

## Politburo of WPK Central Committee meets



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The 17th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central

Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the office building of the WPK Central Committee on December 1.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended the meeting.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The meeting discussed the issue of convening the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, presided over the meeting.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee appreciated that brilliant and encouraging successes have been achieved in attaining the major goals of the Party and state policies set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK and plenary meetings of the WPK Central Committee this year thanks to the wise leadership of the respected General Secretary and great enthusiasm of all Party members and other people, and discussed the major agenda items to be brought up at the Ninth Plenary

Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee adopted with unanimous approval a resolution on convening the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee late in December.

The General Secretary said that the overall state work is being dynamically promoted with firm purposefulness for development and vigour, as evidenced by markedly stable and constant trend of growth of the national economy, great progress made in agriculture and construction and the epoch-making changes of great significance in bolstering up the national defence capability in particular.

Referring to the measures to be taken to correctly establish a plan for the next year after scientifically examining and diagnosing the experience and lessons accumulated this year, he called upon all the sectors and units to redouble their strong spirit of advance and successfully conclude the significant year 2023.

At the meeting assignment was given for the plenary meeting preparations.



### Resolution of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

December 1 Juche 112 (2023)

#### On convening the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea decides to convene the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK late in December to review the execution of the Party and state policies in 2023 and discuss and decide on the orientation of struggle for 2024 and important issues.

Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

# General Secretary Kim Jong Un pays congratulatory visit to KPA Air Force Command, air regiment on Day of Airmen

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Air Force Command of the Korean People's Army on the morning of November 30 on the occasion of the Day of Airmen and congratulated all the service personnel of the heroic people's air force.

He was accompanied by KPA Marshal Pak Jong Chon and KPA Vice Marshal Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff.

When he arrived at the Air Force Command, service

personnel of the Air Force burst into passionate cheers of "Hurrah!" full of great joy and excitement of receiving the highest glory and privilege to be recorded forever in the history of development of the Juche-oriented people's air force along with their significant founding holiday.

A ceremony of greeting the Supreme Commander of the armed forces of the DPRK took place.

After receiving a salute from the head of the guard of honour of the KPA Air Force,



Kim Jong Un reviewed the guard.

Airpersons presented him with fragrant bouquets, reflecting the boundless reverence and gratitude of all the service personnel of the Air Force.

He was greeted by General Kim Kwang Hyok, KPA Air Force commander, Lieutenant General Om Ju Ho, political commissar, and other military and political officers of the Air Force Command with deepest respect.

There took place a march-past of the guard of honour of the KPA Air Force.

Guided by the commander of the Air Force, Kim Jong Un went round the operation command post and the room for study of operational plan.

After receiving a report on the enemy situation and the operational plan of the Air Force from its commander, he learned in detail about the operation command and the IT-based situation management.

Highly appreciating the fact that the Air Force Command has put the management of enemy situation and command system on an IT and modern basis on a high level,

he stressed the need for the Air Force to continuously take the lead in modernizing the operational command system as befitting the core service of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK with the richest experience of real war and strong fighting efficiency.

He set forth operational and tactical policies arising in putting the Air Force on a regular combat posture and increasing its capabilities to fight a war to the full so as to counter any military provocation and threat of the enemy immediately and powerfully.

After looking round the operation command post and the room for study of operational plan, Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the service personnel of the Air Force Command of the KPA on the occasion of the Day of Airmen.

When he appeared at the venue of photo session, all the service personnel raised cheers of excitement, looking up to the great brilliant commander, the tender-hearted father who always keeps the airmen

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nearest his mind and shows all sorts of love and privileges for them and encourages the Air Force so that it can demonstrate its might as a matchless service defending the Party and the revolution.

He extended warm greetings to the enthusiastically cheering service personnel of the Air Force and warmly congratulated them on the holiday of the Juche-oriented Air Force which performed heroic feats shining with victory and glory on the route of defending the country along with the long history of the great Workers' Party of Korea.

He expressed firm belief that all the airpersons, commanding officers and service personnel of the heroic KPA Air Force would continue to make a tangible contribution to impregably defending the clear sky of the country and ushering in a new era of greater glory and prosperity for our state and people by carrying forward the proud history of having remained absolutely faithful to the Party and the revolution and tradition of victory.

When the photo session was over, the

loud cheers of "Kim Jong Un" and "Devoted defence" shouted by the service personnel of the Air Force reverberated in the sky of November to reflect their firm pledge to become a fortress and shield of the sky remaining absolutely loyal to the idea and leadership of Kim Jong Un and devotedly defending the territorial air of the country to firmly guarantee the prosperity and development of our socialist state.

Kim Jong Un paid a congratulatory visit to a regiment of the First Division of the KPA Air Force that afternoon.

When he arrived at the unit together with his beloved daughter, all the airpersons and servicepersons of the Air Force broke into stormy cheers full of excitement and joy of receiving the greatest glory and happiness.

A ceremony of greeting him of the division took place.

He was greeted by leading commanding officers of the KPA Air Force.

He warmly blessed the bright future of the people's air force after posing for photographs to be handed down to the history of army building with airpersons and

other servicepersons of the unit and major commanding officers of the Air Force in commemoration of the Day of Airmen.

Then he mounted an observation post to watch a demonstration flight of airpersons.

Enjoying the great pleasure of making a flight in the presence of him on the significant founding holiday of the people's Air Force, airpersons fully demonstrated the invincible might of the flying corps of Kim Jong Un.

Whenever the airpersons presented various combat and mobile aeronautics with brave and flexible control, he warmly acknowledged and encouraged them.

Highly appreciating the fact that the airpersons of the unit have been fully prepared to perfectly carry out their air combat missions under any unfavourable situation, he said it is a great pride of the Party and the state to have such airpersons who cherish the spirit of devotedly serving the Party and revolution, the country and the people as their lifeline and noble duty.

He summoned the airpersons who took part in the drill and had a photo session with them.

The airpersons, who received his deep

love and trust, made a firm pledge to more fully prepare themselves to be the phoenix in the sky, the red hawk of the Workers' Party, which fly only over the route of defending the country and the revolution, with their destiny linked to the yard of the Party Central Committee.

Then, Kim Jong Un watched a volleyball game between the Air Force team and the Navy team held on the occasion of the Day of Airmen.

The gymnasium was full of joy and optimism of the players who were to play a significant sports game in the presence of the Supreme Commander whom they had yearned for so much and cheering persons.

The Air Force team beat the Navy team 3-0 in the fierce game, amid the stubborn spirit of the players to defend the honour of services and enthusiastic cheering.

Kim Jong Un enjoyed a performance given by the Song and Dance Ensemble of the KPA Air Force on the occasion of the Day of Airmen at the hall of culture of the unit.

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were chorus, mixed chorus, instrumental ensemble, mixed group dance and other colorful numbers. The performers vividly represented the firm will of all the service personnel of the Air Force to achieve only victory, braving any clouds and flames to defend Kim Jong Un, the sun of the destiny of the airpersons, and the lineage of Paektu.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience as it hardened their unshakable faith that there is no such a blessed life as our airpersons who are living under the care of the great brilliant commander and that eternal victory and glory lie in flying along the route indicated by the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction, appreciating that the artistes of the Air Force Song and Dance Ensemble impressively represented the

high ideological and spiritual world of the airpersons with excellent artistry.

It is the logic of power, justice and philosophy of our Party that even an egg, when charged with ideology, can break a rock, he said, adding that victory or failure in the fight depends on for what and with what idea one fights, not on the combat data of military equipment. He noted that no matter how the enemy boasts of its technical superiority, it cannot overpower the political and ideological advantages of our airpersons.

Saying that all the airpersons should be fully prepared to be reliable phoenixes of the WPK and the strongest ones in spirit with indomitable revolutionary faith who inherit only the route of loyalty and victory, cherishing the trust and expectation of the Party, the country and the people despite any ordeals, he expressed strong belief that all the service personnel would in the future, too, fully

demonstrate the mightiness of the heroic people's air force and firmly guarantee the cause of the Party and the building of an ideal society of the people with invincible power.

Extending their gratitude to Kim Jong Un who significantly celebrated the Day of Airmen with the service personnel of the Air Force and opened up a new bright period of the development of the Air Force, all the participants made a firm pledge to fully demonstrate the militant spirit of the great air force of Kim Jong Un in thoroughly implementing the idea and line of building the Air Force in the new era clarified by the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un gave a banquet that evening in celebration of the Day of Airmen.

Present there at invitation were General

Kim Kwang Hyok, commander of the KPA Air Force, Lieutenant General Om Ju Ho, political commissar, and other military and political commanding officers of the Air Force Command, and division and brigade commanders, political commissars, regimental commanders, battalion commanders and airpersons under the command.

KPA Marshal Pak Jong Chon, KPA Vice Marshal Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff, and cadres of the WPK Central Committee attended the banquet.

Pak Jong Chon made a speech at the banquet.

The venue of the banquet was replete with impressive scenes showing kindred ties between the great brilliant commander and the bodyguards in the sacred journey for opening up the greatest heyday of bolstering up the Air Force in the new era of the Juche revolution.



# Kim Jong Un votes in election of deputies to local assemblies

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the election of deputies to the provincial, city and county people's assemblies at the polling booth for sub-constituency No. 26 of constituency No. 55 in South Hamgyong Province on November 26.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the polling station at the Ryongsong Machine Complex, the workers of the complex were excited to see him at their workplace on the significant day of election, raising stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

Acknowledging their enthusiastic cheers, Kim Jong Un headed for the polling booth.



Hamhung City.

He met with the candidates for deputies and encouraged them to make positive contributions to building a thriving nation with high patriotic enthusiasm and creative efforts, always being aware of the trust of the workers of the complex and the people in Hamhung City and to become genuine representatives and true servants of the people who work hard to defend and realize their rights, interests and requirements.

The workers of the complex and the

He was accompanied by Kim Tok Hun, Ri Il Hwan, O Su Yong, Kim Yo Jong and Hyon Song Wol.

He received voting cards from the chairperson of the sub-constituency committee and voted for Kim Chung Hyok, manager of the Songun Cast Iron Factory of the complex who is a candidate for deputy to the South

Hamgyong Provincial People's Assembly, Ri Chol Hak, head of Machine Workshop No. 3 of the complex who is a candidate for deputy to the Hamhung City People's Assembly, and Rim Chol, deputy director of the Statistics Department of Haeon District who is a candidate for deputy to the Haeon District People's Assembly of

people of Hamhung City were filled with ardent enthusiasm to fulfil their civic duty in the struggle to firmly consolidate our revolutionary power and make our socialist state centred on the masses of the people more prosperous, cherishing the highest glory of participating in the election in the presence of Kim Jong Un.



# Kim Jong Un gives field guidance to Ryongsong Machine Complex



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance to the Ryongsong Machine Complex on November 26.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Kim Tok Hun, Ri Il Hwan, O Su Yong, Kim Yo Jong and Hyon Song Wol.

He was guided by Ri Kyong Il, manager of the Ryongsong Machine Complex, and Jon In Chol, chief secretary of the complex Party committee.

With a single mind to repay with loyalty the great trust and expectations of the Party Central Committee which entrusted to them the production of custom-built

equipment which is of great significance in national economic development, the workers of the complex are pushing ahead with the production of high-performance large compressors at the final stage as they strive to implement the decisions of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un looked round large compressors, the products of the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude displayed and the mass technical innovation promoted by the workers of Ryongsong true to the idea of self-support set forth by the Party.

He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the workers, scientists and technicians of the complex doubled their confidence in their own strength and sci-tech abilities and dealt a heavy blow to

defeatism and mysticism about technology through the production of the major custom-built equipment which would contribute to making our economy Juche-oriented.

Highly appreciating the spirit of the complex, a powerful enterprise, and its heroic tradition of devotedly implementing the Party's policies, he said that the whole country should learn from the spirit of advance and fighting mettle mounting in Ryongsong.

He indicated the orientation and ways for bringing the machine-building industry, which should lead and pull the overall economic sector in successfully fulfilling the five-year plan for national economic development, up to the world level as early as possible, and set forth in detail important tasks facing the complex which would play a pivotal role in

implementing them.

He expressed great expectation that the workers of Ryongsong, who have upheld our Party, our state and our system with great revolutionary upsurge in the grim annals of the revolution, would lead the overall development of socialist construction by creating the spirit of the new era, the Chollima spirit of the new era.

Upon receiving the warm love and trust from him, the officials and workers of the complex made a firm pledge to successfully finish the production of major custom-built equipment planned for this year by conducting a dynamic drive for creation and technology full of loyalty and patriotism and to make a report of victory to the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.



# Kim Jong Un receives reports on operational preparation of reconnaissance satellite, satellite photos from NATA Pyongyang General Control Centre

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received reports on the preparatory work for the operation of the reconnaissance satellite and on satellite photos from the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the National Aerospace Technology Administration (NATA) on several occasions between November 25 and 29.

Kim Jong Un visited the Pyongyang General Control Centre on the morning of November 25 and watched the photos of major target areas in the enemy region, including Jinhae, Pusan, Ulsan, Pohang, Taegu and Kangnung, taken by the reconnaissance

satellite from 09:59:40 to 10:02:10.

The photo taken by the reconnaissance satellite at 10:01:10 showed the nuclear carrier Carl Vinson of the US Navy, which is anchored at the military port in Ryongho-dong, Nam-gu of Pusan City.

He also saw the photos of a naval base in the Pearl Harbor, the Hickam air-force base in Honolulu and other objects, taken by the reconnaissance satellite while passing over Hawaii of the US at 05:13:22 on November 25 (Pyongyang Time).

That day, the NATA reported to Kim Jong Un in detail about the preparations of operation for formally starting the mission of the reconnaissance satellite.

Kim Jong Un received a report on the preparatory work for the operation of the

reconnaissance satellite done between November 25 and 28 from the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA on the morning of November 27 and on the early morning of November 28.

He saw the satellite photos of Rome of Italy taken at 17:56:28 on November 25 (Pyongyang Time) and the Anderson Air Force Base taken above Guam in the Pacific at 09:17:07 on November 27 (Pyongyang Time) and pilot satellite images of other regions.

He also received in detail satellite photos of the Norfolk Naval Base, the Newport News Dockyard and an airfield of Virginia, the US, taken at 23:35:53 on November 27 (Pyongyang Time) and the White House, the Pentagon and other objects in Washington at 23:36:25 on

November 27 (Pyongyang Time).

The Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA on November 29 submitted to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un a report on pilot satellite photos taken by the reconnaissance satellite and its fine-tuning process.

Kim Jong Un received satellite photos of the San Diego Naval Base in California, the US, taken at 02:24:50 on November 29 (Pyongyang Time), the Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa Prefecture of Japan at 10:16:42 on November 29 (Pyongyang Time) and Suez Canal of Egypt at 16:36:51 on November 29 (Pyongyang Time).

He expressed great expectations and satisfaction over the work of the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA.

## Premier inspects different sectors

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

While making the rounds of the Taean Heavy Machine Complex which is bringing about an upsurge in production to properly do the year-end conclusion, the Premier referred to the need to produce and supply enough facilities needed for different economic sectors including the construction site of the Tanchon Power Station by ensuring effective arrangement of works between production processes and constantly improving the processing capacity and precision of facilities.

Bearing in mind that science and technology mean increased production, officials, workers and technicians should push ahead with the modernization

of production processes in a planned way and, in particular, channel effort into technical innovation for improving the efficiency of generating facilities, he said.

After learning about the production and performance of different farm machines including tractor at the Kumsong Tractor Factory, he said that it should actively develop and produce highly-efficient farm machines to suit the actual situation of the country and supply more to socialist rural communities.

As he looked round the provincial building-materials exhibition-2023

and the venue of the national presentation of technical experience and exhibition of scientific research achievements in the agricultural sector, he stressed the need to ensure the domestic production of building materials, improve the quality of products including finishing building materials and widely share and generalize the agricultural sci-tech achievements and experience to make a substantial contribution to the stable and sustainable development of agricultural production.

Field consultative

meetings discussed the issues of supplying materials and products under contract necessary for the production of custom-built equipment in time, further consolidating the production foundation of farm machines in close contact between scientific research institutions and production units, diversifying the production of finishing building materials in kind, form and colour by relying on locally available material resources, and breeding more high-yield and good strains of crops and urgently introducing them, and took appropriate steps.

**Premier Kim Tok Hun looks round the venue of the national presentation of technical experience and exhibition of scientific research achievements in the agricultural sector.**



## Report on returns of elections of deputies to local people's assemblies in DPRK

KCNA

The Central Election Guidance Committee for the elections of deputies to provincial (city under the direct jurisdiction of the government), city (district) and county people's assemblies of the DPRK released a report on the election returns on Monday.

According to the report, the elections of deputies to provincial (city under the direct jurisdiction of the government), city (district) and county people's assemblies of the DPRK were successfully held on November 26, Juche 112 (2023).

It said 99.63 percent of the electors registered on voter rolls took part in voting throughout the country.

Those who were unable

to take part in voting for being on foreign tour or working in oceans amounted to 0.37 percent and the abstentions totaled 0.000078 percent.

Among the voters who took part in the ballot-casting, 99.91 percent voted for the candidates for deputies to provincial (city under the direct jurisdiction of the government) people's assemblies and 0.09 percent voted against. And 99.87 percent voted for candidates for deputies to city (district) and county people's assemblies and 0.13 percent voted against. Thus, according to the DPRK Law on the Elections of Deputies to the People's Assemblies at All Levels, 27 858 workers, farmers, intellectuals and officials were elected deputies to the local people's assemblies.

# It will be as good as jumping into fire with brushwood on the back

KCNA

On November 29, the Korean Central News Agency released a comment with regard to the fact that the Yoon Suk Yeol puppet clique is hell-bent on the moves to unleash a war.

The comment is as follows:

The Yoon Suk Yeol puppet clique is further hell-bent on the moves to ignite a war against the DPRK.

The clique brought the US nuclear aircraft carrier Carl Vinson and staged a joint naval drill together with its US and Japanese masters on November 26 under the pretext of “coping with the north’s dynamic buildup of nuclear and missile capacities” and is now staging an anti-infiltration combined drill and a “Ssangmae Drill” with the US Air Force at the same time.

The puppets, who have frantically tried to master preemptive attack in an attempt to stifle the DPRK in collusion with outside forces

throughout this year, are now behaving like the thief crying “Stop thief!” while persistently talking about “threat” from the DPRK. This cannot but be the height of shamelessness.

The “way out” found by traitor Yoon Suk Yeol, who invited ridicule and consternation from world people and was rejected by the public for his ignorance in the early days of his “assumption of power”, was to act as the vanguard and shock brigade surpassing his puppet predecessors in carrying out the US strategy for hegemony.

Last year alone, the puppet clique staged more than 250 military exercises of various kinds aimed at “preemptive attack” on the DPRK with the backing of the US. This year it has made the biggest “contribution” to drastically expanding and intensifying the scale and degree of the anti-DPRK confrontation moves.

Traitor Yoon Suk Yeol, who formulated it as a policy to make the heinous confrontation with the

DPRK the core of the “security strategy”, played a “core role” as a link in concretizing, planning and formulating the launch of a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula by visiting the US to decide to regularly ship in his master’s nuclear strategic assets and make it an annual practice to stage tripartite joint military exercises together with his US and Japanese masters.

Accordingly, nuclear strike means, including nuclear strategic bombers and nuclear aircraft carriers of the US, are being deployed one after another in and around the puppet region and nuclear war drills targeting the DPRK are being staged on the largest scale in the sky, on the land and in the sea for the longest time.

What cannot be overlooked is that the puppets, who worsened the situation on the Korean peninsula in sycophantic and traitorous collusion with outsiders, are anxious to play a “leading role” while continuously resorting to dangerous war games.

It is well corroborated by the way the puppets have recently cooked up the suspension of the efficacy of some articles of the north-south military agreement, as if they had waited for it, over the DPRK’s launch of the reconnaissance satellite, which belongs to its legitimate right to self-defence.

A sinister intention lies behind the reckless moves of the puppet clique which has gone so far as to remove the last “safety ring” by itself while rashly inventing the “step” of efficacy suspension as “counteraction” to the DPRK’s launch of the reconnaissance satellite illogically and unreasonably.

The puppet clique, which is in the dock of the candlelight wrath at its submission to outsiders and its anti-popular misrule, badly needed a way out for both sustaining its doomed life in office and currying favour with its masters.

It is the same old trick of the puppet conservatives to make desperate attempt to find a way

out of each ruling crisis in their confrontation with the DPRK, talking more loudly about “security concern” and “threat” from it.

The Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, in a November 23 statement taking a serious view of the puppet clique’s reckless moves, declared that its army would no longer be bound to the north-south military agreement but withdraw military measures taken to prevent military tension and conflict in all spaces including the land, sea and air and deploy more powerful armed forces and new-type military equipment in the forward area along the military demarcation line.

No one knows when the last-ditch attempt of the mad dogs, which are running wild believing in their master as heaven and caught by megalomania, will bring what kind of misfortune to the puppet region.

It is clear that the puppet clique will only face a miserable result as good as that of jumping into fire with brushwood on the back.

## New livestock farm built in Kangdong

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A new livestock farm has been built in Kangdong County of Pyongyang.

Educational, health and welfare service facilities, hundreds of farmhouses and production and public buildings were built in a modern, cultured and diverse styles, renewing the looks of the seat of Songgum-ri.

With the birth of this model and comprehensive livestock farm in the Kangdong area, another solid foundation was provided to supply tasty and quality dairy products to the children of nurseries and kindergartens in the capital city on a regular basis.

An inaugural ceremony took place on Monday.

Present there were Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of

the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Ri Man Song, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal Rural Economy Committee, officials concerned, builders and agricultural workers in Kangdong County.

Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People’s Committee, made an inaugural address.

Licenses for the use of houses were conveyed and speeches were made there.

Amid the cheerful dancing of agricultural workers who would enjoy a happy life in the new rural village, officials shared joy with the owners of new houses and looked round the branch milch cow farm, the assorted feed production workteam and other parts of the farm.



The Songgum Livestock Farm is inaugurated in Kangdong County of Pyongyang on November 27.

## Symposium on history and culture of Koguryo held

KCNA

A symposium on the history and culture of Koguryo took place at the Academy of Social Sciences on November 28.

Present there were officials concerned, researchers, lecturers, writers, journalists and editors in the fields of science, education, art and literature, media and the protection of national cultural heritage.

Speeches were made by Kang Se Gwon, PhD, associate professor and section chief of the History Institute of the Academy of Social Sciences, Ri Yong Sik, PhD, associate professor and lecturer at the history faculty of Kim Il Sung University, Cha Tal Man, PhD and head of the historical site excavation team at the Archaeology Institute of the Academy of Social Sciences, Kim Jong Chol, section chief of the Korea National Heritage

Preservation Agency of the National Authority for the Protection of Cultural Heritage (NAPCH) of the DPRK, and Pak Sin Jong, researcher at the Folklore Institute of the Academy of Social Sciences.

Speakers said that they conducted in-depth scientific studies of the history and culture of Koguryo, the first feudal state of Korea and a powerful state that had existed in the East for a thousand years.

They made clear once again that Koguryo, the strongest Eastern power in the history of Korea, was a country founded by the Korean nation both in name and in reality, on the basis of the explanation that it has been recognized as an independent country and a legitimate state of the Korean nation from the olden times.

The archaeological finds unearthed in the areas of Mt Taesong and Rangnang District and elsewhere in Pyongyang

corroborate that Koguryo continuously advanced toward the Pyongyang area from the 1st century and that Pyongyang was not only the capital of Ancient Joseon, but also the political and military centre of Koguryo from the early period, they said.

They noted that the typical old tombs and relics newly unearthed in South Hwanghae Province show the good qualities of the Koguryo culture and the fact that the area of Anak County developed into an important regional base of Koguryo.

As they represent the great golden age of Koguryo which boasted of the enormous national power and civilization in East Asia well over a thousand years ago, the Koguryo relics in Pyongyang embracing various architectural heritage sites of Koguryo are important wealth of the Korean nation and of great value in the world history as well, they stressed.

## HOME NEWS

### Many agricultural workers enrolled in study-while-you-work system

According to information available, this year many agricultural workers were enrolled in the online education system of agricultural universities across the country to acquire scientific and technological knowledge. In particular, more than 2 000 agricultural workers are studying at the distance education faculty of Sariwon Kye Ung Sang University of Agriculture.

Setting themselves a goal to improve educational contents and methods so as to raise the knowledge level of agricultural workers, agricultural universities are working to map out efficient online teaching programs and make instructive videos by reflecting the trends of agricultural sci-tech development.

### ICH elements added to national and regional lists

The National Authority

for the Protection of Cultural Heritage recently registered eight objects as national and regional intangible cultural heritage elements in cooperation with different units. Those put on the national ICH list include the technique of making the paint of tanchong, or the colourful painting on traditional Korean-style buildings, the legends of Mt Chilbo, and the Koryo medicinal herb processing technique and utilization practice.

The Pyongyang boiled rice with assorted mixtures, a speciality of high nutritive value, and different brewing techniques were put on the regional ICH list.

### Tens of thousands obtain Taekwon-Do gup and dan

With enthusiasm for learning Taekwon-Do running high across the country to develop the orthodox martial art, tens of thousands of Taekwon-Do gup and dan holders have been produced this year.

There was a short course of chiefs of Taekwon-Do groups at ministries and national agencies between November 15 and 23 and many participants took an examination to be gup and dan holders.

A lot of working people and students earned gup and dan in Pyongyang where Taekwon-Do matches were arranged and appraisal was made on different occasions.



# Ten best enterprises exemplary in implementing national economic plans and managing business

## Smeltery turns out high-grade products

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Tanchon Smeltery has entered the ranks of the top ten enterprises of the country this year.

It raised the grade of electrolytic zinc from 99.97 percent to 99.995 percent in 2021, the first year of the five-

year plan for national economic development, thus laying a solid foundation for the production of high-grade metals.

If the purity of a nonferrous metal is increased by just 0.001 percent, it might lead to considerable economic profits.

In that year, the technicians of the smeltery established a

reagent production process, which is of prime importance in improving the grade of products, and raised the grade of electrolytic zinc from grade three to one.

“Since we built the reagent production process, we have been actively pushing ahead with an undertaking—it is finding every possibility for

normalizing the production and turning them into reality one by one,” said the chief engineer.

A typical example was the development of lead anode plates essential for the electrolysis process.

If lead anode plates are not replaced in time, it causes a decrease in the electrolytic zinc production. Then it

becomes impossible to normalize the production on a high level, no matter how high the grade of the product was raised. However, as the demand for the plates grew in various sectors and units of the national economy outstripping the supply from relevant units, the smeltery decided to establish a lead anode plate production process of its own. The technicians developed an alloy material in a fresh and unique way and confirmed technical indexes for setting up the process and introduced them into production.

Like this, the smeltery is pushing several technical research projects for putting production on a normal footing under any conditions and environment, including those for ensuring domestic production of materials and facilities which had to be imported previously and for raising the actual yield by improving technical management.

It also readjusted and reinforced two major production processes by

relying on its own technical force and increased their production capacities 1.3 and 2.6 times respectively.

It is directing efforts to supplying raw materials to the production processes, which is crucial for normalizing production.

In collaboration with lead and zinc concentrate production units in the country, it has formed new supply chains for uninterrupted provision of raw materials.

Consequently, the smeltery carried out its yearly national economic plan by the end of last October.

Meanwhile, it has renovated its compound to establish a cultured way of production and life on a higher level.

The production areas, sci-tech learning space, cultural and welfare facilities and relaxation centre have been given facelifts and the compound has turned into a lovely garden with over 70 000 trees of good species, hundreds of thousands of flowering plants and ground-cover plants.



High-grade nonferrous metals are produced at the Tanchon Smeltery.  
RI CHOL JIN / PICTORIAL KOREA

## Fishery station encourages competition, cooperation

By Yun Kyong Il PT

What draws attention in the production and management at the fishery station for supplying feed to the Central Zoo in Chongjin is that it constantly focusses on firing technicians and skilled workers with the zeal for competition and encouraging them to cultivate teamwork and open-mindedness of always learning from anyone.

The station makes it a rule to regularly reexamine the technical knowledge and skills of captains, chief engineers and skilled workers and review and evaluate their work. It also frequently organizes a competition according to occupations to make all fishermen capable of doing their jobs promptly and correctly under any conditions and circumstances.

In particular, it assigns tasks to technicians and skilled workers in such a way as to make them brainstorm technical innovation plans and carry them out by concerted efforts, thereby imbuing them

with the heightened awareness that teamwork is essential for talents.

Therefore, the employees show a growing enthusiasm for improving their skills and entering the ranks of talents of the station and competitively come up with new ideas and technical innovation plans and implement them.

The station established a command system based on long-distance radio communications and mechanized the removal of rust from hulls to make it possible to engage only one worker to do the labour-consuming work in a short span of time. Such achievements of the station are attributable to the creation of its own powerful force of talents.

Meanwhile, the station steadily improves its technical level by keeping in touch with scientific research institutions, positively shares its good experience with other units in the fishery sector and introduces scientific fishing methods.

As a result, it has carried out its national economic plan

every year.

It exceeded the peak year level in fishing in 2021, the first year in the implementation of the five-year plan for national economic development.

It finishes the repair and maintenance of ships by February each year to ensure the out fishing days without fail and channels efforts into recycling and producing necessary parts, while remodelling fishing vessels.

It also established a process for producing different kinds of processed marine products with by-products and has increased their variety and improved their quality to supply people with tasty and nutritious processed foods.

The employees of the station say they feel pride in their job and find it rewarding as they watch on TV those people smiling happily while seeing animals making sweet gestures after eating fishes they sent.

The fishery station, a Twice Honoured Three-Revolution Red Flag unit and model in the fishery sector, has been chosen as one of the top ten enterprises this year.

## All employees work hard to improve technical knowledge and skills

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Taedonggang Beer houses in various places of the capital city are always crowded with people though it is now winter.

The popularity of the beer is immense.

The remarkable thing in the work of the Taedonggang Brewery, which has created popular products loved and favoured by people, is that it puts great strength into building up the force of skilled workers.

“Preparing producers into skilled workers possessing remarkable skills and advanced technology is the way to make our technical force steadily snowball by relying on our own effort.”

This is the standpoint adopted by the brewery in increasing its own technical force.

The brewery has turned production and adjustment and reinforcement into the process of improving the

technical knowledge and skills of producer masses.

“It is now striving for the goal of innovating the management and repair of equipment, departing from the previous practice of repairing equipment periodically by stopping machines. To do so, it is essential to train all employees into skilled workers,” said the chief engineer of the brewery.

To this end, the technical force of the brewery compiled a textbook to help employees understand and apply the new method of equipment management. The amount of advanced technical data was great. While studying the textbook, employees acquire necessary knowledge for normal production and the improvement of the quality of products.

The brewery methodologically operates the sci-tech learning space so that technicians and workers can improve professional knowledge

and increase technical knowledge and skills.

It has turned the daily review of production into that of products’ quality so as to raise the producers’ awareness of quality management and encourage them to work in a responsible manner.

This has enhanced their awareness of quality management and all the employees have come to possess technical knowledge and skills amid the enthusiastic endeavour for developing technology.

As a result, remarkable achievements have been made in production.

The brewery established a new production process and developed and introduced valuable technical innovation plans to increase the kind of beer. The number of awardees of the certificate of invention is on the rise.

The brewery has been nominated as one of the top ten enterprises this year.

# Kimchi-making season in Korea

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

As a Korean saying goes, trees live on water and people live on kimchi.

The Korean people make kimchi in all four seasons for their dietary life and there is a great variety of the food.

In particular, when November comes every year, every household prepares winter kimchi which can be claimed to be the half share of the total food in the season.

There is no significant difference in the kimchi-making method, but every family and local area keep the traditions peculiar to them and

preserve the original tastes of their kimchi.

As they prepare kimchi, people share experience with their neighbours, relatives and friends and help each other. Such practice promotes harmony and deepens affection among them.

Kimchi-making methods are widely introduced in TV and radio broadcasts and publications, which is a big help to housewives and also enlivens the atmosphere of the kimchi-making season.

Today, kimchi factories are found throughout the country, but every household likes to make kimchi to their liking.



Kimchi is made at the family of Nam Sun Ae(second from right), a resident living in neighbourhood unit No. 98 of Janggyong-dong No. 2 in Sosong District, Pyongyang. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



## Special effects and history of kimchi

By To Kyong Chol PT

Kimchi, the most favourite subsidiary food of the Koreans, is a distinctive national food which is tasty, of high nutritive value and appetizing.

It is a processed food made mainly with vegetables and edible grass including fresh bok choy, radish, cucumber, eggplant, parsley and leaf mustard which are flavoured with a mixture of red pepper, spring onion, garlic, ginger, fruit, fish and pickles to go through lactic acid fermentation.

According to old records, Koreans already made kimchi with radish in the period of Koryo Kingdom (918-1392) and made different kinds of tasty kimchi during the feudal Joseon dynasty.

Originally it was called *kumchae* in the sense that it is as precious as gold. Later it was called kimchi as the sound of the word *kumchae* gradually changed.

Kimchi stimulates appetite as it is refreshing, cool, savoury, pungent and sweet and sour.

Food should look palatable above all and kimchi is mouth-watering at first sight as it is stuffed or mixed with ground red pepper and various other spices.

That is why there came into being in the DPRK *Song of Bok Choy Kimchi and Cubed Radish Kimchi*

whose words partly read: Even a sumptuous feast is not tasty without bok choy kimchi and cubed radish kimchi.

Kimchi is also world-famous as health food for its high nutritive value.

The soft fibre of bok choy and radish, the main materials for kimchi, is a source of vitamin C. As kimchi matures gradually, protein of the raw fish dissolves into amino acid and so do the bones of the fish to be a source of calcium.

Fully matured kimchi boosts appetite as it contains organic acid and so on.

When SARS, called a killer disease of the 21st century, swept the world, kimchi was the very first object of public attention as a food for the prevention of the disease.

Korean kimchi with countless kinds which are different in taste is spreading in not only the country's neighbours but all other countries in the world and it is increasingly popular and in great demand day by day.

The kimchi-making custom was inscribed on the list of national intangible cultural heritage in the country and in 2015 it was put on the UNESCO's Representative List of ICH of Humanity.

## Kimchi-making methods

By Kil Chung Il PT

It is kimchi-making season in the DPRK.

Korea has a long history of kimchi making which is a traditional custom of the Koreans emitting national fragrance. Each family prepares the food by harmoniously blending refreshing, savoury and sharp tastes.

Here are typical kimchi-making methods.

### Whole bok choy kimchi

Its ingredients are 120kg of whole bok choy, 30kg of radishes, 1.5kg of walleye Pollacks or flatfish, 500g of pickled shrimps, 1kg of powdered red pepper, 150g of ginger, 750g of Welsh onions, 150g of garlic, 1.5kg of pears, 400g of chestnuts, 1kg of parsley, 4kg of rough salt and 1kg of refined salt.

Split each bok choy into two halves leaving green leaves intact, soak the halved heads in 10 percent rough salt water, take them out and put them in a pickling barrel with the split parts upward before spraying rough salt on them.

After 10 to 15 hours, wash them one by one and drain them.

Radishes are washed in the brine that was used to pickle bok choy.

Grate one third of all the radishes and cut Welsh onions into slices 3 to 4cm long.

Chop garlic and ginger and mix powdered red pepper with boiling 1 percent salty water a day before.

Add chopped garlic and ginger to smashed pickled shrimps

and mix them with powdered red pepper, while boiling the juice drippings from the pickled shrimps together with refined salt before cooling them.

Remove bones from walleye Pollacks or flatfish and cut the flesh into slices 2cm in length and width.

Wash parsley clean and cut its stems into 3cm pieces.

Then, prepare seasonings by mixing grated radishes, walleye Pollacks or flatfish flesh, parsley stems, pear juice, sliced chestnuts and Welsh onions, smashed garlic and ginger and powdered red pepper mixed with salt water.

Peel and grate potatoes to soak them in 1 percent salt water for about three minutes and drain them before mixing them with the already-prepared seasonings. Then, kimchi will taste sweet and does not turn sour early, though it will take a little longer time for the food to mature than when using shredded radishes.

Put the seasonings equally between the leaves of the halved bok choy heads.

Wrap them with outer leaves to prevent seasonings from leaking.

Spray salt at the bottom of an earthenware jar and put into it a layer of small and short whole radishes.

Then, spray some salt there, compactly press the seasoned bok choy with the split parts upward and put a layer of radishes again on them.

Fill the jar with the halved bok choy heads up to about 15 to 20cm below the mouth this way, tamp

the outer leaves of bok choy on them to prevent air from getting in and place a stone weight on them before sealing the jar.

Three days later, press down the outer leaves before pouring in salty water.

### Cubed radish kimchi

Its ingredients are 50kg of radishes, 800g of salt, 1kg of powdered red pepper, 2kg of Welsh onions, 200g of ginger, 250g of pickled shrimps, 400g of garlic, 1kg of walleye Pollacks, 200g of sugar and 100g of red pimentos.

Select solid radishes and wash them in 1 percent salt water before cutting them into 1.5cm cubes.

Spray salt on them to pickle them for 20 to 30 minutes.

Remove bones from walleye Pollacks and cut the fish in fine strips before adding a little amount of salt.

Cut Welsh onion into 2cm-long slices and smash garlic and ginger.

Halve red pimentos, remove the seeds and then shred them.

Mix powdered red pepper with boiling 1 percent salt water and cool the mixture.

Pour the mixture on the pickled radish cubes and mix them well, add to them sugar, Welsh onions, garlic, ginger, walleye Pollack flesh, smashed pickled shrimps and shredded pimentos and season them with salt.

Press them in a sterilized pot and seal the mouth tightly.

They will ferment fully at the temperature of 13 to 15°C six to seven days later.

# Goodwill visit a spur to development of DPRK-Vietnam friendly and cooperative relations

By Choe Yong Nam

Sixty-five years have passed since President Kim Il Sung paid a goodwill visit to Vietnam.

The President's Vietnam tour from November 28 to December 2 1958 marked a historic occasion in developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries onto a new high stage.

At the grand ceremony of welcoming the President at Hanoi Airport, Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong said that he deemed it a great honour to extend friendly greetings to him on behalf of the Vietnamese people and the government of the then Democratic Republic of

Vietnam.

A grand mass rally took place at a square in Hanoi City to welcome the President to Vietnam.

He mounted the platform together with President Ho Chi Minh and made a speech, receiving a warm welcome from 70 000 Hanoi citizens.

Referring to the significance of victory in the August revolution in Vietnam and the founding of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Kim Il Sung highly praised the Vietnamese people for having fundamentally repaired the war damage and achieved great successes in various fields of the national economy after peace was restored

in Vietnam. And he affirmed that the Korean people would always advance together with the Vietnamese people in the struggle against imperialism and for peace and socialism and remain reliable comrades-in-arms of the Vietnamese people.

Ho Chi Minh in his speech lauded the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung as the closest friend of the Vietnamese people and the sagacious leader of the heroic Korean people.

The friendly and cooperative ties between the DPRK and Vietnam have since been strengthened continuously.

Though the country experienced difficulties,

President Kim Il Sung rendered material and moral assistance to the Vietnamese people in their anti-US resistance for national salvation and their struggle for socialist construction.

He met various Vietnamese delegations on their visits to the DPRK more than 60 times until 1994, the last period of his life, and had warm and constructive talks with them for boosting friendship between the two countries and developing the bilateral relations.

True to the intention of the President, Chairman Kim Jong Il paid close attention to the development of relations with Vietnam.

In October 2007, he had a significant meeting with Nong Duc Manh, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on a visit to the DPRK and achieved a historic milestone in developing the long-standing traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries onto a new high level.

The DPRK-Vietnam friendly and cooperative bonds have been strengthened into special comradesly and strategic relations since the historic official goodwill visit to Vietnam made by Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, in 2019.

## Anniversary of President Kim Il Sung's official visit to Vietnam commemorated

KCNA

An opening ceremony of a photo exhibition and a reception took place at the Vietnamese embassy in Pyongyang on November 27 to mark the 65th anniversary of President Kim Il Sung's official visit to Vietnam.

On display at the exhibition were photos documenting the undying exploits performed by President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for the development of the DPRK-Vietnam friendly relations.

Present at the opening ceremony

at invitation were Pak Sang Gil, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Sung Chan, president of Kim Il Sung University who is chairman of the DPRK-Vietnam Friendship Parliamentary Group, Pak Kyong Il, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries who is chairman of the DPRK-Vietnam Friendship Association, Ri Hae Im, vice-chairwoman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea, and officials concerned.

Le Ba Vinh, Vietnamese ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy staff members were on hand.

An opening ceremony of a photo exhibition takes place at the Vietnamese embassy in Pyongyang on November 27.



Speeches were made at the opening ceremony.

After the red ribbon was cut declaring the opening of the photo exhibition, the participants looked round the photos on show.

Then followed a reception.

## Military resurgence to lead Japan to self-destruction

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Japanese authorities have become ever more undisguised in their moves to turn their country into a military power.

A typical example is that they force the rising generations to fly Hinomaru and sing Kimigayo.

Hinomaru and Kimigayo are typical symbols of Japanese militarism. In the last century the Japanese imperialists invaded Korea and other Asian countries raising rifles with blood-stained Hinomaru tied to their bayonets. They also slaughtered many people of different countries, singing Kimigayo in a fanatically

squeaky voice.

The use of Kimigayo and Hinomaru was banned in Japan, when it was reduced to a war criminal state and defeated nation with the end of World War II.

But Japanese politicians decided on the use of them again as the national flag and song in 1999.

Accordingly, the Tokyo metropolitan education commission of Japan issued the "October 23 notice" to educational institutions on October 23 2003 and made it a duty for the teaching staff and students to stand up to hoist Hinomaru and sing Kimigayo in chorus at various meetings of schools including graduation and entrance ceremonies.

But such outrageous demand has aroused strong opposition from the Japanese educational and social circles.

With the "October 23 notice" meeting with growing opposition this year, 20 years after the "notice" was issued, a rally was held on October 22 to demand its withdrawal in Tokyo and the protection of freedom and human rights at schools.

The secretary general of the "meeting of those punished (for not obeying the rule)" at the rally called for the revival of education to ensure the innocent growth and development of children, saying that the real purpose of the Tokyo metropolitan

education commission imposing Hinomaru and Kimigayo on the children is to infuse obedience to the state into them.

And teachers who were punished for not following the order of duty to stand up and sing in chorus filed a lawsuit against the Tokyo Kimigayo trial again for the fifth time to demand the cancellation of their punishment.

It is a just demand not to throw the sacred education on the mercy of the authorities' militarist policy.

The misbehaviour of the Japanese authorities' is apparently aimed at repeating their past crimes stained with aggression and

plunder again by inciting an atmosphere of militarization.

History and reality clearly showed that those who embarked on the road of aggression and conquest of other countries were doomed to ruin.

The Japanese authorities, who impose the ill-fame and miserable fate of the war criminal state and aggressor to which it had been

reduced in the past upon the younger generations, are the militarist fanatics who invite the complete destruction of Japan.

## Briefly

### Belarus

#### President asserts nuclear weapons guarantee security

Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko asserted that nuclear weapons in the country guarantee regional security and give it more say in the international arena as he addressed a meeting of the collective security council of the collective security treaty organization on November 23.

Referring to the fact that criticism against the deployment of Russia's tactical nuclear weapons in the Belarus territory is absurd, he reaffirmed that his country poses no threat to anyone.

### Russia

#### FM denounces West's wrongdoings

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov criticized the West on November 23 for misusing the human rights issue as an excuse for interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign states.

Regrettably, the Western group is now trying to replace the publicly-accepted international law and regulations with the rules they devised and, in this context, the human rights issue is frequently being abused as a tool and excuse for meddling in the internal affairs of sovereign states by the Westerners, he disclosed.

### Iran

#### FM decries EP's interference

A spokesman for the Iranian foreign ministry on November 24 rejected the European Parliament's interference in its internal affairs.

Recently, the EP adopted a resolution criticizing the human rights situation of Iran, which the spokesman described as a product of the harmful attitude of several European countries towards the country.

He stressed that the countries that proposed the recent resolution should revise their failed policy towards Iran and take the road of constructive cooperation based on mutual respect and interests.

### Palestine

#### Israel's attempt to scale up Jewish settlements rejected

The spokesman for the Palestinian presidential office released a statement on November 27 to decry and reject Israel's attempt to step up the construction of Jewish settlements in the Palestinian territory.

In connection with its recent scheme to expend additional budgets on the establishment of Jewish settlements, the statement said that it is part of its war moves to trample on the Palestinian territory and its people's dignity.

The statement called on the international community to pressurize Israel into abandoning its plan for the additional budgets.

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# Stoneflowers in Songam Cave

## 53rd SPORTS CONTEST OF ARTISTES HELD

KCNA

The 53rd sports contest of artistes took place at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang on November 29-30.

At the sports contest held divided into fields of

cinematic and theatrical arts,

various sports were played such as basketball, volleyball, table tennis, tug of war, Taekwon-Do and *ssirum* (Korean wrestling) along with amusement games.

The contest was watched by Jo Kyong Jun, deputy

department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials, creators, artistes, lecturers, researchers and students in the fields of art and culture and officials concerned.

A march-past of participating units and cheers to rhythmic and

lively melodies added to the atmosphere of the contest.

In ball games attracting the attention of spectators, badminton, group running, Taekwon-Do and *ssirum* matches and various amusement games, the players fully displayed the sports techniques they

honed during mass sports activities, strong sense of organization and discipline, noble sportsmanship and fair play.

The cinematic art field won the tug of war, which climaxed the sports contest.

The theatrical art field topped the total rankings at the contest.

### Wonsan horse chestnut

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

The Wonsan horse chestnut grows in Songchon-dong of Wonsan, Kangwon Province.

The trunk of the tree ramifies into three branches at the height of about five metres, forming a round crown.

The bark of its trunk is dark grey. Its leaves are attached with each other and seven leaflets form a leaf in the shape of the palm. A leaflet looks like a reversed egg, the tip is sharp and lower part is pointed in the shape of a wedge. The edge is unevenly and bluntly serrated.

The flowers bloom at the edge of branches in May.

With large leaves and beautiful shape, the tree of academic significance is a valuable rare species in the country.



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