show them the modern quality of our underwater and surface fighting capability in the future, too, and will continue to push ahead with the nuclear weaponization of our Navy.

Comrades,

As we are greeting this thrilling and proud event, I find myself sunk deep in an unforgettable memory of the ennobling spirit and lofty devotion that have been dedicated for today.

How much painstaking efforts, blood and sweat we have devoted to the victory of today, and how many indescribable trials we have overcome to reach this glorious launching ceremony?

On the unforgettable journey for building our style of nuclear forces I traversed with you, there were numerous nights of exploration and study, and many moments of failures that we had to endure, biting our lips, and moments of successes that were all the more precious to us.

To see the record book of August 24 Hero Ship, which has been written together with the workers of the Pongdae Submarine Factory, we can read the blood-stained patriotic dedication and unsparing efforts that permeate every weapons system mounted on this submarine.

Our dependable workers in the munitions industry and countless persons in the field of defence science have followed unyieldingly the patriotic road for the country and the people without even a moment's vacillation or discouragement. The successes they have thus achieved are now integrated in the new-type attack submarine that is waiting for the moment of its launching by our side.

Thanks to the enormous efforts of martyrs who devoted their heart and soul to performing the sacred responsibility they assumed before the revolution and to the devoted support of everyone who has made sincere efforts for the security of the state and the happiness of the people, the first underwater nuclear attack ship of heroic Korea has now made its appearance in front of us, and is now about to enter the sacred territorial waters of our country.

We must remember for ever such unassuming patriots who have devoted their all to bring about today's victory. And their struggle and feats must be clearly etched in the history of our Party and Republic.

Heroic workers in the munitions industry and officers and men of the Navy,

A new historic time is coming before our naval forces.

The prospect of one axis of the three major axes—ground, naval and air forces—that defend the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will be determined by our future practical measures.

In order to provide a substantial guarantee for a new heyday of strengthening the naval forces, the Party Central Committee has decided to make a further leap forward in our warship-building industry.

We have nowhere to retreat in rejuvenating the warship-building industry, and we have to carry it out without fail. And this is a task of paramount importance that has to be implemented to the end, no matter how difficult it may be.

By drawing on the invaluable experience and technology gained in the building of submarine No. 841, we must rapidly promote the work of converting all medium-sized submarines into attack ones, and thus nuclearize the existing submarines at one go in the true sense of the word.

At the same time, we should give greater impetus to the building of nuclear-powered submarine so as to develop our Navy into a service of the world's marine power, which is capable of reliably defending the peace and security in the region and the rest of the world as well as the safety of our country and our people.

And we should build various kinds of modern warships needed for coastal defence and maritime patrol duty and offensive operations on a planned basis and commission them into the Navy one after another.

The warship-building industry sector should take full responsibility for this and carry it out perfectly, so as to ensure that our naval forces will greet the days of change as soon as possible and assuredly transform themselves.

To this end, full nationwide support should be provided and guaranteed; the key here is, first of all, to accelerate the establishment of a modern engine industry and thus decisively solve the problem of warship engines.

We should direct an all-out effort to actively developing and producing new-type warship engines of the advanced era, which will be capable of improving the mobility and maneuverability of all naval vessels.

We should actively push ahead with renovation of shipyards and expansion of their production capacities. By doing so, we should attain ahead of schedule the targets of putting the warship-building industry on a Juche-oriented, modern and scientific basis, and launch a dynamic campaign to raise the proportion of home-made steel plates and other warship-building materials and equipment by staking our fate on it.

The warship-building industry is an ensemble of national economic strength and a collection of cutting-edge technologies. Today it is an expression of genuine patriotism to make a contribution, however small, to the establishment of

the warship-building industry in the new century.

When all sectors and units across the country turn out powerfully to help and back the undertaking to strengthen the warship-building industry and the Navy and encourage the movement of donating warships, a new revolution which is urgently needed by the times will truly take place.

The heroic workers of the Pongdae shipyard, who have defended the Party, the revolution, the country and the people by creating brilliant traditions through the practice of revolutionary struggle for half a century, should naturally play the vanguard role in achieving fresh development of the warship-building industry.

The officials and workers of the factory should redouble their efforts and wage a vigorous struggle to substantially attain the goals set by the Party Central Committee one by one. In this way they can add eternal brilliance to their honourable history and traditions.

Submariners should be well versed in the submarines to be newly commissioned and perfect their constant readiness for action so as to defend the maritime sovereignty, security and national interests of the Republic underwater.

All the officers and men of the Navy should give full play to their soaring enthusiasm and spiritual strength, and open up with confidence the era of a fresh change and leap forward in all aspects of the efforts to enhance their combat efficiency, defend their country's territorial waters and prepare for a revolutionary war.

Comrades,

The anchor of ambitious navigation of our naval forces and warship-building industry towards a great leap forward has been raised.

The Workers' Party of Korea's grand cause of building a marine power will be successfully accomplished thanks to the efforts of the large contingent of the heroic workers in the munitions industry and defence scientists, who are dynamically advancing along the course of victory, the course of glory, indicated by the Party Central Committee.

Congratulating once again on the launch of the tactical nuclear attack submarine No. 841 Hero Kim Kun Ok, I wish her safe voyage and feats.

Availing myself of this opportunity I would like to offer my greetings of congratulations to all the workers of the revolutionary industry and the officers and men of the Navy and their beloved families in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious motherland.

May glory and victory be with the warship-building industry of Juche Korea and the heroic people's Navy, which would present a new appearance of leap forward in the history of the DPRK!

the mightiness of the heroic people's Navy and add luster to its honour.

Long live the heroic Navy of the Korean People's Army!



General Secretary Kim Jong Un inspects machine complex, major munitions factory



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected the Pukjung Machine Complex and a major munitions factory.

He was accompanied by Secretaries Jo Yong Won and Kim Jae Ryong, Department Director Jo Chun Ryong and Deputy Department Directors Kim Yo Jong and Choe Myong Chol of the WPK Central Committee.

He was greeted by leading officials of the complex and the munitions factory on the spot.

He praised the workers of the complex for boosting production, true to the Party's policies of national defence and economic construction.

Looking round various production lines of the complex, he learned about the current state of technical equipment and the orientation of its technological updating.

He expressed full support and great satisfaction, acquainting himself with the production goals to be fulfilled by the Party members and other working people of the complex till the end of the year.

Noting that the complex assumes an important role that no others can take in its stead in developing the shipbuilding industry of the country and strengthening the naval forces of the DPRK, he put forward the revolutionary policy on ushering in a new era of the shipbuilding industry to the complex.

He affirmed that a future plenary

meeting of the Central Committee of the WPK would set forth an important line of the modernization of the complex and the development orientation of the shipbuilding industry of the country.

Saying that the WPK firmly believes in the revolutionary working class of the complex, he expressed his great expectation and conviction that the Party members and other working people of the complex with the brilliant fighting tradition of taking the lead in implementing the Party's national defence and economic policies by fully displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance with the spirit of devoted implementation in every decade of the revolution would heartily accept the new crucial decision of the Party Central Committee reflecting the important

requirements of our revolution today and unconditionally respond to it with elated enthusiasm.

Then he inspected the major munitions factory.

He expressed satisfaction over the progress made in the technical updating of the factory and indicated the orientation of establishing additional production capacity.

Stressing the importance of the position and role of the factory in bolstering up the armed forces of the DPRK, he expressed great expectation and belief that the workers of the factory would uphold the Party's policy of the national defence development with high abilities and power of execution, cherishing intense loyalty to the Party and the revolution and patriotism.



In celebration of DPRK's 75th anniversary

National symposium



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It was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of Party and administrative organs and working people's organizations from central-level institutions

and in Pyongyang and theoretical information workers of the armed forces organs, the fields of science, education, art and literature, mass media and revolutionary relics and Party cadre training institutions.

Presented to the symposium were papers analyzing in depth the immortal feats President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il performed for the founding and development of the DPRK.

Film show

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A week-long film show opened to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

During the week, revolutionary and documentary films showing the immortal patriotic devotion of the peerlessly great men who turned the DPRK into an invincible socialist fortress and a paradise of Juche where the ideals and dreams of the people are translated into reality and feature films on various themes will be screened at cinemas and halls of

culture across the country.

Its opening ceremony took place at the Pyongyang International Cinema on September 4.

Present there were Jo Kyong Jun, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Myong Chol, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, officials, creators and artistes from the film sector and working people in the capital city of Pyongyang.

Similar events took place in all provinces that day.

National photo exhibition

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A national photo exhibition "Victorious 75 years of DPRK demonstrating the might of independence, self-sufficiency and self-reliant defence" opened at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on September 4 in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

On display at the venue of the exhibition are photos showing the exploits President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il performed for state building

and the personality traits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as a great man who is demonstrating to the whole world the might and prestige of the DPRK by ushering in a new era of self-existence and prosperity.

There are also pictures showing the reality of the DPRK which has advanced along the road of victory, racing against the time, under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and the spirit of the Korean people who are confidently opening up the new horizon of overall national rejuvenation.

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 the capital city.

Pak Kyong Chol, vice-minister of Culture, delivered an opening address.

After the ceremony, participants looked round the venue.



A national photo exhibition opens at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on September 4 in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.

Industrial design exhibition



A national industrial design exhibition in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the DPRK is opened at the industrial design exhibition hall of the Central Industrial Design Administration on September 5.

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A national industrial design exhibition in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic

of Korea was opened.

The exhibition on the theme of "Immortal guidance over industrial design adorned with great devotion" has brought together over 1 500

industrial designs directed by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The opening ceremony was held at the industrial design exhibition hall of the Central Industrial Design Administration on September 5.

It was attended by Ri Song Hak, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Jang Kyong Su, director of the CIDA, officials concerned and officials and creators in the sector of industrial design.

Ri Song Hak made an opening address.

After the ceremony, the participants looked round the exhibition venue.

Stamp exhibition

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A stamp exhibition was opened in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

On display in the venue are stamps dedicated to the immortal exploits for state building performed by the peerlessly great men over the past 75 years since the founding of the DPRK, successes achieved in all domains including politics, the military, the economy and culture in the annals of national development and the heroic struggle of the Korean people.

Among the stamps are also those on various themes presented by stamp collectors in Pyongyang.

The opening ceremony was held on September 5 at

the Korean Stamp Museum.

It was attended by Choe Chang Hak, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ju Yong Il, minister of IT Industry, officials concerned, officials and employees of the State Stamp

Bureau and stamp collectors and other working people in Pyongyang.

Ho Song Gil, director of the State Stamp Bureau, made an opening speech.

After the ceremony, the participants looked round the exhibition venue.



The opening ceremony of a stamp exhibition in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the DPRK is held on September 5 at the Korean Stamp Museum.

In celebration of DPRK's 75th anniversary

National book exhibition

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A national book exhibition opened in the Grand People's Study House in Pyongyang on September 7 in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.

Present at the opening ceremony were Choe Chang Hak, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials, journalists and editors in the press organs.

After the opening ceremony, the participants looked round the exhibition venue.



A national book exhibition opens on September 7 at the Grand People's Study House in Pyongyang.

National art exhibition

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A national art exhibition was opened to mark the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The opening ceremony took place at the Okryu Exhibition House in Pyongyang on September 5.

Present there were party and government officials, officials and creators in the sector of fine arts and working people in the capital city.

Kim Song Ryong, vice-premier of the Cabinet, made an opening speech.



Visitors look round exhibits at the national art exhibition held at the Okryu Exhibition House in Pyongyang.

Working people's organizations hold celebrations

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The central youth artistic motivational team gave a performance "Motherland and Youth" at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on September 7 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, youth league officials and youth and students in Pyongyang saw the performance.

The performance started with chorus *Song of General Kim Il Sung*. Put on the stage were such colourful numbers as mixed sextet *Song of the Proclamation of the People's Republic* and chorus *Our Supreme Commander*.

Winners of the national vocal and instrumental solo contest of trade union officials and members held in celebration of the 75th

birthday of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave a performance at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on August 31.

It was seen by Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, trade union officials and workers and TU members in Pyongyang.

The workers' artistic motivational team of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea gave a performance "Our Ever-prospering Republic" at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on September 6 in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It was seen by TU officials and workers and TU members in the capital city.

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of

Agricultural Workers of Korea held a meeting at the Hall of Culture in Tokhung-ri, Kangso District, Nampho City, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It was attended by Min Sung Chol, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Choe Yong, secretary of the Nampho City Committee of the WPK, officials concerned, and officials of the UAWK and other agricultural workers.

Ri Yong Chol, vice-chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, delivered a report, followed by speeches.

A peasant dance party of agricultural workers was held in Sariwon on September 7 to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

It was seen by officials of the North Hwanghae Provincial

Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea, officials concerned, agricultural workers and the citizens of Sariwon.

The dance party began with narration and group dance "Song of the Proclamation of the People's Republic". The performers expressed in the dance their pride and joy of celebrating the significant anniversary of the People's Republic.

The artistic motivational team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and members of the art group of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the SWUK gave a performance *We'll Support the Great Country Forever* in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the Hall of Women on September 5.

Schoolchildren give concert

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Members of art groups of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace and the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace gave a concert in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace in Pyongyang on September 4.

It was seen by Han Kwang Ho, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials concerned, youth league officials, students of Mangyongdae and Kang Pan Sok revolutionary schools and schoolchildren in the capital city.

Performers sang highly of the undying exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who had made tireless efforts for the rosy future of the rising generations all their lives.

The concert represented well the bright and cheerful looks of schoolchildren preparing themselves as reserves of a thriving Korea under the care of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Russian army ensemble arrives in Pyongyang

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The Russian Army Academic Song and Dance Ensemble Named after

Alexandrov arrived in Pyongyang on Thursday to visit the DPRK on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

Present at Pyongyang International Airport to greet the ensemble were Kim Min Sop, vice-minister of National

Defence of the DPRK, Pak Kyong Chol, vice-minister of Culture, and other officials concerned and Alexandr Matsegora,

Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and Valeri Isaenko, military attaché of the Russian embassy. The Ministry of National

Defence of the DPRK hosted a reception at Yanggakdo International Hotel to welcome the ensemble that evening.



Socialist Korea based

75 Years of independence and progress

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

September 9 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

On this significant day, the Korean people are recollecting with pride the glorious history of the country.

The history of the country is the one in which it has won victory with the faith of independence.

Kim Il Sung, a peerlessly great man and patriot the Korean people held in high esteem for the first time in the nation's history spanning 5 000 years, put an end to the Japanese imperialists' 40-odd-year-long military occupation of Korea and built a new country of the people, an independent and sovereign state.

Different isms and doctrines emerged in the untrodden path of building a new Korea after national liberation.

But he solved all problems arising in the building of the state to meet the specific conditions of Korea and the demands of the people, on the basis of the Juche idea that man is master of one's own destiny and that he has the ability to shape his

own destiny.

The issue of the name, flag and emblem of the country, that of the form of the government to be established and others were solved in a unique way.

The founding of the DPRK as a new-type independent and sovereign state free from any foreign interference and domination, sycophancy and dependence brought about a dramatic turn in carving out the destiny of the Korean people and developing the state.

Thanks to the democratic reforms, including agrarian reform, nationalization of major industries and achievement of sex equality, the people became masters of factories, land and the country, and a broad avenue was opened up for building a new, prosperous society.

In the Fatherland Liberation War to defend their dignity and life as an independent people in the 1950s, the Koreans created a legend of war victory by defeating the US imperialist aggressors, who had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, with matchless popular heroism.

In the postwar rehabilitation, too, they fully demonstrated the spirit of heroic Korea and continued

to advance at the speed of Chollima, thus completing socialist industrialization in a matter of 14 years and building a socialist state independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence.

In the late 1980s, the DPRK steadily advanced along the road of socialism under the uplifted banner of independence despite the complicated storms of history in which socialism collapsed in several countries.

During the Arduous March in the 1990s, Chairman Kim Jong Il defended the sovereignty and dignity of the country and nation through his original Songun politics to cope with the outrageous challenges of the imperialist allied forces to stifle socialism and the changed international political situation.

Today the dignity, national power and prestige of the DPRK are being more fully demonstrated under the guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

On the principle of independence in politics, self-sustenance in the economy and self-reliance in national defence, the country is solving all problems arising

in the development of the state independently according to its own view and determination.

The country is fully exercising its sovereignty in the international political arena.

It does not allow the slightest concession or compromise in defending its dignity and realizing the fundamental interests of the people, and is exercising its voice and influence in the international political arena by dint of independence, justice and truth.

By putting spurs to strengthening the foundation for the development of its independent national economy despite all manner of difficulties and trials, it is making a breach in the harsh sanctions and blockade by the hostile forces, achieving the sustainable economic development and creating entities reflecting love for the people that are impossible and unimaginable in any other countries.

The DPRK's strategic power and war deterrent have reached the highest level unprecedented in the nation's history spanning 5 000 years.

Its self-defence capacities so far displayed through various events

such as the military parade held to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung in 2012 in the new century of the Juche era clearly showed to the world the entities of its absolute power capable of thoroughly containing any aggression forces and firmly defending its security.

The history of the DPRK is that of progress and prosperity.

Today a new era of the overall development of socialism and national prosperity is being ushered in in the country.

In order to provide the people with a happier and more civilized life, the state set the high goal of building a powerful socialist country despite the most difficult circumstances and advances to attain it.

The construction of Ryomyong and Mirae Scientists streets as ideal ones for the people in Pyongyang was followed by that of Songhwa Street, Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District, 10 000 flats in Hwasong Street and dwelling houses in the Taephyong area in the capital city. Now other people's homes are under construction in succession in the city and provinces.

In particular, modern farm houses have been built in rural areas across the country in accordance with the great blueprint for rural development in the new era and remarkable successes have been made to ensure the stability of agricultural production amid the strong zeal for scientific farming despite the extreme weather.

Thanks to the noble view on the rising generations whereby nothing is spared for them, measures were taken to supply dairy products to the children across the country at state expense despite the most difficult situation of the country and school things and uniforms are supplied to the students across the country.

Indeed, independence and progress have invariably and steadily been applied in the development course of the DPRK, making its 75-year history shine with victory and glory.

Pride of the people of a powerful country

By Ri Sung Ik PT

As steel is tempered in flames, the dignity and national strength of the DPRK have reached the highest level unprecedented in the 5 000-year history of the Korean nation and it proudly emerged as a strategic state recognized by the world through different stages of the severe revolutionary struggle and construction.

The Korean people, who were deprived of their territory by the Japanese imperialists in the past and forced into miserable slavery, which was inferior to the fate of a dog of a

house of mourning, as they had no power to defend themselves, have keenly realized through their life experience that without invincible military strength, no one can defend the sovereignty of a country and the happiness of its people.

That's why they displayed patriotic devotion to build up the national defence capability true to the idea of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on building invincible revolutionary armed forces.

A dramatic leap forward was made in the DPRK's defence buildup in the new century of the Juche era.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un saw to it that tremendous progress was achieved in the building of national defence capability in order to fully protect the security of the country and regional peace from the hostile forces' ever-growing attempts to start a nuclear war.

He indicated the orientation of Korean-style development and creation and came up with bright ideas as a design leader would do and visited test launch sites prone to terrible accidents frequently, late at night or in early morning. Thanks to his such devoted efforts, super-powerful Juche weapons admired by the

world could be launched into outer space to enhance the prestige of the nation.

The military parade held in February this year in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Korean People's Army and the one staged at Kim Il Sung Square on the jubilant evening of V-day in July to mark the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War instilled into the Koreans the great national pride in possessing the great power no one can belittle or match and the confidence and optimism that the DPRK's mightiness and history of victory will be everlasting as it is led by the most brilliant commander in

the world.

Whenever they witnessed stirring events unfolding along with the boost in national power, the Korean people were filled with boundless pride in being citizens of a powerful country and their heightened enthusiasm served as the driving force for bringing about great innovations in production and construction.

In recent years alone, they have made eye-opening successes in the struggle to translate into reality the far-reaching plan of the Workers' Party of Korea, tenaciously surmounting all difficulties.

The foundations of the

self-supporting economy are being readjusted and reinforced more strongly, a new era is being ushered in where not only cities but also the countryside undergo changes and local areas develop independently and in a diversified way, and grand construction projects are being carried out everywhere for bringing greater happiness and civilization to the people.

All these achievements are the miracles created by the Koreans' pride in being citizens of the powerful country no one dares to provoke and act as a spur for stepping up the building of a powerful socialist country.

on people-first principle

People's country with eternal viability

By Pang Un Ju PT

The DPRK has been engraved upon the hearts of the people as a benevolent embrace where they can lead an independent and creative life and the happiness of all generations to come is guaranteed forever for 75 years since the word "people" was added to the name of the country.

The people's country, this is the clearest appellation of the DPRK.

From the first day of its founding, the DPRK has put forward the promotion of the people's well-being as the supreme principle of state activities and thoroughly applied it to practice by administering the politics of love for and trust in the people.

Many countries advocate politics for the people, but they have failed to become a state to which their people entrust their destiny and the future of their rising generations entirely.

The Korean people, however, entrust their destiny and even future wholly to the country.

It is because the DPRK is a genuine people's country which institutionally guarantees the position and role of the masses as masters of the state and society and in which the idea "The people are God" and the most advantageous popular policies are translated into reality.

The most important affair of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state is to radically improve the people's standard of living in every way and all policies are also formulated by crystallizing the will and demands of the people.

Despite the decades-long harsh sanctions and blockade by hostile forces, policies for the people have invariably been enforced and camps for schoolchildren, bases for cultural and emotional life of working people and hospitals, baby homes and orphanages for improving public health and well-being have wonderfully been built in the best places.

For our state, there is no more serious emergency than the pain of the people and no more important

revolutionary work than to relieve them of their sorrow.

When a flash flood hit Taechong-ri of Unpha County in North Hwanghae Province in August three years ago, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made his way through the flooded, muddy road to visit the people there, saying that there can be no big and small things in the sufferings they experience and that we should stay with those who are worried and live a difficult life rather than with those who lead a comfortable life without cares.

The reconstruction of afflicted areas by the state to effectively protect the people's security and eradicate the damage by nature has been set as the forefront of the campaign to defend the people in the face of the worst challenges and trying ordeals.

The WPK and the state have planned ambitious construction projects for the people every year not because they have surplus funds but because they want to provide the people with a happy and civilized life as soon as possible.

As they have realized through their practical experience the original features of our state which spares no money if it were for the welfare of the people, the Korean people firmly believe in it in any situation, value the state affairs more than the family ones and defend their socialist country at the risk of their lives.

Holding high the slogan "Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!" the DPRK thoroughly applies the people-first principle to state activities, so that everything in the state and society serves the people and the masses of the people fulfil their responsibility and role as masters of them.

Therefore, a political critic of the United States posted an article on Russia's online magazine, which said that the DPRK is a typical country which introduces effective popular policies, a completely new type of power built on the basis of the people-first principle, and a people's country with tremendous strength and eternal viability that no big powers can possess.

Patriotic citizen, all-people aspiration

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The DPRK is a country with many patriots.

The indomitable spirit and eye-opening development of the country despite unprecedented difficulties are associated with the ardent patriotic enthusiasm of all the Korean people who have devoted themselves to the prosperity of the country while sharing breath with the country.

Travelling across the country, you can see a real farmer who turned a stony field in a mountainous area into a high-yielding field by tending it with painstaking efforts and an educator who has been working as a teacher at a branch school on a remote island for decades.

There are many other citizens dedicating themselves to the country, working unassumingly at their workplaces, including smelters who say they have nothing more to want if they can boil the furnace even though they are not so well off and scientists who put their heart and soul into scientific research to be conducive to the development of the country whether they are appreciated or not.

Their unanimous desire is to become proud patriotic citizens of the country.

Then why do the Korean people want to become patriotic citizens who love their country so ardently and devote their all to it with pleasure?

All the affairs of the DPRK become those for the people.

So the Korean people say that work for the country is just for themselves and the younger generation and that patriotism is a quite natural example in life for any citizen of the country.

If you meet any patriotic citizen of the country, you can hear them sincerely say that the country brought them up and gave them great honour and dignity.

When officials and miners of the coal mine for supplying coal to Jagang Province are asked about the secret of success in the socialist patriotic movement for increasing coal production, they all say first about the care the Workers' Party of Korea showed for

them, their families and the mine and about the benefits on them by the country.

They never forget how delighted their children were to receive gifts, including Haebaragi(sunflower)-brand school things, every year and that they saw them off in tears as the latter were going to school in new uniforms of beautiful colours designed to suit them.

Yesterday the officials and miners themselves enjoyed benefits from the Party and the country, and today their children are doing so. Therefore, they became the first to raise the torch of the socialist patriotic movement with the pure conscience to repay the benevolence of the Party and the country by producing even one more ton of coal.

After seeing the grand performance in celebration of the 74th anniversary of the DPRK last year, the people admired it, saying in unison that it made them strongly feel pride in being citizens of the powerful and dignified country.

Unable to forget the influence of the performance, a resident living in Kyonghung-dong, Pothonggang District, said, "Still ringing in my ears is Song of the Proclamation of the People's Republic which was sung as the first number of the grand performance. In particular, the line 'Korea is a country of the people, all flourishing' is what we wanted to shout for the whole world to hear."

The world has changed beyond recognition in 75 years from the beginning of nation building when the song resounded to date, but there has not been the slightest change in the nature of the DPRK for the people.

It is the nature of the DPRK to firmly defend the security of the people, steadily push ahead with enormous undertakings for promoting the well-being of the people and spare nothing for relieving the people of pains despite the worst challenges and ordeals.

This is why the Korean people are eager to live as patriotic citizens who regard state affairs as more important than family affairs and defend the socialist country at the cost of their lives.



People enjoy happiness in socialist Korea which demonstrates its prestige as a power. RODONG SINMUN

Songhwa Street in the evening



Table tennis open satisfies interest, expectations of spectators

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The 2023 National Table-Tennis Open, which began at the Table-Tennis Gymnasium on Pyongyang's Chongchun Street on August 20 amid high interests and expectations of experts and fans, came to an end in six days.

The recent tournament marked a significant occasion in further developing the country's professional table tennis techniques and making sports mass-based and daily routine a level higher.

First of its kind in the country

The 2023 National Table Tennis Open was held for the first time in the country, bringing together both professionals and non-professionals.

For this reason, it aroused considerable interest and curiosity among many table tennis experts and fans across the country.

It drew seven professional sports organizations including the April 25 Team and the Amnokgang Sports Club and more than 300 professional players

and amateurs selected from 10 provinces including Pyongyang Municipality.

In the tournament amateurs were also entitled to challenge professional players according to their intentions and technical level, adding to its attraction, conspicuousness and strain.

The competition took place, divided into professional men's and women's singles, amateur men's and women's singles over 46 years of age, amateur men's and women's singles under 45, and professional-amateur men's and women's doubles and

mixed doubles.

Impressive matches and first winners

The players who advanced to the final matches on August 25, passing through quarter-finals and semi-finals in a vortex of seesaw battles gave full play to their potentials to unfold thrilling scenes of game play, leaving a deep impression on the spectators.

Ri Jong Sik and Pyon Song Gyong won the professional men's and women's singles titles respectively.

The amateur-group matches were very interesting.

The most exciting in the table tennis open were the doubles matches, with each team consisting of a professional and non-professional.

They attracted a lot of interest from the spectators as well as players for the good harmony between the advanced table tennis techniques of professionals and various special skills of amateurs.

Kye Yong Jin and Ro Kwang Chol, winner of the amateur men's doubles in the 20-30 age group in the table tennis event of the 2023 Sports Contest for Disabled Persons and Amateurs held early in August, were placed first in the professional-amateur men's doubles.

In the mixed doubles, Ham Yu Song and Song Jin Ok, an amateur who won the mixed doubles of the table tennis event at the 2023 Sports Contest for Disabled Persons and Amateurs, stole the show from group league matches and made a deep impression on the spectators as a fine doubles pair. They earned

widespread acclaim from the audience by fully displaying technical and tactical abilities in the final, too, and won the match.

Ham, a professional from the Hwaepul Sports Club, said he was worried when he knew he had to play mixed doubles with an amateur, but they mounted the winners' podium in the table tennis open. "The tournament was a very favourable opportunity for professionals and amateurs to learn from each other and share experience," he said, expressing his and all the professionals' admiration for the spiritual strength and sense of games of amateurs.

Jo Hyok Il and Ri Un Gyong took first places in the amateur men's and women's singles under 45 and Sin Su Jong and Choe Su Gyong in the amateur men's and women's singles over 46 respectively.

Ri Im Jong and Ri Un Gyong (winner of amateur women's singles under 45) came first in the professional-amateur women's doubles.



Scenes of matches of the 2023 National Table-Tennis Open.

