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## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends greetings to Russian President

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Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a congratulatory message to Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on October 12.

In the message, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations on behalf of the DPRK government and people to President Putin and the government and people of the Russian Federation on the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, a significant common holiday.

He said that the first establishment of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union after the founding of the DPRK provided a firm guarantee for

further consolidating the friendly ties between the peoples of the DPRK and Russia, who had been closely united in blood and comradeship during the anti-Japanese war, and steadily strengthening and developing their traditional and strategic good-neighbourly relations.

The DPRK-Russia relations, which were started with militant friendship and comradely cooperation by the preceding leaders, have stood all trials and tests of history and consistently advanced along the road of friendship, solidarity and good neighbourliness, and are now dynamically advancing towards eternal prosperity in the stable and future-oriented new era, he said, adding:

I am very satisfied with the fact that I had an exchange of candid and comprehensive opinions with

Comrade Putin for multiform development of the DPRK-Russia friendly relations on my recent official goodwill visit to Russia, and express the firm belief that the bilateral friendship, solidarity and cooperation, which have been consolidated generation after generation and from one century to the next, will steadily develop onto a new level in the future, too.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I hope that the Russian people who are out in building a powerful state would always emerge victorious and glorious in the struggle for frustrating the imperialists' persistent hegemonic policy and moves to isolate and stifle Russia and defending the sovereignty, dignity, security and peace of the country, and heartily wish you good health and success in your responsible work.

## DPRK leader receives greetings from Russian counterpart

KCNA

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, sent a congratulatory message to Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on October 12.

In the message the Russian President extended heartfelt congratulations to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

He said that the Soviet Union recognized the DPRK before all others in 1948 and the strong ties of friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation were established between Moscow and Pyongyang

at that time, adding he was satisfied that Russia-DPRK relations are steadily developing positively in all fields on the basis of the glorious tradition of the past.

The recent meeting at the Vostochny Cosmodrome fully proved this, he said, expressing the belief that the implementation of the agreements would contribute to further expanding the constructive bilateral cooperation for improving the well-being of the peoples of the two countries and ensuring the security and stability of the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia as a whole.

He sincerely wished the Korean leader good health and success and all the citizens of the DPRK peace and well-being.

## Stamps issued in commemoration of Kim Jong Un's visit to Russia



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The State Stamp Bureau brought out new stamps including two miniature sheets, two sheetlets and an individual stamp in commemoration of the historic official

goodwill visit to the Russian Federation by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Inscribed on the stamps are letters reading, "Commemoration of the official goodwill visit to the Russian

Federation by the respected Comrade 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" and "September 12, 17, Juche 112(2023)".

## DIU, historical root of WPK

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

October 17 is the 97th anniversary of the formation of the Down-with-Imperialism Union (DIU).

The Korean revolution which has been carried on for nearly a century originated from the DIU, like a boundless ocean starts from a stream.

At the time of the DIU's formation, the Korean people were suffering the miseries of a stateless nation under the Japanese imperialists' military occupation (1905-1945). Shouldering upon himself the ardent desire of the fellow countrymen, Kim Il Sung formed the DIU, a revolutionary organization of young Korean communists of the new generation, in China's Huadian on October 17 1926.

In his historic report titled **Let Us Overthrow Imperialism**, he said that the broad masses should be armed with the anti-Japanese patriotic idea and progressive ideas, awakened to national and class consciousness and rallied organizationally and, therefore, a revolutionary organization of the young communists should be formed first, and the name of the organization should be Down-with-Imperialism Union in conformity with its mission, abbreviated to DIU.

The immediate task of the DIU was to defeat Japanese imperialism and achieve

Korea's liberation and independence, and the ultimate goal was to build socialism and communism in Korea and, furthermore, to destroy all imperialism and build communism throughout the world.

The DIU became the root of the Workers' Party of Korea, the guiding force of the DPRK.

The programme of the DIU served as the basis of the programme of the WPK which was founded in 1945 nearly 20 years later, the principle of independence set forth by the DIU became the principle of party building and activities, and the revolutionaries of the new generation trained by the DIU became the backbone for founding the Party.

Since then, the WPK has consistently maintained the idea of the DIU.

The lines and policies advanced by President Kim Il Sung in each period and at each stage of the revolution, including the agrarian reform policy after Korea's liberation, the policy of agricultural cooperativization after the war, the basic line of socialist economic construction and the line of simultaneously carrying on economic construction and defence building, were all rooted in the idea of the DIU.

The DIU also serves as the cornerstone of the WPK's consistent stand against imperialism.

To wipe out all imperialism

on the earth with arms and build a new world of the people free from exploitation and oppression—this was the steadfast anti-imperialist stand put forward by the DIU.

From this anti-imperialist standpoint, the WPK defeated the military invasion of the imperialist allied forces and won a brilliant victory in the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953) under the wise leadership of President Kim Il Sung. After the war, it firmly defended the sovereignty and dignity of the country by frustrating the imperialists' moves for aggression at every step, while acquiring a tremendous military capability and building people-centred socialism.

Today, the WPK regards it as its immediate goal to build a prosperous and civilized socialist society in the DPRK and to achieve independent and democratic development of the society on a nationwide scale, and as its ultimate goal to build a communist society where the people's ideals are fully realized.

At present, the sovereignty and dignity of the DPRK are being further demonstrated thanks to the WPK's independent politics which embodies the resolute spirit of independence of the DIU.

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# 78th anniv of the Workers' Party of Korea celebrated

## Members of Party central leadership body lay flower baskets at statues of great leaders

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Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, who are members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other members of the Party central leadership body placed baskets of flowers at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on October 10 to mark the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Participants also included officials of the WPK Central Committee, military organs, ministries and national agencies.

They climbed the hill of eternal Sun while remembering the immortal Party-building and leadership exploits



Members of the Party central leadership body place flower baskets before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.

of the President and the Chairman who had made a new history of building a revolutionary party in the era of independence and developed the WPK into an iron-willed party with invincible might and a motherly party enjoying absolute support and trust of the masses of the people.

The honour guard of the Korean People's Army was standing at attention.

A flower basket bearing the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at their statues.

Baskets of flowers were also laid there in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the DPRK Cabinet.

The participants made a bow to the statues of the great leaders with deep reverence.

## National flag-hoisting ceremony takes place in Pyongyang

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A national flag-hoisting ceremony was held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on the occasion of the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The square where the DPRK's national flag would be hoisted was crowded with many citizens.

At 0:00 on October 10 a bell tolled to signify the start of the new day and melodies of *Song of General Kim Il Sung* and *Song of General Kim Jong Il* reverberated far and wide.

Amid the playing of the national anthem, a worker, farmer and intellectual

hoisted the national flag.

The crowd paid noble respects to the flag.

Colourful fireworks lighted up the nocturnal sky over

Pyongyang on the significant October holiday.

The crowd burst into cheers as they looked up at the fireworks display.



A national flag-hoisting ceremony is held at Kim Il Sung Square at 0:00 on October 10.

## Members of Party central leadership body visit Party Founding Site

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Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, who are members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other officials

of the Party central leadership body visited the Party Founding Site on October 10, when the whole country was significantly celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the Party.

The members of the Party central leadership

body looked round with deep reverence the historic place associated with the undying exploits President Kim Il Sung had performed by founding the WPK after Korea's liberation and wisely leading the struggle for strengthening the Party and building a new Korea.

## Art performance celebrates 78th birthday of WPK

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A splendid art performance was given to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea by artistes of the State Merited Chorus, Wangjaesan Art Troupe and Mansudae Art Troupe on October 9, giving more joy to the people celebrating the Party's birthday.

It was seen by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Il Hwan, O Su Yong and Pak Thae Song, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and leading officials of the Party, the government and the military, officials of ministries, national agencies and armed forces

organs, service personnel and Pyongyang citizens.

The performance began with the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK and the overtures *Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea* and *Mother's Birthday*. Also put on the stage were a variety of numbers including hymns to the Party and the country which resounded in the long course of the Korean revolution decade after decade and from one century to the next.

The performers highly lauded the glorious history and undying exploits of the Party which was born as the guiding force of the revolution with a hammer, sickle and writing brush embroidered on its sacred red flag, which trained the Koreans into a great people possessed with the irresistible might of

single-hearted unity and which built a powerful country strong with independence, self-sufficiency and self-reliant defence.

The performance vividly depicted the fervent trust in the WPK and the future that would be brighter and filled with hope according to the people's dreams and ideals which are being realized under the flag of the Juche-oriented Party.

The songs of loyalty and faith that would resound forever on the road of the revolution instilled in the audience the belief that following the great Party Central Committee leads to lasting prosperity of the nation and the victory of the socialist cause.

The performance won enthusiastic applause of the audience.

# 78th anniv of the Workers' Party of Korea celebrated

## Stamps showing Kim Jong Un's immortal revolutionary exploits newly exhibited at Korean Stamp Museum

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Among the stamps are those entitled "The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivers a report at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea", "The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivers a historic report at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers'

Party of Korea" and "The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides the test fire of a new-type ICBM of the DPRK's strategic forces on the spot".

Other stamps on display include those entitled "The great historic cause of completing the national nuclear arms programme is achieved" and "The military parade held in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Korean

People's Revolutionary Army".

Exhibited there are also stamps reflecting the ideas and spirit of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and distinctive ones showing the successes the Korean people achieved in socialist economic construction and in the construction of socialist culture.

## WPK anniversary highlighted by young people's gala evening

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There was a gala evening of youth and students at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on October 9

in celebration of the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Participants unfolded a sea of dances as a token of their deepest respect for President

Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who developed the WPK into a genuine motherly party and ever-victorious and invincible party.

## Men's volleyball match played

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The men's volleyball match between April 25 and Amnokgang teams took place at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on October 10 on the occasion of the 78th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

It was seen by Kim Tok Hun and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political

Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, other members of the Party central leadership body, officials from military organs, ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces and Pyongyang citizens.

When players of the two teams entered the stadium, spectators broke into

applause and cheers.

Whenever the players made a thrilling point as they played the game with a highly competitive spirit, the spectators gave them a roar of applause in admiration.

Amid their enthusiastic rooting and encouragement, the April 25 team defeated the Amnokgang team.

There was an award ceremony after the match.

## Working people's organizations hold diverse celebration meetings

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Workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea held a celebratory meeting at the Central Hall of Workers on October 5 in celebration of the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Pak In Chol, chairman of the GFTUK Central Committee, delivered an address, followed by speeches.

By reflecting the unanimous mind of workers and TU members throughout the country, speakers extended the

highest tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who founded and built up the WPK and the highest glory and warmest greetings to General Secretary Kim Jong Un who demonstrates the dignity and might of the WPK all over the world while vigorously leading the revolution and construction along the road of victory.

Young people and students held a celebration meeting on October 6 at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang to mark the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea held a study session on reminiscences of virtues of President Kim Il Sung at the hall of culture of Jungdangri, Rangnang District, Pyongyang, on October 6 to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A meeting of officials and members of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea was held at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on October 9 to mark the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

## Fourth National Sculpture and Craftwork Festival opens

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The Fourth National Sculpture and Craftwork Festival in Celebration of the 78th Anniversary of the Founding of the WPK

opened.

On display in the festival venue were more than 300 pieces of sculptures and industrial arts in over 30 kinds on various themes and of various forms created by sculptors, craftspeople, amateurs

and students across the country.

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

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

## Acrobatic performance given

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An acrobatic performance was given at the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on October 10 in celebration of the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The venue was crowded with people who gathered to see the performance.

Members of the central

leadership body of the Workers' Party of Korea saw the performance with Pyongyang citizens.

Performers clearly showed the development of the Juche-oriented acrobatic art through a high level of ideological and artistic representation, spectacular stunts and nice rhythms.

Acrobatic pieces unfolded a mysterious world. Especially,

magic "Escaping feat and motorcycle stunt" gave the audience thrills as performers showed off curious dexterity and nimble movements on the stage which was marvellous for distinctive lighting effects.

The audience burst into laughter and applause whenever performers did humorous acting in comic "Ball heading".

## Nation celebrates 78th anniv of WPK

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The Korean people across the DPRK significantly celebrated the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The visitors to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance paid deep respect to the great leaders, recollecting the immortal exploits they had performed for the cause of building a Juche-type revolutionary party.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the statues of the great leaders, portraits

of their beaming images and mosaics depicting them in all parts of the country including their statues on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang to pay floral tribute.

At the Monument to Party Founding, visitors remembered with deep emotion the exploits of the President and the Chairman who markedly increased the fighting efficiency and leadership ability of the WPK to make a new history of great changes and build the most advantageous Korean-style socialism centred on the people on this land.

At the Pyongyang International House of Culture, the venue of the Fourth National Sculpture and Craftwork Festival in

Celebration of the 78th Anniversary of the WPK, the visitors looked round the exhibits associated with the best wishes all people offer the great motherly Party.

Celebratory and oratorical meetings were

held by working people's organizations in North and South Hwanghae and North Hamgyong provinces, Kaesong City and other areas of the country.

Various performances were given in Pyongyang and the provinces to celebrate the

October holiday.

Performances were also given in South Phyongan, Jagang, Kangwon and South Hamgyong provinces, Nampho City and elsewhere.

The dancing parties of young people and women's union members held across

the country evoked a distinctive festive mood.

Bases for cultural and leisure activities, including the Central Zoo, Natural History Museum and Munsu Water Park, were filled with happy laughter of the people.



All the people of the country celebrate the 78th birthday of the Workers' Party of Korea with splendour.



# People-first politics of Workers' Party of Korea

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The people-first principle of the Workers' Party of Korea is a noble political idea and mode which are thoroughly embodied in all fields of the Party and state activities and social life.

Since its founding, the WPK has recorded the history of the people-first principle with the love and devotion with which to make all kinds of miracles and changes if desired by the people and do anything to relieve them of their suffering and pains.

Kimilsungism - Kimjongilism, the guiding ideology of the WPK, is, in essence, the people-first principle, and its history was the path of the struggle for applying the principle into practice, and the achievements it made in the long course of nearly 80 years are shining with the principle.

To the WPK, the people are the root of its existence and the source of its inexhaustible strength.

For the past decades the WPK has regarded it as the fundamental principle of the activities of the Party and state to give top and absolute priority to the interests of the people and to carry out any task unconditionally if it is desired

by them and benefits them, and has faithfully followed the principle.

Regarding it as their motto to believe in the people as in Heaven, President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il gave precedence to the work for the people in the whole periods of their revolutionary leadership.

The great leaders always went among the people and regarded the problems that the people were suffering from and waiting for settlement of as important affairs of the Party and the state, without neglecting any one of them.

The WPK and the state have always been able to give steady continuity to the journey of selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people along with the history of the love and devotion for the people of the great leaders who comprehensively embodied the intentions and requirements of the people and thoroughly carried them out.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un has continued his journey of devotion to the people, true to the intention of Kim Il Sung who had esteemed the people as heaven, and the intention of Kim Jong Il who said that he had nothing to spare for the good of the people and wanted to pluck

even a star from the sky.

A few years ago, he told some officials that the people-first principle constitutes the highest expression in the Juche-oriented view on the people and the people-centred philosophy which are consistently maintained by the Party.

The interests and convenience of the people are the top and absolute priority!

Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!

These have been the starting point of all thoughts and activities of the General Secretary who has regarded them as an iron rule since he began leading the WPK.

He has regarded the problem of daily necessities and even small wishes of children as important undertakings he should carry out, if they were desired by the people, and put his heart and soul into them. He has made devoted efforts to place the people on the peak of happiness and civilization, thereby leading the great era of creation and miracles.

In those days, the WPK developed into a genuine motherly party which goes closer to the people when their difficulties grow, becomes a strong pillar for them to rely on and shares weal and woe with

them.

The people-first principle literally means making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people.

The WPK continues its journey of devotion to the people regarding the hardships it suffers for the people as a matter of course and the greatest pride and highest honour.

Over the past decade, despite the grave challenges and difficulties threatening the prosperity and development of the country and the life and security of the people, the WPK has faithfully implemented the people-first idea through its devoted service.

Today, the WPK has set it forth as an important issue in building a powerful socialist country to apply the people-first principle to all fields of the Party and state activities and social life.

The historic Eighth Congress of the WPK discussed the plan for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang and the state took full charge of supplying milk products, school uniforms and school things to children. These facts are the brilliant fruition of the WPK's people-first politics.

That is why the Korean people call the WPK a motherly party and support its leadership with loyalty.

## In days of founding Party

By To Kyong Chol PT

### On the day before the founding of the CPNK

It was October 9, 1945, the day before the historic founding of the Communist Party of North Korea.

When Kim Il Sung's car entered an uphill pass on the way back to Pyongyang after he inspected the then Kangson Steel Works, he told his driver to stop the car, suggesting they take a break there.

He got out of the car and looked towards the steel works. Saying that he now felt refreshed after meeting the working class at the steel works, he expressed his conviction that they would demonstrate the resourcefulness and talents of Koreans by surely restoring the electric furnace to the original state and turning out molten iron for the building of a new Korea by their own efforts and technology. If we founded the Party and rallied the broad sections of the working class and people closely around it, we would be able to build a prosperous, independent sovereign state by our own efforts, he added.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary war veterans accompanying him could visualize the Korean people struggling to build a prosperous, independent sovereign state, rallied firmly behind the Party.

### Staying up all night

That day, Kim Il Sung's office room was lit until late at night just ahead of the inaugural meeting of the Party.

Back to his office at sunset after finishing his field guidance to the steel works, he was still making preparations for the meeting.

Feeling concern about his health, an anti-Japanese revolutionary war veteran told him that the following day was dawning and asked him to rest even a little. Then he said that he had already gotten used to it and dawn was the most precious time for him.

### Historic October 10 in 1945

It was October 10 1945.

In the early morning, after looking round the lodgings of the delegates to the inaugural meeting of the Party, Kim Il Sung worked hard at his desk until sunrise to finish writing the report to be delivered at the meeting.

After exchanging greetings with anti-Japanese revolutionary war veterans in the morning, he told them that the time was approaching to record a new page in the history of the communist movement in the country which had undergone twists and turns and severe trials.

He headed for the venue of the meeting together with them, and at the meeting he made the historic report "On Building a Marxist-Leninist Party in Our Country and Its Immediate Tasks".

All the participants of the meeting were totally fascinated by the report as it made clear the lawful requirements for and urgency of establishing the powerful party central leadership organ in north Korea and political and organizational lines defining the activities of the Party and the principles for its building based on the acute analysis of the situations created in the north and south of liberated Korea.

He formed the Central Organizing Committee of the Communist Party of North Korea, the party central leadership organ, and proclaimed the founding of the Party to the whole world.

## Immortal exploits performed for developing Workers' Party

By Pang Un Ju PT

On October 8 1997, Kim Jong Il was elected general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea in reflection of the unanimous will of the Korean people.

As it held him at its top post, the WPK could provide itself with a guarantee for invariably preserving its revolutionary character and intrinsic nature and dynamically advancing the revolutionary cause of Juche which was pioneered in Mt Paektu, the socialist cause.

Kim Jong Il built the WPK as a party which achieved the uniformity of ideology and leadership.

Having expounded the leader-centred party building idea in his early years, he set it as the fundamental principle of party building to ensure the uniformity of ideology and leadership within the party and energetically led the effort to establish the monolithic ideological system and the unified leadership system in

the whole party.

He also formulated the revolutionary ideas of President Kim Il Sung as Kimilsungism and held aloft the banner of modelling the whole Party on Kimilsungism. Under his wise leadership, the WPK turned into an invincible party which is imbued with the ideology of the leader and which acts as one under the unified leadership of the leader.

A body which shares ideas, breathes the same breath as and keeps pace with the leader and which is ideologically pure, organizationally integrated and unified in action—this is the true looks of the WPK built by him.

Kim Jong Il developed the WPK into a powerful guiding force of the Korean revolution.

He worked heart and soul to enhance the leadership functions and role of the Party.

Thanks to the well-regulated system and original method of Party work he established all across the Party, the WPK could dynamically advance without falling into decrepitude

and stagnation as befitting a revolutionary and fighting party and bring about a steady upsurge in the revolution and construction.

He developed the WPK into the General Staff of the Songun revolution in the trying period of the 1990s when the destiny of the country and nation was at the crossroads of life and death, and his energetic guidance was the crucial factor that enabled the socialist cause of Juche to advance steadily despite the vicious moves of the imperialists and the DPRK to emerge as a world politico-ideological power and military power.

Kim Jong Il strengthened the WPK into a genuine motherly party which takes care of the people's destiny in a responsible manner.

It was his noble conviction that a party should be a genuine mother that takes full charge of the destiny of the masses of the people and guides them.

He incorporated the simple opinions of ordinary people in policies, considered whether the people liked it when

seeing even a single creation and continued to make a long, gruelling journey for the people at the times of joy and hardship.

As the Korean people held the benevolent father in high esteem as the WPK leader, all the Party work and activities were thoroughly oriented and subordinated to serving the people and the Party could become one and only genuine motherly party in the world and a mass party which is deeply rooted in the masses of the people and which forms one body with them.

Today the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un successfully carries forward and develops his history of leadership over Party building with extraordinary ideological and theoretical activities and wise guidance, and therefore the WPK uninterruptedly continues the journey of selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people by adopting "The people are God" and devoted service for the people as its political philosophy and ideal.

# Rice harvest goes into high gear on farms



Gratifying harvesting season starts at the farms. RODONG SINMUN

By Kim Il Jin PT

Rice harvest is in full swing in all rural areas of the country.

“Unlike the previous period, different areas including Jaeryong, Anak and Chongdan of South Hwanghae Province launched into rice harvest in late August. At present, the rate of rice harvesting is more than twice as compared to previously at almost all the farms across the country including those in Pyongyang and North and South Phyongan and North and South Hwanghae provinces. The Ogye and Wollang farms of Anbyon County of Kangwon Province and other farms are now concentrating all efforts on harvesting, while producing high yields in the farm fields where harvest could not be expected due to damage from typhoon

only a month ago,” said Kim Ju Yon, department director of the Agricultural Commission.

Not only the “granaries” on the west coast including Jaeryong, Yonbaek and Yoltusamchholli plains but also farms on the east coast are increasing successes after starting rice harvest at the right time.

Each farm in South Hwanghae Province, the largest agricultural province of the country, is harvesting rice on dozens of hectares of paddies every day by increasing the proportion of work done by machines and carrying out daily harvesting plans by pushing ahead with different farming processes in a three-dimensional way.

Phyongwon County of South Phyongan Province, which scientifically worked out a plan for harvest according to the characteristics of rice

varieties and climatic conditions at each farm, has ensured that the fields where crops have fully ripened are drained in order to create conditions favourable for harvest and conveyance. The county agricultural management committee has correctly set the right time of harvest to gather and thresh crops as soon as they ripen.

The Chaeryong and Yoltusamchon farms in Sukchon County are directing efforts to keeping harvested rice from rotting and other farms are expanding their successes in rice harvest by boosting the proportion of work done by machines like rice combine harvester.

According to officials of the Ogye and Wollang farms in Anbyon County, agrochemicals were sprayed on over 250 hectares of fields which were flooded

due to typhoon damage in order to increase the weight per 1 000 grains, thus promoting the growth of crops. As a result, it is expected that larger quantities of grains will be gathered than last year. At present, these farms are harvesting and threshing more rice day after day.

Kangnam County taking a big share of agricultural production in Pyongyang is also doing a good job of rice harvest and threshing.

The county has ensured that farms newly equipped with rice combine threshers boost their operation rate as much as possible by improving the skills of their operators.

It also puts in efforts to ensure the full operation of threshers by drying the harvested rice sufficiently and stepping up the binding and conveying of sheaves of rice.



## Sheep find happy home in Muwon plateau

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Mountains make up 95% of Changsong County in North Phyongan Province.

As a mountainous county, it set up pastures for mobile grazing in valleys to raise such grass-eating domestic animals as cows, sheep and goats in large numbers.

In 2020, it worked out a plan to reclaim into a sheep ranch the Muwon plateau, which is more than 1 000 metres above sea level and which was far away from

residential quarters and overgrown with shrubs.

The whole county turned out in creating more than 1 000 hectares of grass fields and constructing a road stretching for several kilometres.

With the determination to raise sheep on the plateau on a large scale, they built a sheep farm equipped with seven blocks of animal sheds, a fodder processing ground, storehouse, hostel and sci-tech learning space.

They sped up the reclamation of the tableland and readjustment of pastures in different places to create over 1 140 hectares of feed grass fields and build 35 blocks of sheds.

And they secured nearly 1 000 sheep of good breeds.

As a result, since last summer an idyllic scene has

unfolded on the tableland where herds of sheep graze.

With fleecy white clouds floating in the sky, flocks of sheep graze on the vast grass fields on the high plateau commanding a panoramic view of surrounding mountains.

And at the scenic foot of the mountain there are the buildings of the sheep farm which look like a picture, a modernly-built hostel for young employees and a fodder processing ground. The compound and the surroundings of the main farm are thickly wooded with good species of trees.

This is the new appearance of the Muwon plateau which has turned into pastures for mobile grazing of the Changsong sheep farm in North Phyongan Province.

At present employees

broaden their experience as they learn new techniques for growing good breeds of sheep.

The fodder processing ground turns out nutritious assorted feed from bean cake and additives according to a recipe scientifically set to suit the features of flocks and ages and the sheep farm produces Koryo veterinary medicines to reduce the death rate of the animals.

The establishment of a scientific breeding and tending system and the introduction of strict anti-epizootic measures have resulted in a steady increase in the fattening rate of sheep and the production of hundreds of lambs.

In keeping with the increase in the number of sheep, the county is stepping up preparations for improving the people's living standards.



A flock of sheep graze in Changsong County, North Phyongan Province. RODONG SINMUN

# Exhibition offers glimpse into developing industrial design

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The national industrial design exhibition in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK, which opened on September 5, is still drawing a large number of visitors.

"The creations of civilization favoured by our people are unthinkable apart from famous designs created under the meticulous care of General Secretary Kim Jong Un. This exhibition presented in various forms over 1 500 pieces among more than 4 800 industrial designs for 190-odd projects which were examined by him in recent years," said Kim Song Il, staffer of the Central Industrial Design Bureau of the DPRK.

Presented on the ground floor are designs, ads and signboards for the rail transport sector, machine-building, light and clothes

industries and on the first floor are those for commercial use. Some real products are displayed in each section.

Eye-catchers are such public transport means as home-made metro car and trolley bus.

All of them look very stylish and brightly coloured with curved beauty.

The design of a double-decker represents a "stylish" bus with an oval-shaped observation window in the whole facade with an electric clock at its centre, providing a visual effect and utility at the same time.

Happy looks of the young generations, the future of the country, seem to be reflected on the designs of school uniforms and real products for students of schools at all levels.

An exhibition board standing there carries the instruction of the General Secretary, who said as he saw the samples of new school uniforms that our students

in such new school uniforms will make their parents happy and brighten the whole country and that they should be made with sincerity just like the samples and be supplied to the students.

The signboard designs for commercial service facilities located on new modern streets and designs of schoolbags and school things look distinctive. And many people are reluctant to leave the designs of "Pomhyanggi" trademark of the Sinuiju Cosmetics Factory.

"The logo of the factory depicting three silver bell flowers in a circular stem and different shapes of brands are associated with the devotion the General Secretary made to complete the 'Pomhyanggi' trademark favoured by women in a way it carries strong symbolism," said the lecturer.

The models and real products ensuring compactness, concentration

and symbolism in good combination of practicality and aesthetic taste give a glimpse into the vitality of developing industrial designs.

Viewers can read books related to industrial design, global development trends

and up-to-date data on the first floor.

"As shown by the theme of the exhibition, "Immortal leadership over industrial designs embroidered with great devotion", the exhibition showcases the immortal journey the General

Secretary has continued to provide the people with the best civilization. Our dreams and ideals are getting greater and beautiful future is being hastened thank to his leadership," said a visitor.

The exhibition will continue until mid-October.



Visitors look round the national industrial design exhibition. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Website boosts industrial design production

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

These days, industrial designs are created actively through website Samcholligumsugangsan in the national network.

It is attributed to a new information system which was established so as to innovate the production of industrial designs as required by the developing reality.

The system was developed by the Samcholli Intellectual Property & Information Technology Company.

"Our company has concentrated efforts on the establishment of the new information system in order to produce industrial designs that conform to the requirements of the people who aspire after more refined, useful and beautiful ones, improve their dissemination and publicity and promote the convenience of businesses," said directress Ri Chung Bok.

On the basis of correct analysis of experiences and lessons the company accumulated and drew while operating the design order system in the past one year, it developed a program which helps grasp, analyse and plan in a unified way the whole process from the creation, dissemination and introduction of industrial designs.

The company set up and launched the website in July this year.

Its vitality has clearly been demonstrated from the first month after launch.

"More and more applications for designs come to the company as creators display their talents and therefore the website has become a competition field for creators," said staffer Kang Il Nam.

The operation of the website has boosted the enthusiasm of many production units for developing new products.

Users say that the website shows the activities of creators in every industrial design production unit and designers of different production units on a regular basis and, therefore, enterprises keep close contact with creators and compete with each other to make the shapes of their products more distinctive.

In other words, competition between enterprises for developing new products has become the one for creating new industrial designs.

Through the website, innovations are made in the guidance over the creation of industrial designs.

The Central Industrial Design Bureau provides guidance over industrial designers in a scientific and prospective way and takes relevant measures while frequently learning about the demand and growth and making analysis and prediction.

The production of industrial designs through the website is gaining momentum all across the country and many industrial designs have been created and disseminated among light and machine-building industries and other fields in a few months.

## To improve quality of printed packing material

By Kil Chung Il PT

"As foodstuffs attract the eye first, merely the sight of its package draws me, stimulating my appetite."

This is what people say about foodstuffs produced by the Taesongsan Ice Cream Factory, O-il General Health Drink Factory, Unha Daesong Foodstuff Factory, Songdownon General Foodstuff Factory and so on.

The packages printed to suit the characteristics of their contents easily draw the attention of people as they are bright in colour and high in cubic effect, transparency and precision.

The packages are printed by the May Day Stadium O-il Trademark Print Shop.

Though small in site, the shop flawlessly prints packing materials for products from renowned domestic foodstuff producers on a high qualitative level. Therefore, its credibility is rising with each passing day.

"Each product for people's dietary life is unthinkable apart from its package. However unique trademark designs are, the product is out of favour with

people if the packages fail to reflect the designs accurately.

We are striving to improve the quality of the printed materials in close cooperation with the relevant production units," said Jang Un Chol, manager of the print shop.

In recent years, the shop has put in effort to ensure the domestic production and recycling of materials for printing most of which were imported.

After forming a powerful research group, it has intensified basic research and made and introduced necessary equipment.

In the course of this, it used domestic raw and other materials to develop over a dozen kinds of materials for printing to be introduced into production.

Among them there is a grindstone urgently needed for the first process of printing.

Technicians of the shop made different pieces of equipment, including an ultrafine grinder, roller, ore crusher, press and kiln, in order to make the grindstone with domestic raw materials. Through repeated tests, they confirmed rational moulding temperature, pressure, grinding capacity and so on.

The grindstone made that way is high in performance.

"We also made plastic glue, which is high in adhesive strength and transparency, and developed several kinds of printing ink which are most widely used during printing," said Kim Jong Hun, section chief of the shop.

The shop makes some materials by dint of recycling.

The materials it made fully satisfy the relevant technical indices, drawing the attention of many printing units and the demand for them is increasing.

"Though it was set up with only a dozen personnel over ten years ago, our print shop now leads other domestic printing units with a long history. This is attributable to the efforts of the manager who devotes himself to training employees into competent technicians and skilled workers," said section chief Han Ho Bom.

The shop now channels efforts into research for green printing technology according to global trends in the development of the printing industry.

Shortly ago, it won Twice Honoured Three-Revolution Red Flag.

# 'Pedigree farm' for training backbone of country

By Pak Song Min PT

**M**angyongdae Revolutionary School, an educational institution for the children of revolutionary martyrs and a pedigree establishment for training the backbone of the country, marked its 76th birthday.

The 76-year history of the school is the one of ardent love and revolutionary obligation of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who took care of the children of revolutionary martyrs out of noble revolutionary comradeship so that they could steadfastly carry forward the lifeblood of the revolution.

The President, who had always remembered the revolutionary soldiers who passed away before national liberation, put forward the work of finding the children of revolutionary martyrs as

an important task that can never be postponed even for a moment, though the situation at home and abroad was complicated and he was heavily engaged in the historic cause of building the party, state and army right after the liberation of Korea.

Whenever he visited provinces or met officials from different parts of the country, he inquired about the revolutionary martyrs' children who were likely to live there, and ensured that the newspapers and radio network were involved in the search for the children. He also dispatched officials to Northeast China and other places to bring the children of martyrs back to the fatherland.

The children must be found without fail, even by searching the whole world!

This was the noble intention of the President and it was his will to train the children of revolutionary martyrs into ardent fighters who would devotedly struggle for the Party and the

revolution, the country and the people.

He personally assumed the role of chairman of the preparatory committee for founding the school and chose the site in Mangyongdae and made great efforts for the founding of the school.

As a result, the children of revolutionary martyrs, who had been wandering about in the homeland and Manchurian wilderness like the leaves of the roadside, came into the embrace of the country and the great leader. And on October 12 1947, Mangyongdae Revolutionary School was founded.

Since then, the school has developed into a centre for the education of the children of revolutionary martyrs under the direct care and warm love of the leader in the whole course of its development.

During the Fatherland Liberation War, the graduates of the school defended the safety of Kim Il Sung by

becoming human bombs and shields. After the war, they grew up to be competent military commanders, officials of the Party and the state, heroes and PhDs, thus making great contributions to the prosperity of the country and leaving clear traces of their lives.

As he studied at the revolutionary school, Kim Jong Il built the pillar of faith in the hearts of the students that they should believe in and follow the President only. Later, he devoted his all to building the revolutionary school into a centre for bringing up the backbone of the Korean revolution and a happy home of the children of revolutionary martyrs.

Even in the difficult period when the whole country was making the Arduous March and forced march, the lights from the school campus were always bright and the students grew up to be pillars of the revolution who would shoulder the future of

the country while learning to their heart's content under the benevolent care of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made sure that the history of the noble loving care shown by the great leaders for the children of revolutionary martyrs is given steady continuity.

On January 24 2012, he visited Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and said that he came to the school as he thought the students would dearly miss Chairman Kim Jong Il, though he had many places to visit on the occasion of lunar New Year's Day. He added that as that was the first lunar New Year's Day that came after the demise of Kim Jong Il, no one but he should celebrate the holiday with the students as their parent.

Last year, he visited the school on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School

and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School. He warmly congratulated the teaching staff, students and graduates of the schools on the anniversary and made a meaningful commemorative speech entitled **Let Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School Become "Pedigree Farms" for Bringing up the Hardcore That Will Guarantee the Eternal Youthful Vigour of the Cause of Juche.**

Indeed, the students of the school are growing up to be firm pillars of the country under the loving care of Kim Jong Un who gives them all his parental love, saying Mangyongdae Revolutionary School is the school of the President and the Chairman, just the call of whose name reminds him of the personalities of the great leaders, and that the students of the school are always in his mind.

## Competent talents of the country grow



Students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School study to their heart's content at the place fully equipped with excellent educational conditions. JON KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

"The Korean revolution has a really rosy future" and "It is something impressive that such a fine school as this is in operation for the children of martyrs". These are what many foreigners said in admiration during their visit to Mangyongdae Revolutionary School.

The school has been provided with all conditions necessary for study and life of students, including a school building nestling in a wood of different kinds

of trees, park-like outdoor study sites, a modern gymnasium, an imposing hall, a playground wide enough to enable the children to conduct diverse sports activities, and a wide road in the school compound.

The school was visited by President Kim Il Sung more than 110 times, Chairman Kim Jong Il more than 90 times and General Secretary Kim Jong Un several times and is the seat for education of children of revolutionary martyrs.

Students of the school are

growing up as the backbone of the country.

The slogan "Let us learn for Korea!" hanging on the gate of the school reflects the will of the students to study hard to develop into competent talents for the building of a powerful country, bearing in mind the great love and trust shown by the Workers' Party of Korea which is training and putting forward them as successors to the revolution.

The students get a high level of education at the physical laboratory fully

equipped with various kinds of apparatuses for experiment and practice and at the chemical and computer labs installed with modern equipment and apparatuses. And all of them fully develop their artistic talents and conduct diverse sports activities as they want to grow up to be pillars of the country.

In the past, the school produced talents highly rated at the International Math Olympiad and national contests and many winners of the July 15 Honour

Student Prize and the "Our Classroom" Literature Prize. They played a core and pivotal role in the Korean People's Army and in different parts of the country.

Among the graduates of the school are scores of heroes, professors and PhDs, including three heads of the DPRK government, three KPA Marshals and thrice and twice heroes, which shows what kind of role the graduates of the school are playing for the country and the people.

The General Secretary has taken benevolent

measures to make life at the school a process of implanting in the minds of the students indomitable will, confidence in sure victory and revolutionary optimism and dispatched them to major construction sites to train them in practice to be indomitable fighters, who know the Party and the revolution and devotedly serve the country and the people, unlike children of rich families. The students are growing into the backbone of the country true to his noble intention.



# Shooting gallery lures many visitors



By Pang Un Ju PT

The Meari Shooting Gallery in Sports Village on Pyongyang's Chongchun Street is an alluring public recreational facility for people.

Nestling at the foot of a picturesque low hill in good harmony with the natural surroundings, it gives a snug and fresh feeling to the visitors. If they enter the gallery, its logo comes into sight.

The logo, a round target with the letters of meari

meaning (echo) at the centre, awakens the interest of visitors in shooting at first sight.

According to Kim Hyang Mi, a guide, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said the logo is distinctive when he visited the renovated and modernized shooting gallery in February 2014.

Centring on the entrance hall, there are ray gun and rifle ranges and an amusement arcade and shop on the ground floor.

The ray gun range where shrieks of birds are heard is visited by many adults as well

as children. Through a large display, they can shoot at targets like bear, wild boar and deer running through the forest and snow fields for six minutes.

In the rifle range with eight firing positions 50-metre rifle shooting takes place.

With the help of guides with good marksmanship, visitors can learn the firing posture, the method of rifle shooting and the secret of marksmanship and experience strain from firing live shells, the thrill of hitting the targets and various other feelings at the same time.

Guide Paek Il Sim said

that though the firing range is soundproof and sound-absorbing, customers are recommended to wear earplugs before shooting.

Light music is sometimes played impressively at the amusement arcade equipped with electronic amusement facilities on the three sides. According to Kim Hyang, a guide in the arcade, the music is played to congratulate the visitors whenever they get high marks and they are enthusiastic about playing game on machines to hear it.

There are an archery range and 25-metre pistol and

electronic pistol ranges on the first floor.

At the archery range visitors can shoot at 10-metre targets, 30-metre at maximum, and balloons and in the 25-metre pistol firing range they can feel pleasure of shooting pistols with the help of guides.

At the electronic pistol firing range, they will get the knack of marksmanship including the supporting of weapons and control of breath.

At the outdoor firing range with 12 firing positions, customers can shoot at not only sitting targets, but also

live animals like chicken and pheasant with automatic and other rifles and pistols in the 25-metre pistol and 50-metre rifle shootings.

They can bring home animals they hit or order dishes with them.

They can also play tennis, badminton and volleyball at the outdoor sports field and the restaurant there provides kind service for them.

"Lots of people have visited the Meari Shooting Gallery so far, and it keeps luring many with such a special charm of shooting," said Kim Hyang Mi.

## Archery testifies to Koguryo people's spirit of worshipping martial arts



Amateur archers have a good time at the archery range of the Meari Shooting Gallery. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Joy from the Meari Shooting Gallery in Pyongyang can be felt in the indoor 30-metre archery range on the first floor of the building.

In the place you can try to hit 10- and 30-metre targets and balloons as well.

Guides and spectators there are struck with admiration as experienced "archers" hit targets with arrows as skilfully as an expert and sometimes cannot help but burst into laughter as inexperienced "archers" fail to hit targets by shooting arrows in the wrong directions.

Such novices, with the kindly help of a guide, pick up bows that suit them and learn the movements and acquire the knack of shooting arrows in a short time to become able to shoot arrows, and those who once found pleasure in archery are reluctant to leave the archery range.

"I had terribly disgraced myself by trying to shoot

arrows without practising even the basic movements as I had thought archery is not special. Only after being taught the ABC of the sport could I become able to shoot arrows," said Kim Un Song, a resident of Pothonggang District, Pyongyang.

Now that he has found archery interesting, he often goes to the place on rest days as well as holidays, he said.

According to Rim Son Hwa, one of the guides, it is commonplace for those who were hesitant to try archery considering the sport difficult to find it more interesting than pistol or rifle shooting once they shoot a bow.

Archery is very beneficial to health because it has positive effects on muscle development and the cervical vertebrae and thus helps maintain an upright posture, she said.

"Archery enables me to guess the extent to which the intelligence and physical strength of the Koguryo people. They accurately hit targets with arrows even on horseback," said Im Sung

Il, a resident of Tongsang-dong No. 1 of Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.

"Archery has long been practised in Korea. The Koguryo people made hunting important part of their life work and bravely fought against foreign aggressors who invaded their country incessantly. They worshipped martial arts and regarded it as a man's duty to learn martial arts. From childhood, they regularly did running and learned riding, archery, swordsmanship and other martial arts," said Rim Son Hwa.

She went on to say that in those days people shot arrows on horseback to hunt animals or as competition to shoot down targets hanging on tops of posts. Such traditions still continue as national games loved by the people.

At the archery range, men take photos of themselves drawing a bow in uniform of Koguryo warrior.

Now, parks in the DPRK have archery grounds to encourage the sport.

## Thrilling live firing

By Ryom Un Gyeong PT

Visitors to the Meari Shooting Gallery say in unison that the charm of the Meari Shooting Gallery is always to do live firing.

The laser gun, electronic pistol and archery ranges, too, attract many people but the middle-aged as well as young people visit the live firing ranges first.

Guide Kim Hyang Mi said that all guides of the 50m rifle, 25m pistol and outdoor shooting ranges are crack shots and that many visitors to the places have become marksmen with the help of the guides.

"I have had a good time here on holidays for two years. Today I am going to show my friend my marksmanship," said Choe Yong Jin, a customer, before taking a firing position, adopting a firing posture skilfully and calmly pulling the trigger.

The score of 10.4 flashed up on the screen.

Not only his friend but also other spectators wondered at the score, expressing doubt. Then guide Pae Il Sim said that in general the highest mark in shooting is ten and that experts, however, get

higher marks than ten, that is, 10.1 to 10.9, depending on who hits the centre of the target more accurately than others.

The friend applauded his astonishing marksmanship and went up to a guide to ask her to teach him the knack of a bull's-eye.

After telling him about the five factors for that, that is, correct shooting posture, breathing, weapon balancing, correct aiming and triggering, the guide said that if he made efforts, he would become a good shot like his friend. And she encouraged him, telling him to learn well and compete with his friend in marksmanship later.

The sound of gunfire came from the 25m pistol range in succession.

Having taken a seat in the auditorium there after finishing shooting, Kim Chang Bok, a staffer of the Ministry of Construction and Building-materials Industry, said that he felt good as he had shot to his heart's content like during his military service. The following Sunday he would bring his wife with him to shoot together, he added.

Ri Mi Hyang, a woman who had drawn the attention of visitors by hitting targets

in a charming posture, said smilingly that the thrill of hitting targets by calmly pulling the trigger while loading the rifle with a shot after another could be felt only at the shooting gallery.

Not only the 25m pistol and 50m rifle ranges but also the outdoor shooting range, where you can shoot live animals, are crowded with people.

Hyon Chol U, a 46-year-old man living in Inhung-dong of Moranbong District, Pyongyang, carefully fired three bullets at pheasants.

People around saw, to their surprise, a guide bringing four pheasants and the guide congratulated the man, saying that one of the three bullets had hit two pheasants at a time.

"When I was aiming at live pheasants at the outdoor shooting range at the foot of a mountain, I felt as if I was a hunter. It is really regrettable that I cannot fully express the pleasure of live firing," he said, adding that whenever he enjoys himself at such a fine shooting gallery, he feels deep gratitude to the policies of the country that shows great concern and care for the cultural life of the working people.



Delight of marksmanship at the indoor rifle shooting range. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



# Sightseeing boats

## add beauty to Pothong River

By Ri Sung Ik PT

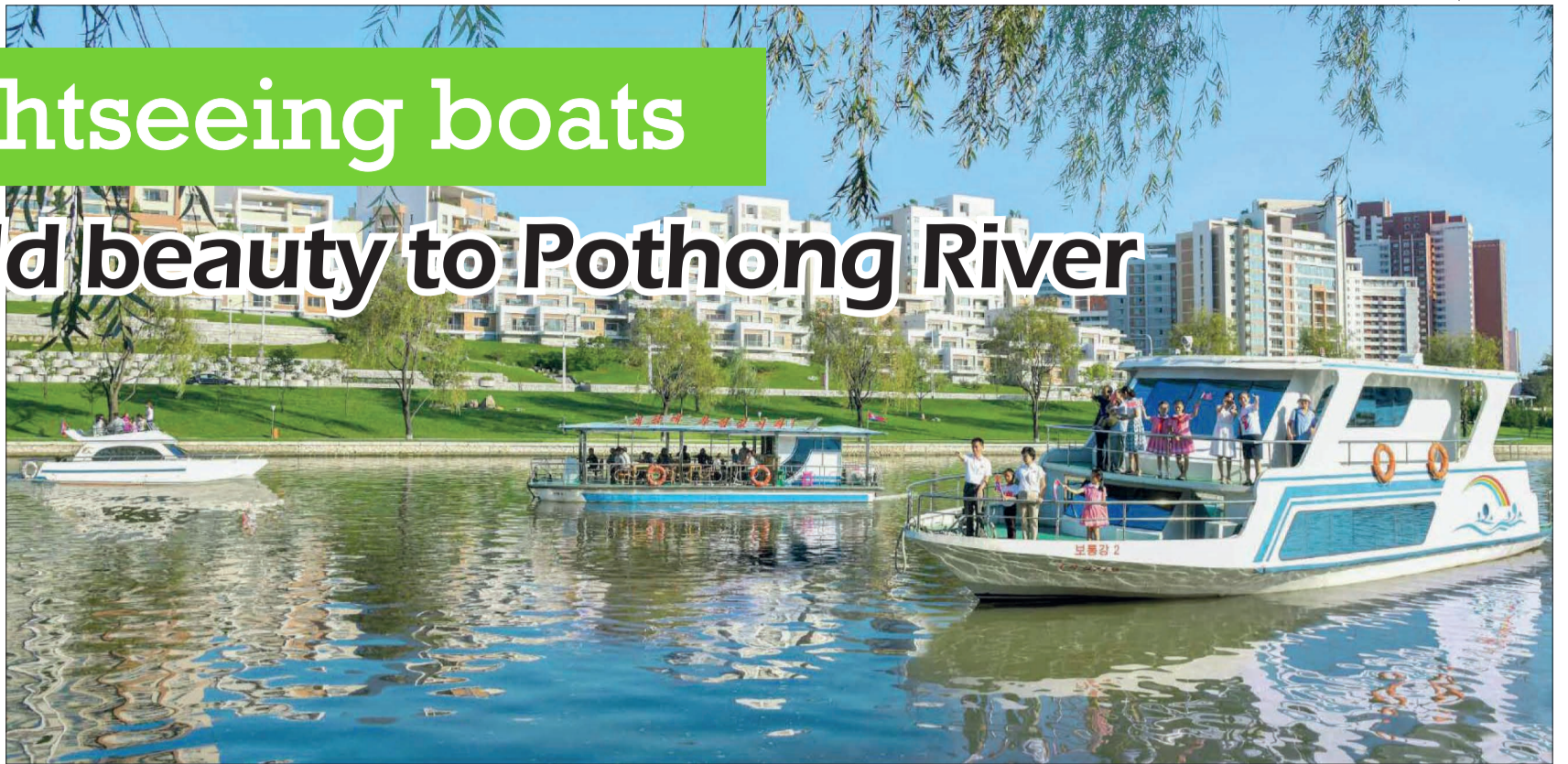
A beautiful scene was unfolded on the picturesque Pothong River.

Newly-built sightseeing boats are floating on the blue water of the river.

"The new boats that were launched last August are capable of carrying dozens of tourists at a time and have well-furnished cabins, decks and service facilities," said an official of the Pothonggang District People's Committee.

According to him, the pleasure boats leave from right opposite the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District which was built as an ideal street for the people and cruise past the People's Palace of Culture, Pyongyang Indoor Stadium, Ice Rink and Chongnyu Restaurant to arrive at the Pyongyang Sports Village.

Many people have enjoyed



Passengers aboard sightseeing boats enjoy the view of Kyongru-dong on the Pothong River. JO RYONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

the boat trip since August.

As it was midsummer when the boats started sightseeing service, they always had full loads of passengers who came to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Pothong River in the cool river breeze, said Ri Hyang Mi, a service worker of sightseeing boat *Pothonggang 1*, adding that the number of passengers

have not decreased yet because they are very much attracted by the beautiful night view of the riverside.

"What I did was just my duty as a medical worker, but the state provided me with a luxurious flat in Kyongru-dong, Central District, the envy of all," said Kim Chol Jin, section chief of the Okryu Children's Hospital, on a boat

trip with his family on the anniversary of the founding of the DPRK. "Today, enjoying the luminous night view of the terraced houses district and the beautiful landscape of the river banks on such a wonderful cruise, I keenly feel the love for the people of our Party which strives to provide us with a more civilized life and my

resolve to repay its favors gets stronger."

Many passengers on board the boats like to take photographs of their pleasure trip.

"As a Pyongyang citizen, I have always regarded the Pothong River as part of my native home. Today I looked at the monumental edifices lined up along the river banks

with my wife aboard the boat. I really enjoyed the sights of Pyongyang, which has changed beyond recognition in the great golden age of construction, and envisioned the future appearance of my country which will become more splendid," said Kim Song Duk, a 78-year-old from Ryugyong-dong No. 1, Pothonggang District.

## Poet in his eighties

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

It is not easy for a man at the age of 89 to create literary works.

But there is an old man who is writing many poems at that age.

He is Pak Saeng Gun, a war veteran living in neighbourhood unit No. 87 of Rangnang-dong No. 1 in Rangnang District, Pyongyang.

"My poetry began along with the war," he said.

At the age of 17, he joined the Korean People's Army to fight fierce battles during the Fatherland Liberation War. He often witnessed his comrades-in-arms thrusting themselves into do-or-die battles at the risk of their lives and those who breathed their last, leaving their last wishes.

He could hardly keep in his mind his sorrow at the loss of his beloved comrades-in-arms and his hatred for

the enemy who had invaded his dear hometown. Such feelings motivated him to write poems, said he.

He wrote poems by the oil lamp light in the air-raid shelter, seeing a burnt young pine near the trench, or on top of the height under the morning star, and the poems of love and hatred gave his comrades-in-arms great inspiration.

His comrades-in-arms did not hesitate to fight death-defying battles, reciting his poems.

As he had been used to writing poems during the war, he would write poems while working as a medical worker after the war.

The veteran's creative activities continued for decades after he became a pensioner.

The encouragement of his old comrades-in-arms, who sent letters of congratulation to him after reading his poems in papers, and the daily increasing state policies for the veterans made him aware of his mission as a

member of the victorious wartime generation. With that awareness he chose and polished words for his poems which made the readers clearly realize the noble spirit of defending the country.

His poems associated with his zeal for creation further increased in number after he was honoured to meet General Secretary Kim Jong Un at the Fourth National Conference of War Veterans in July 2015.

He wrote poems to reflect his boundless gratitude to the General Secretary who places the war veterans at the meridian of glory.

He still writes poems.

About the secret of his creation, he says that the photos he posed with the General Secretary and the certificates of participation in the national conferences of war veterans always encourage him.

He will be 90 in December this year.



War veteran Pak Saeng Gun tells his children about the feats and spirit of the generation of victors.

RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Worker inventor

By To Kyong Chol PT

The number of inventors is on a steady increase among workers in the DPRK, which aspires to make all the people well versed in science and technology.

Among them, there is Wi In Chol at the Pyongyang General Printing Plant.

"Wi In Chol is a highly skilled worker indispensable to our factory. The printing method based on the water rubber distributor, which he invented, made and introduced into production, is of great significance in boosting production," said Kim Hak Chol, workshop manager.

Roller is used all across the printing machine sector.

In the past, moleskin rollers were used and rubber rollers began to be used along with the development of the printing industry.

However, a demerit of rubber rollers was that the quality of printing went down as the rollers wore away in the course of long-term use.

The problem was solved by Wi In Chol.

Wi who has been working at the factory for 28 years said that his consciousness of being master of machine and factory motivated him to develop new technologies and invent new devices. "At the beginning of research, I was anxious for fear of



Wi In Chol (centre) holds a discussion with coworkers on his new invention. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

failure. But thinking that I should succeed without fail in order to increase production, I buckled down to it and completed the printing method based on the water rubber distributor and thus improved the quality of printing and prolonged the lifespan of the device," he added.

His fellow workers describe him as a very passionate man.

After his demob he was employed by the factory and became the operator of a calender, a main process. He worked hard to acquire remarkable skills as soon as possible.

He took the lead in the study of science and technology at the factory and avidly read sci-tech data at the Grand People's Study House and the Sci-Tech Complex after a day's work.

Soon he came to have so deep insight into machinery that he could have debates with veteran workers.

Not a slight problem in the workshop escaped his observation, quest and search and such passionate enthusiasm enabled him to become a highly skilled worker and master inventor of original plans and devices.

One of his technical innovations took the first place at the national exhibition of inventions and new technologies in 2015 and several other valuable inventions and technical innovation proposals were highly appreciated at the national sci-tech festivals and national exhibitions of inventions and new technologies.

Today with a profound knowledge of printing machines as well as his machine, Wi makes a big contribution to solving technical problems arising at the factory.

He now lives in a luxurious house in Kyongru-dong in the capital city which was provided to him by the state gratis.

# DPRK-Russia ties develop onto new strategic height

By Choe Song Jun PT

October 12 is the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and Russia.

The establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries marked an occasion that enabled the two countries to strengthen and develop the friendly ties while closely cooperating in various fields including politics, the economy and culture on the principle of independence, equality and mutual respect.

In retrospect, the DPRK-Russia ties of friendship and cooperation have developed under the meticulous care of the top leaders of the two countries from the outset.

President Kim Il Sung made his first official visit to the Soviet Union in 1949 and concluded an agreement on economic and cultural cooperation between the two countries. Afterwards, he frequently met with the Soviet leaders to consolidate

the friendly relations.

Chairman Kim Jong Il visited the Russian Federation several times to open up a new history of the DPRK-Russia friendship. The adoption of the DPRK-Russia joint declaration and Moscow declaration under the deep concern of the top leaders of the two countries provided a historic landmark in actively promoting the development of the bilateral relations and ensuring peace and security in the region and the world.

Today, the DPRK-Russia friendship has reached a new high stage.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the Russian Federation in April 2019 and met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin. The meeting was a historic event of great significance in further consolidating and soundly developing the friendship between the two countries with a long history and tradition.

Kim Jong Un visited Russia

again last September and met and had talks with Vladimir Putin.

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

They exchanged in-depth views on the remarkable successes and experience of constructive cooperation in all fields of politics, economy, military and culture for attaining the strategic goals of building powerful states, and the orientation of future development for the national prosperity and the well-being of the peoples of the two countries.

They also discussed with an open mind the important issues arising in joining efforts to defend the sovereignty and interests of development of the states, peace and security in the region and the rest of the world and international justice while further enhancing the

strategic and tactical cooperation and vigorously supporting and assisting each other on the common front of frustrating the imperialists' military threats, provocations and high-handed and arbitrary practices aimed at depriving mankind of independence, progress and peaceful life, and some immediate cooperation items and reached a satisfactory agreement and a consensus of opinions.

The official goodwill visit to the Russian Federation by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un served as an occasion for further consolidating the traditional DPRK-Russia ties of good neighbourliness and cooperation rooted in comradesly friendship and militant unity and opening up a new chapter for the development of the bilateral relations.

It is the consistent stand of the DPRK government to attach utmost importance to the DPRK-Russia friendly relations and invariably develop the tradition of the long-standing friendship.

# 65 Years of Friendship, Solidarity

October 8 2023 marked the significant 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Republic of Guinea.

For over half a century, the two countries have consolidated ties of friendship and cooperation in the common struggle for independence against imperialism and justice. The history of the development of the bilateral relations is permeated with the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung who rendered unstinting moral and material support to Guinea for its independence and the building of a new society.

President Kim Il Sung saw to it that the DPRK government adopted the decision to recognize the government of Guinea which declared independence for the first time in Africa in October 1958 and that the DPRK was the first to establish state-to-state relations with Guinea. He extended firm solidarity with and gave selfless assistance to the Guinean people in the struggle to safeguard their country from the aggression of colonialists in November 1970.

He personally met with President Sékou Touré during his visit to our country on three occasions including October 1979 and illuminated the path to be followed by Guinea in building a new society.

President Kim Il Sung warmly welcomed President Lansana Conté, who came to power after Sékou Touré's demise, as a goodwill envoy

of the Guinean people during his two visits to Pyongyang, and gave him solutions to the detailed problems arising in achieving independent development and prosperity of the country.

Moreover, Kim Il Sung made sure able technicians and experts were dispatched to Guinea to help build farming machine repair factories and small-scale hydroelectric power plants for irrigation. And in January 1982, he saw to it that an agricultural research institute was built splendidly in Kilissi, a local city of Guinea, as befits the symbol of friendship between the two countries.

The Guinean people named the institute after the august name of President Kim Il Sung in reflection of the boundless reverence and admiration for him, the supreme incarnation of genuine internationalist obligation. And the Guinean government conferred the "Grand Cross Order of National Services", the highest order of Guinea, on him.

President Kim Il Sung sincerely helped Guinea achieve independence and build a new society. His immortal exploits performed for the promotion of relations between the two countries will shine for all ages.

We will make active efforts to continuously strengthen and develop the long-standing and traditional relations of friendship and cooperation with Guinea in conformity with the requirements of the new era and in the common interests of the peoples of the two countries.

**Song Se Il,**  
president of the Korea-Africa Association

# Persons with disabilities will enjoy more rights, benefits



**Yun Chang Il**  
chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled

The recent Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted the law on ensuring the rights of the disabled stipulating the entitlement of all the rights to the disabled including socio-political, economic and cultural rights.

Many people are still excited over the adoption of the law.

The work of protecting

the disabled was also conducted in the country in the past and therefore all the disabled people there could equally demonstrate their talents and fulfil their dreams and hopes.

This notwithstanding, the adoption of the new law has made many people happier, especially persons with disabilities, because thank to the law, their sphere of activity has been expanded and subdivided and they have become able to gain

many more state benefits than ordinary people in all fields.

The law stipulates that to fully ensure the socio-political rights of the disabled is an important demand for guaranteeing their position as masters of state power.

Originally, the disabled have enjoyed the right to lead political and organizational life, the right to conduct socio-political activities, the right to vote and to be elected, the right to work in all state institutions, the right to express their views and the rights of appeal and petition.

In addition to such rights granted by the state to citizens, they have become able to be provided with many more rights and benefits in all fields according to the new law.

This is unthinkable apart from the active cooperation and assistance of the state.

The positive cooperation and assistance of the state were an important factor that enabled the disabled of our country to fully demonstrate their talents in the international arena in the past.

The mission of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled is to represent and defend the rights and interests of all the disabled of the country and contribute to providing them with stable and favourable living environment and conditions in all the fields. The committee will fulfil its mission in the effort to fully provide them with the rights of the disabled in collaboration with the government.

## BYWORD

Devotion to the people means making devoted efforts for the good of them while regarding them as the most precious being in the world.

It is based on the noble view on the people that regards them as God.

At the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, solemnly pledged that he would regard the great people as the god of his life and work at the risk of his

life as a faithful servant of the people on the road of devoted service for them.

It is the steadfast stand of the WPK to hold the people, whom President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il regarded as their God, in high

esteem as much as it does the President and the Chairman by engraving the people on the mind as the images of the great leaders.

The WPK demand all officials make devoted efforts for the good of the people.

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# Russia holds to sci-tech development as main link in economic growth

By Song Jong Ho PT

Russian President Putin visited the Sci-tech Centre "Intellectronics-Valdai" on September 21. The operation of the centre began as a base for the development of the electronics industry in 2021. It consists of two buildings with a total floor space of 19 000 square metres where there are a microelectronic design centre, science laboratories, lecture rooms of Advanced Technology College of Novgorod University and 18 research centres under Rosgeologia, Roscosmos and Rostech.

Putin looked round the "Sber" program-based "School 21" classrooms where world-class IT education is given gratis. Such classrooms now exist not only in Novgorod but

also in Moscow, Novosibirsk, Kazan and Surgut (Khanty Mansiyskiy Autonomous District), where more than 4 000 people are studying and more than 2 000 are practising.

In a meeting with winners of the advanced technology Olympiad at the centre, he congratulated them and said, "We are sure that we will make great progress in this field and find out more talented young scientists and technicians in the future, too."

At an enlarged meeting of the permanent commission of the state council held that day, Putin stressed that it is important to systematically and constantly implement the already-proposed plans such as those for building and rebuilding and repairing schools, developing additional education systems, improving the material and

technical foundations of universities and colleges. He also said that it is importance to optimize production processes by actively introducing cost-effective production technology, actively use modern production equipment, make industrial production controlled by robots and raise the level of automation by actively using various kinds of drones.

Putin sent a congratulatory message to the participants in the 12th conference of the all-Russia social organization "Russian Union of Secondary Vocational School Principals" early in October. He in the message congratulated them on the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the union and said that the union worked hard to preserve and develop the tradition

of vocational education in the past. The message expressed belief that the conference would contribute to improving the standard of training skilled experts and carrying out the task for creating new jobs.

Meanwhile, Russian Prime Minister Mishustin said at a government meeting on September 22 that the AI technology market of Russia was on the scale of about 650 billion Rbl in 2022, 18% larger than the previous period, and expressed his will to strengthen the financial support to the field for the development of the country's AI in the future.

He said at a strategic meeting on AI development on September 26 that he would allocate 5.2 billion Rbl for the AI development of Russia in 2024.

Now, the ten-year plan for the development of science and technology is pushed ahead with in Russia at the proposal of President Putin. The country has planned to spend 1.8 billion Rbl on 15 world-class scientific and educational institutions currently financed by the federal budget this year, and is taking necessary measures to enable scientists and technicians to achieve greater success. And marked successes have been achieved in the field thanks to the government's efforts to give active assistance in developing and producing high-tech products.

The efforts of Russia, which regards science and technology as the main link in the effort for economic growth, are accelerating the economic development of the country.

## Clean Hands are within reach

By Choe Yong Nam PT

October 15 is Global Handwashing Day.

The day has been commemorated every year since 2008 which the UN General Assembly designated as the international sanitation year.

Human hands make the most frequent contact with all kinds of objects. Therefore, one hand generally carries tens of thousands of bacteria or viruses and they harm human health while existing for a long time.

According to information available, 60 percent of various diseases break out through hands.

Many people suffer from diarrhoea, gastroenteritis, pneumonia and other diseases in the world every year and even lose their lives. The outbreak of such diseases is mainly attributable to the germs, which come into the body through hands.

Such facts indicate the importance of handwashing to mankind.

Accordingly, the UN designated Global Handwashing Day and has organized a variety of events including the learning of handwashing on the day every year.

This year's GHD theme is "Clean Hands are within reach".

Handwashing with soap can remove different kinds of germs from hands and prevent various infections.

Correct handwashing consists of five steps: wet your hands with clean and running water, turn off the tap and use soap. Rub your hands with soap to make foam. Apply soap to the backs of your hands, between your fingers and under your nails. Rub your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Regular handwashing is the best way to get rid of germs, prevent diseases and keep germs from spreading to other people.

Handwashing and hand disinfection are the key to stemming the spread of world-sweeping COVID-19.

Handwashing was initiated by Ignaz Semmelweis, a Hungarian

doctor in the 19th century. He discovered a wonder that today's elementary hygienic practice constitutes a way to stop the spread of infection in 1847 during an experiment at the maternity ward in a hospital in Vienna. As midwives were unqualified to conduct surgery or autopsies at that time, Semmelweis laid down a new rule for doctors on washing hands with chlorine. Since then, the mortality had drastically decreased in his maternity ward. This was the first proof that handwashing could prevent infection.

According to experts' findings, such a simple act as handwashing with soap can reduce the outbreak of diarrhoea by 50 percent among the children under five and such respiratory infection as pneumonia by nearly 25 percent.

Marking the day, a variety of events have been held in the DPRK every year and such events have helped people have a better understanding of the importance of handwashing with soap.

## Ties of blood melt away in Japan

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

A feeling of kinship is the warmest and most intense emotion of humans.

But somewhere on this earth the kindred affection is dying out. It is none other than Japan.

In this country, parricide cases are becoming more and more commonplace.

Shortly ago, in Yamaguchi Prefecture, a man killed his mother by pouring hot water over her for five hours and, in Kumamoto Prefecture, a man was axed to death by his first son who was living with him. Last July, a woman in her forties was found guilty of killing her mother, dismembering her and putting the parts in several bags. On June 20, a woman was murdered by her son in Kochi City, Kochi Prefecture. During the investigation, the criminal openly admitted that he had a grudge against his mother.

It is also a common practice for some Japanese to stab their father, cut their mother's throat and leave the parents' dead bodies abandoned for a long time.

Meanwhile, cases of parents maltreating and even killing their children are being reported continuously.

In particular, some women bury their newborn child in their home yard, burn the dead body of their infant and throw it away at the seaside, leave the baby in the toilet or leave it unattended to death.

In 2022 alone, the number of child abuse cases in Japan amounted to 219 170. Psychological abuse, including domestic violence, accounted for about 60 percent, and the number of physical abuse cases, such as tying with rope, kicking and beating, reached 51 679. This figure is higher than that of 2021 by 11 510 cases, and the record has been renewed every year for 32 years since 1990.

As marital killing is also widespread, a wife murdered her husband and a husband strangled his wife at an old people's home.

Such cold-blooded crimes are an inevitable product and an incurable evil of the Japanese society which is governed by the law of the jungle.

## Briefly

### Russia

#### Putin: Counteraction against aggressors will be merciless

Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a resolute stand to deal a merciless counter-attack against aggressors at a plenary meeting of the Valdai international forum club on October 5.

"I affirm that Russia's counteraction against aggressors will be completely merciless. As soon as we detect the launch of any missile, hundreds and thousands of our missiles will be fired in response. Then not a single enemy will remain alive," he noted.

### China

#### Japan's nuclear waste water dumping into sea opposed

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry answered a journalist on October 5 as regards Japan's start of the second round of dumping of Fukushima nuclear waste water into the sea.

The Tokyo Electric Power Company of Japan announced that it would release into the sea 7 800 tons of Fukushima nuclear waste water for 17 days by starting the second round of discharge that day. As to this, the spokesman said China is resolutely opposed to Japan's unilateral act.

Saying that the sea is the common wealth of mankind, he demanded Japan respond to the international community's concern in a comprehensive way and get rid of the nuclear waste water in a responsible manner with a sincere attitude.

### Mexico

#### US' plan to build barrier rejected

The Mexican government has recently rejected the US' plan to build a new barrier at the border between the two countries.

The Mexican President asserted that it is a retrogressive measure that the current US administration decided to build additional walls at the border between the two countries by pushing the major policy of the former Trump administration on the pretext of preventing the influx of immigrants.

The Mexican foreign minister derided that the US' expenditure on the construction plan would be unnecessary, expressing opposition to the construction project.

### Palestine-Israel

#### Large-scale armed clash

A large-scale armed clash broke out between the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and Israel. The two sides exchanged gunfire as thousands of rockets were launched and indiscriminate air raids were made.

According to foreign media outlets, hundreds were killed and over 1 000 wounded on each side as of October 8. The international community commented that the clash was an outcome of ceaseless crimes committed by Israel against Palestinians, asserting that the basic solution for terminating such a bloody clash is to build an independent Palestinian state.

# Fossil whale unearthed, registered as natural monument

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In Hosan-ri, Myonggan County, North Hamgyong Province

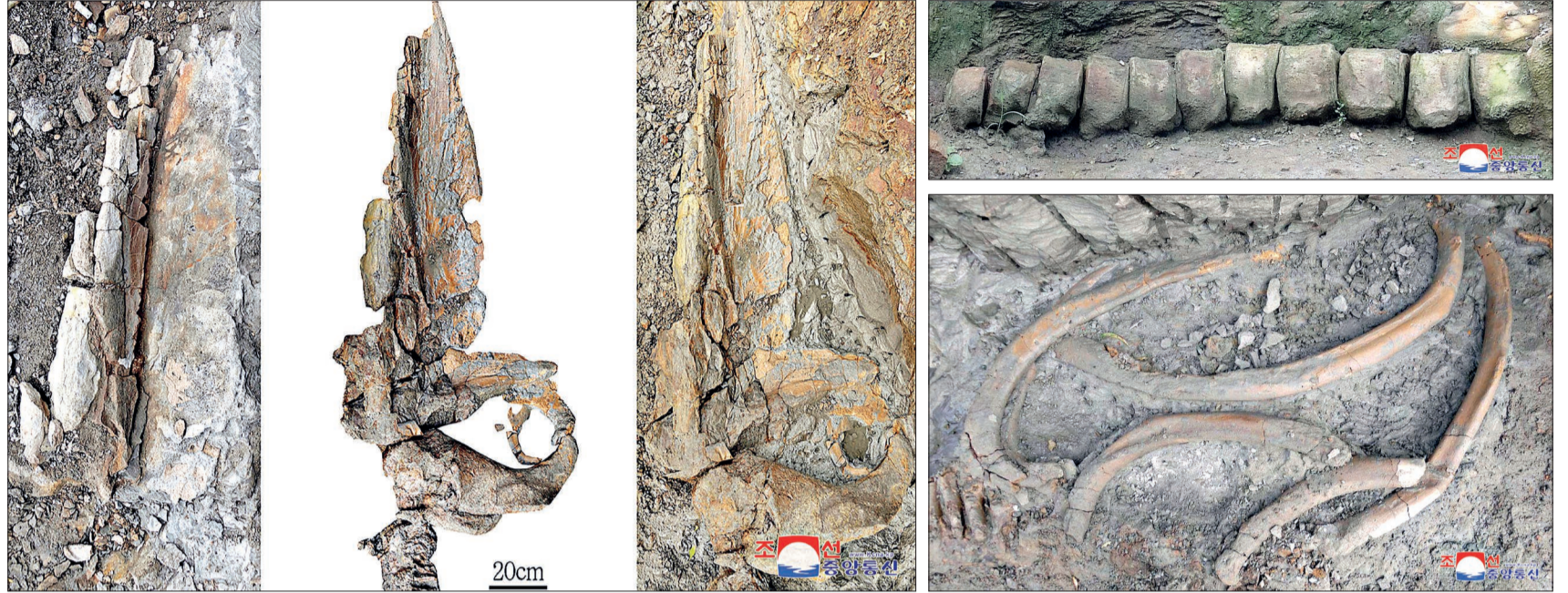
A fossil whale dating back to the Miocene period was discovered in Hosan-ri of Myonggan County, North Hamgyong Province.

A research group of the History Faculty of Kim Il Sung University conducted a survey and excavation in the ri, together with employees of the Myonggan County national heritage protection and management station, from July 2021 to February this year.

They found one fossil bone of the head of a whale, ten fossil ribs, twelve fossil vertebral bones, four fossil tree leaves, 260 pieces of sporomorph and 18 fossil diatoms in the middle layer of the Miocene of the Neogene of the Cenozoic era.

In the course of intensifying research into the 8-metre-long fossil whale, the history and resources science faculties of the university confirmed that it is a kind of whale which became extinct on the Earth after living until the mid-Miocene epoch of the Neogene of the Cenozoic era (15.97 million to 11.63 million years ago) and judged and classified it as the Myonggan fossil whale.

They also proved through a study into sporomorph and fossil



Newly-discovered fossil remains of a whale date back to the Miocene epoch.

diatoms that the then Hosan-ri area had consisted of vast sea and land, with natural weather conditions favourable for the existence of animals

and plants. The discovery of a fossil whale, sporomorph and fossil diatoms by Kim Il Sung University provided material

foundations for scientific research into the origin and evolution of whales and ecological environment in Korea, as well as clear evidence that evolution of

animals and plants including mammals had continued even in the Miocene of the Neogene of the Cenozoic era (23.03 million to 5.33 million years ago) with

sufficient palaeontological prerequisites favourable for the birth of mankind. The fossil whale was inscribed as natural monument No. 299.

## Monument to Great Victory at Yon Fort

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Monument to the Great Victory at Yon Fort in Yonan county town of South Hwanghae Province was built in 17th century to commemorate the victory in the battle of Yonan Fort which was fought during the Imjin Patriotic War (1592-1598).

During the war, the Koreans organized volunteer army units in different parts of their country and waged the struggle to drive back Japanese invaders.

In the period of feudal Joseon dynasty(1392-1910), Ri Jong Am(1541-1600), magistrate of Yonan, formed a volunteer army unit and repulsed over 3 000 enemy troops who mounted a

tenacious attack on the fort in order to cut off the supply route of the Korean army in the western area, thereby defending the fortress and foiling the enemy's scheme.

The historical fact of those days is recorded on the monument.

The memorial is 2.54 metres high.

The epigraph was written by Ri Hang Bok, a contemporary official and famous writer.

The Monument to the Great Victory at Yon Fort, along with the Monument to the Great Victory in the Northern Area, is a historic relic of national treasure value conveying the victory the Korean ancestors achieved in the struggle to beat off invaders during the Imjin Patriotic War.



## Koryo Songgyungwan University

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

Koryo Songgyungwan University located in Kaesong City has a long history.

When it was founded in 992 in the period of Koryo dynasty (918-1392), it was called Kukjagam in the sense of "teaching sons of the country". After that, it was renamed Songgyungam in 1298 and reorganized as Songgyungwan in 1308. The aim of the top educational institution in the feudal times of Korea was to train feudal officials.

It trained many talented people, who contributed to the development of science and culture. Among them were brilliant generals like So Hui and Kang Kam Chan,

great scholars like Ri Kyu Bo, Ri Saek and Jong Mong Ju, patriotic officials like Mun Ik Jom and many scientists and inventors.

The building was rebuilt for eight years from 1602 to its original state after being burnt down by Japanese aggressors during the Imjin Patriotic War (1592-1598).

In 1992, marking its one thousandth anniversary, it was renamed Koryo Songgyungwan University.

At several faculties and many specialized departments, the university trains technical personnel needed for light industry. It has well-furnished laboratories, practice rooms and a workshop equipped with all kinds of educational facilities.

