

New school year term opening ceremony held at WPK Central Cadres Training School with splendour Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un makes address and inspects first lecture



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The Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea, with an appearance of the highest level as a prestigious revolutionary university training the backbone of the WPK that will reliably carry forward the sacred ideals and spirit of its founding to perfectly guarantee the rosy future of the cause of Juche, has been opened on the occasion of its 78th birthday.

A ceremony of opening the school took place with splendour on June 1.

The venue was full of boundless pride

and honour of the students, who will get to learn the genuine truth of Party building and activities in the great era of Kim Jong Un at the world-class politico-ideological school associated with the deep trust of the Party Central Committee and the great expectations of all Party members, and of the noble mission and emotion of educators who have stood on the sacred platform for the future of the Party.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.



When he arrived at the school, cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded across the campus.

The teaching staff and students of the school expressed their heartfelt gratitude, looking up to the respected General Secretary who had the highest institution of education built to ensure the lifeline of the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and its ever-victorious leadership forever and came to the opening ceremony again after the grand inauguration ceremony to repeatedly show high glory and trust to them.

Waving back to the enthusiastically cheering participants, the General

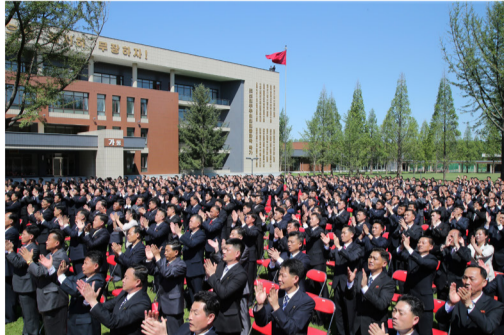
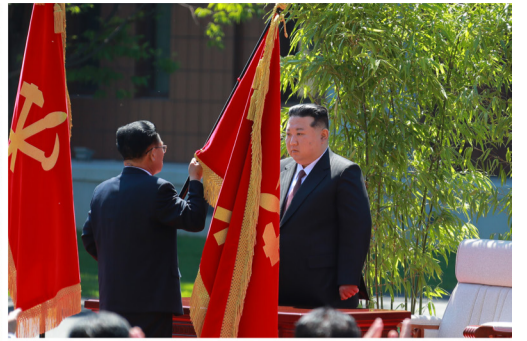
Secretary warmly congratulated all the teaching staff and students of the school who are honoured to have its significant opening ceremony at the new buildings on the historic founding anniversary amid the blessings of the whole Party.

Present at the opening ceremony were Director Ri Yong Sik, Secretary of the Primary Party Committee Paek Hyong Chol, and other officials of the school and its teaching staff and students.

Also on hand were members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central

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Committee who were to attend the training course according to the Party's policy on in-service retraining.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech.

"Comrades,

"I am very glad to attend this opening ceremony of a new school year, which is being held today on the founding anniversary of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea.

"The pride and joy of the teachers who are to give first lecture at the grand institution of the revolution, which millions of our Party members look up to with respect, and of the students who are to receive the first lecture, unforgettable throughout their lives, would also be incomparable.

"Today is a truly worthwhile and exciting day.

"Seeing you comrades sitting in fine array in the new campus, I can hardly repress my emotions as I picture in my mind the day when our great expectations and sincere efforts will bear sound fruits.

"The main pillars of our Party, who can claim a large share in its building and activities, and the prominent figures of our Party, who can hold important posts in the political, economic, cultural and

defence fields, will be produced here. To think of this, I feel pride in having done the most valuable work for the Party, the country and the people.

"In the past years there have been many memorable grand festivals and remarkable events, but today's experience of looking to the future of the Workers' Party of Korea in this place would not be forgotten all my life, I think.

"History will record this opening ceremony, together with the inauguration ceremony in May last, as a strategic step, which would make its significance clearer and more vivid after ten or 20 years, and as a meaningful ceremony, which promised a brighter future for our Party and country.

"Comrades,

"The new era of building the Workers' Party of Korea, the golden age of strengthening the Party, is opening at this point today.

"Extending once again the warmest and most earnest congratulations to the opening ceremony of the glorious political school, I would like to make an appeal to you comrades who are renewing your pledge as you would play the main role in Party building in the new era.

"Our effort to usher in a new era of Party building has already passed the stage of planning, theory formulation and designing; it has entered a radical stage of practice and become an immediate task of socialist construction.

"The demand for talented Party officials who can become pillars in building a powerful, civilized and advanced state by correctly understanding and applying the ideas and lines of the Party Central Committee is quite pressing.

"Talented party cadres capable of leading the development of all fields of politics, military, the economy and culture and of all regions constitute the most valuable and decisive resources for a ruling party, and their role grows more important the more the revolution and construction advance.

"In view of the fact that the characteristic feature of this school is in training Party cadres who will build up a people's state that can exalt its brilliance all over the world, the school's mission is more honourable, and you will feel your shoulders heavier with the sense of responsibility.

"What I expect from the teachers and officials of the Central Cadres Training School is that they train all the students to be competent cadres who can lead the whole Party and competent officials who can lead all fields of the state and society vigorously along the track of progressive and civilized development.

"You should dedicate all your qualifications as educators, your Party conscience and your revolutionary enthusiasm to training political activists who can lead all our people who have risen up for the comprehensive development

of socialism, Party officials whom the people follow of their own accord.

"Honourable students of the supreme political institution of the Republic,

"You are the reserve backbone cadres of our Party, who will be responsible for Party work in one sector, one field or one region in the future. As such, you should put your heart and soul into achieving excellent academic results so that you can acquire political knowledge and practical ability as soon as possible.

"Your studying objectives should not remain at any given level, nor should your burning enthusiasm for studying wear off.

"The whole of this campus should always be boiling hot with your zeal for reading and learning.

"Attending this ceremony are more than 170 new students, including those to be included in the two-year special course of Party building for the ninth postgraduate term and in the two-year course of Party building for the 33rd term.

"Since its establishment this school has seen dozens of such opening ceremonies, but the fact that you are the first to enrol in the renovated school is a source of honour for you, which you can record in your autobiography with pride.

"You should add lustre to this pride and honour with your burning enthusiasm for learning and excellent academic achievements.

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“Comrades,

“To spend every moment of his life amid a struggle, always thinking of grim days rather than happy ones—this is the attitude of a true member of the Workers’ Party of Korea and a source of honour for a revolutionary.

“I believe that you will make good on your admirable pledges of today and become strong pillars of the country true to the expectations of the Party and the people.

“The talented revolutionaries of the new era, with their soul, flesh and blood dyed red in this sacred place, will become the main force of our Party, dynamically pushing the wheel of gigantic social transformation.

“Hoping that this significant ceremony will mark a brilliant page in the history of our Party building in the new era, and reaffirming that I will do my best to make this school a source of pride for our Party and people, I will finish my speech here.

“Finally, on behalf of the Party Central Committee, I will confer the flag of the Workers’ Party of Korea on the Central Cadres Training School, with my firm belief that this school will stand in the vanguard of the sacred cause of guaranteeing and realizing the glorious inheritance of our Party.”

Kim Jong Un personally handed over the sacred flag of the WPK to the director of the school amid the enthusiastic cheers of the participants, who were looking up to the great teacher, genius of ideology and theory and great master of revolutionary party building, who indicated the bright path for the dignified political school of the WPK to fulfil its important responsibility and role and leads it to brilliant success and steady leap forward.

All the teaching staff and students of the school, who received with due respect the red flag of the WPK associated with the great expectations of the Party and the revolution, the country and the people, were filled with high enthusiasm to repay with loyalty the trust of the great Party Central Committee by dedicating

themselves to the honourable educational work and studies for the bright future of the WPK.

All the students made an oath, led by Director Ri Yong Sik, in front of the flag of the WPK.

They pledged to become personifiers of the spirit of the red flag, who are firmly armed with the revolutionary ideas of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, well versed in the original five-point Party-building theory and practical Party work and share the destiny with the red flag to the last, and standard-bearers of the Juche revolution reliably guaranteeing the glory and future of the Party, and thus remain faithful to the cause of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and the leadership of the Party Central Committee forever.

The opening ceremony ended with the playing of the song “Internationale”.

All the participants broke into cheers again, looking up to the General Secretary with excitement.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged all the teaching staff and students, who entered the new campus with the noble mission they have assumed before the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and with the determination and will to redouble their efforts, hoping that they would achieve remarkable successes in education and studies.

He met members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, who were to attend the retraining course.

Noting that the matchless guiding power of the WPK leading the revolution to the realization of the most just and far-reaching ideals is attributable to the abilities and qualifications of the body of Party cadres, he said it is a very significant course in strengthening the whole Party that all the officials, especially the members of the leadership body of the Party Central Committee, steadily train and develop themselves politically and ideologically and constantly improve their work method and style through regular retraining at the Party school, a furnace for the training in the Party spirit and the revolutionary spirit.

Members of the Political Bureau of the

WPK Central Committee should set an example and model in establishing the revolutionary habit of studying and strict campus discipline in the whole school, he said, adding that when the whole Party is turned into a party which is studying, struggling and working, the Party will be able to steadily and powerfully demonstrate its might as the most dignified socialist ruling party, politically mature, organizationally strong, ideologically pure, strict in discipline and sound in work style, both in name and reality.

He saw the students at the first lecture on retraining course.

He carefully listened to the whole course of the lecture and said that the revolutionary idea of Juche, born in the first days of the Korean revolution unprecedentedly arduous and grim in history and enriched to fully demonstrate its immortal vitality, is a great revolutionary theory and an eternal and universal great revolutionary programme as it overcame the limitations of the preceding theories and gave perfect answers to the tasks they failed to present.

He said that the Central Cadres Training School should perfect and correctly implement its educational programme so as to fully ensure the theoretical education and practical education with the main emphasis put on its students’ training in the Party spirit as required by its mission and duty and the times. He also added that the school should make all its educational processes and the students’ everyday life a good lecture helping the students steadily get ideological and moral pabulum necessary for Party work and revolutionary work and communist traits.

Noting with high appreciation that Doctor of Socio-politics and Associate Professor Ju Il Ung, a teacher of the department of the basics on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, is very good at lecturing and has an ability befitting a spokesman for our Party’s ideology and theory, he stressed that the school should launch an intensive drive for steadily improving the qualifications of all the teachers and researchers so as to bring about a great revolution in education for leading all

students to possess perfect personality as genuine revolutionaries, ardent patriots and true human beings.

He went round different parts of the school, including the administration building, library, and dining hall.

He stressed the need for the school to raise the quality and cognitive effect of education while steadily improving its teaching contents and positively applying new forms and methods of teaching by introducing modern science and technology, as it has advanced educational system and a high level of educational conditions and environment.

He said that as the period of updating information is being shortened day by day, it is necessary to establish a rapid and regular system of acquiring, sharing and disseminating the latest sci-tech data and actively apply them in order to make the students acquire a wider and deeper knowledge in their school days.

He learned in detail about the supply service of the school and stressed the need to provide its teachers, researchers and students with all the conditions so that they can devote themselves to the teaching and studying, and took benevolent measures.

He expressed belief that all the teaching staff and students of the school would firmly arm themselves with the Party’s red-flag idea, always mindful of the trust and expectation of the Party, and prepare themselves to be competent educators and distinguished political activists capable of skilfully applying the revolutionary theories and guiding methods specified in the Party-building programme in the new era to education and Party work.

The Central Cadres Training School of the WPK, which has occupied an outpost of a new educational revolution thanks to the lofty intentions of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, will more creditably discharge its duty as the glorious political school for training the backbone and successors to the Party and demonstrate in every way the inexhaustible might peculiar to it in the struggle for strengthening of the whole Party and the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.



Report on power demonstration firing of 600mm super-large multiple rocket launcher sub-units Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees power demonstration firing

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The regime of gangsters and the puppet army of the ROK infringed upon the sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in an intolerably hideous act of provocation in which they performed a clumsy counteraction of dangerous show of military power against its exercise of legitimate sovereign right.

In this regard, the super-large multiple rocket launcher sub-units conducted a power demonstration firing aimed at them in order to clearly show the DPRK's corresponding will to ensure the sovereignty and security of the state with powerful and overwhelming means of war and to carry out even a preemptive attack by invoking the right to self-defence at any time if the enemies attempt to use

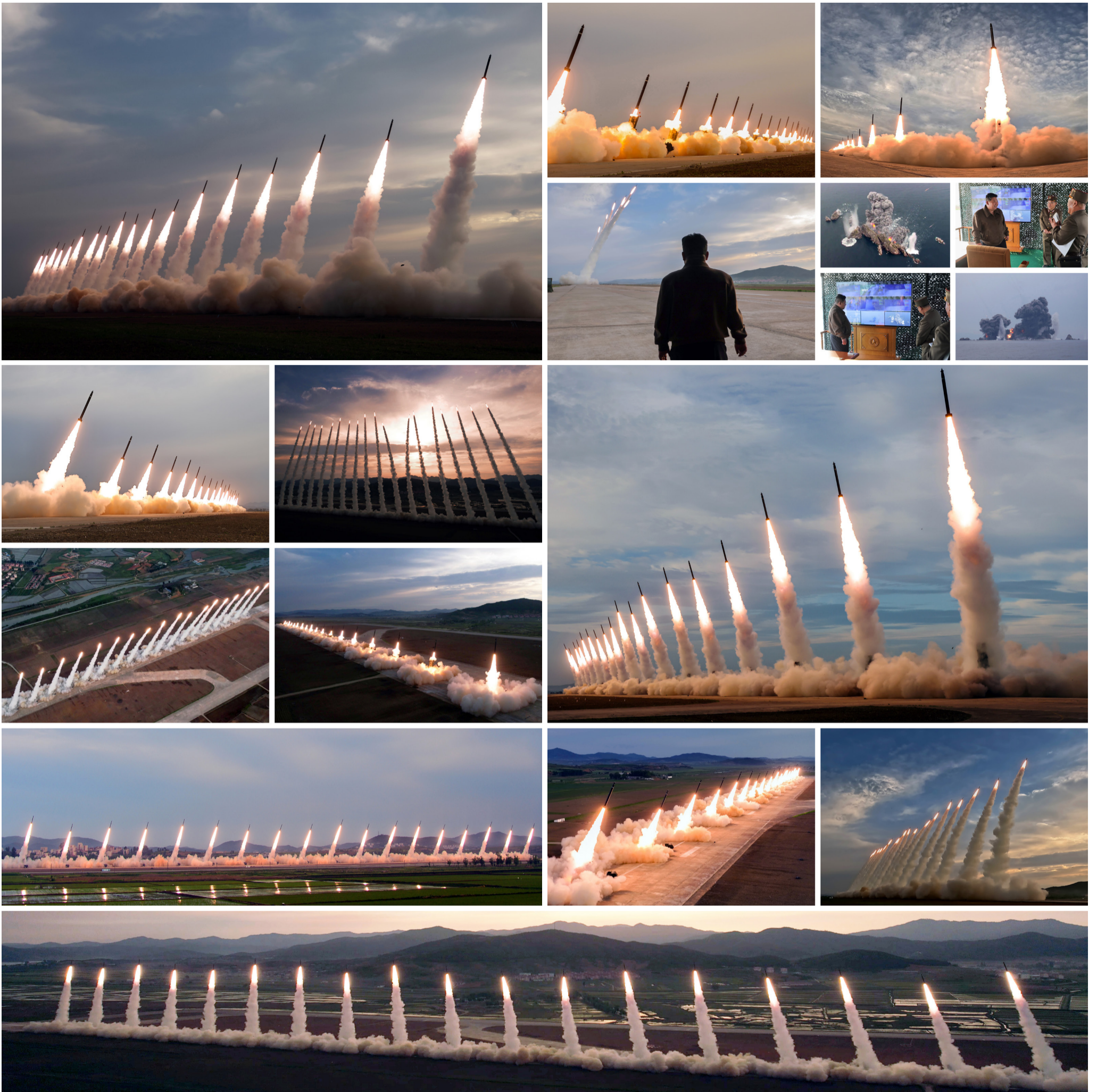
military force against the DPRK. The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un directly gave an order to organize the power demonstration firing and oversaw it on the spot. Repeatedly stressing that it is the duty and mission of the armed forces of the DPRK approved by its Constitution to mobilize the military retaliatory forces for safeguarding the sovereignty of the state and the

territorial integrity, he declared that today's power demonstration firing, which is to be held under the situation in which the enemy is desperately conducting political and military manoeuvres to plunder the DPRK of its sovereignty, will be an occasion for clearly showing what consequences our rivals will face if they provoke us. The salvo of a firepower sub-unit was carried out by operating the integrated

fire-control system, a part of the national combined nuclear weapons management system. The drill was attended by the 3rd Battalion of the 331st Red Flag Artillery Regiment under the artillery combined unit of the Korean People's Army in charge of the important firing attack task in the western border area. A secret code order of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea on the firepower mission was given to the fire attack companies of the battalion and the salvo of the battalion was carried out based on the integrated fire-control system. When Kim Jong Un gave an order to fire at the observation post, General Jang

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Administration of the DPRK, commanded Chang Ha, director general of the Missile

Administration of the DPRK, commanded the fire attack.

Just then, as loud explosive sound rending heaven and earth broke out, showers of fire for annihilation boasting marvellous strength clearly demonstrated the DPRK's will to defend its sovereignty and react against the enemy.

A-match-for-a-hundred artillerymen, fully charged with firm hostility toward the enemy and clear outlook on the arch enemy, accurately hit an island target 365 kilometres away and successfully carried out their power demonstration firing task.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that the world's most powerful war attack means of Korean style, which boast

formidable power, are maintaining prompt and thoroughgoing counterattack posture and are fully prepared.

He stressed that the nuclear forces of the DPRK should be more thoroughly prepared to promptly and correctly perform the important mission of deterring a war and taking the initiative in the war at any time and in any emergency.

The means of war and preemptive attack forces of the DPRK's armed forces will maintain their war posture with their more enhanced capacity and fulfil their important mission of deterring a war and defending sovereignty.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un pays congratulatory visit to DPRK Academy of Defence Sciences

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The Academy of Defence Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, entrusted with the honourable mission to dynamically propel the revolution in the defence industry in the new era as a comprehensive scientific research base which has firmly guaranteed the Workers' Party of Korea's great cause of building a military power with the steadfast revolutionary spirit, outstanding patriotic will and matchless scientific and technological capability, has

greeted its 60th founding anniversary in the course of its proud development.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Academy of Defence Sciences on May 28, the 60th anniversary of its founding, and congratulated and encouraged the defence scientists.

All the scientists, technicians and officials, who had the boundless honour and happiness of greeting the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the academy for whom they had been longing so much on its 60th anniversary to be specially recorded in the history of revolutionary leadership over the defence sciences of the WPK, which pioneered the great historic cause of building a rich country with a strong army with the firm independent faith and determination, warm heart and soul and deep affection, shouldering the destiny of the country and its people, were filled with great emotion and joy.

When Kim Jong Un arrived, enthusiastic cheers went up.

The defence scientists extended the highest tribute and glory with loud cheers



to Kim Jong Un, the power of Juche Korea and ever-victorious banner who provided a perfect shortcut and springboard to the defence development of a Korean style and defends the prestige and safety of the state and the people with his far-sighted wisdom, outstanding leadership ability, strong offensive power and tough courage in the vanguard of indomitable frontline journey for bolstering up the national defence capability.

He received a salute from the president of the Academy of Defence Sciences.

An official and a researcher of the academy presented bouquets reflecting the boundless trust and reverence of all the defence scientists.

He warmly acknowledged the reliable defence scientists significantly commemorating the anniversary of the academy amid the brilliant honour and distinguished feats of upholding the great military and strategic plan of the Party Central Committee with the most thoroughgoing and perfect research successes in the core strategic fortress for building a powerful state and the advance base for modernizing the Korean People's

Army and bolstering up the military capabilities for self-defence.

He was accompanied by Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, and Jang Chang Ha, director general of the Missile Administration of the DPRK.

He made a significant speech on the occasion of his congratulatory visit to the academy.

In his speech, he expressed his pleasure at his visit to the patriotic talents' mother base, which is leading with science and technology the highly honourable defence industry that has grown stronger by making the revolutionary character of the WPK its own special quality, on its significant 60th anniversary. On behalf of the Party Central Committee and the government of the DPRK, he extended warm congratulations to all the scientists,

technicians, workers and officials of the DPRK Academy of Defence Sciences who have contributed with scientific and technological capabilities to bolstering up the might and dignity of the state in every way on the long journey of revolution.

He referred to the pride of the WPK which could win the high prestige and honour of invincibility at every step thanks to the great role of the red defence science talents of the WPK and the heroic contribution of the defence

scientists who laid the foundation for the development of the armaments industry and created the noble tradition with their firm patriotic faith. He paid high tribute to the feats of the scientists, technicians and officials in the national defence field who have served as a solid cornerstone of the fighting capability of the Korean People's Army which keeps guaranteeing the ever-victorious history of the DPRK with arms.

Referring to the grave security environment of the state created in the course of the revolution in the defence industry which has made rapid progress by dint of changes and miracles and all the issues urgently arising in boosting the military capabilities, he critically analyzed and evaluated the danger and recklessness of the US imperialists' and their stooges' political and military provocations getting ever more outrageous.

He said that the present situation requires further strengthening the war deterrent in every way and steadily developing the DPRK's armed forces into

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Speech by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on a congratulatory visit to the Academy of Defence Sciences

All the scientists, technicians and officials of the Academy of Defence Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

Comrades,

The Academy of Defence Sciences of the DPRK, a comprehensive scientific research base that has firmly guaranteed the steady development of the Juche-oriented defence industry by dint of science and technology, a base that has assumed an honourable mission to powerfully lead and propel the revolution in the defence industry in the new era, has recorded its 60th year in its history.

This parent base of patriotic talents

is leading with science and technology our honourable defence industry, which has grown stronger with the revolutionary character of the Workers' Party of Korea as its special features. I am pleased to visit on this significant 60th anniversary of its founding and meet the most precious comrades.

This day 60 years ago was a meaningful day, when the ever-victorious foundation of our Party's line of defending the gains of the revolution by dint of self-reliance was laid; it marked a historic starting point signalling the eruption of the lofty ideals and self-respect of Korea, which aimed at becoming a world-class military power.

The pioneers, who opened up the way for our revolution, which had taken its first step with weapons as its asset, to make the treasured sword of self-defence for ever with our own efforts, blazed the trail for a weighty and sacred cause here, and also here for over half a century they have created Juche-oriented military hardware that gave the most powerful strength to our heroic army.

From the first half of the 1960s, when the efforts for



family members, who, sharing patriotic will, must have endured all sorts of pains to support our defence scientists who have devoted their all to strengthening the national defence capabilities.

Comrades,

A state dignified with the character of independence is based on the powerful self-defence capability, and the defence assets that can actively cope with any threat are never conceivable without the forces of omnipotent talents who are capable of steadily creating and upgrading things.

Our state could win victory after victory for over 70 years because it

simultaneously pushing forward economic construction and defence building started as an embodiment of the self-reliant national defence idea of our Party, till today the defence scientists have registered a great number of valuable research and development successes through painstaking efforts in support of the line and strategically and tactically important tasks set by the Party. Their patriotic devotion is mirrored in every corner of this scientific base.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the WPK and the government of the DPRK, I, on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Academy of Defence Sciences of the DPRK, extend warm congratulations to all the scientists, technicians, workers and officials of the Academy, who have made contributions by dint of science and technology to strengthening the might and prestige of our state in every way by giving full play to their boundless loyalty to the Party and the people and their extraordinary creative abilities.

At the same time, I convey the sincere thanks extended by the Party and the country to the wives and other

has a reliable force and capability of the Juche-oriented munitions industry.

Thanks to the great role played by the talented red defence scientists who are engaged in their work only in the embrace of the WPK, the faithful and precious talents who present only eye-opening miracles to the Party and the country, our Party has always been confident in leading the revolution and has been able to win the high, ever-victorious prestige and honour at every step.

As they see such lofty heights of the defence capabilities reached by our Republic and our army's Juche-oriented weapons that are growing more powerful with each passing day, and as they feel proud of them, it would be the unanimous will of all citizens of this country to pay the highest, heartfelt respect to the heroic contributions made by the sci-tech talents for each of them.

In the initial days of the founding of the munitions industry, the defence scientists of the preceding generation solidified their patriotic faith under the

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slogan "The motherland is dearer than life" and laid the groundwork for the development of the industry. And under the banner of unity raised by you, defence scientists, who inherited their ennobling traditions, our state has attained the position of a military power with strategic strength as planned by the Party.

Our defence scientists have devoted themselves to implementing the Party's policies without fail and increasing the military strength of the state with their matchless abilities and the revolutionary spirit of working miracles in defiance of impossibility. I think they are all heroes of heroes and patriots of patriots.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I pay lofty tribute to you, who have served as solid cornerstones of the fighting capabilities of our army which is guaranteeing the ever-victorious history of our Republic with arms.

Our martyrs unsparingly dedicated their sincere devotion, staunch spirit, warm blood and precious lives to strengthening the defence capabilities for the cause of the glorious Party and for our great state and people. Our scientists, technicians and officials in the sector of national defence have become trailblazers and stepping-stones for a leap forward by following the road of sincere and painstaking research work throughout their lives. Their achievements will shine for ever in the history of the country.

Comrades,

The security environment of our state is getting unstable day after day. This still presents manifold pressing tasks on the road of advance of our defence industry revolution which has rapidly developed while performing transformations and miracles.

The moves of the US imperialists and their most faithful stooges and puppets to usurp our sovereignty are growing more sinister and their frenzy is getting extremely serious as the days go by.

The US imperialists and their vassals have recently broken the highest record in demonstrating their military strength near the border of the DPRK and in the waters and air space adjacent to it.

The enemy's daily-repeated aerial espionage, massive hurling of the US strategic assets into the Korean peninsula and indiscriminate aggressive war games are becoming unprecedentedly desperate in their size, contents and sinister purpose. This is adding fuel to the military tension in the region and seriously destroying the balance of military forces.

Notwithstanding this, the enemy is attempting to deceive the world public with sophistries that our natural self-defensive measures against their provocations are a serious challenge to international peace and security.

Such a distortion of facts by the enemy is the fundamental cause which further aggravates the regional military tension and breeds the danger of conflict, and a serious challenge to the regional peace and security.

At present our army has a real military strength capable of making the United States hesitate to launch military intervention in time of contingency on the Korean peninsula, and has an overwhelming strength capable of destroying the main strike forces, infrastructure and command system of the ROK puppet army in the early days of its operations.

As we possess destructive strike forces, which can scare the enemy, as defence capability, we are carrying out the mission of deterring war in a responsible manner. Yet, the changing military situation in the region does not give us time to rest on our laurels.

Our security situation demands that we build up our war deterrent in every way possible, and these contemporary tasks will be carried out by dint of your responsible awareness of the situation, political consciousness and perseverance.

Yesterday the National Aerospace Technology Administration of the DPRK launched another reconnaissance satellite as planned to attain the objectives for building up the country's defence capabilities.

This mission failed with a destruct system being activated due to malfunctioning of the first-stage engine. Yet, whether success or failure, we have to make something clear.

Given the fact that the security environment for our state is undergoing drastic changes owing to the US

military manoeuvres and provocations of all sorts, possessing military reconnaissance satellites presents itself as a prerequisite for our state to bolster up its self-defensive deterrent and safeguard its sovereignty and security from potential threats.

For the present, it would be practical and indispensable for us to have communications satellite, weather satellite or Earth resources satellite. However, we have defined our priority target as possessing reconnaissance satellites, and are stepping up efforts to this end. It is because this is a pressing task that has a direct bearing on our state's security.

This time, too, as we did on previous occasions, we issued warnings in due observance of international laws in order to ensure transparency of our satellite launch and safety of all ships and aircraft in the relevant areas, and we did what was needed for putting the neighbouring countries out of harm's way.

This notwithstanding, the ROK puppets went to absurd lengths, dubbing our reconnaissance satellite launch a provocative action, and clamouring for a demonstration of their strength and willpower, they staged a hysterical attack formation flight and strike drill as a direct military challenge to us.

Their daring attempts of militarily threatening the domains under our sovereignty, where even a slip of the tongue may be taken most seriously, constitute a very dangerous provocation that cannot be easily overlooked. We cannot help being enraged by such intolerable sabre-rattling, a blatant violation of our national sovereignty.

The ROK military gangsters were reckless enough to respond to the exercise of our legitimate sovereign rights with their military demonstration with frenzy, and we should resolutely react with absolutely overwhelming actions in a clear exercising of our right to self-defence.

As we have declared in strong terms time and again, setting in motion our retaliatory military capabilities for the protection of our national sovereignty and territorial integrity is the primary mission of our Republic's armed forces, which is approved by our Constitution and other laws.

I reaffirm that any idea of aggression and provocation against our state is one of the targets we must annihilate without fail, to say nothing of all the military means and various types of manoeuvres aimed directly at our Republic.

The first step towards war is the will to fight it.

We should realize the permanency of our overwhelming will and capabilities for fighting a war lest the hostile forces dare to have recourse to arms.

To this end, we should steadily develop our armed forces into an entity with super and absolute might.

By raising our defence science and technology to a high level and developing cutting-edge weapons and combat and technical equipment one after another, we should sustain the overwhelmingness of the armed forces of the military giant, and by dint of this superiority, defend the sovereignty and security of our state.

Modern warfare is a confrontation of ideology and willpower, as well as that of science and technology; the might of the defence industry is precisely that of defence science.

The successful outcome of the second revolution in the defence industry, which our Party is leading with confidence, hinges mainly on how the intelligent sci-tech forces play their role.

The sector of national defence science should give full play to the revolutionary characteristics and creative abilities of the large contingent of talents who are absolutely faithful to the leadership of our Party, and continue to add brilliance to the history and traditions of having elevated the country's defence capabilities to the highest plane in the world.

The Academy of Defence Sciences should concentrate its efforts on hastening the attainment of the core research goals, to which the Party Central Committee attaches importance, and charge forward to raise to the cutting-edge level various kinds of weapons badly needed for the completion of the preparations for war by the armed forces of the Republic.

Firmly based on the Juche-oriented stand, it should study and develop more weapon systems that not only conform to the country's topographical conditions and physical constitution of our soldiers and meet the

requirements of the Juche-oriented tactics and the style of modern warfare, but also have reached the world standard in terms of advanced technology and efficiency.

It should always be mindful of the truth that hoping for success by luck and chance in the work of developing arms and equipment is immediately an anti-Party act and that dogmatism, imitation and proclivity to import in the work are tantamount to counterrevolutionary acts. In this way, it can implement the plans and intentions of the Party Central Committee thoroughly and perfectly in pushing forward with all the development projects.

While giving top priority to enhancing the practical abilities of the research forces, its officials should steadily intensify scientific and technological administration in conformity with the requirements of Party policy and conduct brisk scientific and technological exchanges and information work. At the same time, they should keep directing great efforts to modernizing the material and technological foundations of the research bases and providing the scientists and technicians with good working conditions and living environment.

Party organizations in the academy should take it as its lifeline to establish the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee more thoroughly, and conduct organizational and political work in a methodological and aggressive way to heighten the patriotic enthusiasm and collectivist spirit among the scientists and technicians, thus actively encouraging them in their brain war, their research work, to implement the Party decisions.

The five-year strategy for defence development put forward by the Party is an initiative for achieving the best efficiency and radical defence development.

You must make redoubled efforts to attain without fail the goals of the five-year strategy for defence development advanced by the Party Central Committee.

Although we failed to achieve the results we had hoped to get in the recent reconnaissance satellite launch, we must never feel scared or dispirited but make still greater efforts.

It is natural that one learns more and makes greater progress after experiencing failure.

For our defence scientists and technicians who are fighting death-defyingly for the state's dignity and the people's life, failure is always a prerequisite for success. It can never be a motive for their frustration and abandonment.

I stress once again: The effort to possess space reconnaissance capabilities necessary for operations means a struggle to defend our right to independence, which we can never renounce or barter for anything else, and an inevitable priority task for our sovereignty and legitimate self-defence.

I am sure that our fighting goals will surely be attained as long as there is a reliable group of defence scientists and technicians who are always faithful to the Party Central Committee in implementing its strategic plan with ardent patriotism and heroic fighting spirit.

We will never allow our advance to be stuck in stagnancy.

Comrades,

A new era of struggle is calling on you to make another leap forward in the sacred course of increasing our defence capabilities.

You should firmly guard the road of the revolutionary cause of Juche with the cutting-edge defence science and technology which has to be a prerequisite for the growth of our overwhelming military capabilities.

I firmly believe that all of you, scientists and officials of the Academy of Defence Sciences of the DPRK, will achieve more admirable innovative successes in research and development projects of cutting-edge military hardware, united more firmly on the basis of the intentions and will of the Party Central Committee, and thus continue to demonstrate the dignity and might of our powerful country and always remain faithful to the sacred responsibility and duty you have assumed before the revolution and the people.

Comrades,

Let us make a charge to a higher goal in the effort to bolster up our defence capabilities, the highest expression of patriotism, by dint of our inexhaustible strength of trust and single-hearted unity, the Party Central Committee believing in you and you believing only in the Party Central Committee.

I would like to offer congratulations to you once again on the founding anniversary of your academy.

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an entity of super-powerful and absolute strength. He stressed the importance of the role of the sci-tech think tank in the second revolution in the national defence industry and indicated the militant tasks and ways facing the Academy of Defence Sciences in a new era of struggle presupposing a fresh leap forward in expanding the defence capability.

He expressed his belief that all the scientists and officials of the academy would achieve greater innovative successes in the research and development of ultra-modern military hardware, united more firmly with the intention and will of the Party Central Committee, so as to keep demonstrating the dignity and might of a powerful country and always remain faithful to the sacred responsibility and duty they have assumed on behalf of the revolution and the people.

When he finished the speech, the defence scientists broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" filled with a firm confidence in the Party's invariable will to build defence capability for guaranteeing the eternal dignity and honour of the country and its people and in the subsequent great new changes in bolstering up the self-reliant defence capability and the war preparedness.

He encouraged the defence scientists full of the passion to rapidly and resolutely attain the cutting-edge goals for increasing the defence capability set forth by the Party Central Committee with their redoubled efforts and inexhaustible resources and wisdom, bearing deep in mind the creed that great defence capability that is steadily developed and

improved precisely means the genuine dignity and name of a powerful country, durable peace and rosy future.

Kim Jong Un went round the revolutionary museum.

He said that the brilliant history of the Academy of Defence Sciences is associated with the noble lives and immortal patriotic exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who organized the country's first ordnance scientific research institute in the days of the hard-fought war to proclaim the establishment of Juche-oriented defence sciences, developed it in the 1960s into a unified defence scientific research institute which would carry out the Party's policy on defence sciences most accurately, and provided an eternal foundation for the development of defence sciences with their far-sighted wisdom and outstanding leadership.

It is the eternal truth that can never change nor be decoloured that the development and success of the Korean revolution are unthinkable without the most preferential bolstering up of the national defence capabilities, he said, calling on the defence scientists to add brilliance to the academy's legendary name and history of having consolidated the cornerstone of the DPRK under the leadership of the Party by always remembering the supreme responsibility and duty they have assumed for the revolution and future and stepping up the implementation of the Party's strategy for developing national defence continuously and unyieldingly.

He looked round the exhibition hall of the academy, guided by its leading official.

He said that the ultimate goal of the revolutionary cause for firmly defending the dignity and sovereignty of the state and the people is to possess the greatest strategic strength in the world and the absolute power unprecedented in history. The world-class powerful defence capability unheard-of in our nation-building history is the inexhaustible power that can be linked only with the appellation of Juche, which has given eternal viability to the name and flag of our country and rapidly raised our national prestige and the power of truth that can be won only by the genuine patriots who have vigorously followed the glorious road that they can feel proud of before the country and posterity and by the communists who accomplish the most just cause, he noted.

He gave precious instructions that would serve as guidelines for the academy in researching and developing more advanced military hardware corresponding to the goal of modernization of the KPA and its demand in keeping with the changed subjective and objective conditions and environment of the revolution and the trend of the development of defence sciences which is steadily evolving in the new century by accepting as the demand of the revolution and the people the plan and determination of the Party Central Committee to further develop the power of the DPRK's armed forces into the greatest one without a moment's stagnation.

Kim Jong Un had a photo session in commemoration of his congratulatory visit to the academy.

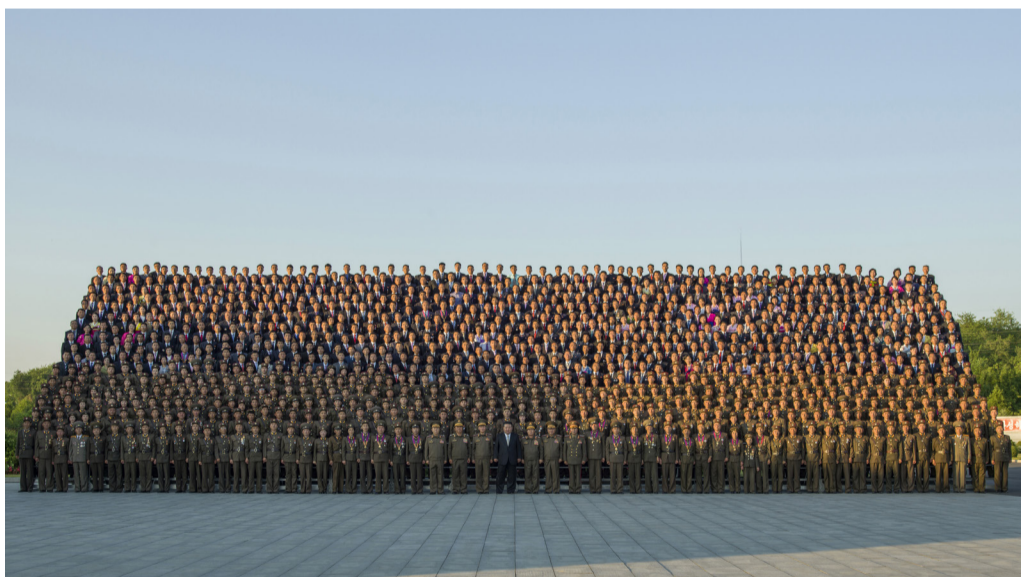
All the participants offered their

heartfelt thanks to him, looking up with tears of emotion to him, the great teacher and benevolent father, who has identified them as the best heroes and patriots and the unit under the command of the Party Central Committee and repeatedly shown love and benevolence to be conveyed to posterity.

He expressed expectation that the scientific research camp of the academy would continue to achieve great successes in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for steadily boosting the national defence capability and absolutely guaranteeing the reliable and solid security environment for the comprehensive development of socialism with their more courageous stamina, full confidence and strenuous creative ability peculiar to them, firmly united under the red flag of the WPK.

Raising stormy cheers of "Kim Jong Un" and "Death-defying defence", the defence scientists who were honoured to receive the immense love and trust from the great leader made a firm resolution to go all out toward a higher goal of increasing the national defence capability, the highest expression of patriotism, and thus steadily develop and complete the Juche-based advanced weapons fully charged with our ideology and technology.

The sacred leadership of Kim Jong Un at the DPRK Academy of Defence Sciences will be recorded in the history as a significant occasion which has added fresh vitality to the struggle for fully bolstering up the invincible self-defence capability, the root of the state's existence and the fundamental guarantee for eternal progress, and as an important milestone for the development of the Juche-oriented defence sciences.



Press statement of spokesperson of DPRK Foreign Ministry released

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A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following press statement "Hostile acts of infringing upon our inviolable national sovereignty will never be tolerated" on May 27:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK states as follows in connection with the prevailing unpardonable situation, in which a serious act of violation of the sovereignty of the DPRK has been committed by running counter to the UN Charter and all principles of international law with equal sovereignty and noninterference in internal affairs as their core:

At a ROK-Japan-China tripartite summit held on May 27 under the sponsorship of the ROK, a "joint declaration" was made public, calling for maintaining peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and in the region and denuclearizing the Korean peninsula.

It is a mockery of and trickery against the regional countries and the international community that the ROK is talking about "denuclearization" and "peace and stability" as it has constantly brought a grave security crisis to the Korean peninsula and the rest of the Northeast Asian region by frantically strengthening military alliance for aggression with hegemony-seeking forces

outside the region.

As regards the grave political provocation of denying the constitutional position of the DPRK, committed at an international meeting sponsored by the ROK, the DPRK Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly denounces and rejects it as a blatant challenge to the sovereignty of the DPRK and wanton interference in its internal affairs.

To discuss the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula today constitutes a grave political provocation and violation of sovereignty that totally denies the DPRK's inviolable sovereignty and constitution reflecting the unanimous will of all the Korean people, before being an issue concerning any international duty or justification.

It is an insult never to be pardoned and a declaration of war against the DPRK that the ROK, which is in the most hostile relations with the DPRK, attempts to force the DPRK to violate its constitution in denial of its sovereign rights.

It is an undeniable fact and history that the US nuclear threat, which has persisted for more than half a century, triggered off the DPRK's access to nuclear weapons and that hostile acts and military blackmail by the US and the ROK have been a decisive factor in accelerating the DPRK's steady advance for bolstering up its nuclear force.

Various US-led military blocs exist throughout the Asia-Pacific region including the Korean peninsula and the "nuclear consultative group" aimed at using nuclear weapons against the DPRK is operating. Furthermore, regional peace and stability are exposed to serious threats due to the US' and its vassal countries' ceaseless war drills for aggression. Given such grave security environment, denuclearization will only bring a nuclear crisis, instead of peace and stability.

Denuclearization on the Korean peninsula means a power vacuum and hastening of war.

If anyone tries to deny or violate the constitutional position of our country as a nuclear weapons state, while preaching denuclearization to us, it will be regarded as the most serious infringement upon sovereignty forcing us to renounce our constitution and social system.

Such thing as "complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula" has already become extinct theoretically, practically and physically.

The DPRK will firmly protect the dignity and sovereignty of the country and its people and its constitution from all sorts of attempts of the hostile forces to deny its absolute sovereignty, and make crucial efforts to build a new mechanical structure in the region based on justice and equity.

Enemies will invite unpredictable disaster

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An RC-135U reconnaissance plane of the US Air Force, which took off in Japan on May 29, perpetrated aerial espionage against the DPRK near the southern border of the DPRK again.

At present, apart from RC-135U, various reconnaissance assets of the US and the puppet ROK air force including U-2S strategic reconnaissance plane and RQ-4B unmanned reconnaissance plane are seriously encroaching upon the sovereignty and security of the DPRK while conducting surveillance of and espionage against the DPRK almost round the clock.

The DPRK cannot but take a more serious view of the anti-DPRK aerial espionage of the US and other hostile forces as they overstepped the mark in the dangerousness of the hostile act.

The US trumpets that there are only two RC-135Us and the aircraft is a state-level strategic reconnaissance plane which performs the function and mission of reporting in real time the results of espionage to the president, defense secretary and other top-level US officials.

This clearly proves that the US military espionage against the DPRK is being directly organized and enforced by the supreme rulers of the US.

The seriousness of the situation has been brought into bolder relief by the fact that they are frantically conducting all sorts of military drills targeting the DPRK on the Korean peninsula on an unprecedentedly large scale irrespective of time, along with such espionage activities as air reconnaissance.

Between January and April this

year alone, the US and its stooges staged more than 140 rounds of war drills against the DPRK, or two times more than those in the same period of last year.

War drills to be planned and carried out by the US and ROK puppet forces in the second half of this year are huger in scale and extremely provocative and reckless in nature.

The large-scale Ulji Freedom Shield joint military exercises to be staged in August, in particular, envisage a nuclear operation drill making the DPRK-targeted nuclear attack a fait accompli and they are said to fully examine and perfect the OPLAN 2022 for mounting preemptive strikes at the core facilities and areas of the DPRK.

Just in such a period, the US is conducting more frantically with each passing day the aerial espionage which has historically played the role of "igniter" for the aggravation of the Korean peninsula situation.

It is as clear as day what it means that they reconnoitre core facilities and major points of the DPRK in a more concrete and detailed way.

The reality clearly proves that the defence buildup measures to aim at, contain and frustrate the manoeuvres of the US and its vassal forces are an indispensable prerequisite for defending the sovereignty and security interests of the state and an important undertaking to which more spurs should be put.

The DPRK Ministry of National Defence has already solemnly clarified its stand that it will act immediately when the sovereignty and security interests of the state are violated.

If the US and other hostile forces run amuck to conduct surveillance of anything, they will invite unpredictable disasters.

Ceremonies of moving into new houses held in succession

KCNA

A new life of blooming socialist civilization which is vibrant along with the new era of rural development was also witnessed at the Munhyon Farm of Sariwon City in North Hwanghae Province.

The fairyland-like villages built on the farm are the brilliant fruition of the energetic leadership of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea which is dynamically bringing about a new phase of rejuvenation and development so as to make the Korean people the happiest in the world.

A ceremony of moving into new houses took place on the spot on May 24.

Present there were Ri

Il Hyok, secretary of the North Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the WPK, officials in Sariwon City, builders and agricultural workers who would move into new houses.

Kim Son Il, chairman of the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee, made a congratulatory speech.

Licences for the use of the houses were handed over to the farmers and speeches were made.

Then, farmers began to move into new houses amid a pleasant dancing party.

Officials of the Party and power organs paid visits to the owners of new houses, sharing joy with them.

A similar ceremony took place at the Posong Farm in Tongrim County, North Phyongan Province, on the

same day.

The modern cosy houses built to suit the features peculiar to the countryside are the cradle of happiness provided under the energetic leadership of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea which is ushering in a new era, a new history of rural development, in which rural areas undergo great transformations under the noble people-first political idea.

Present at the ceremony were Pak Song Chol, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, Ri Yong Chol, chairman of the provincial people's committee, and officials of the Party and power organs, builders and owners of new dwelling houses in the

county.

Such events also took place at the Kwangjong Farm of Sungho County, North Hwanghae Province, on May 26 and in rural villages of Kyosong-ri and Kwanphung-dong in Munchon City of Kangwon Province on May 28.

Present there were officials of local Party and people's committees, builders and agricultural workers who would move into new houses.

Congratulatory and other speeches were made at the ceremonies.

Licences for the use of the houses were conveyed amid enthusiastic applause.

People moved into new houses amid cheerful dances and officials visited the owners of the new houses to congratulate them.

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Reception given for DPRK women's football team

The Cabinet of the DPRK hosted a reception at Okryu Restaurant on May 24 to welcome the players and coaches of the DPRK women's football team who won the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup 2024.

Present there were Vice-Premier of the Cabinet Kim Myong Hun, the ministers of Physical Culture and Sports and External Economic Relations, the chairman of the DPRK Football Association, officials concerned and players and coaches of the women's football team.

The Vice-Premier made a congratulatory speech, followed by a reply speech by player Jon Il Chong.

Contest of skilled workers

An opening ceremony of the Contest of Skilled Workers with Different Jobs in Various Sectors of National Economy-2024 took place at the Kangso District Hall of Culture in Nampho on May 28.

The contest has brought together more than 200 skilled workers selected from the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry and other ministries, national agencies and Pyongyang municipal and provincial people's committees.

Aesthetic symposium

The 2024 spring aesthetic symposium of the urban management sector took place in Pyongyang on May 29 through video-conferencing, on the theme of "Urban beautification and living environment".

Children's international holiday celebrated across the DPRK



Children hold sports and amusement games and give art performances at nurseries, kindergartens, baby homes and orphanages across the country. RODONG SINMUN

KCNA

Children across the DPRK celebrated International Children's Day.

Nurseries and kindergartens on new streets built in the

capital city under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea, at rural villages which were wonderfully changed in the new era of rural development and in other parts of the country were enveloped in a

holiday atmosphere. Children gave art performances and held sports and amusement games at kindergartens, nurseries, baby homes and orphanages across the country, which

were decorated with various stringed miniature flags, balloons and flowers along with the slogans "We are the happiest in the world!" and "We are happy!"

Vocal duet "Our Home Full of Merry Laughter", male solo "I Will Become a People's Army Soldier" and other numbers performed by the children of baby homes and orphanages across the country, including the Haeju Baby Home and the Sinuiju Orphanage, showed the happy life of the kids growing cheerfully under the warm care of the motherly Party.

The children of nurseries and kindergartens at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, the Ryongsong Machine Complex, the Oguk Farm in Anak County and

other units revved up the festive atmosphere through diverse folk and amusement games.

Meanwhile, the newly-built Changgwang Sparkler Shop on Rimhung Street, the Pyongyang Children's Department Store and other commercial service facilities across the country were crowded with children who were pleased to have sparklers of various shapes, fairy tale picture books and toys.

Children with disabilities got together to celebrate June 1 International Children's Day at the gym of Taedonggang District Juvenile Extracurricular Sports School in Pyongyang on June 1.

The meeting was attended by Yun Chang Il, chairman

of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, officials concerned, children with disabilities, children and teachers of Tongmun Kindergarten No. 2 in the district and their parents, foreigners and overseas Koreans staying in the DPRK.

Song Hyang Chun, director of the Korea Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities, made remarks, followed by an art performance and sports and amusement games by children with disabilities and kindergarten children.

Bright and cheerful looks of the lovely kids giving a colourful performance and playing amusement games added to the joy of celebrating the holiday.



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Country advances on the strength of love for younger generations

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The DPRK where love for younger generations prevails as the thoughts and feelings of all the people under the slogan "Love the future!" conducts all affairs focusing on the work for them with all-consuming love.

Today, when the vigorous struggle for the overall development of socialist construction is being waged, all its policies and activities are connected with love for the rising generations.

It is to bring only happiness to them that the DPRK, though in the face of terrible trials, has taken courageous measures for economic development and made persistent efforts for their implementation, while building up absolute strength that nobody can dare to belittle by continuing to put more energy into

the buildup of the national defence capability.

The true features of the DPRK advancing on the strength of love for children is manifested in the fact that all the issues arising in bringing them up are being guaranteed by law.

The law of the DPRK on childcare was adopted at the Sixth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly in February two years ago.

The law epitomising the love of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government for younger generations was adopted to touch the heartstrings of all people just some months after the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee which discussed and decided on the improvement of the WPK's childcare policy as a major agenda

item and established it as a Party policy to supply dairy products and other nutritious foods to all the children across the country at state expense.

The adoption of the law offered a legal guarantee for supplying at state expense such nutritious foods to children and providing good conditions for bringing them up.

The people confidently visualize the future of a prosperous country as they see the bright looks of children who grow up receiving excellent education in excellent environment under the care of the Party and the state.

The true features of the DPRK advancing on the strength of love for younger generations can also be seen through the fact that policies for younger generations are being implemented consistently under any

conditions.

The ordeals and difficulties the DPRK has experienced on its march in the new century of the Juche era have been unprecedentedly terrible. However, under the benevolent care of the Party and the state, the work to produce and supply everything needed for feeding and dressing children and providing them with education have always been pushed forward and the songs of happiness and the loud sound of reading have resounded sonorously at nurseries, kindergartens and schools.

It is the steadfast will of the WPK and the state to put in more sincere efforts and show deeper love for children when the conditions are more unfavourable.

This year, too, new students across the country were provided

with new styles of school uniforms, shoes, satchels, notebooks and other school things on the occasion of the new school year.

A large number of modern schools and extracurricular educational bases have been built across the country and the whole society shows greater zeal for supporting educational work.

It is the view of General Secretary Kim Jong Un that if all the children born on this land are well fed and grow up healthily in excellent environment, our society will be more vibrant and the DPRK will grow stronger after 20 and 30 years.

The DPRK has a rosier future thanks to the General Secretary who strives to bring younger generations the greatest happiness in the world.

Unjong Tea aroma wafts throughout country



Tea drinks liked by people are produced at the Unjong Tea Drinks Factory.

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Unjong Tea Drinks Factory is located in the suburbs of Pyongyang.

The factory with a design of tea leaves on the wall seems to give off the sweet fragrance of tea.

Seen in the entrance hall of the factory is a photo of President Kim Il Sung seeing a tea tree cultivated at home.

With a plan to produce tea

in the country and supply it to the people, he personally planted tea saplings at his residence and cultivated them on trial. He selected a site for acclimatizing them and took detailed measures for conducting research to this end.

True to his intention, agricultural scientists selected several tea tree species suited to the climatic and soil conditions of the country and with stronger resistance to cold, a better yield and

high quality and established corresponding cultivation and processing technologies.

Even when the country was undergoing hardships, Chairman Kim Jong Il took measures related to the cultivation of tea trees and named the newly-produced tea "Unjong" in order to convey the benevolent care of the President to posterity and saw to it that the plantation was built in a more splendid way.

The Unjong Tea Plantation located in Kangnyong

County of South Hwanghae Province on the west coast of the country is known as a "famous tea-growing place" and "pollution-free tea production base" for it is well ventilated and has the annual sunshine and mean temperature appropriate for the growth of tea trees.

The tea favoured by people is associated with the loving care of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

One year, he gave instructions to develop tea

culture, including those to increase the area of tea tree cultivation and develop tea leaf processing technology to produce a large variety of tea drinks including cold tea.

He repeatedly stressed the need to create tea tree plantations as planned and increase the production of tea leaves to contribute to promoting the people's health and civilized life at several important meetings. He took a measure to improve the service of Unjong Tea and

build a factory with splendour for producing tea drinks which people can drink at any time and place.

The Unjong Tea Drinks Factory was successfully built several years ago under the guidance of Kim Jong Un who chose its site and solved problems arising in its construction.

Equipped with a labour-, site- and energy-saving production system, the factory produces a variety of distinctive and tasty tea drinks.

Advantage and pharmacological effect of Unjong tea

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

Tea is a health drink. The drink is rich in substances replenishing water and nutrients needed in the human body and accelerating its metabolism and therefore it relieves mental and physical fatigue and increases vitality of the organism.

Tea leaves greatly contribute to promoting the health of people as they contain components that enhance the overall immunopotency of the human body, including polyphenol that has effects against oxidation, diseases caused by hyperlipemia, cancer and mutation.

Thus, public interest in tea is further growing and the consumption of it is increasing remarkably.

Tea beverage is now recognized as one of the world's top ten health foods.

The Unjong Tea Drinks Factory produces various tea beverages satisfying quality indices such as colour, transparency and safety while retaining the effective ingredients of tea leaves as much as possible.

Unjong tea is richer in



A variety of tea drinks produced at the Unjong Tea Drinks Factory.

catechin, caffeine, saponin, teanin, vitamins, fluorine, microelements and various other medicinal ingredients than other teas.

It is classified into green tea, *Cholgwanum* tea and black tea according to the methods of processing collected tea leaves.

The best among them is green tea, which is not only delicate in taste but also rich in essential amino acids, microelements and other nutrients.

It is good for persons with high blood pressure to

drink the tea regularly as it clears the mind, increases locomotion power and controls arteriosclerosis or the rise of blood pressure.

Black tea also enhances the functions of the heart, improves blood circulation and boosts metabolism.

What is popular among people is *Cholgwanum* tea with a delicate taste and an original fragrance.

The tea is rich in substances that promote the activity of the brain.

In addition, Unjong tea is good for the treatment of

diseases such as diabetes, allergy and depression, and is effective in relieving fatigue, promoting urination, neutralizing poison, preventing cancer and retarding aging.

Among the substances in Unjong tea, catechin is outstandingly good at preventing oxidation, and green tea is richer in catechin than the black one.

Unjong tea, which has a sweet taste and fragrance, is favoured by the Korean people.

Buckwheat-mung bean pill, immunity-reinforcing health food

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The East Pyongyang area medicinal herb management station of the Pyongyang municipal Koryo medicine production management bureau developed buckwheat-mung bean pill, natural health food effective in improving the immunity of the human body.

"The buckwheat-mung bean pill, a natural health food made mainly of Tatarian buckwheat, black soybean and mung bean which the Korean ancestors widely used in dietary life and medical treatment from ancient times, is rich in substances needed for the human body, including protein, carbohydrates, lipid, vitamins, microelements, organic acid and flavonoid," said Nam Jin, section chief of the management station.

According to him, Tatarian buckwheat, a natural wild crop which grows in bushes on high mountains in the northern area of the DPRK, has widely been used to prevent and treat the hemophilia and hypertension as it contains much rutin effective in reinforcing blood vessels.

So, they developed the health food in which rutin is harmoniously

blended with physiological activators effective in sedation, spasmodic and detoxification.

The food actually contributes to the promotion of people's health as it has good effects on alleviating mental stress, stimulating appetite and improving physiological functions and immunity of the human body.

A long, full clinical trial on the food proved that it is not only remarkably efficacious in suppressing flu virus, reducing fever and killing pain but also good for antioxidation and immunopotentiality.

According to O Pyong Gap, head of the management station, people who have used the health food say that the buckwheat-mung bean pill worked like a charm in treating headache and arthritic pain, upper airway infections such as snuffles and sneezes, anorexia, emaciation, stomachache and diarrhoea.

The health food is good for not only the feeble and the sick but also the aged, children and even healthy people.

The natural health food, which is free from side effects and toxicity, obtained a national patent.

Children, future of mankind, should be protected

By Choe Song Jun PT

June 1 this year marks the 74th anniversary of International Children's Day.

The council meeting of the Women's International Democratic Federation held in Moscow in November 1949 decided to set June 1 as International Children's Day. Since 1950, progressive women and people of the world have celebrated June 1 as the day of struggle to promote the happiness and health of children by opposing the imperialists' reactionary policies and all evil practices of society giving children only diseases, suffering, ignorance and darkness, poverty and hunger and by safeguarding peace.

More than 70 years have passed since then, but children's plight is further worsening in many countries.

Large numbers of children in the world are suffering from poverty and malnutrition.

According to the recent publication of the food situation in Afghanistan by the World Food Programme, 15.3 million people in the country suffered from acute food shortage in the last several months. Undernourished

patients alone number millions, of which 3.2 million are children under 5.

In Africa, which is undergoing a chronic food crisis, malnutrition is still serious among children.

According to data available, the number of poverty-stricken children reached 1.1 billion by the end of 2021, about 10 percent increase over 2019.

The rapid increase in the number of child refugees due to armed conflicts is also a serious problem.

The recent massacre by Israel produced over a million refugees in the Gaza Strip, Palestine, nearly half of whom are children. The children are affected by various diseases due to poor living environment and improper hygienic conditions and are on the brink of malnutrition due to acute food shortage.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Somalia and other countries, too, armed conflicts frequently occur, killing many children.

Children who have become refugees are exposed to constant threats, including flesh trafficking, violence and cruel treatment. In 2021 alone, there occurred more than 23 980 cases of

murder, abduction and sexual harassment against children in 21 troubled countries and regions. As a result, more than 19 000 children suffered damage and of them over 8 000 died or became disabled.

More than half of the school-age child refugees in the world cannot attend school. The number of such refugees is increasing every year and most of them fail to get school education. And only 6 percent receive higher education.

Meanwhile, more than 100 million children in different countries are forced into harsh labour, and of them those between 5 and 11 account for more than half of child workers across the world.

Last year a US newspaper reported on the fact that children are forced into slave labour in all states of the country. According to it, the exploitation of manpower is extremely serious among child migrants who have yet to reach working age. Businesses are making huge profits by hiring a large number of children they can work at will while paying them far less than adults.

Maltreatment of children is also practised in succession.

A few years ago, an

American institution disclosed that a quarter of children in the country had been maltreated. Many children were abused to death at different nurseries in Texas. An education centre in Massachusetts often punished children with high-power electric shock, the intensity of which was much higher than that of electric gun.

The same is the case with Japan. According to the Japanese media, the confirmed cases of maltreatment at primary, middle and high schools in 2022 numbered 682 000, the highest record in history. The number of "serious incidents" likely to lead to serious damage increased by about 30 percent over the previous year. This is because it is a social tendency to regard children as troublesome beings in the country.

Experts hold that abnormal weather such as global warming is not the only factor responsible for endangering the future of the planet and that if the child problem is not solved like now, it will have a negative impact on the future of the planet.

To protect children is the responsibility and sacred duty of every country and society.

Children are the future of mankind.

Japan should take on responsibility for protection of marine resources

By Song Jong Ho PT

The Japanese fisheries agency on May 9 expressed its stand to add finback whales to the targets of commercial whaling which was resumed in 2019.

On the same day, the chief cabinet secretary in a press conference said that though there are international criticisms about Japan's whaling culture, "it is important to carry forward our traditional dietary culture".

The Japanese authorities have already allocated 5.1 billion yen in this year's budget to support the use of whale meat in school meals and the promotion of sales by whalers. On May 21, a home-made whaling mother ship Kangeimaru which can reach the Antarctic sea put out to sea.

Japan is becoming ever more undisguised in its behaviour of not caring about the marine ecosystem, a treasure common to mankind, and neglecting the demand of the international community for its own interests.

As is well known, the International Whaling Commission (IWC) has introduced a ban on commercial whaling in 1986 with an eye to protecting cetacean resources.

However, Japan has always been busy hunting whales under the pretext of "scientific research".

According to information available, the number of whales caught by Japan in the waters of the Antarctic and North Pacific amounted to 850 on an annual average and more than 120 out of 330 whales caught in the Antarctic waters from December 2017 to the end of February the following year were pregnant and 128 were calves.

Japan officially withdrew from the IWC in June 2019 and since then has openly caught whales for commercial use and committed such piratical acts as crashing into a boat of an anti-whaling organization and arresting its members.

The number of whales which are under protection worldwide is decreasing significantly nowadays, and plastic waste floating in the sea is also threatening the life of whales.

Under such circumstances, Japan's behaviour of getting hell-bent on hunting whales rather than protecting them is really infuriating.

It is a vivid expression of the greed peculiar to Japan which does not hesitate to exterminate the protected animals, the common wealth of mankind, for its own interests.

The international community should never tolerate Japan's whaling.

Quit smoking for yourself and future

May 31 is World No-Tobacco Day.

The World Health Organization set May 31 every year as World No-Tobacco Day in 1988 and adopted the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in 2003.

But the number of smokers doesn't decrease worldwide.

Smoking takes the lives of more people than disasters or accidents. The global death toll brought by smoking reaches 8 million every year. As the number of deaths by smoking has rapidly increased in recent years, a new piece of information has been released that there are dozens of kinds of diseases entailing deaths by smoking.

Smoking seriously damages not only human health but also ecological environment. The substance in cigarette smoke pollutes air. Smoking generates waste such as cigarette ash, butts and packs, which also result in environmental pollution.

In this regard, smoking has nothing beneficial to human life.

Only quitting smoking can help protect lives of people and create clean ecological

environment.

The problem is that most smokers do not quit smoking though they are aware of such facts. There are various reasons for it.

Nicotine in cigarette smoke is a kind of addictive substance, and a person who once got into a habit of smoking finds it hard to quit it. And many smokers almost neglect the warning of the danger of smoking as damage by smoking occurs gradually, not immediately. One of the main reasons why the number of smokers does not decrease is that cigarettes can be easily bought anywhere.

As a result, damage by smoking is not eradicated worldwide and this seriously hinders the social development of each country. Therefore, many countries have taken positive measures to encourage people to smoke less or quit smoking.

The theme of this year's no-tobacco day is "Protecting young people from tobacco industry interference".

Many countries have already taken measures to protect young people from damage by smoking.

In England, it is stipulated

by law that young people under 18 are not allowed to buy cigarettes and in New Zealand, there is in force a law to prevent people born after 2009 from smoking all their lives. It is reported that there are measures such as the one to sentence an adult to six months' imprisonment if he or she buys cigarettes for a young person. In order to prevent young people from being tempted by cigarettes, some countries enforce a law making sure that only the same design colour and size of letters are used for all cigarette packs, regardless of their kinds.

Anti-smoking activities are brisk in our country, too.

Since the late 1980s, it has taken measures to restrict smoking in society, and since 2005, when it became a signatory to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, it has conducted an anti-smoking campaign embracing the whole society.

In 2020, the Tobacco Prohibition Law of the DPRK was adopted followed by the establishment of its enforcement regulations and relevant detailed rules. Accordingly, anti-smoking

information and dissemination activities are conducted throughout society.

In recent years alone, there were established a smoking cessation products exhibition house and the Hwasong Branch of the Tobacco Cessation Centre in newly built Songhwa and Hwasong streets respectively.

Tobacco cessation nutrition pills, nicotine tobacco cessation pills, nicotine patch and gum, tobacco cessation pipe and other relevant goods are also produced and widely used.

Our country has intensified exchange and cooperation with the WHO to hold events on World No-Tobacco Day and shared experience in anti-smoking activities.

In the past, during non-smoking research, I heard many women expressing their opposition to smoking. I also agree with them.

Smokers should determinedly quit smoking tobacco, a special "luxury" threatening life.

Quitting smoking is for yourself and the future.

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Mt Paektu Geopark



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The Mt Paektu Geopark is a scientific research and dissemination base and tourist destination with many geosites of special volcano-geological significance and tourist value being distributed on a certain scale.

Mt Paektu in the geopark, the highest mountain in the DPRK (Janggun Peak, 2 750m), is the ancestral mountain which is associated with the soul of the Korean nation and the sacred mountain of the revolution where the Korean revolution started.

The Millennium Eruption, known as the largest eruption in the past 2 000 years, took place in Mt Paektu and there are still various signs related to magmatic activity.

Mt Paektu has attracted the attention of volcanologists and explorers from different countries of the world for its unique natural spectacles including Lake Chon on top of the mountain.

With research on earth science growing extensive at present, research into the Mt Paektu area and tourist development of it assume deeper significance.

Unique geopark

The Mt Paektu Geopark is the first of its kind in the DPRK.

It is located in the City of Samjiyon of Ryanggang Province in the northern part of the country.

Preserved in the geopark area are exceptional geological heritage elements such as Mt Paektu volcano, Lake Chon, geosites around the Mt Paektu caldera, Jong Il Peak and Rimyongsu

Falls, which were formed as a result of volcanic eruptions in the Cenozoic era.

The Mt Paektu volcano was formed by several eruptions of magma of different compositions in the stages of shield volcano, stratovolcano and explosive eruption, with the area showing two cycles of magmatic alternation from alkali to acid. In view of the scope of eruption, the Millennium Eruption in the Mt Paektu area is known to be one of the strongest volcanic eruptions in the past 2 000 years.

On top of Mt Paektu a caldera was formed by the collapse of the volcanic body during the Millennium Eruption and as the caldera was filled with water, Lake Chon came into being. A crater lake on the highest place in the world, Lake Chon of Mt Paektu is surrounded by high peaks showing the natural beauty of mountains, unfolding the unique natural scenery. The highest peak is 2 750-metre-high Janggun Peak.

Lake Chon and its surroundings are rich in geological diversity.

Inside the crater are volcanic necks and hot springs and laccolith is preserved in the section of Janggun Peak. Its stem is 5-7 m wide with the cap being 50-55m wide and 34 m high at maximum.

In the Sobaeksu Valley of the Mt Paektu Geopark there are Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp and Jong Il Peak on which his name was inscribed. A plug which was formed as trachytic magmas were solidified in a conduit, Jong Il Peak is 1 798 metres above sea level.

There are many natural monuments in the area of Mt Paektu including Rimyongsu

Falls, which are not frozen even in winter, with the underground water gushing out in all four seasons.

Lake Samji, which was formed with three lakes as a flowing river was blocked by the lava erupted from Mt Paektu, presents a beautiful landscape with very clear water and thick primeval forests around it.

Also seen in various places of the geopark area are carbonized trees and volcanic bombs which are of great significance in the study of the age of the Millennial Eruption of Mt Paektu, wonderful rock ravines and rare rocks of fantastic shapes showing all shapes of articles.

The Mt Paektu Geopark also creates unique natural spectacles in biological aspect.

There are Paektusan white birch native to the mountain, dozens of species of indigenous Korean plants including birch and medicinal plants and hundreds of species of alpine plants, and a "sea" of forests stretches far and wide in the area. It is also home to hundreds of species of animals. Recently a yellow-eared turtle, a species of freshwater turtle, was found on the shore of Lake Chon. And rare birds are flying into Lake Chon.

Unusual natural phenomena are also observed here, such as the natural snow-ice cave and "reverse waterfall".

Visitors can experience natural phenomena of all four seasons in one place like the sunrise on Mt Paektu, the majestic appearance of the peaks on Mt Paektu, blizzards of Paektu, thrilling yet graceful scene of Lake Chon and rhododendron blooming in snow. It is the charm of the natural scenery they can feel only on Mt Paektu.

For these special features, Mt Paektu was registered as a world biosphere reserve in UNESCO.

Historical relics and sites still remain on Mt Paektu and in its vicinity.

They include a pavilion for the monument to Dragon King, or a monument to Dragon God defending Lake Chon of Mt Paektu, which is about 1 metre high, 10 centimetres thick and 44 to 68 centimetres wide. They show that the Korean nation worshipped Mt Paektu as the ancestral mountain.

Many people at home and abroad visit the Mt Paektu Geopark.

International cooperation, joint research activities

According to the agreement on exchange between the academies of sciences of the DPRK and the Soviet Union, joint research projects on the Paektu Volcanic Zone were undertaken in the 1986-1990 period between the Geology Institute of the State Academy of Sciences of the DPRK and the Lithosphere Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the former Soviet Union (И. Л. С. А. Н) and between the Global Environmental Information Institute of the former and the Pacific Geography Institute of the Far Eastern Branch of the latter. Later, Russian scientists also conducted research into Mt Paektu volcano.

In 2000, German geologists recognized that the Millennium Eruption of Mt Paektu was one of the largest eruptions on the earth in the past 2 000 years and said that the volcanic ash that erupted in the period had risen up

to the height of 25 km in the stratosphere, exerting influence on the climate of the earth.

Volcano-geologists from different countries including the DPRK, China and the UK have conducted research on Mt Paektu under the co-sponsorship of the Pyongyang International New Technology and Economic Information Company (PIINTEC) and the Paektusan Earth Science Group (MPGG) since 2012. They installed seismometers in Mt Paektu and jointly performed seismological observation and research on earthquake with the Earthquake Bureau of the DPRK between 2013 and 2015. In August 2016, an international symposium on Mt Paektu volcano was held at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, under the co-sponsorship of the PIINTEC and MPGG.

The results of research projects on Mt Paektu conducted in the period were published in several journals including SCIENCE ADVANCES.

Sustainable development and prospects

The Mt Paektu Geopark has become a matter of great concern of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

The Mt Paektu nature reserve was set up in the area of the geopark according to the decision of the DPRK Cabinet and was promoted to a special reserve according to a state measure. And a specialized enterprise was organized for the protection of natural environment in the area of Mt Paektu.

All the geosites in the

geopark are under strict legal protection by the DPRK laws on environmental protection and on the protection of scenic spots and natural monuments and others.

A series of research projects related to history, culture and tradition are in full swing in the area of the Mt Paektu Geopark, as well as those on geology, geography, ecology, climate, hydrology and others.

The geopark effectively promotes geological and ecological tourism while widely encouraging the active involvement of local organizations and inhabitants in it. It also works to reconstruct the infrastructure facilities including railways, roads, electric power and communications and upgrade facilities for nature conservation and development of tourism, sports and regional economy, giving strong impetus to the sustainable regional development.

The transformation of the City of Samjiyon into a model mountainous city of culture marks an important occasion in turning the Mt Paektu area into a world-class geological park.

Under the supervision of the Geopark National Committee of the DPRK, the Mt Paektu Geopark Management Committee and the National Tourism Administration have undertaken projects for the preservation and management of the geopark and development and operation of tourism in it in cooperation with scientific, educational, cultural and other relevant institutions and organizations.

The projects will contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) specified in the United Nations 2030 agenda.

