



National meeting held to celebrate 75th anniversary of DPRK

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends meeting



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A national meeting was held with splendour in the capital city of Pyongyang on September 8 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the platform amid the playing of welcome music, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him, the symbol of all glory of our state and people and the representative of great dignity, who ushered in a new era of an independent power to be specially recorded in the 5 000-year history of the nation and guides the historic cause of overall national rejuvenation to victory with his outstanding idea and extraordinary leadership.

He warmly acknowledged the

enthusiastic cheers and extended warm congratulations to all the participants and to all the civilians and service personnel of the country significantly greeting the birthday of the DPRK with boundless pride in being citizens of Juche Korea.

The platform was taken by Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other senior officials of the Party and the government, leading officials of the armed forces organs, chief secretaries of the provincial Party committees, chairpersons of the provincial people's committees, leading officials of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and working people's organizations and persons of merit and labour innovators.

Present at the meeting were participants in the celebrations of the DPRK's 75th birthday, officials of the WPK Central Committee, ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the Korean

People's Army, students of revolutionary schools and officials and working people in Pyongyang Municipality.

The DPRK national anthem was solemnly played.

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, made a report at the national meeting.

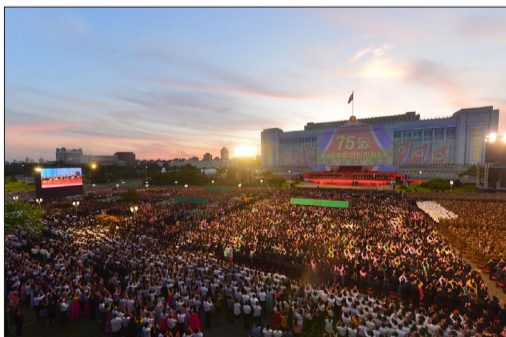
He said that thanks to the outstanding guidance of the WPK, the invincible vitality of the people's government and the heroic struggle of the people taking power in their hands, the DPRK made a great leap forward into a powerful country in a short historical period after the historic time when the founding of the DPRK was declared to the world and the present powerful state was born in the 75-year-long immortal course shining with dignity and glory.

The tremendous power and prestige of the DPRK are the victory of the WPK's ideas and policies, the people's government and the Korean-style socialist

system as well as the victory of the strong self-respect and fortitude of the Korean people who have firmly defended its validity, advantages and invincible vitality, the reporter said, adding that the past 10-odd-year-long struggle waged under the guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un proves it with good fruition.

The DPRK government will thoroughly embody the Party's Juche-oriented state building idea and line to further consolidate the people's power and bolster up the overall national power in every way, and will remain boundlessly loyal to its sacred duty to realize the people's rights and interests, taking the responsibility for their destiny and life to the last under any crisis, the reporter stressed.

He ardently called upon all the civilians and service personnel to become performers of feats and honourable victors in today's historic struggle for achieving a fresh great victory with the faith and efforts of them who have rushed to realize the ideal of a prosperous and powerful country with one mind and will under the leadership of the WPK.



Paramilitary parade held to celebrate 75th birthday of DPRK

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The DPRK, a great country whose name included "people" at the time of its founding for the first time in the history of the nation spanning 5 000 years and which has vigorously advanced towards a new victory and prosperity, paving a broad avenue for building a rich country with a strong army under the noble idea of "The people are God" and the unfurled banner of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence, has greeted its 75th birthday.

The people of the DPRK have brought the dignity and honour of their country, the world's only politico-ideological power and the strongest military power, to the peak of the century with the tremendous strength stemming from their firm single-minded unity under the leadership of the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea. Shining in the biography of such heroic people's great struggle, victories, gigantic creation and revolution is the militant course of the Juche-oriented paramilitary forces that have firmly supported the prosperity of the country with rifle in one hand and hammer, sickle and writing brush in the other.

A paramilitary parade took place with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on September 8 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.

The square, where the parade of the paramilitary forces which have performed feats in accomplishing the sacred cause of founding and developing the DPRK would take place, was full of excitement and joy of the spectators significantly celebrating the birthday of their great powerful country.

Ace air sportspersons dropped in group displaying distinctive skills while flying the national flag of the DPRK in the night sky above Pyongyang, adding to the festive mood.

An air squadron, in formation depicting



the number "75", made congratulatory flight, letting off fireworks, to represent the history of the great country.

Then followed a performance of a combined military band playing military music.

With the joy of the day when the birth of an independent and sovereign state was announced to the whole world with the playing of the solemn national anthem reflecting the will of the people to outpace the whole world with the unity in their strong truth-based intention, the bandmen represented with lively melody and dynamic rhythm the nation-building history of Juche Korea which has demonstrated its might as the country of miracles and heroes for a long time, and members of the Korean People's Army guard of honour demonstrated their great rifle-handling skills.

The columns of paramilitary paraders entered the square reflecting the strength of the great power and the spirit of the brave people dashing toward the bright future by making rapid leaps forward along the road of prosperity by dint of self-reliance.

The paramilitary forces of the DPRK, the revolutionary armed force of the Party and

the guards of the DPRK government, have developed into a reliable wing of the People's Army, the backbone of national defence, and into the pivotal force for the defence of the rear and home towns under the leadership of the WPK to successfully fulfil its honourable mission and duty of defending the country and building socialism and make a great contribution to consolidating the all-people and nationwide defence system.

Every column of paraders was filled with a strong will to make achievements in every workplace of creation and construction with hammers, sickles and pens in their hands in peacetime and to hold arms in contingency to mercilessly punish and annihilate the enemies.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the paramilitary parade for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.

Amid the playing of welcome music, he appeared on the platform at the parade square.

All the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him who has put the national power and the prestige of

the country on the highest level ever in the history of the nation and translated into reality the long-cherished desire for building a powerful country with his outstanding nation-building idea, tested leadership ability and tireless devotion.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering paraders and participants in the celebrations.

Mounting the platform were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, to be followed by other leading officials of the Party and the government.

Kim Jong Un and his respected daughter, together with Marshal Ri Pyong Chol, Marshal Pak Jong Chon and commanding officers of the military, took the reserved seats for VIPs.

Kim Jong Un and senior officials of the Party and the government were presented with bouquets by lovely children.

Veteran cadres who had worked for a long time in the Party and the government took the platform.

Invited to watch the parade were the Chinese party and government delegation led by Liu Guozhong, vice-premier of the State Council of China, and members of the Russian Army Academic Song and Dance Ensemble Named after Alexandrov on a visit to the DPRK to celebrate the 75th birthday of the DPRK, and diplomatic envoys of China and Russia in Pyongyang.

The reserved seats were taken by the participants in the celebrations of the 75th DPRK birthday.

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

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Holding up the national flag of the DPRK, members of the KPA honour guard, escorted by the guard of the national flag, entered the square filled with the joy of the people significantly celebrating the 75th birthday of their glorious country.

The sacred national flag of the DPRK shining as a symbol of justice and invincibility was hoisted slowly amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

All the participants paid the highest tribute to the national flag of the DPRK, the dignified state.

Fireworks were let off to fill the square of parade with excitement and joy, along with a surge of the unshakable will of all the people to ardently love and glorify forever the socialist country, which has always emerged victorious supported by their desire and power since it was built according to their intention.

A 21-gun salute was fired amid the playing of the song "The Glorious Country".

Then followed a review of the preparations for the parade.

O Il Jong, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, reviewed the parade units which lined up to be inspected for the preparations of the paramilitary parade for celebrating the 75th birthday of the DPRK.

He courteously reported to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un that the paramilitary parade for celebrating the 75th birthday of the DPRK was ready.

Then began the grand parade of the paramilitary force, a powerful combat force spurring the thorough preparations for all-people resistance as one of the two pillars of the armed forces of the DPRK together with the People's Army.

Entering the square first was the column of the division of the capital city Party members, the powerful hard core of the WPK, who have fully displayed the might of the special detachment in the forefront for defending the people as befit the loyal guards standing closest to the Party Central Committee to safeguard the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution.

Following the column of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards (WPRG) of Pyongyang Municipality, the column of the WPRG of North Phyongan Province standing guard over the western border gateway of the country, and the column of the WPRG of South Phyongan Province, a satellite province defending the capital city of Pyongyang, marched past the square grandly, holding aloft the red flags.

The columns of the WPRG of North and South Hwanghae provinces, the outpost soldiers' units of the agricultural front playing the primary role in upholding the intention of the Party Central Committee which set the goal of grain production as the first of the 12 major goals for national economic development, went past the square.

They were followed by the columns of the WPRG in Jagang and Kangwon provinces, which marched past the square with the great

pride of being the creators of the spirit of the era who became the beacon and cornerstone of the country's advance and leaps forward with the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude, eloquently proving how the revolutionary cause was defended and how the idea and line of the WPK preserved in the tempest of history.

Holding their invincible arms reflecting the appearance of the country getting stronger with the passage of time, the columns of the WPRG units in North and South Hamgyong provinces defending the nation's leading industrial complexes, those standing guard in Ryanggang Province like a strong fortress for protecting the area of Paektu, the sacred place of the revolution, and those of all municipalities under central authority marched past the square full of invincible spirit.

Spectators on the platform extended militant salute to the columns marching with a single fervent desire to fully discharge their sacred mission and duty on the two fronts of national defence and socialist construction with the pride, confidence, optimism and courage unique to the defenders of a great power and to emerge victorious by displaying the heroic spirit and mettle of the WPRG prepared as a match-for-a-hundred force when the time for a great war for national reunification comes.

The paraders chanted "Hurrah!" at the top of their voices as a token of their highest tribute to the great Party Central Committee which is ushering in a new heyday of

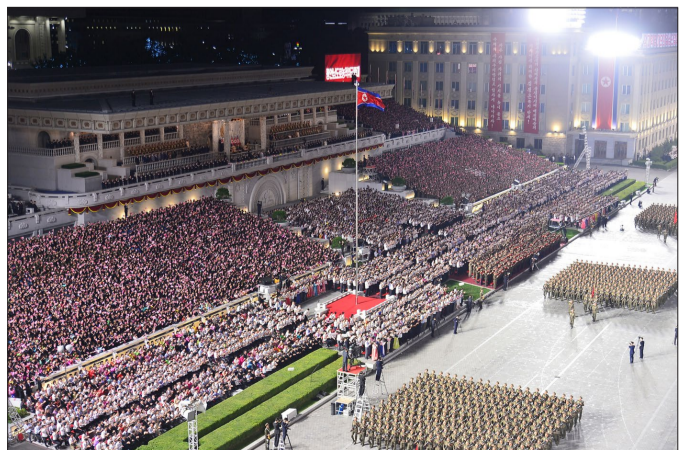
strengthening the WPRG with its profound military theoretical wisdom and energetic leadership after setting a goal of raising the military technical might of the WPRG to the level of the People's Army in conformity with the characteristics of modern warfare and the actual conditions of the country.

The columns of the WPRG units of Kim Il Sung University and Kim Chaek University of Technology, which have glorified their proud history and traditions of regarding loyalty to the Party and the leader as their lifeblood generation after generation, being renowned as the highest institute of Juche-oriented education and model universities for training revolutionary talents, marched past the square fully demonstrating the might of the units of warriors dashing through thick and thin in response to the call of the Party.

They were followed by the columns of the WPRG units of the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex and the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex standing guard in the metal and chemical industrial sectors, the twin pillars of the self-supporting economy, and of those in other key industrial sectors, which are making joint innovations and boosting production in the major thrust of the campaign for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress to hit the main targets of economic construction.

The columns of the WPRG members of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill

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and the Wonhwa Farm of Phyongwon County, who are renowned as innovators and bumper-harvest farmers when they work at their factory and farm, and who become crack shots when they hold arms to contribute to labour and national defence, marched past the square demonstrating the validity and vitality of the Party's Juche-oriented idea of building the militia forces.

Then the column of the WPRG unit of the State Academy of Sciences, a large contingent of scientists taking the lead in the drive for achieving the self-reliant prosperity by dint of science and technology appeared on the square, which was followed by the columns of the WPRG units of the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports and the Ministry of Public Health which demonstrated their patriotic will to devote all their wisdom, sweat and passion to ushering in a heyday of socialist culture.

The column of the Young Red Guards,

cherishing the noble soul of the anti-Japanese Children's Vanguard and the wartime children's guerrillas, marched past the square in high spirits, filled with a steel-strong determination to firmly defend their campus and beloved home towns and villages.

Spectators on the platform warmly encouraged the paraders who were showing off to the world the great vitality of the line of putting all the people under arms and the powerful entity of the all-people defence system, which can never be found in any other part of the planet.

The square was rocked by the chants of slogans of faith and will made by the paraders in reflection of their pledge to always hold in high esteem Kim Jong Un, a world-famous peerless brilliant commander with matchless courage and pluck and great leader who is opening up the bright future of the country, paving a broad avenue toward victory and prosperity with his warm love for and trust in the people.

Mechanized columns of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards launched their advance,

fully displaying the might of a great country, where all the people hold arms to thoroughly implement the Party's military line for self-defence, and the whole of which has turned into an impregnable fortress.

The columns of motorcycles with high mobility, anti-tank missile launchers towed by tractors playing the leading role in the mechanization of farm work in the socialist countryside, anti-aircraft artillery pieces which built iron protective walls in the sky above every village and workplace, and the multiple rocket launchers in camouflage demonstrating the combat capabilities of the WPRG, roared past the square with full readiness to deal merciless blows at the aggressors.

The mechanized columns demonstrated to the world that the greatness of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK lies in the fact that it has not only matchless regular army but also powerful militia forces capable of fighting any military operation and battle in modern warfare independently.

All the participants paid the highest glory

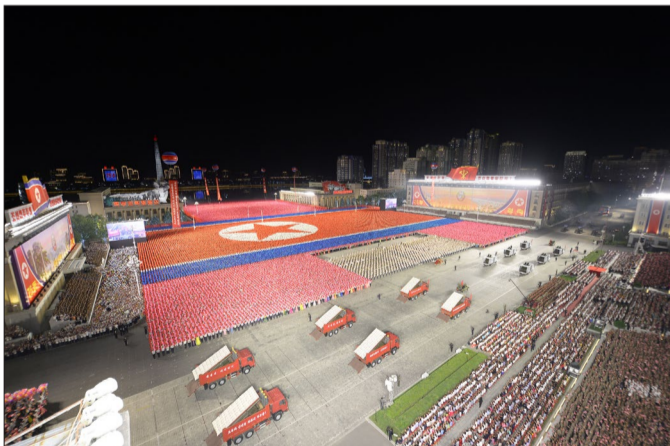
and warmest thanks to Kim Jong Un, a peerless patriot and ever-victorious iron-willed commander, who brought about the strongest national defence capabilities no hostile forces can slight, and thus provided an eternal guarantee for genuine peace and eternal victory and prosperity of posterity.

At the end of the parade, fireworks were set off and balloons released again and cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded far and wide.

Kim Jong Un waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds for a long time.

The paramilitary parade for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the DPRK will be etched in history as a historic event which strikingly demonstrated the revolutionary stamina and indomitable fighting spirit of the Korean people who are achieving fresh miracles and victories in socialist construction and bolstering of national defence capability by dint of their great loyalty and patriotism, united closely around Kim Jong Un with one mind and purpose.





Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in DPRK anniv celebrations

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on September 9 had a photo session with the participants in the celebrations of the 75th DPRK birthday.

Attending the session were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, and Pak Jong Chon, department director of the WPK Central Committee.

The participants were filled with the great delight and joy of having a photo taken before the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, which they had yearned for so much, after witnessing with a surge of excitement the valiant spirit and rosy future of the great country at the celebrations held in the presence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of photo session, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

They extended the highest glory and warmest thanks to Kim Jong Un who has brought about great victories and prosperity to be eternally recorded in history, putting the national prestige and power of the DPRK on the highest level by vigorously leading the Party and the



people along the one road of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence.

Kim Jong Un waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds as a token of his warm greeting to the participants in the celebrations, other people across the country and all the service personnel who glorified the 75th anniversary of the DPRK as a great revolutionary event with high national pride and patriotic enthusiasm.

He said that the sacred development

course of the DPRK for defending its dignity and building a rich country with a strong army is shining with the indomitable fighting spirit and the proud achievements of the strong Korean people who firmly supported their motherland in the face of harsh ordeals, being convinced of the validity and invincibility of their cause.

He said that the patriotic people, including the persons of merit and labour innovators who have dedicated themselves to creating valuable assets

for the prosperity of the country by placing the state affairs above their family affairs in good days or hard, are the best assets representing the very might of the country, adding that the WPK is ushering in the era of great transformation unprecedented in the history of the country by relying on such people.

Expressing belief that all the participants in the celebrations would firmly preserve and carry forward the glorious history and traditions of the great independent power to continuously add lustre to their honour as the standard-bearers and vanguard fighters of the era who take the lead in performing miracles and innovations in the all-people grand advance toward the overall national rejuvenation, he had a photo session with them.

When the photo session was over, the participants again broke into fervent cheers out of great excitement.

Kim Jong Un waved his hand for a long time to the participants who were following him in tears, reluctant to part from him.

All the participants made a firm pledge to fulfil their vanguard role in the struggle for building a powerful socialist country, adding eternal glory to the era of our-state-first principle by remaining faithful to the great Comrade Kim Jong Un who is ensuring continuity of the history of victory and glory of Juche Korea generation after generation for the nation and the revolution.

Kim Jong Un has photo taken with participants in paramilitary parade

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on September 10 had a photo session with the participants in the paramilitary parade celebrating the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.

The participants at the venue of the photo session were full of great emotion and joy as they were to have another happy time after having the highest honour of splendidly celebrating the 75th birthday of the DPRK through a grand paramilitary parade in the presence of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, the invincible banner of our powerful Party, state and people.

The moment Kim Jong Un arrived, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him who is adding eternal brilliance to the new era of self-respect and prosperity, the era of our state-first principle, while consolidating the national power of Juche Korea to the maximum with his extraordinary idea, leadership and iron pluck.

Acknowledging their enthusiastic cheers, he congratulated all the participants in the parade who made a contribution to glorifying the 75th anniversary of the DPRK as a grand political festival to be specially recorded in the history of the country.

Kim Jong Un was greeted by O Il Jong, department director of the WPK Central



Committee who is commander of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, and Ri Hi Yong, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK.

He said that the impressive military parade, which showed the bravery and cohesion peculiar to Juche Korea, is a great event as it proudly represented the foundation of the

genuine people's Republic and the glorious history of its development, and a powerful demonstration of the invincible spirit of socialist Korea where all the people form a fortress for national defence to reliably protect the independent dignity, national prestige and peace and steadily advance to achieve the great cause of building a powerful nation.

Saying that the 75-year history of the DPRK proves the truth that independence

and self-sustenance are guaranteed by the strong power for self-defence, he stressed the need for all the people across the country to firmly defend the precious gains of the revolution with the absolute might of single-minded unity and by dint of all-people death-defying resistance, tightly taking arms in one hand and hammer, sickle and writing brush in the other.

He expressed expectation and belief that the participants in the parade would play the vanguard and core role in the honourable struggle to implement the Party's policy on arming all the people and turning the whole country into a fortress and build a powerful socialist nation, in the same spirit and mettle that they showed while marching through the square full of patriotic enthusiasm. Then he had a significant photo session with them.

When the photo session was over, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" and shouts of faith of "Kim Jong Un" and "Devoted defence" by the participants resounded throughout the sky of September.

All the participants made a firm pledge to build a manifold fortress and become the first death-defying corps in defending the Party Central Committee and achieve fresh miracles and victory in the van of all-people patriotic struggle for overall prosperity of the country, bearing in mind the great love and trust shown by Kim Jong Un as the most precious treasure of their life.

Kim Jong Un meets Chinese party and government delegation



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China, on a visit to the DPRK to take part in the celebrations of its 75th founding anniversary, on September 8.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly greeted the members of the Chinese party and government delegation led by Liu

Guozhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-premier of the State Council of China, and had a talk with them in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

He expressed thanks to the respected Comrade Xi Jinping for extending sincere congratulations to the Party, government and people of the DPRK on the occasion of its 75th founding anniversary and sending a party and government delegation to the celebrations of the anniversary.

He noted that the Chinese comrades'

participation in the celebrations of the founding anniversary of the DPRK added glory to the events for marking its national day. Saying that he deeply realized through the Chinese party and government delegation's visit to the DPRK that Comrade Xi Jinping and the Chinese party and government attach great importance to the peculiarities of the DPRK-China relations, he expressed thanks and high appreciation for it.

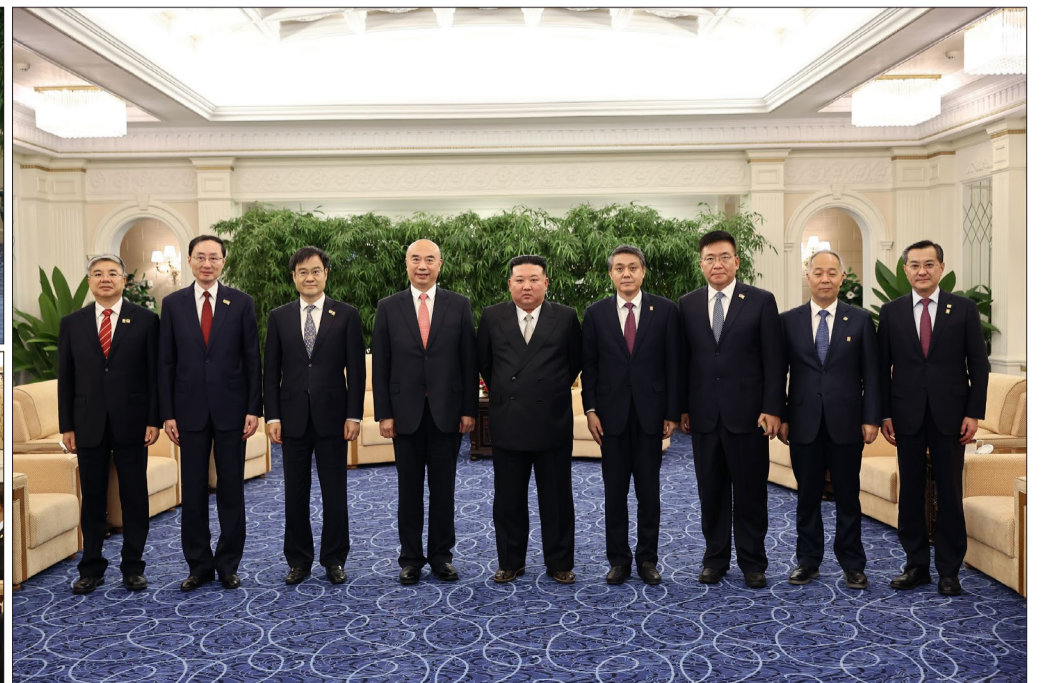
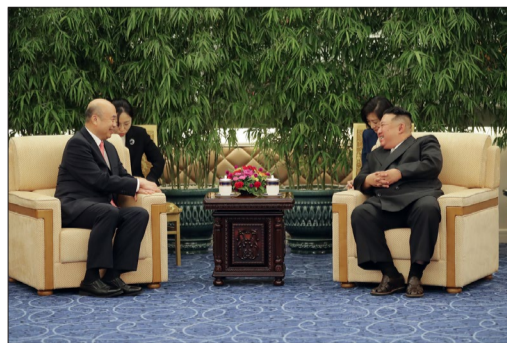
Wishing Comrade Xi Jinping good health and continuous excellent successes in his important duty to lead the socialist cause with Chinese characteristics, he

expressed belief that the Chinese people would surely realize the great dream of rejuvenation of the Chinese nation under the leadership of the CPC.

During the talk, the two sides reached consensus of views on developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries and further intensifying the multi-faceted collaboration and cooperation for the well-being of the peoples of the two countries.

The talk proceeded in an atmosphere of deep comradeship.

Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with members of the Chinese delegation.



General Secretary Kim Jong Un leaves Pyongyang to visit Russian Federation



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, left Pyongyang by his train on the afternoon of September 10 to visit the Russian Federation.

He was accompanied by leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs.

He was given a hearty send-off by Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and

premier of the Cabinet, and other senior officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs.

He exchanged goodbyes with the senior officials.

The senior officials sincerely wished him good health and successful foreign visit.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un wished the Pyongyang citizens and all other people of the country well-being and successes in their work as a token of his warm farewell to them.

His train left Pyongyang amid a warm send-off by the senior officials and Pyongyang citizens.



Kim Jong Un arrives at Khasan of Russian Federation



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, arrived at Khasan, border town of the Russian Federation, on the early morning of September 12.

Khasan Railway Station was in a warm atmosphere of welcoming the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un paying an official visit to the Russian Federation to put the DPRK-Russia relations of friendship and cooperation on a fresh higher level.

The guard of honour of the three services of the armed forces of the Russian Federation and the military band lined up at the station where the flags of the DPRK and the Russian Federation were fluttering.

The private train of Kim Jong Un entered the yard of the station at 6:00 local time.

He was greeted by Alexandr Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology of Russia, Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory Administration, and other senior officials in Moscow and local areas who came to Khasan to guide him.

He got off the train and exchanged warm greetings with the senior officials who came to receive him.

The senior officials warmly welcomed him on a visit to Russia again as the closest friend of the Russian people, conveying to him the greetings from Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation.

Then there took place a ceremony of welcoming Kim Jong Un on his visit to

the Russian Federation.

He received a salute from the chief of the guard of honour of the three services of the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

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

He reviewed the guard of honour.

He had a warm talk with the Russian friends in the reception room of the railway station.

Senior officials from the Russian capital and local areas told him that President Putin personally sent them to the border station to greet him, adding that the Russian government and people are doing their best to offer him the sincerest hospitality, hoping his visit would be significant.

Noting that he was pleased to visit

Russia again four years after his visit in 2019, Kim Jong Un said that his visit to the Russian Federation, the first foreign visit after the worldwide public health crisis, is a clear manifestation of the stand of the WPK and the government of the DPRK prioritizing the strategic importance of the DPRK-Russia relations.

Expressing deep thanks to the senior officials from the capital and local areas for greeting him with enthusiastic and warm feelings of friendship at the border station, he extended best wishes to the president, government, army and people of the Russian Federation on behalf of the DPRK.

He received a gift from Alexandr Kozlov.

He left for his destination, being given a warm send-off by Russian officials.

New milestone for development of DPRK-Russia relations

Kim Jong Un meets President Putin at Vostochny Cosmodrome

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had a historic meeting with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, at the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Amur Region of the Russian Far East on September 13.

The traditional relations of friendship between the DPRK and the Russian Federation, which have been consolidated in trials of history generation after generation and from one century to the next, are further developing into the invincible comrade-in-arms relations and the ever-lasting strategic relations amid the deep friendship and special fellowship between Comrades Kim Jong Un and Putin.



The Vostochny Cosmodrome was in a warm welcoming atmosphere to greet Kim Jong Un on an official goodwill visit to the Russian Federation for the new development of the DPRK-Russia friendly and cooperative relations with proudly excellent history and tradition.

The private train of Kim Jong Un arrived at the Vostochny Cosmodrome at 13:00 local time.

When he got off the train, the guard of honour of the three services of the armed forces of the Russian Federation courteously received him with deepest

Committee, and other senior Party, government and military officials and suite members.

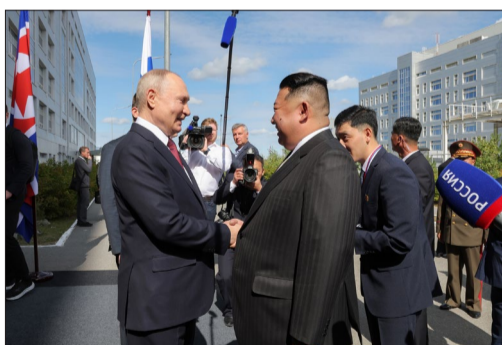
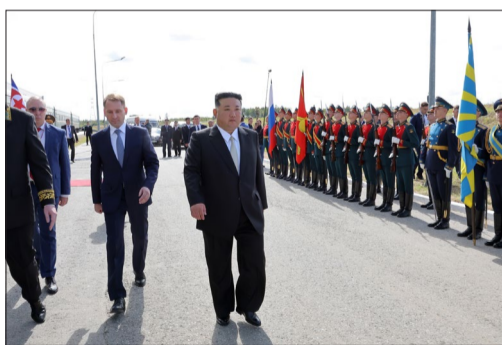
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respect.

He exchanged greetings with Alexander Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology, and other leading Russian officials and headed for the venue of the meeting with President Vladimir Putin.

He was accompanied by Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, Marshals of the Korean People's Army Ri Pyong Chol and Pak Jong Chon, Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, O Su Yong and Pak Thae Song, secretaries of the WPK Central



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before the carrier rocket assembly and test complex where the top leaders of the DPRK and Russia would meet.

When Kim Jong Un arrived, Vladimir Putin warmly greeted him.

He gladly met and exchanged friendly greetings with the Russian President.

Putin warmly welcomed him visiting the Russian Federation again at a significant and crucial time for the development of the Russia-DPRK relations.

Expressing thanks to the Russian President for warmly inviting and receiving him despite his busy schedule for leading the overall state affairs, Kim Jong Un said that he was pleased

with the meeting being held in a very exceptional and special environment.

He, together with President Putin, visited the Vostochny Cosmodrome.

He was guided by Yuri Borisov, general manager of the Russian state-run corporation Roscosmos, and Nikolai Nestechuk, director general of the Centre for the Operation of Ground-based Space Infrastructure.

The Vostochny Cosmodrome is a comprehensive space launching base of Russia that has contributed to the remarkable growth of space development by successfully ensuring the launches of space capsules and satellites for different applications, playing an important role in promoting the socio-economic

development of Amur Region and the Russian Far East.

Visiting the carrier rocket assembly and test complex, together with Putin, Kim Jong Un was briefed on the detailed technical features of Soyuz-2, Angara and other carrier rockets and their assembling and launching processes.

He also looked round the Soyuz-2 carrier rocket launching complex and the Angara carrier rocket launching complex under construction, being told about the state of their operation and construction, successes and experience gained by Russia in the field of space industry and the prospects for future development.

Highly appreciating the fact that the Vostochny Cosmodrome, successfully

built under the strategic space development plan of President Putin, has achieved invaluable successes, he sincerely hoped that the noble spirit and traditions of strong Russia which explored the path to space would be successfully carried forward.

He expressed deep thanks to the Russian President for personally organizing the visit to the important spaceport with sincerity and accompanying him during the visit.

Putin showed his private car to Kim Jong Un before having a warm talk.

Kim Jong Un left his autograph in the visitor's book: "The glory of Russia that produced the first conquerors of space will be immortal. Kim Jong Un September 13, 2023"



DPRK leader holds talks with Russian counterpart

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had talks with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on September 13.

Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Putin had a photo taken with the national flags of the two countries in the background before the talks.

There took place talks between the two top leaders.

Present at the talks from the DPRK side were Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, Korean People's Army Marshal Pak Jong Chon, Minister of National Defence Kang Sun Nam, Secretaries of WPK Central Committee O Su Yong and Pak Thae Song and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Im Chon Il.

Present from the Russian side were



Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Deputy Prime Minister and concurrently

Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Mantrov, Minister of Defence Sergei

Shoigu, Deputy Prime Minister Alexey Overchuk, Deputy Prime Minister and concurrently Presidential Envoy to the Far East Federal Region Yuri Trutnev, Deputy Prime Minister Marat Khusnullin, deputy head of the Presidential Administration and Press Secretary for the President Dmitri Peskov, Minister of Natural Resources and Ecology and concurrently Chairman of the Russian side to the DPRK-Russia Inter-Governmental Committee for Cooperation in Trade, Economy, Science and Technology Alexandr Kozlov, Minister of Transport Vitaly Saveliev, other senior officials, officials concerned and Russian Ambassador to the DPRK Alexandr Matsegora.

In the meeting, Putin warmly welcomed Kim Jong Un for visiting Russia again in the

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meaningful year marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK and the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and the DPRK, expressing his pleasure of meeting Kim Jong Un at the Vostochny Cosmodrome.

Expressing once again thanks to Putin for inviting the DPRK delegation at an important time and offering warm hospitality to it from the beginning of its visit, Kim Jong Un said he was pleased to have a more detailed and deeper understanding of the reality and future of Russia, a space power, at the Vostochny Cosmodrome to which Putin pays deep attention.

It is the consistent stand of the DPRK government to attach utmost importance

to the DPRK-Russia relations and invariably develop the tradition of deep-rooted friendship, he said, expressing belief that the visit would mark a significant occasion in raising the cooperative relations between the two countries to a new higher level.

The top leaders discussed the issues of further consolidating the friendship and solidarity and cooperative relations and boosting mutual trust by deepening the many-sided exchanges and cooperation in various fields including high-level visits between the two countries.

At the talks there was a wide-ranging and in-depth exchange of views on important issues of mutual concern. And they agreed to make joint efforts to promote the well-being of the peoples of the two countries and steadily expand the comprehensive

and constructive bilateral relations.

There took place a tete-a-tete between Kim Jong Un and Putin after the extended talks.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that the relations between the two countries are developing on good terms in conformity with the aspirations of the two peoples on the principle of friendship, good-neighbourliness and mutual respect.

The top leaders of the DPRK and Russia exchanged in-depth views on the remarkable successes and experience of constructive cooperation gained in all fields of politics, economy, military and culture for attaining the strategic goals of building a powerful state, and the future development orientation for national prosperity and well-being of the peoples of the two countries.

They discussed with open mind the important issues and the immediate cooperation matters arising in defending the sovereignty and development and interests of the two countries, peace and security in the region and the world and international justice by further strengthening strategic and tactical cooperation between the two countries and extending strong support to and solidarity with each other on the common front to frustrate the imperialists' military threat, provocation and high-handed and arbitrary practices to plunder independence, progress and peaceful life of humankind, and reached a satisfactory agreement and consensus of views.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and constructive atmosphere.



Russian President hosts reception to welcome DPRK leader

KCNA

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, hosted a reception on Wednesday in welcome of the Russia visit by Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Before the reception President Putin presented the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un with a gift as a token of the meeting.

Kim Jong Un expressed thanks for it and offered his gift to Putin.

Invited to the reception were DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, Marshals of the Korean People's Army Ri Pyong Chol and Pak Jong



Chon, Minister of National Defence of the DPRK Kang Sun Nam, O Su Yong and Pak Thae Song, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and other accompanying officials.

Attending the reception on the Russian side were Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Deputy Prime Minister and concurrently Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Mantrov, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, Deputy Prime Minister Alexey Overchuk, Deputy Prime Minister and Presidential Envoy to the Far East Federal Region Yuri Trutnev, Deputy Prime Minister Marat Khusnullin, deputy head of the Presidential Administration and Press Secretary of the President Dmitri Peskov,

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Alexandr Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology and chairman of the Russian side to the DPRK-Russia Inter-Governmental Committee for Cooperation in Trade, Economy, Science and Technology, Minister of Transport Vitaly Saveliev, other leading officials, officials concerned and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

When Kim Jong Un appeared at the reception hall, guided by Putin, all the participants warmly greeted with a loud applause the top leaders of the two countries who are further strengthening the firm and true DPRK-Russia friendly bonds.

The Russian President made a congratulatory speech at the reception.

Saying that he warmly welcomes once again Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK who is an

honoured guest of Russia, and other friends from the DPRK, he referred to the development history of the friendly and comradely goodwill relations between the two countries.

The Russia-DPRK relations are invariably oriented to comradely and good neighbourly relations as ever, he said, affirming the steadfast will of the Russian government to make consistent efforts for the development of the bilateral relations and the wellbeing and prosperity of the peoples of the two countries.

The Korean leader made a reply speech.

Saying that he was very pleased to meet President Putin and share a significant seat full of comradely friendship by visiting the Russian Federation again in four years and five months, he expressed his thanks to the Russian President and officials concerned from the capital and of the

Far Eastern Region for making great efforts to ensure his successful visit.

He also conveyed the militant respect and warm fraternal greetings of the DPRK people to all the Russian people who have turned out in the historic cause of building a powerful Russia and firmly defending the strategic interests of the country.

He expressed his will to work out a far-reaching plan for the DPRK-Russia relations in the new era, stable and future-oriented, together with Putin, and to dynamically promote the powerful nation-building cause in the two countries and realize genuine international justice according to the plan.

The reception proceeded in a familiar and amicable atmosphere overflowing with friendly feelings.

At the end of the reception, Kim Jong Un courteously invited Putin to visit the DPRK at a convenient time.

Putin accepted the invitation with pleasure and reaffirmed his will to invariably carry forward the history and tradition of the Russia-DPRK friendship.

Kim Jong Un said goodbye to Putin, wishing him good health and steady and good success in his important and responsible work for building a powerful Russia.

He left for his next destination, being given a warm send-off by leading officials of Russia and the guard of honour of the three services of the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

The historic meeting and talks between Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin serve as an epoch-making event that put the traditional and strategic DPRK-Russia friendship, cooperation and good neighbourly relations on a new higher level and powerfully encouraged the just struggle for accomplishing the cause of independence against imperialism.



Korean young people hold torchlight procession



KCNA

A torchlight gala of the young vanguard titled "Forward, Patriotic Young People, for Our Great State!" took place at Kim Il Sung Square on the night of September 8 to celebrate the 75th birthday of the DPRK.

The platform was taken by Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choc Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior party, government and military officials, chief secretaries of the provincial Party committees and the chairman of the Central Committee of the youth league.

Veteran cadres who had worked in the Party, govern-

ment and military for a long time and the participants in the celebrations of the 75th DPRK birthday were present on the reviewing stands.

Invited to it were members of the Chinese party and government delegation and the Russian Army Academic Song and Dance Ensemble Named after Alexandrov on a visit to the DPRK to take part in the celebrations of the 75th DPRK birthday and diplomatic representatives of the Chinese and Russian embassies here.

Amid the playing of the song "Youth and Courage", the columns of torchlight entered the square.

When the start of the torchlight gala was declared, the letters "1948-2023", "Eternal Leader" and "Kim Il Sung's Korea", figures of the DPRK flag

and the sun were displayed one after another with torchlight formation amid the playing of the song "The Glorious Motherland".

The august names of the great leaders were displayed at the gala venue to give vent to the ardent reverence of all the people for President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, founder and builder of socialist Korea and pioneer and leader of the Juche-oriented youth movement.

The square was filled with torchlight columns bearing the letters "Peerless Hero" amid the playing of the solemn melody of the revolutionary hymn "Ode to General Kim Jong Un".

A torchlight column marched past the square with redoubled courage and confidence, depicting let-

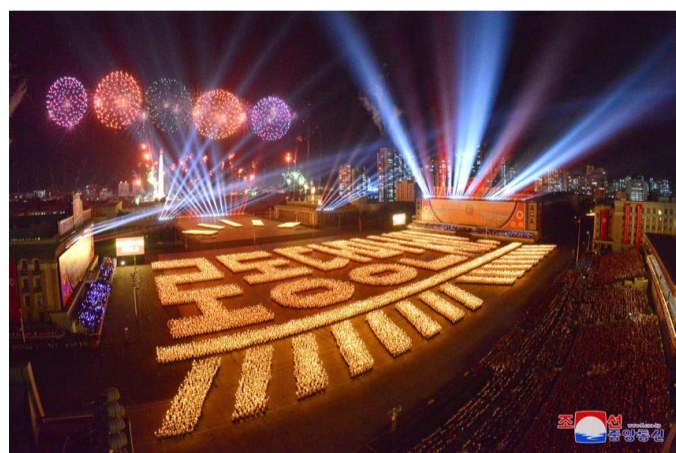
ters "Overall development" to the dynamic tune of the "Song of Socialist Advance".

Fireworks were displayed to congratulate the great feats of youths forming a manifold fortress around the Party and advancing through thick and thin reconciling their ideal and ambition with the Party's plan.

The impressive letter "Do Prosper, My Motherland!" significantly crowned the gala amid the resounding of the song of loyalty "We'll Travel One Road Forever".

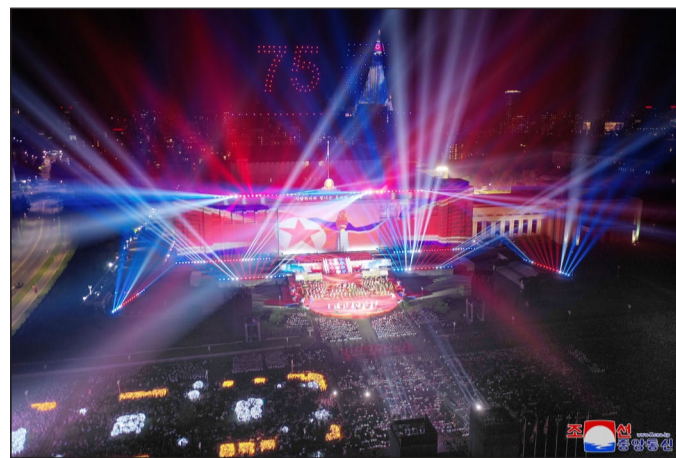
Circle dance of celebration began amid the overflowing enthusiasm of youth.

When the torchlight gala was over, fireworks were let off in the sky of September to present wonderful mystery one after another.



Young people hold a torchlight procession at Kim Il Sung Square on the night of September 8 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.

Grand performance highlights DPRK's 75th anniversary celebrations



KCNA

A grand performance in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held in front of the Mansudae Assembly Hall on the evening of September 9.

Among the audience were Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Pre-

sidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior Party, government and military officials, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, participants in the celebrations, officials of ministries and national agencies, students of revolutionary schools and citizens of Pyongyang.

Present there at invitation were

the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China and members of the Russian Army Academic Song and Dance Ensemble Named after Alexandrov.

The performance was given by artistes and students of leading art troupes including the Ensemble of the State Affairs Commission and the State Merited Chorus, and civilian and army art troupes and art

education institutions.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played solemnly.

Put on the stage were such colourful numbers as songs in praise of leaders which reverberated through the courses of state building and the development of Juche Korea, hymns to the Workers' Party of Korea and other songs of struggle and creation produced in the course of struggle

to defend and glorify the genuine people's country.

The immortal hymn "Cantata to Marshal Kim Il Sung" touched the heartstrings of the audience.

The performers truthfully presented joyful songs and dances.

The performance ended with female solo and chorus "The Glorious Motherland" and finale "Our National Flag".



A grand performance in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the DPRK is held in front of the Mansudae Assembly Hall on the evening of September 9.

Banquet given to celebrate 75th birth anniversary of DPRK

KCNA

A banquet in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on September 9.

It was attended by Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, and other senior Party, government and military officials.

Present there at invitation were labour innovators who are faithfully dedicating themselves to the development of the great



A banquet in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the DPRK takes place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on September 9.

country and its everlasting prosperity.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Kim Tok Hun delivered a speech at the banquet.

Premier Kim meets Chinese party and government delegation

KCNA

Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, met with the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Liu Guozhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-premier of the State Council of China, who paid a courtesy call on him at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on September 8.

Kim Tok Hun had a talk with Liu Guozhong in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Present there were Vice-Premier Kim Song Ryong, Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Vice Foreign Minister Pak Myong Ho, Vice-Minister Ryu Un Hae of External Economic Relations, Pak Kyong Il, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries who is concurrently chairman of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, and Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun.

Nation celebrates DPRK's 75th anniversary

KCNA

All the Korean people significantly celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, their glorious motherland.

An endless stream of visitors flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance

to pay the noblest tribute to the President and the Chairman, looking back upon the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men.

Officials, working people, service personnel, and youth and students laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the statues and mosaic murals depicting the beaming images of the great leaders across the country, including their statues on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang,

and made a bow to them.

Many people visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri, the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery, and cemeteries of martyrs, memorial towers and graves of the fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army in different parts of the country.

The national flag hoisting

ceremonies took place in all parts of the country.

Colourful celebration performances were given in Pyongyang and all other parts of the country.

Outdoor performances were staged in different parts of Pyongyang, revving up the festive mood.

Performances were also given in several districts of the municipality by members of mobile and women's union artistic

motivational teams and art groups.

Joyful celebratory performances were given in South Phyongan, North Hwanghae, South Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces, Nampho and Kaesong cities and other places.

Various sports and amusement games took place in different parts of the country, including women's football match

between the Taedonggang and Ryongaksan teams at Kim Il Sung Stadium.

Young people and women held dance parties in different parts of the country to add to the festive mood.

Public catering and welfare service facilities in Pyongyang and localities resounded with happy laughter of the people celebrating the national holiday.



The Korean people celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK with various public events.

Chinese party, government delegation pays floral tribute to Korean great leaders

KCNA
The Chinese party and government delegation led by Liu Guozhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-premier of the State Council of China, laid a flower basket at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on September 9.
It was accompanied by Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Myong Ho, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Chinese

Ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun
Placed before the statues of the President and the Chairman was a flower basket in the name of the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China.



The Chinese party and government delegation places a basket of flowers at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.

Banquet given in honour of Chinese delegation

KCNA
The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK arranged a banquet at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on September 9 in honour of the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China on a visit to the DPRK to take part in the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the DPRK.
Present there at invitation were the Chinese delegation led by Liu Guozhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-premier of the State Council of China, and Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun and his embassy officials.
It was attended by Kim

Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Vice Foreign Minister Pak Myong Ho, Vice-Minister Ryu Un Hae of External Economic Relations, Pak Kyong Il, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and chairman of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, and other officials concerned.
Vice-Premier Kim Song Ryong delivered a speech. He expressed the will to further strengthen and develop the DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations which have been put on a new high stage under the direct concern of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and the respected Comrade Xi Jinping in conformity with the demands of the times and the common desires of the peoples of the two countries.
Vice-premier Liu Guozhong in his speech extended warm congratulations to the Korean party, government and people celebrating the DPRK anniversary on behalf of the Chinese party, government and people and stressed that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un met his delegation and had a warm and friendly talk with them.
The banquet proceeded in a comradely and amicable atmosphere.

Visiting Chinese party and government officials pay tribute to CPV martyrs

KCNA
The Chinese party and government delegation led by Liu Guozhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

and vice-premier of the State Council of China, visited the Friendship Tower and the martyrs' cemetery of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Anju on September 9-10, during their stay in Pyongyang.

Accompanying the delegation were Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Myong Ho, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Chinese

ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun.
Flower baskets in the name of the party and government delegation of the PRC were laid at the tower and cemetery. The delegation left Pyongyang on September 10.



The Chinese party and government delegation visits the Friendship Tower on September 9.



The Chinese delegation places a flower basket at the CPV martyrs' cemetery in Anju on September 10.

Chinese guests visit friendship farm

KCNA
The Chinese party and government delegation led by Liu Guozhong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-premier of the State Council of China on a visit to the DPRK to take part in the celebrations of its 75th founding anniversary, visited the DPRK-China Friendship Taegam Farm in Sunan District, Pyongyang, on September 9.
Accompanying the delegation were Mun Song Hyok, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Pak

Kyong Il, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries who is concurrently chairman of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK and his embassy staff members.
Hearing the explanation about the history of the farm which was developed decade after decade as the symbol of friendship between the two countries, the members of the delegation looked round the house President Kim Il Sung and Premier Zhou Enlai visited on February 19 1958 and the room dedicated to the DPRK-China friendship.

Russian army ensemble gives congratulatory performance

KCNA
The Russian Army Academic Song and Dance Ensemble Named after

Alexandrov on a visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK gave a congratulatory

performance at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on September 9.
Senior Party, government and military officials and

artistes in Pyongyang saw the performance.
Present there at invitation were staff members of the Russian embassy in the

DPRK.
Put on the stage were wartime and military songs, folk songs and dances and other numbers.
The Russian Army Academic Song and Dance Ensemble Named after Alexandrov returned home on September 10.



The Russian Army Academic Song and Dance Ensemble Named after Alexandrov gives a congratulatory performance at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on September 9.

Remarkable achievements made in different economic sectors

By Song Jong Ho PT

Farms start rice harvesting

Farms began to reap harvests of rice in all parts of the country.

Officials and workers in the agricultural sector and helpers have turned out in the immediate farm work with a mind to achieve greater labour successes during the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's official visit to the Russian Federation.

Officials and agricultural workers in South Hwanghae Province, the biggest agricultural province of the country, have worked out a detailed plan to suit the characteristics of all the fields and working conditions and are speeding up the farm work. Farms in North Hwanghae Province are stepping up rice harvesting by mobilizing all the labour force and machinery. Agricultural workers in North Phyongan

Province are reaping rice qualitatively after examining the ripening of the crop. Farmers in Kangwon and South Hamgyong provinces are increasing the speed of rice harvesting by mobilizing all kinds of vehicles.

Timber production increases

The North Hamgyong Provincial Forestry Management Bureau has increased the production of timber needed for socialist construction.

Officials and workers under the bureau sent more than 18 000 cubic metres of logs to construction sites across the country in recent two months. They continue to bring about a joint upsurge in production at every worksite.

Suphung Power Station boosts power output

The Suphung Power Station carries out its daily electricity production plan at

over 130 percent.

The power station organizes and commands production more carefully and the hydropower, power generation No. 1, electric and other workshops operate equipment at full capacity.

The repair and maintenance workshop prepares parts needed for the repair of generators beforehand to ensure normal production of electricity.

Many textile workers fulfil production plans

Many textile workers in the DPRK have fulfilled their production plans to contribute to the implementation of the national economic plan.

Amid a campaign for setting new records and standards among the workers of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, 10 workers have fulfilled their production plans for two years and over 260 others completed their yearly plans.

More than 150 employees of the Sinuiju Textile Mill have finished their yearly or two-year production plans ahead of schedule by applying rational and efficient methods to their work.

Many innovators of the Sariwon Textile Mill are taking the lead in fulfilling production plans.

The Hamhung Woolen Textile Mill has produced scores of workers who fulfilled their yearly production plans. Similar achievements are witnessed at the Kusong Textile Mill, the September Textile Mill and others.

Competition heats up between designing units

A proactive competition is going on among designing units of the DPRK that will contribute to the construction of the capital city.

Designers at the Paektusan

Institute of Architecture chose a planning scheme for the designing of skyscraper and are concentrating their efforts on the creation of a noble and elegant architectural style.

Plans are drawn up to build public catering, commercial and welfare establishments and arrange trunk roads, branch roads, crossings and flyovers in a residential block to provide the convenience for residents.

Officials and designers at Pyongyang University of Architecture, the Pyongyang Municipality Designing Institute, the Ryugyong Construction Designing Institute, the Pyongyang Urban Planning and Designing Institute and other units, too, are working hard to produce fresh and innovative, excellent designs at the world-class level.

Dairy farm expands pasture, applies

scientific raising method

The Taean Dairy Farm has expanded the pasture area after putting the breeding of dairy cows on a scientific basis.

This year alone, the farm created 10 hectares of artificial pasture and put the herds of cattle out to pasture on a rotation basis. Barley malt is cultivated in a hydroponic greenhouse to tackle the feed shortage.

It also increased milk production and the fattening rate of cattle by feeding them with pulverized and fermented straw to improve digestibility.

Effective methods of disinfection are applied along with strict observation of the veterinary and anti-epizootic regulations to ensure clean environment.

A new advanced refrigeration facility has been set up to ensure the hygienic safety of dairy products.



Farmers properly manure and tend rice paddies in South Hwanghae Province. RODONG SINMUN



Workers are busy turning out farm machines at the Mangyongdae Machine Tool Factory. RODONG SINMUN



Weavers operate equipment at full capacity in the textile industry sector.

Ex-soldier miners follow example of hero workteam to perform feats

By Yun Kyong Il PT

When it comes to the Kumgol Mine of the Komdok Mining Complex, people first think about the Ko Kyong Chan-led hero workteam of the April 5 Pit.

In this pit a tunnelling workteam of discharged soldiers was born, running neck and neck with the hero workteam.

'We are demobbed soldiers'

Six years ago, Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, sent a congratulatory message to the Ko Kyong Chan-led hero workteam, who had fulfilled its yearly national economic plan ahead of schedule on the occasion of the Day of the Sun (April 15).

The news about the hero workteam who had achieved miraculous successes for

many years in support of the country in a pit hundreds of metres deep underground greatly excited the whole country.

The country hoped that more groups of patriots like the Ko Kyong Chan-led hero workteam would be produced.

Amid the nationwide drive to perform feats following their examples, hundreds of discharged soldiers volunteered to work as miners of the complex.

Among them were over 10 discharged soldiers from a frontline subunit.

They took up their position in tunnelling, the most difficult job in Komdok.

Tunnelling should go ahead to mine more mineral ores. But the deeper the miners went down, the more difficult the tunnelling work grew. Tunnelling advanced slowly.

"We are discharged soldiers. The country hopes that discharged soldiers

would become the hardcore members on various fronts of socialist construction. Let us live up to its trust and expectations," said Ri Song Il, workteam leader, on the day when it was organized.

Exceeding first-year target of five-year plan 1.6 times

The workteam should ride the man car for nearly two hours and again take a lift 650 metres down underground to reach their heading face.

The cross-section of the heading face is only 3.74 m².

"At first we thought little of the size and started work, but we could not advance a step. We had to go ahead with the exact size, without cutting the rock face more or less. We engraved in our hearts the truth that we could not forge ahead with tunnelling only with desire and physical strength on the first day of our work in the pit," said Yu Un Chol.

They learned the tunnelling

methods one by one with the help of technicians according to the measures taken by the complex.

And they acquired knowledge to see the drawings and operate rock-drills and tried to develop a rational method of drilling arrangement in their own way.

In a few years the technical knowledge and skills of the workteam members improved to such a level that they could know the ore vein at the face like the back of their hands and got ready to take charge of a heading face and drill the rocks independently. A workteam member was ready to tunnel single-handed the inclined shaft even old experienced miners find hard to do.

As a result, they fulfilled the tunnelling plan 1.6 times in the first year of the five-year plan.

Implementing five-year plan

Last year, the second year of the five-year plan, the workteam set itself an ambitious goal of carrying out the plan for two years like the Ko Kyong Chan-led hero workteam.

Everyone marvelled at the determination of them, still novices with only four years of working career in the pit, to overtake the hero workteam well-known to the country.

But the workteam more than doubled its tunnelling record by introducing new technical innovation plans including the adjustment of the length of chisel and perfecting working methods, finally implementing the annual tunnelling plan twice on the occasion of the anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea (October 10).

"We decided to complete the five-year plan by July 27 this year marking the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War,"

said Jang Yong Gwang.

The workteam took up three heading faces and pushed ahead with tunnelling at the same time.

"We increased the pressure of the compressed air 1.3 times by inventing an idea to blow the wind into the rock-drill not in one way but in two ways," said Ri Chung Il.

In the spirit of soldiers of only carrying out the order faithfully, the workteam finished the tunnelling plan for this year within the first half of the year and successfully hit the target for five years on July 27.

As a result, the Komdok Mining Complex has produced a workteam that fulfilled its tunnelling plan for five years over two years ahead of schedule.

The complex is very proud of the workteam members, who, though demobbed, perform feats at the forefront, valuing the call of discharged soldier.

Parentless children and photographer



Pak Yang Su spends time with orphans.
KWON HYONG SONG/
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By **Kwon Hyo Song** PT

Our orphaned children grow up with nothing to envy in the world, being provided with everything needed for study and life by the state and enjoying love and affection of many people, said Pak Hyon Myong, headmistress of Nampho Primary School for Orphans.

Among those who devote themselves to the care of orphaned children is a woman whom they follow, calling her “our photographer

mother,” she recalled.

She is Pak Yang Su, chief of the Ryongsu Photo Studio in Waudu District, Nampho City.

Pak came to know the orphaned children for the first time on April 28 2017 when primary and middle schools for orphans were wonderfully built in the city.

“That day I took photographs of the happy children at the schools for orphans which had been built in a unique style. I thought that they were not schools, but palaces of children and

seeing the children who were brought up under the great care of the country, I also extended my grateful thanks to it,” she said.

According to her daughter Kim Yun Mi, Pak returned home that day and said she would have to take many photos of the parentless children so that they could know well how they grow up enjoying great love and benefits from the country many years later.

The following day she visited the primary school for orphans with photographs she had taken to give them

to the pupils. Receiving their photos, they looked really happy.

“At the time we posted their pictures on the noticeboard. Some children stayed there for a long time, stroking their photos and others slept with photographs held in both hands,” said the headmistress.

After hearing it from her, Pak Yang Su often visited the school and took photos of the children showing their study and extracurricular activities.

On school sports days in particular, she stayed there all day long to snap the children from different angles.

When people worry about her who works hard for the public while looking after her family though she was not healthy, she says it is her pleasure and rest to take pictures of the happy life of the orphaned children who grow up with a bright smile on their faces.

“People recollect the old days seeing photographs. I only hope that the orphaned children would become excellent people who devote themselves to the country, always remembering their happy childhood,” she added.

Headmistress of school with great educational ability

By **Kim Hak Chol** PT

Unha Primary School in Sariwon City has been recognized to have the greatest educational ability in North Hwanghae Province.

At least 94 percent of teachers of the school are model teachers and all teachers have received the certificates of registration of new teaching methods and those of invention of experimental apparatuses and teaching aids.

A teacher of the school was nominated as one of the first top ten teachers in the country.

Teachers of the school have won top and first prizes in national and provincial teaching contests every year.

Every year more than 50 percent of its graduates are enrolled at higher educational institutions such as Pyongyang Middle School No. 1, International Football School, Sariwon Middle School No. 1, Sariwon Foreign Languages School and Sariwon Art School and other schools in the fields of the arts and sports. And dozens of its pupils are awarded the “Our Classroom” Literature Prize, the April 15 Mangyongdae Production Prize of Loyalty and the National Children’s Literature Prize.

“Our school was unknown several years ago. But it made its name as a competent one in the country in these years. It is attributable to the untiring efforts of headmistress Kim Hye Gyong (pictured),” said Ryu Chun Hyok, the school’s deputy headmaster.

Kim was a teacher for more than 20 years and has been working as headmistress for only four years.

In those years since she was appointed as headmistress she turned the school into an institution with high educational capacity and the most excellent model school in the province.

“The merits of our headmistress are untiring passion and the trait of setting personal examples. She developed a new teaching method and generalized it and led all teachers, young and old, to be engrossed in working out new teaching methods,” said Ri Myong Sun, a teacher of the school.

Kim was a teacher at another school in Sariwon before she was appointed as headmistress of Unha Primary School. That day she entered the school with mixed feelings, she recalled.

It was because the school failed to improve its



educational environment as required by the new era and the teaching methods of its teachers remained unchanged.

She came to school early in the morning and was busy helping teachers develop new teaching methods and sprucing up the school buildings till evening. And after they all went back home, she sat at the desk facing her computer late at night, burning the midnight oil trying to invent a new teaching method.

The only spare time for her was night time when all others sleep and when she walked the street to and from the school.

She devoted all that time to the invention of a new teaching method.

With such passion, she presented a model of practicability, generalization and modernization of the educational content in the field of general education in a small local primary school by dealing with practical and generalized issues which can give students basic and common knowledge of nature and society simultaneously.

And she developed 30 new teaching methods in four years and generalized them across the country. They include the method of evaluating students’ ability to develop their creative application and intellectual faculties to the maximum, which was praised as an excellent ability evaluation method to be introduced into all kinds of schools in the field of general education.

She also encouraged all teachers in the school to take an active part in the development of new teaching methods.

As a result, hundreds of new teaching methods invented by the teachers of the school have been generalized across the country over the past four years.

“It is the determination of our headmistress to train all pupils of the school to become pillars of the country. She usually says to the teachers that education is conscience, devotion and patriotism, and that only when they become competent teachers, can they train able pupils,” said the deputy headmaster.

‘Mother’ of builders

By **Ryom Un Gyong** PT

The construction site of the second-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang boasts a woman held in respect by builders.

“Kim Un Ju, staffer of the Pyongyang Construction Commission, is a woman in her late thirties. But builders affectionately call her ‘mother’,” said Choe Hyon Ju, staffer of the headquarters for the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang.

According to Choe, Kim Un Ju had devoted herself to the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang as a member of the trade union night support shock brigade since flat construction began on Songhwa Street in the capital.

Hearing the news that the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang started in March two years ago, Un Ju wanted to return the favour bestowed by the state even a bit as a citizen of the country as it spares nothing for the people despite difficulties. After a day’s work, she went to the construction site of the flats, not to her house, and she set a task to herself and did not leave the construction site before carrying it out though nobody required her to do so.

One day she saw citizens coming to the construction site in succession, bringing

sincerely prepared aid materials with them.

She said she then felt lack of her sincerity as she only helped the builders with their work.

So she prepared a considerable amount of working tools and aid materials together with her family members and took them to the builders.

“Receiving the aid materials, the builders called me mother, really thanking me. Then I blushed. But I did not like the calling without knowing why,” she recalled.

Then she thought if she could become a true mother living for the builders.

Back home, she told her husband her intention to work regularly at the construction site, not as a member of the

night shock brigade.

“Her decision surprised me. I could hardly agree to it readily, wondering whether she could work properly at the construction site because she found it hard to do her job while looking after the family,” recalled her husband Jo Myong Son.

Myong Son, however, supported her firm decision to make their family contribute to the country even a bit and so did her parents.

Thus, she left her dear child to her parents and volunteered for the construction of 50 000 flats in the capital.

One day last year, when she saw builders keep working even after their shifts, she tried to persuade them to rest, asking them if they were not tired.

Then they said with a smile

Kim Un Ju encourages house builders to perform greater labour feats.
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Park in its summer finery a sight to behold

By Yun Kyong Il PT

As foliage gets thicker this summer, the Mansudae Fountain-Flower Park in the heart of Pyongyang unfolds a spectacular scene.

According to its official, in the park covering an area of nearly 40 000 square metres there grow more than 20 species of flowering shrubs and trees like rose, peony, red plum tree and Rhododendron yedoense and over 600 bushes and trees in some 30 good species including pine-nut tree and juniper.

In the area of round fountain in the centre of the park, fountains in various shapes such as the train of a peacock, candlelight and fan send up streams of water centring on the main fountain.

At night, lamps of different colours installed in the fountain pools enhance with their colourful lights the elegance and splendour of the fountains dancing to lilting tunes.

On the flower beds in

different shapes around the fountain area, various flowers in full bloom including vincristine, French marigold and salvia send forth sweet fragrance and a small artificial hill built with distinctively trimmed rocks add natural beauty to the park.

In the park there are also eight round flower towers, each being about 3 metres in height and diameter, and on the towers arranged formative artistically flowering plants in different colours producing beautiful flowers competitively.

Thanks to the painstaking efforts of the employees of the park to create lovely and distinctive scenery, beautiful flowers are in bloom on flower beds and flowerpot stands and such plants as juniper and golden-leaf pagoda tree are trimmed in such shapes as of cone, umbrella and ball to ensure the park always retains freshness and originality.

People fully relax at the glass-roofed resting place and



A panoramic view of the Mansudae Fountain-Flower Park in the heart of Pyongyang.

the resting place covered with vines to give natural shade and by the flower-decorated swing.

In the evening especially, those who are on their way home after a day's work cool

themselves in the park bright with decorative lights in different colours and shapes,

bathing themselves in the fountain sprays carried by the fresh breeze.

Shop creates distinctively landscaped park

By Kim Rye Yong PT

Amid the growing public interest in forming a beautiful landscape, employees of the Pothonggang Seafood Shop in Pyongyang are sprucing up the resting park around the shop.

Ri Myong Hwa, manageress of the shop, said that it is pleasurable to see young men and women, children and old people take a rest in the park during sunny days and in cool, breezy evenings.

It was nine years ago that the shop buckled down to landscaping its surroundings.

At that time, the officials of the shop decided to

make effective use of the advantageous position of the shop on the banks of the Pothong River and create a landscape peculiar to the riverside.

Ri had the design of the park finished with the help of professional designers after a lot of effort.

After seeing the blueprint, some of the girl employees went to several tree nurseries and floricultural farms to bring their favourite flower shrub seeds and planted them in the park.

Kim Myong Gun, an employee of the shop, said that more and more employees got concerned whether the trees of good

species purchased with a lot of care had taken roots and proposed planting some trees that would add charm to the park, which helped decorate the park to become even better than the original design.

Now, many species of trees including golden-leaf pagoda tree, golden-leaf elm, maple and white birch are growing in the park along with flower shrubs.

After planting trees, they made efforts to create a distinctive landscape peculiar to the riverside park.

There are junipers in the shape of a spiral and a pile of rings, golden-leaf pagoda trees in the shape

of an unfurled umbrella, a Taesong spiraea pruned in the shape of a fish with the letters "People" in it reflecting the shop staff's desire to improve service for the people. They were all thought up and created by officials and employees of the shop.

The park has benches with blue shades, roadside stalls and various animal sculptures and lamps and even slides and trampolines for children.

Ri Jong Hyang, an employee, said that seeing the visitors taking a rest in the luxuriant park amid the singing of birds deepened her attachment to her workplace.



Many people come to have a rest in the park around the Pothonggang Seafood Shop.

Flowering plant-growing family

By Hang Jong Ho PT

Han Chol's in Neighbourhood Unit No. 34 in Sogamdong of Pothonggang District, Pyongyang, is known as a family cultivating lots of flowering plants.

Jong In Gyong, head of the neighbourhood unit, said that Han Chol's family grows more than 100 ornamental plants.

As she said, his balconies were densely decorated with various plants.

The plants were so fresh, green and beautiful the viewer could forget the midsummer heat and seemed to showcase the emotional life of the family. Among them there were Cymbidium Manbokhwa, potted firs, shoeflowers, cycads, Dracaena deremensis, tufted bracket plants, orange trees, Ceylon bowstring hemp and different species of cacti.

The main gardener of the family was Han Chol's wife, Ryu Hyon Hui.

With a passionate attachment to flower growing, she has decorated not only its rooms with ornamental plants.

According to Ryu, she began to cultivate flowering plants at home ten years ago, when they had only a few tufted bracket plants.

She purchased and tended various young ornamental plants with a desire to make life more diverse and

beautiful, and they have grown into such exuberant and charming plants as now and their species number nearly 40, Ryu said proudly.

She keeps notebooks recording in plain words yet in detail her experience gained as she cultivated ornamental plants for years and the common knowledge of flower growing she learned from floricultural experts.

She said that humans instinctively feel secure and comfortable when they are with plants and therefore the indoor cultivation of ornamental flowers help them recover from mental and physical fatigue.

She noted that living in an environment with flower decoration helps them cultivate aesthetic taste and love for nature and society.

"My husband became more enthusiastic than I about flower growing as he came to appreciate its merits. He is now respected by people as a doctor with high medical skills and deep and noble sentiments," Ryu added.

Residents of her neighbourhood unit often visit her family to get flowering plants from them and to learn their cultivation methods.

"The ornamental flowers Ryu Hyon Hui raised with sincerity serve as nice gifts for not only her family but also for all the neighborhoods whenever a celebratory event happens," said the head of the neighbourhood unit.

Public interest grows for protecting earth



Ri Song Il

Head of the external affairs department of the Nature Conservation Union of Korea

September 16 is the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

On December 19 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed September 16 the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

To mark the day, also known as World Ozone Day, every year the theme for the day is set to accordingly organize and hold different events for the preservation of the ozone layer on a global scale, as part of the efforts to raise public awareness of the importance of ozone layer preservation and the measures for preventing its reduction.

The theme of this year's World Ozone Day is "Montreal Protocol: fixing the ozone layer and reducing

climate change".

On the occasion of the day, it might be necessary to remember how the Montreal Protocol could check ozone layer depletion, one of the biggest threats facing humanity. When the world confirmed that ozone depleting substances used as aerosol and coolant were making a hole in the ozone layer of the sky, the international community launched global cooperation in order to deal with the issue and thus started to phase out such substances.

The phaseout of the substances and measures to reduce relevant substances were not only greatly helpful in preserving the ozone layer and protecting the future of the Earth but also immensely conducive to global efforts to address climate change. In particular, it made a great contribution to protecting human health and ecosystems by restricting the access of the sun's harmful

ultraviolet rays to the Earth. Now the ozone layer is healing, making it possible to protect humanity from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Our country joined the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1995, and afterwards signed the Kigali Amendment on September 15 2017.

It has fulfilled its duty as a signatory to the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol, conducting various activities to that end.

It supplemented the law on the protection of environment and the law on customs with some articles on banning the production, consumption and shipment of ozone depleting substances and organized workshops for staff members of the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection and customs officers to make

them forbid the production, consumption and shipment of ozone depleting substances and control illegal trade in and use of them in conformity with international regulations and procedures.

In accordance with an international strategy for reducing ozone depleting substances, it mapped out a national plan to remove such substances and carried it out according to the timetable.

After working out a plan for controlling refrigerants, it eliminated the processes used for soil fumigation and has applied biological methods for exterminating harmful insects.

Our country will continue to fulfil its international responsibility and duty related to the above mentioned agreements.

The Nature Conservation Union of Korea prepares different kinds of materials for information according to the theme of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer every year and disseminates them through the media, helping raise public awareness for the preservation of the ozone layer.

Murder a prevailing trend in Japanese society

By Song Jong Ho PT

Screams of horror-struck people are heard ceaselessly in Japan. They cry out, "All I hear in the morning after a night's sleep are news of crimes" and "We are living in constant fear of murder".

According to a Japanese media outlet, 20 cases of murder and robbery occurred between late last year and January 19 this year in different parts of the country.

It is the reality of Japan that bloody killing of their relatives has become commonplace.

Last August, a 49-year-old woman living in Yamanashi of Yamanashi Prefecture was killed by her eldest son. The 29-year-old man who was arrested on a charge of murder admitted his guilt, saying he had intended to commit suicide after killing his mother. He added that as she told him to work and live on his own, he strangled her by a rope and stabbed her in the chest and stomach.

In Fukuoka of Fukuoka Prefecture a 74-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her grandson. The 30-year-old man who was arrested on a charge of murder is denying the charge, saying that though he stabbed her, he had no intention to kill her.

And in Hiroshima City, a 58-year-old man knifed his 85-year-old father to death. Asaminami police station of the Hiroshima Prefectural Police arrested the man who stabbed his father in the throat and face on a charge of murder. The killer had informed the police by himself of the killing.

And in order to get insurance money, a man who killed his parents left their bodies in his house for dozens of days and a man poured hot liquid over his 8-month-old daughter to death.

Meanwhile, other outrageous homicides occurred one after another. A woman smothered her son by cupping his mouth and nose, a man and his wife wielded knives at each other and a grandson killed all his family members.

As murder cases arise in succession, Japanese people are unwilling to receive guests at home, shun others in streets and are even wary of their relatives and reject them.

Once, a murderer said in his statement: "For me, money was more precious than my parents. I had nothing to fear and regret if I could get money. So I killed my parents."

A university professor deplored that the mode of existence in which the weak fall prey to the strong and extreme misanthropy that are prevalent in Japanese society reduce people to beasts and mentally deranged monsters who do not honour their parents and have no elementary human morals.

These are the true colours of the corrupt and cruel Japanese society.

Murder has become a trend in Japan where people are antagonistic and hostile to each other and even kill their blood relatives.

World food crisis arouses international concern

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The world food crisis is getting more serious with each passing day.

The World Food Programme (WFP) recently stated that about 345 million people have faced food shortage in 82 countries. It said that though the demand for food is growing, the available resources are limited, expressing concern over it.

Last year, 310 million people were reportedly hit by food crisis in Africa and six million people suffered from extreme hunger.

As the grain production drastically fell in Somalia due to natural disasters and for other reasons, about 6.6 million people suffered food shortage in late April and 39 percent of the population have been driven into a position to receive emergency aid.

An increasing number of people suffer malnutrition due to food shortage.

At present, over seven million children under 5 suffer from malnutrition in the Horn of Africa where 23 million people experience food shortages and 1.9 million of them are in the jaws of death.

UNICEF said that the number of pregnant women and nursing mothers suffering malnutrition increased from 5.5 million to 6.9 million between 2020 and 2022 in 12 countries including Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

At least 1.5 million children suffer from malnutrition due to food shortage in several regions of Pakistan hit by flash flood in the rainy season last year.

In particular, extreme weather conditions like heat, drought, heavy rain and flood swept almost all parts of the world, including China, India, Europe, Africa, North America and Australia, posing a grave threat to global

agricultural production.

To cope with the situation, many countries ban or restrict food export. This is also a factor that further aggravates the food crisis.

According to the International Food Policy Institute, the number of countries which announced restrictions on food export has increased from three to 16 in a little over a year.

Public opinion warns that such situations will adversely affect food security in many countries and regions, including African countries.

Meanwhile, armed conflicts raging in different parts of the world also seriously hamper food production and export.

Long-running disputes in Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Yemen and many other countries in Africa and the Middle East lead to a decrease in agricultural production in these countries

and military confrontation in Europe has created an obstacle to global wheat production and export.

The situation is getting more serious due to the growing moves of the impure forces to abuse the food problem to serve their interests.

To cite a few examples, the US and its followers were bitterly criticized for having reduced the capacity of many countries to respond to food crisis through unilateral sanctions moves at the 52nd UN Human Rights Council meeting and the Russian president said that the food situation in Africa has worsened due to the trickery of the US and the West.

The global food crisis, whose prospects for solution are becoming bleaker with the passage of time, urgently demands all countries make more positive efforts to attain self-sufficiency in food.

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The Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in Kyongru-dong, Central District, Pyongyang, in the evening. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

DPRK Championships begin

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The national championships of the DPRK kicked off.

The competition was brought together the April 25 Team, the Amnokgang Sports Club, the Defence Sports Club of the Ministry of Defence and others. They

will compete in more than 530 events of 31 sports such as football, basketball, weightlifting, shooting and Taekwon-Do.

The opening ceremony was held at Kim Il Sung Stadium on September 13.

Present there were Premier Kim Tok Hun and other senior Party and government

officials.

Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports, delivered an opening address.

And the flag symbolizing the competition was hoisted amid the playing of the song The Glorious Country.

There was a march-past of teams followed by matches.



An opening ceremony of the DPRK Championships is held at Kim Il Sung Stadium on September 13.

Latest about women's first-division football tournament at national championships

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The women's first-division football tournament is going on as part of the DPRK Championships.

The competition is drawing the attention of experts and fans from the beginning as it is also the third round of the DPRK women's premier league in 2022-2023.

On the threshold of the anniversary of the DPRK (September 9), matches were played between Pyongyang and Ponghwasan teams and between Naegohyang and Ministry of Light Industry teams at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang.

The games were won by Pyongyang and Naegohyang teams that are known as strong teams at home.

The Pyongyang scored three goals in the match against the Ponghwasan. It had taken the first place in the second round of the

DPRK women's premier league in 2022-2023 and the women's football tournament of the spring national sports festival this year.

The goals were scored respectively by No. 8 Jang Su Yong, No. 27 Kim Un Jong and No. 5 Ri Chun Gyong at the 26th, 41st and 76th minutes.

To cope with the Pyongyang's powerful attack, the Ponghwasan strengthened person-to-person defence and tried to earn a score mainly with through pass, but failed to the last.

Thus the match ended with the Pyongyang winning 3-0.

The Naegohyang had finished runner-up respectively in the first and second rounds of the DPRK women's premier league in 2022-2023, the women's football tournament of the spring national sports festival in 2023 and the Hwaepul Cup football

tournament. In the match with the Ministry of Light Industry, it created good chances by breaking through the right side of the opponent's area by two- or three-person combination while dominating the midfield.

The Ministry of Light Industry tried to get a score by breaking through the flank while pressing the opponent from the midfield.

Its attack was unexpectedly strong, but the Naegohyang steadily mounted attacks without losing the initiative by playing the game with composure. Finally, its No. 33 Kim Un Ju kicked the ball into the net in the 65th minutes.

No more goal was scored in the seesaw match and therefore the Naegohyang beat the ministry team 1-0.

The Naegohyang defeated the Jebi Team 5-0 in the match played on September 11.

