

## General Secretary Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun



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All the people in the DPRK are ardently yearning for Chairman Kim Jong Il, who is always alive as their sun, giving inexhaustible vitality to their all-out drive for the victorious advance and accomplishment of the cause of building a powerful socialist country, with their deepest reverence oriented to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of his demise.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on December

16.

Accompanying him were Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, other senior Party and government officials, leading officials of the Party Central Committee and officials of ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs.

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the sacred images of dignified and powerful socialist Korea and eternal leaders of the WPK and the Korean revolution, are preserved in their lifetime appearance, was wrapped in the

solemnest atmosphere.

A basket of flowers from the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Also laid before the statues were flower baskets in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un paid high tribute to the President and the Chairman at the statues.

At the hall where Kim Jong Il lies in state, he made a deep bow of best wishes for immortality to the Chairman

who performed the exploits of great significance in human history, waging a heroic struggle under the uplifted red flag of Juche during his long period of revolutionary guidance, and thus laid a solid foundation of dignity and prosperity for the WPK and the DPRK to win a victory after another forever.

All the visitors made a solemn pledge to surely achieve a new victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche with redoubled fortitude and resolute executive power in the van of the sacred struggle for the overall prosperity and epoch-making development of their socialist state, remaining single-mindedly loyal to the ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un.

## Chairman Kim Jong Il is immortal as Sun of the people

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Every December the Korean people feel a deeper yearning for Kim Jong Il, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission.

His revolutionary life was the one of a popular leader who devoted his all to the people, taking "The people are God" as his motto.

Once he said he would embark on an inspection tour with a light heart, though it would be a gruelling journey, at the thought that there were his soldiers at Korean People's Army units and

his people at factories and farms.

He continued his long journey of infinite devotion till the last moments of his life with a burning desire to make his people better off and an irresistible urge to meet more people and soldiers more frequently.

He kept working even at midnight and in early morning, thinking of his country and people. Though suffering from growing fatigue, when he saw any achievement that would contribute to the building of a thriving country and give pleasure to the people, he beamed broadly as if he was relieved of all kinds of worry. And

as he regarded the pains taken for his country and people as a pride and pleasure, he rushed forward by compressing ten or a hundred days into one as the roots bringing the people happiness.

During his whole revolutionary career, he neither devoted a single moment's time nor made a single journey for his own sake.

As his loving care and trust gave them tremendous strength, the Korean people could follow only a victorious road as they turned an arduous 250-mile journey into a pleasant 2 500-mile journey under his guidance.

That is why they bestowed on him many appellations such as "the people's leader", "the artist of great joy", "the champion of justice", "the great teacher", "the iron-willed brilliant commander", "the peerless patriot" and "the Sun of Juche Korea".

These titles reflect his personality as a prominent great man and encapsulate the undying exploits he performed for the times and history.

You cannot tell about the Korean people's yearning for Kim Jong Il with only their unforgettable memories of the past

and their deep gratitude for his love shown to them.

He is always alive in their hearts as the Sun as he showed them boundless affection and devotion as he took responsible care of their destiny to the last and brought them the greatest happiness.

Still today, his absolute prestige constitutes the dignity and popular image of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK, and his immortal revolutionary career and exploits serve as a textbook for the Korean people in their life and struggle and the driving force behind leaps forward and changes.

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# Hwangju Kindung waterway construction finished

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The Hwangju Kindung waterway, another large irrigation system in the DPRK, has been completed.

With the successful construction of gravity-fed waterway extending for hundreds of ri (1 ri=392.73m) to pass through vast farm fields in Hwangju and Yonhan counties of North Hwanghae Province, a major granary, progress has been made in the irrigation of agriculture and a bright prospect opened for developing the agricultural production in a sustained and stable way.

An inaugural ceremony of the waterway took place on the spot on

Tuesday.

Attending it was Premier Kim Tok Hun, 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.

Present there were O Su Yong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Chol Man, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ju Chol Gyu, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the Agricultural Commission, Pak Chang Ho, chief secretary of the North Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the

WPK, Kim Son Il, chairman of the provincial people's committee, commanding officers and shock brigade members of the waterway construction division and officials and working people in the province.

At the inaugural ceremony, O Su Yong conveyed a letter of thanks from the WPK Central Committee to all the builders who performed brilliant labour feats in the waterway construction project.

The premier of the Cabinet made an inaugural address.

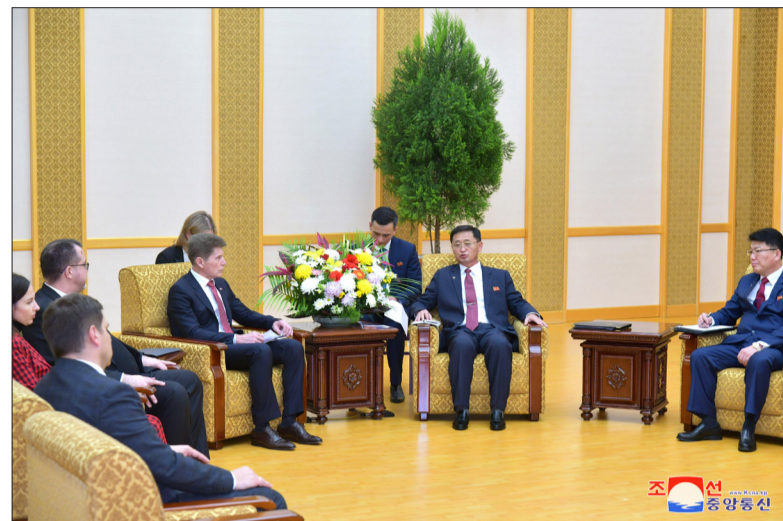
Speeches were made there.

After the ceremony the participants went round different parts of the waterway.



The completed Hwangju Kindung waterway, another large irrigation system in the DPRK, irrigates the vast farm fields in Hwangju and Yonhan counties of North Hwanghae Province.

# Russia's Maritime Territory delegation visits DPRK



Premier Kim Tok Hun talks with Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory administration of the Russian Federation.

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A delegation of the Maritime Territory of the Russian Federation led by Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory administration, visited the DPRK between December 11 and 15.

The Russian delegation laid a flower basket at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.

During their stay, talks were held between Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations of the DPRK, and Oleg Kozhemyako at the Mansudae Assembly Hall.

A protocol of the 13th meeting

of the bilateral working group for trade and economic cooperation was signed between the Committee for the Promotion of International Trade of the DPRK and the Maritime Territorial Government of the Russian Federation.

Kim Tok Hun, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, met with the head the Russian delegation on his courtesy call at the Mansudae Assembly Hall and had a talk with him in an amicable atmosphere.

They laid a wreath at the Liberation Tower and visited different places in the DPRK.

The DPRK Ministry of External Economic Relations hosted a reception to welcome the delegation.

# Farmers move into new houses

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## In South Hamgyong

Model farmhouses have been built in different villages of the Saryong Farm in Kumya County, South Hamgyong Province.

The modern dwelling houses have full conditions for providing the inhabitants with

convenience in life, and there are resting places and communal domestic animal sheds in the villages and good species of trees around the houses.

A house-moving ceremony took place on December 8.

## In Pyongyang

People in the villages of the Janggyo Farm in Kangnam

County of Pyongyang moved into new houses.

A ceremony for moving into new houses took place on the spot on December 12.

## In Kaesong

More than 110 blocks of single- and low-storied and terraced farmhouses for 300 households were built in villages of the Togam Farm

under the Kaesong City Rural Economy Committee. They have all conditions for the convenient living of agricultural workers.

A ceremony for moving into new houses took place on the spot on Wednesday.

Then licenses for the use of houses were handed over and speeches were made.

# Construction projects completed

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## Sinuiju Wheat Processing Factory inaugurated

North Phyongan Province has finished the renovation and modernization of the Sinuiju Wheat Processing Factory.

The factory is provided with all necessary conditions for production and management, including a wheat processing ground with all processes such as washing and packing automated and streamlined, an analysis room and sci-tech learning space.

A new process for producing wheat flour foods was also built.

An inauguration ceremony

took place on the spot on Monday.

## Riding club built in North Phyongan

A riding club has been built and inaugurated in North Phyongan Province.

The club, built in a scenic spot of Sinuiju City, has all conditions and environment necessary for riding and education, including riding courses, riding ground and training ground.

An inauguration ceremony took place on December 13.

Present there were Sin Tong Chol, secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, builders,

employees of the riding club and working people in Sinuiju City.

Ri Yong Chol, chairman of the Provincial People's Committee, made an inaugural address.

## Forest Science Institute in South Hamgyong

The Forest Science Institute of South Hamgyong Province has been built and inaugurated on December 13.

The institute has nursery, afforestation, insect and other research labs, an e-library and an experimental tree nursery. It is equipped with all experimental facilities and apparatuses, providing

scientists and technicians with better conditions and environment for scientific research.

## Aviation club built in Kangwon

An aviation club has been built in Kangwon Province.

The completion of the club with runways, outdoor training ground and other facilities will provide another guarantee for boosting the country's air sports techniques to a higher level through brisk air sports training and dissemination of technology.

An inauguration ceremony of the provincial aviation club took place on Wednesday.

## HOME NEWS

### Birthday spread sent to centenarian

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Kim Chang Ryop living in neighbourhood unit No. 45 in Toksong-dong, Phyongsong City of South Phyongan Province, on her 100th birthday.

Born into a fire-field peasant's family, Kim Chang Ryop keenly felt the sorrow of statelessness before Korea's liberation. She had dedicated herself to farming out of her single desire to live up to the benevolence of the Party and the state.

### Urban management sector holds aesthetic symposium

The 2023 autumn aesthetic symposium of the urban management sector took place at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on December 8 through videoconferencing.

It brought together officials, scientists and technicians in urban management, designing, supervision, construction, education and other relevant sectors and units in Pyongyang and the provinces.

The symposium was held on the theme of "Socialist civilization and building management". In the symposium, the participants were shown videos about the successes achieved in the management of dwelling houses and public buildings and advanced science and technology applicable to the diagnosis and repair of buildings.

### National kimchi show

A national kimchi show took place at the cooking festival hall on Ryomyong Street in Pyongyang between December 4 and 8 under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the Cooks Association of Korea.

It was held in the form of display and sale of different kinds of kimchi made by public catering and external service units and kimchi factories under the ministries and national agencies and in Pyongyang.

Diplomas and prizes were awarded to excellent units and individuals at the show.

Similar events were held in other parts of the country.

# Whole life dedicated to the people

With the sheer will to pluck even a star in the sky for the people, Chairman Kim Jong Il travelled every part of the country.

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The revolutionary career of Chairman Kim Jong Il was the life of a peerless patriot who devoted his all to his country and people.

Saying that he had nothing more to hope for if the people were well off and happy, the Chairman continued his field guidance tours for them all his life.

Wherever he visited and whatever goods he saw, his first question was always if the people liked them.

He also asked first about their living and convenience whenever he visited factories, farms and residential areas.

On his visit to the Central Zoo at the foot of Mt Taesong resounding with the happy laughter of the people, he told officials to do more work for providing them with the happiest life in the world.

With the sheer will to pluck even a star in the sky for the people, he travelled every part of the country.

At Korean homes, you can often see photos of their owners posing with him.

The wife of a demobbed soldier in Taehongdan County in the northern part of the country asked him without reserve to name her baby to be born soon.

Innumerable Koreans had the honour of meeting him and they all cherish deep admiration for him

as he showed them warm parental affection.

A female worker of the Ryangchaek Bearing Factory still tells with deep emotion about the loving care of the Chairman. On his visit to the factory he learned that her workplace was far away from her husband's while seeing her at work and took a special measure to get them to work in the same workplace.

His devoted efforts brought forth the Ryongaksan Spring Water Factory, Pyongyang Floriculture Institute, Taedonggang Combined Fruit Farm, Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park, Mansudae and Changjon streets and many other creations for bringing smile to the

people and improving their living standards.

He was also on the journey for the people even in the days of December 2011, the closing days of his life.

It was exceptionally cold that December.

However, he looked round the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park for long hours on the first Sunday of the month in order to provide his people with excellent conditions for cultural and leisure activities and visited the Hana Music Information Centre and Kwangbok Area Supermarket on December 15.

Saying that he felt warm despite the severe cold as he saw the

supermarket piled with goods, he professed himself most pleased when he had done something for the people and added that he found his happiness and joy in those of the people.

On the evening of December 16, he signed a plan for supplying Pyongyang citizens with fish on the threshold of New Year's Day, before embarking on his people-bound inspection tour without a moment's rest, and he passed away on the running train on December 17.

Indeed, the Chairman dedicated his whole life to the good of the people and they will remember forever his revolutionary career and devotion of love for them.

## Guerrilla-style field routines

Chairman Kim Jong Il's life of patriotic devotion consisted of days of guerrilla-style forced march along with field routines. The days tell many anecdotes.

### Sunday without rest

The Chairman knew no rest on Sundays or holidays throughout his life.

He spent every minute and second of his revolutionary activities through field guidance trips for the good of the people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army, saying that if he slowed his pace, the advance of the country would slow as much.

It was also a Sunday when he visited the Panmunjom Mission of the Korean People's Army at dawn to implant a transparent class consciousness in the frontline soldiers after inspecting the Cho Island Defending Unit and a navy unit to strengthen the military muscle and examining a lot of documents all night.

The day when he had a frugal meal with officials well after lunchtime during his field guidance in Ryanggang Province was a significant day that marked the fifth anniversary of his election as general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea. On his birthday of a year he visited an anti-aircraft machine gun position and relevant training ground through the hundreds-of-miles-long snow-covered way and back to his lodgings, he taught officials how to improve the standard of the people's dietary life. Even in his running car, reluctant to waste time, he examined documents, taking a nap sometimes. And he often had frugal meals during his inspection tours. Looking with a bright smile at children going camping, he, optimistic about the

future, started another inspection tour to visit the people and soldiers.

### Running office

The Chairman's field car and train were as good as his running offices and lodgings. He continued his guerrilla-style forced march, constantly in the field car and train.

One day in those years, he made a non-stop march through a snowstorm for thousands of miles to visit the workers in Jagang Province and the other day, just after inspecting the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex, he covered over 400 kilometres overnight to visit the Ragwon General Machine Enterprise before going from North Phyongan Province to Wonsan in Kangwon Province, the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, Ranam Coal-mining Machine Complex, Musan Mining Complex and other places across the country.

The fact that the distance he travelled by train to give field guidance in 2009 was equivalent to that he did so in the previous 10-odd years eloquently shows the great devotion of the Chairman who took the lead in ushering in the era of national prosperity, racing against time. Thanks to his devotion, iron, fertilizer and vinalon were made in Juche-oriented methods, the large-scale land realignment and gravitational waterway construction were completed and the Korean-style CNC application was realized.

He was on the people-bound train for field guidance till the last moment of his life. The Korean people still remember with deep emotion his life of devotion to the people as he dedicated even the last moments of his life to his beloved country and people.

## 'I keenly realized world of patriotic devotion to people'

Whenever December comes every year, I feel deeper yearning for Chairman Kim Jong Il.

I met the Chairman for the first time on December 11 2010 when I was working as manageress (at that time) of the Hyangmanru Restaurant.

He visited the newly renovated restaurant and said that it should serve tasty food and dishes to the people by constantly improving the technical knowledge and skills of cooks and taking measures to ensure the proper supply of raw and other materials.

Looking at dishes prepared in a dining room, he inquired about their prices and said that the prices were decent, expressing satisfaction with the fact that many people visited the restaurant to have a good time having meals.

And hearing me say that it would serve the people by reflecting not only their favourable comments but also their advice, he said it should do it and expressed his confidence in it.

It was unusually cold that day but the Chairman always smiled without paying heed to it, saying that if the people liked it, so did he.

Before leaving the restaurant, the Chairman

told us to work harder in future. And warmly holding our hands, he said he would surely come there again in the following year and have a photo taken with us.

I cannot forget the image of the Chairman who waved his hand by lowering the car window that day.

I heard later that he visited the restaurant after winding up the field guidance to the Pyongyang Wheat Flour Processing Factory and Sonhung Foodstuff Factory in early morning without relieving his fatigue caused by his inspection of North Hamgyong Province, northern part of the country, in the previous day.

Traces of fatigue betrayed by his face at the time are always in my memory all my life. Looking at the Chairman who devoted himself to the well-being of the people without any expression of his pains at all, I thought that there was no other man like him.

Seeing the Chairman in person who continued his field guidance tour on a cold day in plain padded clothes and gloves which are well known to our people, I keenly realized his great world of patriotic devotion to the people.

At that time, all employees



of the restaurant were firmly determined to give pleasure to him by serving the people well, true to the intention of the Chairman, and we really worked hard.

We never imagined that we would hear the sad news that Kim Jong Il unexpectedly passed away a year later.

I can never forget the day when I wept and wept with the employees with sorrow as if the sky fell and the earth sank, wailing for the Chairman tearfully.

Whenever we stood before his smiling portrait, it seemed as if we heard his benevolent voice and he encouraged us to make greater successes. Therefore, we exerted ourselves.

Though I am now a pensioner, I will exert all efforts to make new generations uphold the intention of the Chairman to the end of my life.

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# Political events in 2023

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The year 2023 is a year in which the DPRK has demonstrated its power and prestige through noteworthy political events.

## Juche-oriented military parade a manifestation of will to inherit tradition of victory

On February 8 a military parade was held magnificently at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army.

Conspicuous in particular was the display of portraits of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who provided the victorious tradition of revolutionary armed forces, veteran revolutionaries from the Bodyguard Company which safeguarded the Supreme Headquarters during the Fatherland Liberation War and heroic commanding officers in the van of the columns.

The solemn images of the forerunners displayed before the colours of feat demonstrated the will of the KPA to carry forward the victorious tradition.

The anti-Japanese forerunners dedicated their youth and lives in the anti-Japanese war to liberate Korea from the Japanese military occupation under the leadership of General Kim Il Sung, the legendary hero of the war. Thanks to the General's outstanding military strategy and in the indomitable spirit displayed by the anti-Japanese forerunners, the brave soldiers of the KPA won an epoch-making victory in the Fatherland Liberation War in the 1950s which was called a war against the most outrageous imperialist country in the world and confrontation between the rifle and the atomic bomb. The KPA has been able to carry on the history of invincibility for 75 years by adhering to the spirit and tradition.

The military parade held on July 27 to celebrate the 70th

anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War more fully demonstrated the DPRK's will to carry forward the tradition. The grand parade began with the entry of a column of paraders in wartime officer uniform carrying a picture of President Kim Il Sung who defeated the US imperialists and created the great history of war victory. In the square, the venue of the parade celebrating victorious July 27 symbolizing the eternal victory of Korea, the excited audience could see the fluttering colours of the guards units, which brought about the beginning of decline of the US aggressors who had boasted of being "the strongest" in the world, and those of invincible elite units, which inherited the spirit and tradition.

## Grand political festival of single-hearted unity

The paramilitary parade and torchlight procession of the young vanguard held at Kim Il Sung Square on September 8 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the DPRK constituted a grand political festival of single-hearted unity which fully manifested the might of single-hearted unity of the Korean people who are firmly united behind their leader.

The paramilitary parade demonstrated to the world the great vitality of the policy of arming all the people and fortifying the whole country which cannot be found elsewhere on this planet. Every column of paraders displayed the will of the people to turn out with arms in hands in all-people resistance in case of emergency while making achievements in their workplaces for creation and construction in peacetime.

The columns of mechanized units marched past the square demonstrating to the world that the invincible might of the DPRK lies in the fact that it has not only a regular army but also powerful paramilitary forces capable of doing any military operation and battle in modern

The Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly formulates the principles of state activities on the mission of the DPRK armed forces in the Socialist Constitution.



warfare independently. Columns of paraders, mechanized units and military hardware of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards which are possessed of the greatest national defence capabilities by thoroughly implementing the Workers' Party of Korea's military line for self-defence demonstrated to the world once again the might of the single-hearted unity of the country which is more powerful than nuclear weapons.

The torchlight procession of the young vanguard which marched past the square showed off the spirit and will of millions of Korean youths who are united firmly behind the Party. The large stream of torches held up by young people impressively displayed the irresistible might peculiar to the powerful state and people linked with the WPK as an organism.

The letters "We are youth", "Successors", "1948-2023" and "Eternal leader" and the shapes of the national flag and the sun appeared one after another through changes of formations.

They were followed by various other formations depicting the letters "Ever-victorious", "Powerful

country" and "Devoted service for the people" and the Korean map and the emblem of the WPK.

The grand performance held in front of the Mansudae Assembly Hall on the evening of September 9 conspicuously climaxed the celebrations, adding to the joy and passion of celebrating the birthday of the country as a great political festival.

## Historic event opening new chapter of DPRK-Russia friendship

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's visit to the Russian Federation from September 12 to 17 was a historic event that opened up a new chapter of the DPRK-Russia friendship.

The visit of General Secretary Kim Jong Un from Khasan, border town, to the Vostochny Cosmodrome, Komsomolsk-on-Amur Yuri Gagarin Aviation Plant and Vladivostok City dealt a telling blow to the imperialists trying to obliterate justice, truth and sovereignty and greatly encouraged the peoples of the two countries and the world progressive humankind aspiring to the development of

independent and powerful states and the building of a new just and peaceful world.

His visit to Russia was the second one four years and five months after the one in 2019.

He embarked on the historic long journey to the Russian Federation as his first external activity after the worldwide public health crisis in order to defend world peace and stability and justice.

His Russia visit marked an epochal occasion which brought about a new radical turn in strengthening and developing the DPRK-Russia relationship.

Upon authorization of Comrade Putin, central and local high-ranking officials and personages of all social standings greeted the General Secretary as the closest friend of the Russian people and many officials and entourages accompanied him at the cosmodrome, aviation plant, Pacific Fleet, Far Eastern Federal University, Maritime Territorial Aquarium, Arnika BioFeed Mill and other important places, thus adding to the warmest hospitality for him. The historic DPRK-Russia summit meeting, talks full of comradeship and speeches made in the banquet held at the Vostochny Cosmodrome made the world realize the firm relations of the two countries again.

The top leaders of the two countries frankly discussed the important issues arising in defending the sovereignty and development and interests of the two countries, peace and security in the region and the rest of the world and international justice by ensuring closer strategic and tactical cooperation between the two countries and extending strong support to and solidarity with each other in the common front for frustrating the military threats and provocations and high-handed and arbitrary practices of the imperialists, who are trying to violate independence, progress and peaceful life of humankind, and the immediate cooperation matters and reached a satisfactory agreement and consensus of opinion.

Kim Jong Un's historic visit to the Russian Federation, which drew the attention of the whole world, put the development of the DPRK-Russia relations, which were further cemented in the struggle to accomplish the cause of global independence, onto a higher stage.



Scenes of the military parades to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Korean people's victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

# Patriotic movement in 2023 develops into mainstream of the times

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea stressed the need to advance the revolution on the strength of loyalty and patriotism by carrying on the tradition of loyalty and patriotism, the tradition peculiar to the Korean revolution.

2023 was a year of struggle in which the socialist patriotic movement developed into the mainstream of the times with a surge of the heightened revolutionary enthusiasm and patriotic zeal of the people supporting the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea and powerfully encouraged the comprehensive development of the country.

At the turn of the year when the Korean people reviewed the hard struggle in 2022 and determinedly rose up in the struggle for the new year, the munitions industry workers presented 30 powerful Juche weapons they manufactured through an increased production drive as gifts of loyalty to the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee.

The news about the presentation ceremony of 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket systems held on a large scale at the garden of the office building of the Party Central Committee was published on New Year's Day this year, giving fresh strength and encouragement to the people across the country and further amplifying the historic significance of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The socialist patriotic movement for the country and people was strengthened among young people.

They turned out as one to live up to the trust of the Party that entrusted them with the second-stage construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and the construction of a new street in Pyongyang this year, the third year of the construction of 50 000 flats in the capital city. In hearty response to the appeal sent by the Central

Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League to youth league organizations and young people across the country, well over 90 000 young people volunteered to work at the house construction projects in the city in January this year alone.

The volunteering zeal of young people that continued from the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the 10th congress of the youth league grew further, with more than 180 young people volunteering as teachers at schools in the island, mountain and rural villages to carry out the educational policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and many other young men and women from Pyongyang, North and South Hwanghae provinces and other parts of the country as farmers for increased grain production in the first half of the year.

Graduates from various universities and colleges chose their careers as lecturers of the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu bearing the vivid footprints of the anti-Japanese revolution, and many young people found their jobs in mines and coal mines to start with a clean slate.

Their zeal fired all other people with patriotic enthusiasm again.

Party members and other working people across the country volunteered to work at the hard and labour-consuming sectors competitively and the ranks of people, who work hard to settle the issues the Party worries about and the country welcomes before anyone else, increased day by day.

Many volunteers for the agricultural front, the major thrust in socialist construction, took charge of fields with low fertility and reaped unprecedentedly good cereal harvest there.

In late August the Korean central TV broadcast the news that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the reconstruction site of the flood-hit Ansok Tideland of the General Tideland Reclamation Enterprise of South Phyongan Province and inspected the condition

of rice plants flooded with sea water in detail.

After hearing the news, many people rushed to the site to join the reconstruction campaign and mobile art squad members encouraged the builders with vigorous artistic motivational activities.

The revolutionary enthusiasm and fighting spirit of the Korean people to fully display their patriotic fervour in the efforts for the prosperity of the country were expressed more explicitly in the flames of the mass innovation movement.

The coal mine for supplying coal to Jagang Province under the Kaechon Area Coal-mining Complex has a proud history of having given fresh impetus to the coal industry by taking the initiative in the socialist patriotic drive for increased coal production in 1977 and thus contributed to stoking the flames of speed campaign across the country more fiercely.

At the coal mine where the socialist patriotic drive for increased coal production had started, the descendants cut over 4 000 tons of more coal before the Day of the Sun (April 15), the greatest national holiday of the Korean people, this year while overfulfilling its production plan for the first quarter of the year by 4 percent, by strengthening the socialist patriotic movement true to the intention of the WPK.

Their successes served as an inspiring banner encouraging the overall economic front of the country to seethe with the increased production drive in the spirit of patriotism.

Working people across the country have made signal achievements in succession in various fields of the national economy, giving full play to the patriotic enthusiasm peculiar to the Korean people.

True to the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea which set the goal of grain production as the first one of the 12 major goals of national economic development, the leading fertilizer producers of the country boosted the



Young people volunteer to work on major fronts of socialist construction.

production. After fulfilling their yearly economic plan till mid-July, officials, workers and technicians of the Anju Pump Factory recorded the peak year of production on the occasion of the WPK anniversary, October 10.

In the flames of the collective innovation movement in various sectors and units of the national economy, all people glorified this year, the third year of the implementation of the five-year plan, with remarkable labour successes by pooling their minds and efforts with one aspiration to patriotism and working harder than their level, ability and potentials under the slogan "One for all and all for one!"

The noble ideological and spiritual world of the Korean people was improved to a higher level through their sincere efforts to build up the country's defence capabilities.

Bearing in mind the truth that bolstering up the defence capability is the most important state affair and the building of a powerful country would be unthinkable without strong military muscle, many units and people across the country spared no effort to further consolidate the invincible might of the DPRK.

This year was also marked by a vigorous struggle the entire Party, the whole country and all the people

waged to turn rural communities of the whole country into a civilized and rich socialist paradise, true to the rural development programme in the new era set forth by the Workers' Party of Korea.

Setting it as an important revolutionary task for the prosperity and development of the state and the improvement of the well-being of the people to transform the countryside in a revolutionary way, the Party Central Committee called on the whole country to help the rural construction in Ryanggang Province where the sacred place of the revolution is situated and entrusted the honourable task to Party members.

Inspired by the trust placed on them by the Workers' Party of Korea, the elite groups of party members from Pyongyang and the provinces rushed to Ryanggang Province where Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution, is situated, and developed another new admirable trait of local areas helping others, fully displaying the collectivist spirit of helping and leading one another forward.

The socialist patriotic movement in 2023, which was developed as the mainstream of the times, served as the source of inexhaustible strength for the Korean people to open up the road of advance toward building a powerful country.

## Meeting of excitement and emotion instils noble obligation in mothers

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The Fifth National Conference of Mothers was held with splendour in Pyongyang on December 3-4. It was attended by nearly 10 000 women on behalf of the seven million mothers of the country.

### Emotional scene

Enthusiastic cheers of all the participants marked the beginning of the Fifth National Conference of Mothers held more than ten years after the fourth event.

As the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un entered the venue, thunderous cheers raised by the delegates all together resounded through the hall.

Though he bowed to them repeatedly with a beaming smile on his face and tried to stop them, their enthusiastic applause and shouts of

"Hurrah!" did not fade out for a long time.

The sight of the delegates giving hearty cheers to him and Kim Jong Un acknowledging their sincerity for a long while was truly a manifestation of the integral whole of the leader and the people.

He has made many speeches at national meetings, but this time his tone of voice was rather different as he made the opening address.

His boundlessly deep emotions were reflected in each expression.

The noticeable emphasis placed on the call of "Dear mothers" and the expressions like "Conference of Mothers—this is indeed a meeting reminding everybody of their beloved mothers and filling their hearts with deep gratitude for them" and "for your ennobling spirit you are the most beautiful and admirable in the world, though your facial

beauty keeps fading away because of the pains you have experienced" were brimming with the gratitude and appreciation to all mothers across the country.

He also said that as everyone would think of their mothers before anybody else, who gave birth to them, fed and clothed them and helped them with their first steps, in moments of hardship or difficulty, he always thinks of the mothers whenever he found it hard to tackle problems in Party or state affairs.

It was indeed a saying from the bottom of his heart that showed his warmest and purest feelings.

### Elevated significance of conference, duty of mothers

The characteristics, scale and significance of the Fifth National Conference of Mothers were really great as compared to the first

conference of mothers held decades ago in November 1961.

Kim Jong Un in the opening address said that the recent conference was a platform of boundless tribute and congratulation, on which the Party and state crown the patriotic and loyal mothers of the DPRK with the laurels of all victories achieved on the onward march of the new era and that was also a political festival which demonstrated once again the justness and promising future of the cause of the DPRK which regards the coming generations that represent the future of the country and mothers as sacred beings and places them first in considering everything.

He also noted that in view of the mothers' position and role in their families and society as a whole and the actual problems facing the state and revolution, the Party Central Committee considered the

conference to be no less important than a Party congress or a plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee.

In his important speech "On the Duty of Mothers for Their Families and Society" to the conference, he stressed that if the mothers have a firm mind, the cornerstone of the country is solid, and if the spiritual world of mothers is noble, the baton of the revolution will be steadily carried forward and the nature of Korean-style socialism will remain unchanged and that it is the primary revolutionary task to prepare well the younger generation to be the main force of the society and to hold up the powerful state.

Cherishing in mind his noble intention, the mothers of the whole country keenly realized the sacred mission and duty they assume before the country and the people.



# Year of huge house

Hundreds of skyscrapers and high-rise apartment blocks, public buildings and service and other facilities were built in an area of 150-odd hectares.

A view of apartment houses for 10 000 families inaugurated in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang in April. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Builders create new construction legend

By Kim Il Jin PT

A ceremony for the completion of the first-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area took place on April 16 this year.

The first-stage construction project in Pyongyang's Hwasong area was an enormous task involving the building of hundreds of skyscrapers, high-rise apartment houses and public buildings, service networks and facilities with a total floor space of well over one million square metres in 150-odd hectares of area, or nearly three times that of Songhwa Street which was constructed in 2022.

Soldier and civilian builders finished the excavation of hundreds of thousands of cubic metres of earth for foundations in a short span of time after the groundbreaking ceremony and carried out concrete tamping of them before buckling down to the building of frameworks of dwelling houses.

The soldier-builders raised the level of mechanization of construction processes and specialization in building work and developed and introduced innovative construction methods, while simultaneously pushing ahead with all processes, thereby doubling or trebling working efficiency.

Although they unexpectedly encountered difficulties and hardships as the state epidemic prevention work was switched over to the highest-level emergency anti-epidemic system that suddenly arose in the country

in May last year, the builders pressed on with the construction steadily without a single day or a single hour of delay as they created a new construction speed, thus completing the frameworks of scores of apartment blocks.

The whole construction site seethed with a highly intensive campaign for completing the house construction project involving internal and external wall plastering, tile fitting and housetop decoration.

The service personnel, who put the building work on a specialized basis, conducted demonstrations according to processes and held a contest of skilled hands, carried out the exterior wall plastering and tile fitting 1.5 times more than during the construction of Songhwa Street and simultaneously pushed wall plastering and partition wall building to increase the construction speed over two times more than usual.

Civilian builders also created new standards and records on the strength of science and technology by learning the fighting spirit and work style of the soldiers of the Korean People's Army.

Amid a vigorous mass technical innovation drive conducted during the construction project, more than 200 technical innovation proposals were developed and introduced to increase the construction speed two times.

Builders applied prefab construction methods to save manpower and materials and considerably shorten the framework construction period,

introduced new plastic shutterings to increase the assembly speed three times more than previously and improved the method of installing water and sewer pipes to ensure the quality of the project.

They also applied advanced technologies like a mixture curing method using electricity to suit the winter conditions, thereby reducing the curing time to one quarter and thus provided a guarantee for carrying out the project on schedule.

Meanwhile, builders pushed landscape as they planted 80-odd species of more than 220 000 trees and laid 550 000 square metres of lawns to turn the Hwasong area into a park thick with green foliage.

Thanks to soldier and civilian builders creating a new construction legend, the first-stage housing project for building a new modern city block in the Hwasong area was successfully completed in a matter of one year.

This construction project was initiated and wisely led by General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The General Secretary who subordinates everything to the welfare of the people examined the plans for the layouts of dwelling houses in the project and their bird's eye views and the mock-ups he perfected one by one numbered more than 1 630.

Ordinary workers, farmers and office employees are now enjoying a happy life in the marvellous dwelling houses in the Hwasong area, which rose up as a model of modern city block.

## Komdok area turns into mountain-gorge city

By Kil Chung Il PT

Komdok area is the place with leading mineral ore producers, which are well known to the local people along with the names of Kungol, or gold valley, and Paekkumsan, or a white gold mountain.

The area, which takes a lion's share in the country's economic growth and improvement of the people's living standards, has now shown its figure as a mountain-gorge city.

Single-, low- and multi-storey and high-rise apartment houses and service networks have been built in graceful and distinctive styles in good harmony with each other along the dozens of kilometres of valley from the Ryongyang Mine to the Taechung Youth Hero Mine through the Komdok Mining Complex, presenting a spectacular sight.

In October three years ago, General Secretary Kim Jong Un visited the far and rugged Komdok area by train running along the temporarily-restored yet dangerous gorge railway. At that time, the area suffered severe damage from flash flood and typhoon that hit it in succession.

Setting out his plan to turn the Komdok area where a large group of workers live into a mountain-gorge city unprecedented in history and a mine city on that day, he called on the units of the Korean People's Army to make devoted efforts once again for the great people, the great Party and the great state.

Innumerable are the street layouts of the area the General Secretary examined with great care. In September last year he said to the

officials that modern houses were being built in the Komdok area and the construction should be done well for our new generations.

It is his intention to complete the construction project of the mountain-gorge city in the coming few years.

In fact, building tens of thousands of houses in the Komdok area, which has more unfavourable conditions than any other areas, in a short time is like creating another miracle.

The KPA service personnel involved in the project, which is equivalent to the construction of several streets, are building many houses wonderfully according to the plan every year by displaying the spirit of devoted service for the people.

As a result, lots of ordinary workers have moved into new homes of happiness provided by the country gratis every year.

Another happy event of moving into new houses took place in the Komdok area on November 15.

Single-, low- and multi-storey apartment houses for more than 1 400 families have risen up in rows in Tonsan-dong and Kumsan-dong of Tanchon City, designed to embody modernity, cultural refinement and diversity and reflect the regional characteristics.

As the moving into new houses began, a huge dance party took place in the mine city with each house ringing with happy laughter.

The owners of new houses expressed their resolve to repay the favour shown by the country with increased mineral output, saying that miners of Komdok received new palatial houses as they live in the socialist system of which the people are masters.

# construction projects

## Modern farmhouses increase

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Recently, new entities of the modern socialist countryside appeared one after another at the foot of Mt Paektu.

The Songjon Farm in Kim Jong Suk County, the Jiksol Livestock Farm in Kim Hyong Gwon County, the Kasan Farm in Pochon County and other farms witnessed the completion of modern apartment houses that meet the aesthetic sense while retaining the localities' own characteristics. Each village has houses with unique individuality in various forms and the houses consist of flawless living rooms, kitchens, washrooms and storerooms.

At the meetings for moving into new houses held on the spot, house licences were given, and ordinary farmers moved into new houses amid the playing of merry peasant music and cheerful dancing.

Days and months of this year have never passed without the news of farmers moving into new houses in the modern socialist countryside.

From the first month of this year to date, people have been able to see in newspapers and on TV the happy looks of agricultural workers moving into new modern houses in many rural villages across the country including North and South Phyongan, South Hwanghae, Jagang and Kangwon provinces and Kaesong City.

The new history of rural house construction unfolding in the DPRK today is associated with the

devoted service for the people of General Secretary Kim Jong Un who is translating into reality the age-old dream and ideal of the agricultural workers.

It is his firm determination to let the faithful and patriotic agricultural workers be the first to step on the threshold of communist society as they have firmly defended the rural position and supported the Workers' Party of Korea and the revolution with rice, always sharing intention with the Party and their lot with socialism.

Regarding turning all rural villages across the country into rich and modern socialist paradise as his cherished desire and an important undertaking he should do for the prosperity and development of the country and for the rising generations, he unfolded a grand plan for rural house construction and indicated in detail the orientation and ways to that end at the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Under his leadership, strong commanding forces for the construction of farmhouses were organized ranging from the capital to provinces, cities and counties, it was formulated as a policy and law for the state to provide all cities and counties with cement for rural house construction on a regular basis every year and their implementation is firmly guaranteed and each region formed a powerful construction force.

Under the state



Farmhouses are built to meet the regional characteristics.

concern, the plans of modern and diversified rural houses preserving regional characteristics for coastal, lowland and mountainous areas were completed and introduced, and thus such houses are under construction all across the country.

The village of the Ryongpho Greenhouse Farm built last year has 113 blocks of single- and low-storey houses for over 1 000 families in 99 different styles and it showed the new height and new leap of socialist civilization.

This year, too, original modern houses—multi- and low-storey and terraced ones—have been built

in different parts of the country to suit the characteristics of their areas and regions, adding to the new appearance of the countryside. This is more influential than a hundred words in further strengthening the socialist rural position and arousing the agricultural working people's zeal for production.

As even those people at the end of the country and in out-of-the-way mountainous areas receive the affection and benevolence of the Workers' Party of Korea, the agricultural workers across the country are voicing their pledge of loyalty to repay them by

replenishing the country's granary. True to their pledge, they dedicated themselves to farming and thus gathered a bumper harvest in every farm field of the socialist country this year.

Therefore, the work for improving the appearance and environment of the countryside in the DPRK has been an all-people undertaking desired and welcomed by all the people, the one for creating a new socialist rural civilization and a new world where the local areas change, and that for promoting social progress and prosperity and the overall development of the country.

## A happy event of moving into new house



A family moves into their new house in the Taephyong area, Mangyongdae District. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kim Il Jin PT

With the golden age of construction being ushered in, the whole country was enlivened by happy events of moving into new houses from Pyongyang to remote mountain villages this year, too.

A similar event took

place in the Taephyong area of Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, in May.

The whole area gives a feeling of surging up into a new height of civilization thanks to the high-rise apartment buildings forming the main axis and apartment blocks with different floors erected to blend in well with the

surrounding scenery. Each section looks refined as it consists of harmoniously arranged round buildings and park-style resting places. Educational and public health institutions built in the area are also distinctive. Ryongaksan Senior Middle School in Mangyongdae District, where there is a large round clock at the main entrance, has an imposing appearance, full sets of excellent educational facilities and teaching aids and furnishings, a turf-covered playground, outdoor swimming pool and gymnasium, giving great delight to students.

There is also a splendid kindergarten furnished with all facilities including sunny classrooms, a playground and swimming pool. And the nursery beside it is picturesque.

In addition, all the buildings in the area are distributed in good harmony to strike

viewers with admiration.

Owners of new houses are ordinary workers and farmers.

Pak Hung Chol, a worker of the Kumchon Sewage Works Management Station who moved into apartment 1 on the second floor in neighbourhood unit No. 35 of Samhung-dong No. 3 in Mangyongdae District, said that all the family members remained

awake all night through on the day they received a licence to use the house with three spacious rooms, adding that they have all facilities necessary for the living of residents near the apartment building, including a clinic, shop, bathroom and laundry.

"Ordinary workers like us can become owners of new splendid houses without paying even a penny only

under our socialist system. Indeed, ours are the world of working people," said Pak Chun Bok, an employee at the Pyongyang Rice-cleaning Factory. His wife Kim Un Hui expressed their resolve to devote their clean conscience and sweat to the prosperity of the country cherishing the happiness of the house-moving day throughout their lives.

Agricultural workers are happy to move into new houses at the township farm of Rangrim County.



# Education sector pushes work to improve general educational structure

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

The Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held in June this year discussed "On epochal measures for developing education" as the second agenda item.

The general education sector is working hard to improve educational structure and renovate the contents and methods of education in order to carry out the tasks set forth at the plenary meeting.

The sector aims to make all students acquire more than one technical skill in the stage of secondary education so that everyone can contribute to the development of society. It has planned and pushed the work for improving education according to the nature and aptitude of students, while developing educational structure by putting main stress on general basic

knowledge education.

The universal 12-year compulsory education programme was revised and supplemented, and textbooks are being written with the main emphasis put on improving general basic knowledge education for students and developing their intellectual faculties.

Instruction designs have been completed on a nationwide scale.

Presentations about model lessons embodying nearly 100 excellent teaching methods were posted on a homepage related to education to help students become active learners and explorers and acquire practical knowledge and ability. A variety of events like demonstration were also arranged.

In order to arouse the interest of students in teaching contents, the writing of textbooks reflected the problems that students should know necessarily and the problems they want to

know to suit their ages and psychology and in keeping with the characteristics of relevant subjects. Great efforts have been directed to enabling students to learn theoretically and with interest.

The general education sector selectively chose subjects in the fields of literature, natural science, arts, sports and technology and ran technical classes so that students could acquire technical knowledge and skills according to the economic and geographical features of relevant regions.

As a result, it organized more than 100 technical senior middle schools in 15 sectors including garment, service and food and eight model technical classes of technical senior middle schools in the fields of vehicle and electronics.

In Pyongyang such technical classes were formed, especially the cooking class at Pongji Senior Middle School in

Phyongchon District, the service class at Mangyongdae Senior Middle School in Mangyongdae District and the industrial design class at Sosin Senior Middle School in Ryokpho District of Pyongyang. South Phyongan and South Hwanghae provinces set up technical classes in 10-odd technical senior middle schools to suit their local features.

"At present, primary and secondary education sectors are conducting various activities in earnest, focusing on composing the teaching contents with technical knowledge and skills which can be applied to production and practice by giving students correct images and experiences and making them acquire deep rudimentary knowledge, rather than on the curtailed teaching contents of specialized technical knowledge and skills taught at universities," said Kim Won Hui, an official of the Ministry of Education.

# Winner of municipal paduk contest

Pak U Song



By Pang Un Ju PT

The autumn Pyongyang municipal children's *paduk* tournament was held from October 16 to 23.

In the competition which was held excitingly in the form of irregular league amid the high exceptions and interest of *paduk* fans, educators and parents of the competitors, Pak U Song, student of Kwangbok Primary School in Mangyongdae District, won boys' individual event of the primary school division.

Pak began to learn *paduk* when he was four.

"U Song never kept still as he was extremely mischievous. I seated him at the piano to give him art education but he did never take an interest in it. At the thought that *paduk* is good for intellectual development, I took him to a *paduk* house. Surprisingly, he attentively watched children play the game," said Hong Tan Sim, mother of the boy.

He thus began to learn *paduk*. He quickly mastered the principle and rules of the game under the guidance of his kindergarten teacher.

Sometimes, the teacher was surprised at his ability to apply what he learned without forgetting it.

The boy beat all his rivals with his overwhelming ability in elimination matches to qualify for district and county *paduk* games held in celebration of the Day of the Sun in April last year. And he won consecutive victories without any defeat in the kindergarten children's division game which brought together the top child from each district, thus taking the first place.

With this pride he wrote a letter to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un to express his resolve to become a famous *paduk* player who would demonstrate the honour of the country like his father who is People's Athlete and world Taekwon-Do champion.

Attending primary school, the boy studied *paduk* harder, and thus he fully displayed his ability in the autumn Pyongyang municipal children's *paduk* tournament.

"U Song's fortes are the great capacity to read moves, correct judgment of situation and powerful attack. Whenever he was at a disadvantage during a match, he grasped the weakness of his rival in time and reversed the situation with fierce attack," said *paduk* diffuser Chae Yong Gum.

He also played a decisive role in making Mangyongdae District win boys' team event of the primary school division of the tournament.

His mother said that though he is scolded for his mischief, she is satisfied to see him calm himself like an adult when he sits at the *paduk* board.

He has a precious dream of becoming an excellent *paduk* player to exalt the honour of the country.

# Changed atmosphere of learning

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

To turn students into active learners and inquirers and make them acquire working knowledge and practical skills—this is currently a major concern of Unha Primary School in Sariwon.

The school is putting its efforts into pedagogical research to this end and applying the results into practice.

The school staff put it forward as their main task to enable students to analyse the contents of each lesson on the current curriculum in relation to multifaceted and practical problems they encountered in nature and society and, at the same time, to foster their power

of observation and thinking, memory, imagination and other intellectual abilities.

Therefore, students acquire the practical ability to learn and apply manifold and useful knowledge of nature and society through all spaces from lessons and extracurricular study hours to academic contests, and the intellectual ability to observe, think about, remember and imagine things and phenomena occurring in the world in combination with the knowledge they have gained.

For example, the reduced drawing of mathematics that is included in the primary school fifth-grade curriculum has been changed to a course of drawing the paths in the actual school

campus from the previous method of redrawing the paths and roads shown in the textbook, thus helping students enhance their power of observation and memory and consolidate the knowledge they have learned in practice.

As a result of the new teaching method applied since September last year, 80 percent of the students cultivated an attitude of always observing the world around them carefully and thinking in connection with the knowledge they learned, and an "unusual atmosphere of learning" was established in the school, where most students are always eager to ask teachers to understand anything that puzzles them.

According to teachers, they

assign a range of observation to their students each month, and they were surprised that there were so many things in the school that could be connected with the knowledge the students learned and, therefore, the teachers were learning themselves along with their students.

The changed teaching methods of the school came as a surprise not only to the teachers.

The parents of students said that they have often been embarrassed by their children as they, who would not even see what they have at home in the past, tried to see everything carefully and asked them tricky questions.

However, all the parents are proud to have their children at Unha Primary School.

# Teacher guides disabled student to fulfil dream

By Kim Hak Chol PT

"It is important for a teacher to have a high teaching ability, but it is more important to have a motherly character. We ought to love our students like our own flesh and blood."

This was what her father told Han Song I on the day when she was appointed as a middle school teacher over ten years ago.

Han is a physics teacher at Pipha Technical Senior Middle School in Moranbong District, Pyongyang.

The graduate from Kim Chol Ju University of Education has a special attachment to her job.

She always says: "A gardener finds her pleasure in cultivating beautiful flowers, but a teacher feels the worth of life in training excellent students."

Though she became a teacher with a beautiful dream and ideal since her girlhood with bobbed hair, her unusual pride was not got easily, she recalled.

In particular, her teaching career was not as easy as saying since she became the mother of twin sons.

She left her ailing children to the care of her mother-in-law and went to the school, and sometimes she had to receive a dinner table provided by her mother-in-law since she returned home late at night after having struggled with naughty boys.

However, her husband and mother-in-law always encouraged her to make redoubled efforts.

Backed up by their sincerity, she became a district-wide model teacher and all of her students

developed into A and B students.

A few years ago, she came to receive newcomers. Among them, there was an unexpectedly disabled student.

The student, named Choe Myong Song who was sitting in a wheelchair, did not leave the mind of Song I all night.

"If I were the mother of Myong Song..."

She taught Myong Song knowledge by devoting her love and affection.

She visited his house every evening to help him review lessons since he had to receive medical treatment every afternoon. When Myong Song was hospitalized, she gave him supplementary lessons at the hospital.

She delved deeper into the basic technology subject for the sake of Myong Song who had

interest in electronics.

Thanks to her painstaking efforts, Myong Song has taken top honours in every school year and is cultivating his talents at the weak-current group of the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace.

According to Han Song I, Myong Song is excellent in application as well as memorization.

It is said that he brought out original inventions including small battery charger at the exhibition of inventions held at the school to the surprise of all students and teaching staff.

"My teacher brought back to me the hope I had given up. She is my mother in the campus and an unforgettable mentor who not only taught me knowledge but also implanted the dream of life," said Choe Myong Song.



## Lakeside holiday camp for scientists

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

A picturesque holiday camp stands on the shore of Lake Yonphung, a scenic spot.

The camp built in a distinctive style to blend in with the lakeside landscape is a holiday resort for scientists of the State Academy of Sciences.

Scientists spend delightful vacations at the camp which looks like an elegant peacock roosting on the beautiful lakeside.

Occupying an area of more than 119 000 square metres with a total floor space of over 100 000 square metres, the Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp has all conditions and environment needed for recreations, including nine camp buildings, a general service centre, multi-purpose outdoor sports ground, beach volleyball court, boating area, resting area, pavilion and indoor and outdoor wading pools.

The paths are paved with

precious blue stones to help campers relieve fatigue, and the lodgings and service buildings are all connected by access corridors for their convenience.

The multi-purpose outdoor sports ground has volleyball, badminton and tennis courts, and the tennis court turns into a skating rink in winter.

The indoor and outdoor wading pools are equipped with showers and various kinds of underwater ultrasonic massage devices.

"We are doing our best to promote full relaxation of the scientists who contribute to the country's prosperity by dint of science," said Pak Un Chol, director of the holiday home.

According to him, the holiday camp is able to cater for more than 50 scientists and technicians at one term and nearly 600 a year.

A holiday at the camp begins with a reception for the vacationers. Their scientific research achievements introduced

on this meaningful occasion are the epitome of the prospering and developing country as well as a sign of its bright prospects.

Everything needed for their holiday life is provided at the highest level at state expense, Pak said.

Their day begins with a morning walk in the forest surrounding the camp.

"We often go for a walk. When we are stuck with a bottleneck in research, we take a walk to get our thoughts into shape even at dawn or at night," said Kwak Man Su, deputy director of the thermal engineering institute of the State Academy of Sciences. "But strolling here in the camp was different. While walking along the shore of the lake hazy with clouds of spray and through the thick forest where pheasants, roe deer, squirrels and other animals saunter about, a rhyme rather than a formula popped into my head."

He added that he really admired the holiday camp located in such a perfect place rich in natural beauty.

A volleyball competition between camp buildings is held in the multi-purpose outdoor sports ground surrounded by enthusiastic rooters, while some others display a spirit of rivalry on the badminton and tennis courts.

Meanwhile, the general service centre is crowded with joyful campers playing table tennis and billiards, taking photographs to keep the memory of their fulfilled vacation and getting their hair dressed in the barbershop and beauty parlour.

In the indoor wading pool, they literally lose track of time.

"I get fully reinvigorated in the pool," said Ju Se Bong, researcher of the geology institute. "After taking a shower and various kinds of water massages, I feel over the moon like a child."

According to the campers, the most impressive part of the

vacation is boating.

It is an enjoyable pastime to row in the vast lake, but it is really wonderful to have a barbecue on pleasure boats while taking in the natural scenery, the holidaymakers say.

As they leave the camp, they give the camp staff a promise that they will "make greater research achievements and come back again".

"It is said that happiness is satisfaction without regret. I'm really satisfied with the holiday and I don't have any regrets, but I'd really like to come again," said Jo Song Phil, section chief of the integrated circuit institute, as he left the camp in November.

It is the unanimous desire of the campers to repay with greater scientific successes the favours bestowed on them by the state which provided them with flats in Wisong Scientists Residential District and vacations at such a wonderful holiday camp.



Scientists from the State Academy of Sciences spend a good time of rest at the Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES





# Kim Jong Il's exploits shine in history of international relations

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The immortal exploits performed by Chairman Kim Jong Il for the cause of independence for mankind are shining along with the history of international relations.

## From collapse and frustration to revival and fresh upsurge

The United Socialist Nationalist Party of Nepal in a statement praised Chairman Kim Jong Il's immortal revolutionary exploits as follows:

"Comrade Kim Jong Il is a prominent leader who developed and enriched the Juche idea founded by President Kim Il Sung, glorified it as the guiding ideology in the era of independence and made an immortal contribution to the accomplishment of the cause of independence for mankind. He is a great defender who not only safeguarded the Korean socialism in the face of the worst ordeals and difficulties in the late 20th century but also led the world socialist cause to revival and fresh upsurge from collapse and frustration."

In the late 1980s and the early 1990s, worldwide political upheavals broke out

on the planet.

Socialism collapsed in several countries and the hostile forces worked out their own timetable and proclaimed that the "end" of socialism was definite.

The countries and political parties that were aspiring after socialism started to waver. People watched the DPRK with apprehensions. When they were expressing concern over the DPRK's possible failure in frustrating the intensive offensive of the imperialist allied forces and defending the socialist cause, Kim Jong Il did not hesitate even a little.

He led the socialist cause to victory under the uplifted banner of independence.

Under his leadership, the DPRK emerged as a socialist fortress despite the world political upheavals and the imperialist allied forces' frantic moves to stifle it, displaying great influence on the world political structure and the trend of international situation and demonstrating its international position.

The countries and political parties aspiring after socialism were encouraged by the Korean people who were defending and adding lustre to socialism, rallied close around Kim Jong Il, and came to have the confidence that the

victory of the socialist cause is sure to be achieved. Thus, the socialist cause overcame trials and was put on its firm track.

## Great idea produces great reality

After the collapse of socialism in some countries, the imperialists and renegades of socialism denied the socialist ideal itself, saying that it was wrong to carry out the socialist revolution in the first place.

A correct solution to the ideological foundation of socialism was needed.

Chairman Kim Jong Il published such immortal classic works as "Abuses of Socialism Are Intolerable" and "Socialism Is a Science" in succession to profoundly elucidate the inevitability of the victory of socialism as a science and the role of ideology in accomplishing the cause of socialism.

The media outlets of different countries reported his works competitively. Voices were heard from different parts of the world, praising the works as "immortal works dealing a crushing blow to the imperialists and renegades of socialism" and "solemn declaration on the invincibility of socialism".

A great ideology is bound to create great reality. The struggle of the masses for

the cause of independence, the cause of socialism, was intensified day by day. The Pyongyang Declaration "Let Us Defend and Advance the Cause of Socialism" was adopted and published, comprehensively explaining the principles, tasks and ways for defending and advancing the socialist cause on the basis of the Juche-oriented socialist ideology and theory.

The number of political parties aspiring after socialism continuously increased and socialism entered the path of new development and advance.

## Incarnation of humanity moves world

The Chairman published the classic work "Respecting the Forerunners of the Revolution Is a Noble Moral Obligation of Revolutionaries" to condemn the acts of opportunists and renegades of socialism who slandered the leader of the working class and smeared the sacred revolutionary struggle and exploits of the revolutionary predecessors as counterrevolutionary crimes and the most immoral acts of violating even the elementary morality of human beings. He also declared that the Korean Party and people respect

Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin as the leaders of the working class and highly appreciate their exploits.

Kim Jong Il laid a wreath at the Lenin Mausoleum in Red Square of Moscow during his historic visit to Russia and thus set the world a practical example of noble revolutionary faith and moral obligation.

His boundless moral obligation and love that touched the heartstrings of all people was truly ennobling.

He had the noble trait of valuing and keeping the bonds and obligations once forged and treated with tenderness anyone who aspires after independence and justice, transcending the differences in nationality. Even politicians of hostile countries like former US Secretary of State Albright who visited the DPRK bowed their heads before him of their own accord as they admired his infinite generosity and great magnanimity.

He was a great man who defended the socialist cause, the cause of independence for mankind, through his outstanding ideological and theoretical activities and energetic leadership and also moved the world with noble virtues and humanity.

**Chairman immortal as sun**

## of independence era

Today the world people are convinced of the victory of the cause of global independence as they witness the outstanding and seasoned guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is firmly preserving the ideas and exploits of Kim Jong Il and solving all problems arising in the revolution and construction as intended by the Chairman.

Therefore, the world progressives are expressing their boundless admiration and reverence, saying "Thanks to the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is successfully carrying forward the ideas and cause of the preceding leaders, the DPRK is now achieving praiseworthy successes one after another startling the world people" and "It is a great fortune not only for the Korean people but also for the world progressives that the cause of the sun is being steadily carried forward by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un."

The socialist cause, the cause of independence for mankind, will continue to advance dynamically along the road of victory under the guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

## Construction of research university an important educational policy



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The Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea stressed the need again to develop major universities into world-class research ones.

A research university is an institution whose academic level is on a high level. It focuses on the training of versatile and creative talents

in view of training talents, and on the creation of basic scientific theories and new technologies in the light of scientific research.

Since most of important sci-tech achievements are made in research universities, such universities are now the hub of scientific education and technical creation and form an important criterion for evaluating national power.

The country put forward the construction of such university as a major task facing the education sector in consideration of the global trend of educational development and actual demand and pays close attention to this work.

At present, the Ministry of Education pushes the work of making different school courses first-rate ones and

generalizing their experience with an eye to developing leading universities into world research ones.

It set the standards of such university and first-rate school course in a Korean style according to the Party's education policy and has made sure that the work is carried out scientifically and rationally in line with the global trend of educational development, that the educational structure is converted from teaching-oriented to research-oriented one and an advanced talent training system is established.

The main thing here is

to amend the educational structure by centring on competent and excellent scientific and educational forces.

As a research university attaches importance to postgraduate education, constant efforts are channelled into developing universities into a centre for research into cutting-edge science and a base for international academic exchanges, while changing the educational structure of postgraduate courses and updating teaching contents and methods, and into putting educational conditions and environment, including the

foundation of experiments and practical training, on the highest level.

As laboratories were set up according to the fields of specialization of outstanding talents and they were let lead scientific research and talent training, new school courses have been set up in large numbers and the level of research and education put on a higher stage.

We will thoroughly implement the education policy of the country by devoting whole mind to the building of research universities and first-rate school courses.

## BYWORD

## All-people study system

There is a study system involving all the people in the DPRK.

The Sci-Tech Complex and the Grand People's Study House were built splendidly as befitting the grand palaces of all-people learning in the

capital city of Pyongyang, sci-tech libraries and Mirae e-libraries were set up in all provinces, cities and counties, and sci-tech learning spaces and e-libraries are in operation at all factories, enterprises and

farms.

Thanks to the socialist free education system, everyone learns to their heart's content under the study-while-you-work system and online education system.

With science and technology becoming the major driving force for social development, the Workers' Party of Korea aggressively pursues the policy of making all the people well versed in science and technology.

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# US, world's biggest death merchant

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**S**o Kwang Myong, an international affairs analyst of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, published the following article, titled "World's biggest threat-exporting country":

The US is describing those countries incurring its displeasure as "threatening states", while frequently talking about peace. But the reality shows its true colours as the wrecker of world peace.

The reckless arms export of the US, which is threatening world peace and security and the existence of mankind, is the typical example.

Some days ago, US newspaper Wall Street Journal disclosed that since

the armed clash between Palestine and Israel broke out in October this year, the US has supplied Israel with a large quantity of weapons including more than 15 000 air bombs and more than 57 000 155mm shells.

It said that the authorities are "urging" Israel to use weapons with weak explosive power in public, but massively supplying weapons with high fire power behind the scenes.

This is just the tip of the iceberg.

As is known, the US, which caused the Ukrainian crisis for its hegemonic interests, is going to supply F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine after supplying it with cluster bombs whose use is internationally banned for being recognized as a very dangerous WMD.

The Ukrainian crisis has been prolonged due to the massive transfer of weapons to Ukraine by the US and other Western countries prodded by the US, and many innocent people have lost their lives.

Lethal weapons and military hardware of the US are being ceaselessly shipped to Britain, Australia, Canada and other countries, too.

In particular, the US is keen on arms trade with countries in the Indo-Pacific region, setting the implementation of the "Indo-Pacific Strategy" as its main goal.

On December 1, the US decided to sell its munitions and equipment related to F-35 fighter jets to the south Korean puppets, talking about the "political stability in

the Indo-Pacific region and the improvement of security of its major ally".

It is a very dangerous act of adding fuel to the aggravating situation on the Korean peninsula and in the region, which have turned into the biggest hot spot in the world.

The US also allowed the export of various offensive weapons including Tomahawk cruise missiles to Japan, a war criminal state keen on realizing its ambition for reinvasion, thus making a tangible "contribution" to turning the "Self-Defense Forces" into an offensive group, not the one for "exclusive defense".

The US has continuously supplied various kinds of weapons and equipment to Taiwan under the pretext of "detering" someone.

Recently, it decided to pay subsidies for supporting Taiwan's import of US-made weapons.

It is a common understanding of the international community that such arms trade is not only aimed at making money.

It is the ulterior motive of the US to arm its stooges and followers for proxy wars more thoroughly with ultra-modern lethal weapons and use them as a shock brigade for realizing its strategy for world hegemony, isolate and weaken its potential rivals, and thus maintain at any cost its hegemonic position on the verge of collapse.

The US sale of ultra-modern weapons clearly indicates who the world's biggest threat-exporting country is.

## US breaks suicide record of past eight decades

By Song Jong Ho PT

**T**he number of self-murderers is growing in the US, which is touted as an "advanced state in human rights".

The November 29 issue of the Russian newspaper *Rossiskaya Gazeta* carried an article saying that the number of suicides reached about 50 000 in the US in 2022, thereby breaking the record of the past 80 years.

According to information released by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the aforesaid record cannot but be a tragic one seen in the period after 1941.

CNN reported that the public has shown a growing concern over suicide in the recent ten years as the number of suicides goes up.

The US health and welfare secretary said that nine of ten Americans believe that the US is faced with spiritual and health crises and that many people think that it is an expression of the weak to ask for help.

Already in 2021, American experts reportedly called for working out a national strategy for reducing suicide cases with the main emphasis put on preventing young people from mental degeneration. As part of this, the national telephone online system was put into operation with an eye to preventing self-murder in the summer of 2022. According to the US local mass media, more than seven million calls and messages came already.

However, the number of self-murderers in 2022 rapidly increased in an inverse ratio to the "efforts" of the US administration. This shows

that their "efforts" were an inappropriate step.

Everybody values their life. But the situation where a large number of people kill themselves is closely associated with relevant social system.

According to the relevant experts, the rise in suicides in the US is attributable to the abuse of materials whose use is forbidden by law, ever-growing despair and ever-worsening socio-economic problems. The country's social tragedy is an inevitable outcome of the anti-popular system which flagrantly violates the rights to existence of working people.

People cannot live even a day without money in American society.

As the country is a human rights desert reducing broad sections of working people to the slaves of money and driving them into poverty, degeneration and mental sufferings, the US economic policy serves only a handful of privileged classes instead of the masses, with the result that the gap between the rich and the poor widens with the passage of time.

The Bloomberg website reported on October 8 2020 that the assets held by the richest 50 persons are tantamount to those of the poorest 165 million in the US.

People kill themselves in desperate despair and disappointment as their livelihood deteriorates and their debts snowball.

It is the stark reality of today's American society where people are compelled to kill themselves, being deprived of their elementary rights to existence and giving up their hope for the future.

## International efforts to check worsening global warming

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

**V**arious measures have been taken worldwide to contain global warming, the source of natural disasters, but the phenomenon is worsening, seriously threatening the existence and future of mankind.

The United Nations Environment Programme on November 20 released a report, expressing serious concern over the rise in the global temperature.

The report said that the global temperature rose by 1.8 degrees centigrade this September as compared to that before the industrial revolution, adding that the carbon dioxide emissions increased by 1.2 percent last year as compared to those of the previous year, weighing 54.7 billion tons.

It also called on the international community to take positive measures for environmental protection, saying that greenhouse gas emissions should be reduced by at least 28-42 percent in order to achieve the goals set forth in the Paris agreement on climate change.

At the same time, the World Meteorological Organization made public the data that El Nino which rapidly developed from the summer of this year might worsen between November of this year and January next year.

El Nino is regarded as a contributor to global warming and all kinds of abnormal weather.

This year, too, many countries have suffered tremendous human and material losses due to natural disasters as global warming intensifies.

According to Reuters, about 61 000 people died due to torrid heat waves on the European continent in summer this year.

The rise in temperature is also accelerating the spread of infectious diseases, and dengue fever has

spread in 337 regions of Europe, arousing serious concern.

In recent weeks alone, over 110 people died and over 770 000 became refugees owing to heavy rains and floods in Ethiopia and other countries in the Horn of Africa.

Besides, the human and material losses suffered by all other countries due to natural disasters caused by drought, downpour and typhoon are beyond imagination.

The reality requires the international community to more actively turn out in the protection of environment and the checking of global warming.

Cambodia, Brazil, Zambia, Rwanda, Uganda and other countries have taken positive measures for environmental protection, including the massive expansion of forest areas, infrastructure construction according to environmental protection plans and the strengthening of the state systems for garbage and sewage treatment.

Many countries are actively encouraging the development and use of inexhaustible renewables which are conducive to ecological environment protection.

Saudi Arabia is putting in effort to build solar power plants. The power plants are expected to be put into operation in 2025 and when their construction is finished, it might help provide green electricity to hundreds of thousands of households.

According to the Vietnam News Agency, the Vietnamese government is planning to increase the share of renewables-based electricity in national power supply by about 85 percent by 2050.

Experts say that protecting ecological environment is an important issue for the existence and development of mankind and that the acceleration of global warming can be checked only when all countries of the world take a more active part in it.

## Briefly

### Russia

#### Putin: West's financial system has lost credit

Russian President Vladimir Putin, addressing the investment forum "Russia calls you!" sponsored by the foreign trade bank on December 7, asserted that the financial system of the West has lost credit.

Saying that the global system of economic relations is now going through the stage of fundamental and irreversible changes, he attributed the changes to the emergence of a multipolar model in place of the previous globalization one.

The US and the West exploit other countries, even their allies, in a bid to maintain their control and have got rid of even the principles of market economy, he said.

Experts expect that there will be a real revolution which will ultimately end the Western banks' monopoly in the next few years, he stressed.

### China

#### Efforts put to prevent respiratory diseases

The Chinese government is making positive efforts to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases this winter.

In connection with the high incidence of respiratory diseases, especially among children, the national hygiene and health commission keeps intensifying monitoring and situation analysis with the national disease prevention and control bureau.

And as it works out plans for the provision of medical resources and service in all parts of the country, it is working to set up more medical offices and districts and increase wards in view of the number of patients.

### Palestine

#### US decried for foiling ceasefire in Gaza Strip

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas criticized the US for frustrating the effort of the international community to achieve ceasefire in the Gaza Strip in a statement on December 9.

As to the fact that the US exercised its veto to a resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the Gaza Strip in a meeting of the UN Security Council on December 8, he said that the veto shows the US' aggressive and unethical nature as it completely ignores the humanitarian view of value and principles.

That day, the Palestinian Prime Minister said in his statement that the exercise of the US' veto is an act of instigating Israel to go on with carnage.

### Canada

#### COVID subvariant widespread

New COVID subvariant HV.1 is spreading in Canada.

According to the country's public health authorities, 43 percent of confirmed cases were infected with the subvariant in Ontario, and it is spreading in most other states.

A subvariant of Omicron variant EG.5 which has already spread, HV.1 is known to have higher contagiousness.

# SNOWSCAPE OF INNER CHILBO



## DPRK players prove successful in 2023 IWF Grand Prix

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The 2023 IWF Grand Prix took place in Doha, Qatar, between December 4 and 14.

More than 380 male and female players from over 90 countries and regions competed, including China, Indonesia and France.

After making brilliant successes in the weightlifting event of the 19th Asian Games, Korean players were in the spotlight by lifting trophies one after another in the contest.

Pang Un Chol lifted 116kg in snatch, 152kg in jerk and 268kg in total to get three gold medals in the men's 55kg category, while Won Hyon Sim snatched 82kg,

jerked 99kg and thus lifted 181kg in total to win three golds in the women's 45kg category.

Ri Song Gum earned a gold in jerk in the women's 49kg category and came second in the total standings.

Ri Su Yon lifted a total of 210kg in the women's 55kg category, with 94kg in snatch and 116kg in jerk. So she won gold medals in the snatch and total standings and a silver medal in the jerk.

In the men's 61kg category, Pak Myong Jin snatched 134kg and jerked 171kg with a total of 305kg. He bagged gold medals in the jerk and in total and a bronze in the snatch.

Kang Hyon Gyong won a gold medal in the jerk in the

women's 55kg category.

Ri Won Ju snatched 139kg and jerked 178kg, thus lifting 317kg in total in the men's 67kg category to win gold medals in jerk and total and a bronze in snatch.

Meanwhile, Kim Il Gyong won silver medals in snatch, jerk and total in the women's 59kg category.

Ri Suk established a new world record in the women's 64kg category. She took the first place by lifting 114kg in snatch and 146kg in jerk (new world record), thus winning three gold medals with 260kg in total.

Ri Chong Song also came first in the men's 81kg category by lifting 165kg in snatch, 209kg in jerk and 374kg in total, thus winning

three golds.

Rim Un Sim finished runner-up in snatch, jerk and total points in the women's 64kg category event and won three silver medals.

Song Kuk Hyang came first in the women's 71kg category by lifting 120kg in snatch, 149kg in jerk and 269kg in total.

Ro Kwang Ryol was placed second in jerk in the men's 89kg category.

Jong Chun Hui took the first place in the women's 76kg category by lifting 115kg in snatch, 135kg in jerk and 250kg in total.

Meanwhile, Yang Tac Bong won a silver and a bronze respectively in jerk and total of the men's 96kg category.

## Tangun Shrine

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

The Tangun Shrine is one of the historical relics on Mt Myohyang, a celebrated mountain of Korea.

Tangun is the founding father of Ancient Joseon, who established the first state of the Korean nation some 5 000 years ago.

The Tangun Shrine, a temple where the Korean ancestors would hold memorial services for the worship of Tangun, sits in a cave at the breast of the southern ridge of Hyangno Peak of Mt Myohyang.

The Tangun cave is enclosed by cliffs on both sides, and birch, oak and pine trees have grown for hundreds of years at its

edges to form a thick forest.

The cave is 4 metres high and 12 metres long.

The shrine stands at the brink of a cliff inside the cave supported by two pillars.

According to a legend, Hwanung, Tangun's father, ascended to the heaven from the cave. Therefore, it was also called Tungchon (ascension) cave.

The shrine is a gabled building with three bays at the façade and one at the side.

A picture of Tangun is hanging on a wall inside the building.

Tangun Rock, where Tangun used to hone his martial arts skill is about one kilometre south of the shrine.

## DPRK QUALIFIED FOR EAFF E-1 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

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The DPRK women's football team won the qualification for the EAFF E-1 Women's Football Championship 2024.

The preliminary matches of the EAFF

E-1 Women's Football Championship 2024 took place in Zhouhai City of Guangdong Province and Macao, China, some days ago.

The DPRK team belonging to Group A advanced into the final by coming first in the group.

The final match between the DPRK team and China's Taipei team, which took the first place in Group B, was held in Macao on December 7.

The DPRK team beat the opponent 5-0.



The Tangun Shrine.

