

Enlarged Meeting of Tenth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Convened



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An enlarged meeting of the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was convened on June 28 to facilitate the successful implementation of the orientation of the Party and state policies and all the tasks for 2024 at a time when a period of the upswing of comprehensive efflorescence in socialist construction has been ushered in and the far-reaching ideals, ambitions and indomitable heroic mettle of a powerful country have been

highlighted dramatically by the epoch-making entities symbolic of national rejuvenation, thanks to the ever-victorious leadership of the great Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, was present at the plenary meeting.

On hand were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of

the WPK Central Committee. Present as observers were officials of relevant departments of the WPK Central Committee, leading officials of ministries, national agencies and provincial-level leadership bodies, chief secretaries of city and county committees of the WPK and leading officials of major industrial establishments.

A presidium composed of members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee was elected.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee authorized the respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un to preside over the plenary meeting.

The plenary meeting is to review the work done in the first half of the year and discuss and decide a series of important immediate issues arising in maintaining the upturn in the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism.

The five items placed on the agenda of the plenary meeting were approved by all members of the Party Central Committee.

Discussion related to the agenda items is underway amid the great political enthusiasm of all the participants.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends greetings to Laotian President

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greeting to Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and president of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on June 24.

He in the message extended warm comradely greetings to Thongloun Sisoulith and the fraternal Lao party, government and people on the occasion of

the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Over the past 50 years our two countries have established and developed solid ties based on comradely friendship and revolutionary obligation in the struggle for accomplishing the socialist cause, he said.

Expressing belief that the DPRK-Laos relations of friendship and cooperation would develop onto a higher stage, he sincerely wished Thongloun Sisoulith greater success in his responsible work for leading the party and the state.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives message of thanks from Russian President

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message of thanks from Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation.

The President of the Russian Federation in his message expressed his sincerest thanks to Kim Jong Un for warmly welcoming him and the Russian delegation and according them heartfelt hospitality during their stay in the DPRK.

He said that his recent state visit to the DPRK

was of special significance as it raised the relations between Moscow and Pyongyang to an unprecedentedly high level of comprehensive strategic partnership.

Noting that a new prospect has been opened for the two countries to achieve beneficial cooperation in various fields, he said in the message that he is pleased with the continued bilateral constructive dialogue and joint undertaking based on close cooperation.

He hoped Kim Jong Un would not forget that he is an honoured guest Russia always waits for.

Sincerely wishing Kim Jong Un good health and success in his state activities, he hoped that everything would go well for him.

Mass rally held in Pyongyang on day of struggle against US imperialism

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A Pyongyang municipal mass rally took place at May Day Stadium on June 25, the day of struggle against US imperialism.

Attending the rally were more than 100 000 people, including officials and workers of working people's organizations, ministries, national agencies, institutions and industrial establishments and youth and students in Pyongyang.

On hand were members of the diplomatic corps and military attaches corps in the DPRK and overseas Koreans staying in their homeland.

The stadium was full of the spirit of avengers to annihilate the enemy who massacred the Korean people. The participants in the rally watched a video disclosing the thrice-cursed crimes committed by the US imperialist aggressors and the ROK puppets during the Fatherland Liberation War, and the enemy's ever-escalating moves to stifle the DPRK.

The speakers, in reflection of the retaliatory spirit of all the people, expressed their will to annihilate the US imperialists and the ROK puppets, the unchangeable arch enemy, at any cost, bitterly



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denouncing the inhumane crimes committed by the sworn enemy.

They said that the frantic moves of the US imperialists and the ROK puppets to ignite a nuclear war,

oblivious of the historical lesson of their shameful defeat inflicted by the DPRK people all out in the sacred war for defending the country more than 70 years ago, clearly show the

true colours of the aggressors and provocateurs that never change despite the lapse of 700, nay 7 000 years.

They said that they will always

bear in mind the immutable truth that the might of the country and the people should be strong in order to defend their destiny and future, uninterruptedly bolster up the strength of the country, the strongest war deterrent with the most just mission, and concentrate on preparing for all-people resistance, thus clearly showing those disturbing the cause of the DPRK what miserable and bitter end they will meet.

Saying that hitting the 12 major targets for national economy development just means dealing a sledgehammer blow to the enemy, the speakers expressed their will to make innovations and increase production at their worksites and achieve greater patriotic successes, thus fully demonstrating the dignity and might of the country and emerging always victorious in the confrontation with the imperialists and the US.

Then followed a demonstration.

The demonstrators marched, hardening their unshakable outlook on the arch enemy and steadfast resistance will and chanting the slogans for annihilating the enemy with a strong fighting spirit and self-confidence to win a great victory in the sacred war against the US imperialists and the ROK puppets.



Premier Kim inspects agricultural sector in South Hwanghae Province

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, made a field survey of the agricultural sector in South Hwanghae Province.

Going round farms in Pongchon, Paechon, Yonan, Chongdan and other counties, he met agricultural officials and workers striving to implement the decisions of the Party Central Committee with increased grain production and learned in detail about the present farming situation.

He again stressed the importance of the province's position and role in increasing the agricultural production of

the country, calling for well grasping the characteristics of the varieties of crops, steadily improving the scientific level of manuring and cultivation according to their growth conditions and taking thorough measures to actively explore and make an effective use of water sources so as to cope with persistent drought and high temperature and, in particular, reinforce and perfect the irrigation system.

He said that the agricultural guidance organs should direct efforts to the work of scientifically analyzing the experience and lessons in this year's wheat and barley farming and further innovating farming methods and the farms should conclude the early-crop farming in a responsible manner.

He underscored the need to make effective seed preparations in line with the

growing area under wheat and barley cultivation, take steps for securing more wheat planters and other farm machines and for the agricultural science institutes to step up the project for introducing high-yielding varieties suited to the regional soil conditions in a planned

manner.

Earlier, the premier learned about the fertilizer production, installation of more equipment and preparations for equipment repair at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex and took measures to settle the issues arising in the project.



Premier Kim Tok Hun (third from left) is on a visit to the Ruchon Farm in Pongchon County.

Premier Kim sends message of sympathy to Russian counterpart

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Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, sent a message of sympathy to Mikhail Mishustin, prime minister of the Russian Federation, on June 25 as regards the terrorist attacks by extremists in the Republic of Dagestan of the Russian Federation that caused casualties among law enforcement officers and innocent inhabitants.

He expressed deep condolences and sympathy to the bereaved families and victims. Saying that the DPRK government has consistently taken a firm stand against all forms of terrorism, he vehemently

denounced the recent hideous acts of terrorism that claimed human lives.

We are sharing the pain and sorrow with the fraternal Russian people, he said, expressing firm belief that the friendly Russian people would consolidate the socio-political unity and stability at an early date and invariably defend the unity between nations under the guidance of President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

He sincerely hoped that the resourceful and brave Russian people would eradicate the aftermath of the extremists' terrorist attacks as soon as possible and restore peace and socio-political stability.

Press statement of minister of National Defence of DPRK

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Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, released the following press statement on June 27:

The puppet Zelenskiy clique of Ukraine perpetrated a brutal atrocity again by mercilessly killing peaceful citizens of Russia on June 23.

According to media reports, the neo-Nazis of Ukraine attacked Sevastopol City of Russia with US-made ATACMS army tactical missiles equipped with cluster warheads, killing three people, including two children, and wounding 150 others.

Expressing deep sympathy and condolences to the victims, their families and the injured, I pray that the Russian people would eradicate the aftermath and restore their stable life as soon as possible.

And I vehemently denounce the recent case as a direct military attack on the Russian territory and an inexcusable hideous crime against

humanity.

The gravity of the issue is that as claimed by Russian official figures, the missiles fired by the Zelenskiy clique at civilians were the US-made missiles and the input of their coordinates was carried out by US military experts.

Therefore, the true colours of the US as the one directly involved in the Ukrainian dispute and worst sponsor of terrorism have become crystal clear and it has been fully proved that the weapons supplied by the US to Ukraine have been used to massacre peaceful citizens of Russia.

Hideous crimes deserve severe punishment.

The US, which has become directly involved in the Ukrainian war, has nothing to say against any punishment by Russia and the retaliatory attack will be the most legitimate self-defence.

We will always be on the side of the Russian army and people all out in the war of justice for defending the national sovereign rights and security.

Perpetrators of crimes against humanity are bound to face severe punishment by history

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The Ukrainian military gangsters committed an inhuman crime of killing civilians by attacking Sevastopol City of Russia with US-made ATACMS missiles tipped with cluster bombs on June 23.

It is not the first time for the puppet Zelenskiy clique to perpetrate such a terrorist attack against civilians.

Since the outbreak of the Ukrainian crisis, the Kiev puppet regime has committed such crimes against innocent civilians hundreds of times by striking civilian facilities in Belgorod Region, Kursk Region and other parts of the Russian territory with lethal weapons supplied by the US and other Western countries.

What cannot be overlooked is the fact that the Zelenskiy puppet clique carried out the above-said bloody attack right after its American master lifted the restrictions on its use of US-made weapons for the attack on the Russian territory.

Some days ago, the national

security adviser of the White House openly said that Kiev can use US-supplied weapons to hit any Russian forces attacking from across the border, adding "it is not about geography but about common sense."

The US Department of Defense betrayed its true colours as an instigator of murder by asserting that Ukrainian forces can use US-supplied weapons to strike any Russian forces not only in Kharkov Region near border but also in other parts of the Russian territory for their legitimate self-defence.

The US, which had come up with such hoodwinking restrictive conditions as "for enabling Ukraine to defend itself" and "with a guarantee of not attacking the targets in the Russian territory" when supplying weapons to the Zelenskiy puppet regime, "allowed" Ukraine to strike some parts of the Russian territory earlier. This time the allowed scope of strike has been expanded to cover "any target" and the "whole territory" of Russia.

The US has finally granted

the Ukrainian puppets the right to unlimited use of US-supplied weapons. This is little short of its official "order of massacre" to the puppets faithful to its strategy for hegemony and its declaration of outright confrontation with Russia.

The recent atrocity, perpetrated with the bombs banned by international law and long-range weapons offered by the US, was an intentional "murder by contract" premeditated by the US. And this clearly proves that they have gone to extremes in their anti-Russia hysteria.

Russia's stronger response for safeguarding the national interests and lives and security of its citizens is a just right to legitimate self-defence never to be refuted by anyone.

Those who unhesitatingly issued an "order to kill" innocent civilians and the mad terrorists will be surely forced to pay dearly for the hideous crime.

The inhuman murderers and destroyers of peace can never escape stern punishment by history.

DPRK Missile Administration conducts test of new important technology

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The DPRK Missile Administration successfully conducted the separation and guidance control test of individual mobile warheads on June 26, which is of great significance in attaining the goal of rapidly developing the missile technologies.

The test was overseen by Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee.

The test was carried out by use of the first-stage engine of an intermediate-range solid-fuel ballistic missile within a 170-200 km radius, which is favourable for ensuring maximum safety and measuring the flight characteristics of individual mobile warheads.

The mobile warheads were guided correctly to the three coordinate targets.

The effectiveness of a decoy separated from the missile was also verified by anti-air radars.

The test is aimed at securing the MIRV capability.

The test is part of the normal activities of the

administration and its affiliated defence science institutes for the rapid technical development of weapon systems.

According to the administration, it is of great significance in bolstering up the DPRK's missile forces and developing the missile technologies.

The senior officials said that to enhance the MIRV capability is a very important defence technological task and a top priority of the WPK Central Committee, stressing the need to take proper scientific and technological steps to further improve the effectiveness of decoys.



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On 50th anniv of DPRK-Laos diplomatic ties

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Greetings to PM of Laos

DPRK Premier Kim Tok Hun sent a message of greeting to Sonexay Siphandone, prime minister of Laos, on June 24 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the

establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Expressing belief that the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the

two countries would ever grow stronger, the message wished the prime minister bigger success in his work for building a prosperous socialist state.

Laotian embassy staff members visit Chongnyu Senior Middle School

Charge d'Affaires ad Interim Thong Sivilay and Laos Friendship Senior Middle School embassy in Pyongyang on June 24 visited DPRK-Laos Friendship Chongnyu Senior Middle School in Taedonggang District

on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The visitors went round various parts of the school, being briefed on the fact that its students are preparing themselves as reliable pillars of the future, possessed of knowledge, good moral character and good health, under the socialist educational system.

They donated educational equipment to the school.

They also toured the International Friendship Exhibition House and the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm.



Staff members of the Laotian embassy in Pyongyang visit the DPRK-Laos Friendship Chongnyu Senior Middle School in Taedonggang District on June 24.

Greetings to FM of Laos

Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, sent a message of greeting to Saleumxay Kommasith, vice prime minister and foreign minister of Laos, on June 24 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The message said that the two countries have strengthened communication and closely supported and cooperated with each other in the international arenas despite the complicated international situation for the past 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic

relations.

Expressing belief that the DPRK-Laos friendly and cooperative relations would grow stronger through close cooperation between the foreign ministries of the two countries, it wished the Laotian foreign minister greater success in his responsible work.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Birthday spread sent to centenarians

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Om Ok Sun, a woman centenarian living in neighbourhood unit No. 6 of Kyongdo-ri, Phangyo County, Kangwon Province, on her 100th birthday.

The centenarian expressed her deep thanks to Kim Jong Un after receiving the birthday spread amid the congratulations of officials in

the county, family members, relatives and villagers.

She often asks her children who work at important posts of socialist construction to do a good job for the country.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Hong Sok Won, a centenarian living in neighborhood unit No. 8 in Tokhung-ri, Kangso District, Nampho, on her 100th birthday.

Officials of the Kangso District Committee of the

Workers' Party of Korea and villagers visited Hong's house to celebrate her birthday and share joy with her.

Her family members said that Kim Jong Un who bestows warm benevolence even to an ordinary old woman is the tender-hearted father of the great harmonious family.

Consumer goods show begins in Pyongyang

A Pyongyang municipal consumer goods exhibition opened at the Pyongyang Underground Shop on June 25 with the attendance of more than 150 production

units in the capital city of Pyongyang.

On display there are more than 250 000 pieces of consumer goods of over 1 000 kinds, including condiments, confectionery, daily necessities and domestic utensils.

Lodging quarters of sportspersons built in North Hwanghae

The North Hwanghae provincial lodging quarters of sportspersons have newly been built and inaugurated in the DPRK.

The lodging quarters built in the area of Mt Kyongam are equipped

with enough conditions and environment for the rest and cultural and emotional life of sportspersons, including bedrooms, dining halls, functional rehabilitation room and sports sci-tech learning room.

An inauguration ceremony took place on June 21.

Present there were Ri Il Hyok, secretary of the North Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, builders, employees of the lodging quarters and sportspersons.

Kim Son Il, chairman of the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee, made

an inaugural address.

Wheat and barley harvesting almost finished in South Hwanghae

In South Hwanghae Province, wheat and barley harvesting has been finished in the main in the areas of relevant fields which increased over 1.3 times more than last year and the per hectare yields of the crops are expected to increase by 1.5 tons on average.

Officials and workers in the agricultural sector of the province are pushing ahead with the harvesting and threshing at the final stage.

Locals swear vengeance on US and other enemies

Mass rallies in provinces, cities, counties vow to annihilate enemies



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Present there were officials of the organs of the Workers' Party of Korea, power and

economic organs and working people's organizations, working people, youth and students in local areas.

At the events in North and South Phyongan and South Hwanghae provinces, speakers said that 70-odd years have passed since the US imperialists started a war

to nip the young DPRK in the bud, but the inveterate grudge of June 25 still remains in the minds of the people.

The venues of the rallies in North Hwanghae, Jagang and Kangwon provinces, too, were filled with the surging indignation and the strong

will to annihilate the US imperialists and the puppet ROK clans who are still running amuck to invade the DPRK again, not content with having ignited a war of aggression against the DPRK and reduced to ashes its streets and villages over 70 years ago.

Speakers at the meetings in North and South Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces decried the crimes of the US which has made every attempt to invade the DPRK again and inflict all misfortunes and disasters on the Korean people since

the surging wrath and hostility toward the sworn enemies resorting to every means to check the existence and development of the DPRK were also displayed at the mass rallies in Nampho, Rason and Kaesong cities.

Then followed demonstrations.

Working people's organizations hold meetings

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An oratorical meeting of workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) took place on June 24 on the occasion of June 25, the day of struggle against US imperialism.

Present there were trade union officials and workers and trade union members in Pyongyang.

At the meeting, speakers denounced the brutal atrocities committed by the aggressors during the Fatherland Liberation War, and expressed their determination to conclude the decades-long showdown with the US-led imperialists by giving vent to their hatred at the US imperialists and will to annihilate them.

They stressed that the US imperialists and the ROK puppets, who are staging ceaseless war drills against the DPRK even at this moment, watching for an opportunity of aggression, are the arch enemy with whom we must settle accounts without fail.

The venue of the oratorical meeting resounded with the participants' chanting of slogans calling for mercilessly punishing the hostile forces, including the US imperialists and the ROK puppets, the sworn enemy of the Korean people and disturber of peace and security.

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of

Korea met in the plaza of the House of Class Education in Susan-ri on June 21 to vow revenge on the US imperialists on the occasion of June 25, the day of struggle against US imperialism.

Present there were Choe Yong, secretary of the Nampho City Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea and union officials and agricultural workers in the city.

At the meeting, Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, made a report to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers said that all the agricultural workers and union members in the country are filled with hatred against the US imperialists, the sworn enemy.

They condemned the crimes of the US imperialist murderers, who killed many innocent inhabitants and patriots in Susan-ri alone during the Korean War.

They stressed that all the union members should fully arm themselves with the clear anti-imperialist and class consciousness that illusion about the US imperialists and class enemies precisely means death and the outlook on the arch enemy and keep themselves perfectly ready for an all-people resistance.

Displayed at the meeting was the strong will of agricultural workers and

union members to wipe out the US imperialists and the puppet ROK clans getting hell-bent on anti-DPRK nuclear war moves while seeking to provoke another war.

Youth and students of the DPRK met at the Youth Park Open-Air Theatre in Pyongyang on June 24 to vow revenge on the occasion of June 25, the day of struggle against US imperialism.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report at the meeting to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers stressed that the youth vanguard across the country would make the US imperialists pay dearly for the thrice-cursed crimes they committed by inflicting the war disaster on this land.

They noted that the US imperialists and their vassal forces ran amuck to exterminate the Korean people and wipe the DPRK off the world map through the unprecedented massacres baffling human imagination, but surrendered to the heroic Korean people after suffering a disgraceful defeat.

The aggressive nature of the US imperialists remains unchanged, they said, calling for making contributions to bolstering up the strongest military muscle with the invariable outlook on the arch enemy.

They vowed to annihilate the US imperialists and the

ROK puppets, the sworn enemy, and glorify the noble honour as the new generation of Juche Korea and descendants of the victorious wartime generation.

An oratorical meeting of youth and students took place at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on June 21.

Women's union officials and members in the DPRK met at the Sinchon Museum on June 24 to vow revenge on the US imperialists with the approach of June 25, the day of struggle against US imperialism.

Present at the meeting were Pak Thae Sop, secretary of the South Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, women's union officials from Pyongyang and the province and union members in Sinchon County.

A report and speeches were made there.

The reporter and speakers said that the Korean war was a premeditated war of aggression ignited by the US imperialists with the ambition to stifle the DPRK by force of arms and dominate Asia and the rest of the world, and a war of massacre in which they mercilessly killed many Koreans in the cruellest and most barbarous way.

They called for turning out in the sacred war to annihilate the aggressors on behalf of the mothers and children who died with deep rancour, if the US imperialists ignite another war on this land.

Art exhibition on class education opens



An art exhibition on the theme of class education is held at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on June 24.

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An art exhibition on the theme of class education opened at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on June 24 ahead of June 25, the day of struggle against US imperialism.

On display there are scores of art works dealing with the feeling of revenge on the US imperialists and other enemies, who left a permanent scar, called that of June 25, in the hearts of the Korean people and are still running amuck in the moves to ignite another war of aggression on the DPRK.

Choe Chang Hak, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, officials and creators in the field of fine art and working people in the municipality looked

round the venue of the exhibition.

Looking at Korean paintings and oil paintings showing the thrice-cursed crimes committed by the US imperialists during the last Fatherland Liberation War, the visitors expressed their surging indignation and hostility.

Art pieces depict large groups of the people and service personnel full of the will to further consolidate the ideological and class positions of the DPRK with strong anti-imperialist, anti-US class consciousness and to smash the US imperialists and their stooges getting frantic with drills for war of aggression.

Among them are those showing the barbarous and impudent hideous crimes committed by the Japanese imperialists, the sworn enemy of the Korean people.

New production line offers bright prospects for leveraging resources

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

A new crystal thenardite production line based on locally-abundant glauberite was established at the December 5 Youth Mine in October last year.

The production line, which is of great significance in the Juche-oriented development of the chemical industry, was pioneered and created by Korean scientists and workers from conception to design, building, installation and trial runs of core facilities. And it was successfully completed at one go.

Actually, the project for developing and using glauberite was initiated in the DPRK a long time ago.

The December 5 Youth Mine was developed in the 1980s under the care of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who put their heart and soul into the development of the glauberite industry.

However, the effort for processing glauberite had not been pushed successfully at first.

In the production of sodium carbonate using glauberite, for instance, relevant units were having difficulties as the problem of crystal thenardite production technology, a key requirement, was not fully solved.

And the crystal thenardite production process installed at a unit was not operating properly because of its poor yield and quality as compared to the labour and manpower provided for it.

Therefore, in the past, the mine specialized in digging ores and sent raw ores to a chemical industrial base.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set it forward as an important issue for defending and developing the economic lifeline of the country to build the basic chemical industry with glauberite as a starting material, a precious resource of the country, and took a series of measures for it.

Scientists of the Nano-engineering Branch of the State Academy of Sciences buckled down to the research into a new technology for producing crystal thenardite in 2019.

They completely parted from conventional experience and methods and stereotyped patterns.

"The reality that the country has not benefited from glauberite, a precious and abundant treasure in the country, demanded a new technology completely different from the old one," said researcher Ri Su Yong.

After a few months, they submitted their first research findings concerning the most important leaching technology to the national sci-tech deliberation.

The new approach, which had been neither tried in any other countries nor recorded in the literature, stirred up great controversy among experts from the beginning, and few approved of it.

However, they were not discouraged and obtained experimental data and numerical values one after another to ensure

the reliability of the new technology as the deliberation went on.

In the course of this, the scientific and objective nature of the new technology was finally verified.

This marked a breakthrough and the construction of the new crystal thenardite production line started.

The scale and work amount of the construction was huge with dozens of industrial buildings, including crushing, storage, crystallization and refrigeration plants, with a total floor space of well over 10 000 square metres.

As it was a huge project which was like establishing a whole new industry, many experts and designers in different fields were picked up from dozens of scientific, educational, design and construction units and relevant ministries and national agencies to be involved in the project.

The workers and technicians of the mine also took part in it.

The structures rose up breaking down the established common sense, while a large-scale capacity expansion for mass mining and conveying was carried out under the ground.

A few years later, the project was completed and the new production line took its magnificent shape.

The first trial run took place in June last year.

Everyone was holding their breath as the production line, the first of its kind, started operating. Then, snow-white crystal thenardite poured out

from a conveyor belt filling a large bag every few minutes.

The scientists and workers burst into tears and cheers with the joy of success.

An analysis proved that it was high-quality crystal thenardite with a purity of 2 percent higher than the expected index in the technical specifications and 10 percent higher than the previous production line.

It took four and a half years from research and development to industrial application.

As a result, the mine achieved a leap forward as a comprehensive industrial base, a new-type "factory" capable of producing and processing minerals at the same time, and the mine area took on the appearance of a modern industrial town.

This opened up a prospect for successfully operating the large-scale sodium carbonate production line built at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex and made it possible to supply more gypsum to the cement industry.

The mine accomplished its crystal thenardite production target for last year and has increased the ore production in this year, too.

It is also exploring and introducing innovative ideas for consolidating the existing production foundations and increasing the production capacity. It has introduced a new mass mining method capable of trebling ore output and drawn up the technical specifications for improving the stability and efficiency of facilities.



Polestar Insurance Company making rapid progress

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Polestar Insurance Company has recently made rapid progress in the insurance field of the DPRK.

Established in 2016, the Company has put continuous efforts to expand its footprint with a quality reliable insurance service. Therefore, the Company has leapfrogged its rivals into a leading position of 2nd rank in the domestic insurance field in terms of premiums written.

Headquartered in the capital city of Pyongyang, the Company has 15 branch offices in major Korean cities such as Sinuiju, Wonsan, etc. More than 450 local partners have entered into agency agreements with the Company, which serve as its platforms for rendering a package of insurance services to the institutions, enterprises and individuals.

The line of business is principally the non-life insurance including fire, engineering, agriculture, travel, credit and professional indemnity insurance. Thanks to its considerable efforts into enhancing customer service and developing risk management, the gross written premiums of the Company increased by 5.6% in 2023 compared with the previous year, while the underwriting profit for the year skyrocketed, representing a sharp increase by 147% year on year.

In April 2018, the Company joined the Federation of Afro-Asian Insurers and Reinsurers and the Ministry of Finance of the DPRK assigned the Company a financial strength and credit rating of STABLE OUTLOOK. It was in 2019 when the Company set out to write reinsurance risks from international markets.

The Company's corporate motto is "aspiration for greater successes, technological innovation and fresh idea and approach".

A top priority of the Company is given to developing a variety of insurance products and bettering the quality of insurance service in order to protect interests of the clients to the utmost. The Company has launched various innovative projects. Especially, it is transferring from conventional method to modern way of service based on InsurTech such as digitization technology, big data technology and artificial intelligence technology in keeping with the international insurance trends.

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Several hundred tons of more fertilizer produced a day

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The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex ensures the normalization of fertilizer production at a high level to produce several hundred tons of more fertilizer than planned every day.

The complex has a high goal of producing over 100 000 tons of more fertilizer for the present manuring year than last year and sending it to the agricultural sector.

The Ministry of Chemical Industry, the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex and the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex found out in advance problems arising in correctly carrying out the manuring year's plan for the supply

of fertilizer for farming as scheduled and sought ways to solve them. On this basis, they inspected the technical management of production processes and operation of equipment without omission and scrupulously organized and conducted the work to upgrade some technical indices in keeping with their increased capacities.

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex has increased the output of fertilizer by over 300 tons on a daily average as compared to last year. In particular, the gas cleaning process, which was readjusted last year true to the Workers' Party of Korea's strategy for readjustment and reinforcement, has proved effective.



A large quantity of fertilizer is produced and supplied to farms every day by the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex.

The per-hour gas cleaning efficiency has been increased and the quality of semiwater gas has improved, thus further increasing the actual output ratios at the relevant processes, which leads to increased fertilizer

production. The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex ensures maximum actual output ratios of all processes this year, too, on the basis of the rich experience it gained in operating the fertilizer production line with

expanded capacity.

The raw material workshop overfulfills its daily plan by 10% by introducing an efficient working method.

The nitrogen, gas cleaning, water electrolysis and other workshops also register

good results in production every day by lowering the norms for the consumption of materials per unit and promoting cooperation between processes.

This has resulted in the peak record in production.

Winner of 101 invention certificates

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

There is a woman who has proposed 101 original ideas in nearly ten years.

She is Yun Hui (pictured), 64-year-old living in Mangyongdae-dong of Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.

According to an official of the DPRK Intellectual Property Office, her record is two times larger than a runner-up.

Yun is a consulting engineer at the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of Science and Technology and a diffuser at the Mangyongdae District new technology research and dissemination office under the Mangyongdae District Commission of Science and Technology.

Yun was originally a doctor at a dong polyclinic.

"My father participated in the Fatherland Liberation War in the 1950s as a war correspondent. During the war, he got hurt on his leg and my mother, a health worker, recovered his health to the surprise of everybody by applying traditional Korean therapies. I was deeply impressed by her," she recalled.

She took fraternal care of all the residents, particularly war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers, while working as a household doctor at the polyclinic for a



long time.

As she majored in Koryo medicine in her university days, she mainly applied Koryo therapies.

She acquired a wealth of experience and made good results in the treatment of patients by dint of warm sincerity during her medical career.

Accordingly, she attended the national conference of exemplary people of communist virtue in 1993.

She was deeply moved as she listened to speeches made by other exemplary persons who devoted themselves to the country and people and made a firm determination to follow their examples.

Yun was favoured and loved by patients and residents as Dr. Devotion and achieved lots of successes.

She chose the way of

exploiting her whole knowledge for society after retirement, assuming several social duties.

Though she was busy, she was engrossed in the development of Koryo medicines relying on abundant domestic natural resources.

She presented one idea after another just like the eruption of experiences she had accumulated through the treatment of patients for scores of years.

Her first products included such health-promoting foods as apricot stone and adlay protein nutritious pattern savoury cake with protein-rich insects as the main materials, protein-rich nutrients, black soybean candy and combined protein nutritious paste.

As soon as they were unveiled, they became

much sought-after foods as they enhance absorptivity by maintaining a proper combination of essential nutritive elements.

She developed many treatment devices including tourmaline generating far-infrared rays and anion good for human body, electromagnetic wave shielding

absorber, mixed herbal indirect moxibustion treatment device, and hard charcoal massaging bedding by using hard charcoal with strong functions of making poisonous and harmful elements nonpoisonous and harmless and containing various kinds of microelements.

They were highly appreciated at different exhibitions, festivals and presentations in the field of science and technology, being regarded as popular goods.

She also authored some books on traditional medicine, health-promoting foods and processed charcoal products.

"It is definitely possible to cure and prevent illnesses by applying natural minerals and Koryo medicinal herbs abundant in our country. They are perfectly suitable for physical constitutions of Koreans," said Yun.

To her, there is no slight phase in life and she devotes her all to research.

Air-purifying ornaments win growing popularity

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The new technology research and dissemination centre of the Mangyongdae District Committee of Science and Technology in Pyongyang brought out non-electrical air-purifying ornaments.

"Indoor air purification at home and office is very important as the harmful factors existing indoors, which are invisible with neither taste nor smell, can be a hidden 'killer' that exerts seriously destructive effects on human health and even causes cancer," said developer Yun Hui.

According to WHO statistics, the number of deaths caused by indoor air pollution reaches millions every year.

The air-purifying devices that have so far been developed depend on electric power and, when turned on for a long while, they cause a dry nose and a headache and dizziness from the noise.

But the new air-purifying ornaments rely on tourmaline and activated charcoal, rather than electricity, to do the same job.

Generally, tourmaline gets electrically charged when it is rubbed, heated

or compressed, generating far-infrared rays and anions that are good for human health. Therefore, it has a wide application and earned a worldwide reputation as the "air vitamin" and "environment ranger".

Hard charcoal is also very good for health as it contains many minerals absorbed from the land for many years. When it is heated in a high vapour pressure, it becomes activated charcoal with strong absorption, adsorption and filtration properties.

Analysis results proved that the ornaments have clear air purification effects reaching the standards in all indices including far-infrared radiation coefficient and formaldehyde and ammonia adsorption rates.

Thus they perform distinctive air purification functions by absorbing and removing bad odours in the room.

The air-purifying ornaments are now enjoying a growing popularity as they offer a clean and refreshing environment as that of a deep forest where a waterfall cascades, and help people lead a long life in good health just through breathing the wholesome air without taking medicines or injections.

Turf green increasing agent helpful in creating green areas

By Kil Chung Il PT

A great deal of effort is now put in across the country to cover the land with plants.

Turfs play an important part in it.

Because they are very helpful in covering the surface of land beautifully like carpet, creating the living environment in a cultured and hygienic way and protecting the land of the country.

But they have a defect that they turn yellow soon if they are malnourished or suffer from diseases. In particular, they are not resistant to high temperature in midsummer.

Research projects have been undertaken in several units to overcome it, enhance the ornamental effects of turfs and extend their greening

period.

Recently, the turf green strength agents developed by the Architectural Science Institute under Pyongyang University of Architecture have drawn public interest.

"There are three kinds of turf green increasing agents. They exert positive effects in making the drying turfs green and improving their nutritive conditions as they evenly contain essential nutritive elements for the growth of turfs, microelements and plant growth stimulants," said Kim Hye Gyong, section chief of the institute.

According to her, they are especially effective at protecting turfs from high temperature and ensuring their high rooting rate.

They are used by diluting one litre of them with 100

or 200 times of water for 100 square metres of lawn in April and May and with 50 times of water between June and August when they suffer from high temperature most seriously.

"We introduced the agents in spring this year. And there were no outbreaks of rust disease and root rot. Which made it possible for us to improve the rooting rate of turfs and make them always green," say employees of the Moranbong District floricultural farm in Pyongyang.

The green strength agents, which proved to be effective through introduction into various units, are now popular among users as they are practically helpful in covering land with grass, trees and other plants.

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Comprehensive sports training base

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The sports village on Chongchun Street is in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.

The construction of the village was started in 1986 and completed in 1988, marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

It covers an area of 1.75 million square metres.

Sports facilities were built to blend in well with the geographical features on both sides of the street. The Taekwon-Do Hall, Taekwon-Do Holy House and weightlifting, basketball, and volleyball gymnasiums and Meari Shooting Gallery stand on one side and the swimming, badminton, combat sports, athletics, table tennis and handball gymnasiums and Sosan Football Stadium on the other.

There are also excellent service and public buildings for sportspeople, including the Sosan Hotel, Sports

Gymnasiums at the sports village on Chongchun Street in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.
RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



Science Library, fatigue-relieving centre, sportsmen's restaurant and hostel for sportspeople.

The buildings were arranged in keeping with the geographical features of the cosy valley, making a good harmony with the natural scenery and landscape of the street so that they look beautiful and distinctive from any direction. The appearance of each gymnasium

vividly symbolizes the characteristics of each sport.

The sports village on Chongchun Street was renovated to meet the requirements of the developing times in the new century of the Juche era.

All conditions are ensured in the gymnasiums, including equipment for illumination, temperature control and air conditioning, so as to provide convenience in training and games.

Especially, scientific systems for testing water quality, filtering water and ensuring proper temperature are established in the Swimming Gymnasium.

Sosan Football Stadium occupies the largest area in the village. It has a football pitch and outdoor training grounds so that players can train while others are playing matches.

The hostel for sportspeople which provides all conditions

for boarding of coaches and players was built alongside the gymnasiums in the village.

A few months ago, the 2024 Spring National Sports Festival opened with splendour at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street, divided into over 530 events of 31 sports like football, basketball, volleyball, weightlifting, gymnastics and Taekwon-Do.

At the Taekwon-Do Hall and Taekwon-Do Holy House, different international and national events and games have been held and many DPRK Taekwon-Do players who were trained there exalted the honour of the country by winning gold medals at international games. Therefore, the sports village on Chongchun Street is a beloved place of the DPRK sportspeople.

Sports facilities tell about devotion of great leaders

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The sports village on Chongchun Street in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, is one of the largest sports villages in the DPRK.

Nearly 40 years back, the area was known as a place where sloping and paddy fields lay scattered.

While seeing the master plan of Pyongyang Municipality in April 1985, President Kim Il Sung gave an instruction on building a comprehensive sports village in the Mangyongdae area. In August that year, he examined the designs of gymnasiums to be built in the sports village one by one and gave detailed instructions on the orientation and ways for their construction.

Thus, the construction of a large-scale sports village started there.

In April 1988, two years after the start of the construction project, he went to the spot and instructed the relevant officials to push ahead with its construction.

Chairman Kim Jong Il guided designs of the stadium and gymnasiums to be built in the village on several occasions.

After giving detailed instructions on the facilities to be installed at the completed stadium and gymnasiums, he sent a powerful construction

force for the construction of the village and visited the construction site three times in 1987 alone to solve all the problems arising in the project.

Two years after its groundbreaking, the sports village was completed as a general training centre equipped with the Sosan Football Stadium, gyms of such sports as volleyball, basketball, table tennis, handball, badminton, combat sports, weightlifting, athletics and swimming, a fatigue-relieving hall and restaurant for sportspeople.

After receiving the report that the sports village was completed, President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il came to the inauguration ceremony, busy as they were with lots of state affairs, to cut the inauguration tape and went round the football stadium and gymnasiums to give precious instructions on their management and operation and had a photo session with builders.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the sports village on Chongchun Street in March 2013, more than two decades after their visit.

At that time, many problems were arising in its management and operation including the ensuring of indoor temperature and illumination in the stadium and gyms.

While giving field guidance

at the village that day, Kim Jong Un called on officials to give a facelift to gymnasiums on Chongchun Street and sprucing them up in a modern style so as to turn the village into a national sports training centre and a general training base.

Later, he organized a powerful construction force for the renovation of the village and sent the world's latest architectural designs and formation plans. He energetically led the project to carry it out at the highest level as he gave instructions on dozens of occasions.

One year later, the renovation project was successfully completed.

In May 2014, he sent a lot of equipment and sports and cultural facilities to the upgraded stadium and gyms on Chongchun Street.

More than 20 international games and over 150 domestic tournaments have been held at the sports village on Chongchun Street, which turned into an excellent sports facility and modern general training base for sportspersons. Many sportspersons who trained at the sports village are exalting the honour of the country with gold medals.

The 2024 spring national sports festival opened at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in March.

A story about gold medal told by gym keeper

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Many people think that gold medals belong to players.

But Sok Yong Ho, keeper of the Athletics Gymnasium on Pyongyang's Chongchun Street, does not think so.

One day, he struck up an acquaintance with a gymnast who would soon participate in an international game.

They made friends soon as both of them were eager to add glory to the country with gold medals. As he saw the plane carrying the gymnast, whom he so followed as his real elder brother, flying overhead for the venue of the international game, Sok heartily wished the player would win a gold medal without fail.

After eagerly waiting for his triumphant return, the keeper got the news that the gymnast won a gold medal through the mass media and rejoiced at the result as his own.

But the joy did not last long, as the player did not appear as if he totally forgot Yong Ho.

And then one day, Yong

Ho saw a gold medal as he entered the training ground to put apparatuses in working order. When he was admiring at it as if in a dream, he could hear the gold medallist say, "You may touch the medal as you contributed to bringing it to our country." The gymnast approached him from the back and handed the gold medal around his neck.

To Yong Ho who looked embarrassed, the medal winner said, "Many people like you devoted themselves for us players. You deserve to wear it. This gold medal is not mine, but belongs to our country."

The remarks have inspired him to put his heart and soul into ensuring the training of players with strong attachment to his job for nearly 40 years since his youth. And they were also a source of encouragement that enabled him to become a meritorious person of socialist patriotism who is admired by the whole country.

He often tells the story about the gold medal to his workteam members. And he adds that players

can exalt the honour of the country when the workteam members make full preparations for their training.

At the gymnasiums of the sports village on Chongchun Street, there are many people who have worked in one job for 20 or 30 years like Yong Ho.

Although the keepers do not receive gold medals, they are very happy with players' victories as their own and prepare bouquets for them before anyone else.

The keepers present the gold medal winners with the bouquets and the latter put their medals around the former's necks and such a heartwarming scene unfolds at each gym.

Most recently, there appeared a distinctive "flower-decorated path" inside the Athletics Gymnasium, catching people's eye.

In the hope that sportspeople would have a good rest even for a moment, the keepers got beautiful flowers into bloom and arranged them in hundreds of pots along the indoor path.

Inhabitants of Central Zoo increase



By Kim Hak Chol PT

The number of animals and birds keeps growing in the Central Zoo in Pyongyang.

According to Kim Kwon Ho, deputy director in charge of technical affairs of the zoo, many creatures including the gift bird *Acatua sulphurea* have multiplied this year.

After the bird sent by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the zoo produced its young in January this year, a pet dog, also a gift animal, brought forth two male puppies in March. They weighed 110 grams each and were about 10 centimetres in length.

And an offspring of lemur, a gift animal sent to President Kim Il Sung by a foreign president, gave birth to a baby in April.

A Korean tiger and *Selenarctos thibetanus* also produced their younglings.

The three baby tigers (one male and two females) originally weighed 0.8 to 1 kilogram and were 25 to 30 centimetres long.

They are now growing in weight day by day thanks to the efforts of the zoo's employees.

The baby *Selenarctos thibetanus* (female) was 500 grams at birth, but now it weighs 16 kilograms.

An official of the Central Zoo said that 60 kinds of animals and birds have produced 200 younglings so far this year and all the breeders are making devoted efforts for them.



Many gift animals produce their younglings at the Central Zoo in Pyongyang. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Gardener devoted to tending gift plants



Hyon Chol Sun, workteam leader of the International Friendship Botanical House under the Central Botanical Garden

By Pang Un Ju PT

In the gift plant section of the International Friendship Botanical House under the Central Botanical Garden, also known as a treasure house of plants, there grow various species of trees and flowering plants presented to President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un by foreign personages and overseas Koreans.

The plants from different continents across oceans that rooted in the DPRK are associated with the sincere efforts of Hyon Chol Sun who has been working there for more than 40 years since her maidenhood.

She is now nearly 60 and has worked as a workteam leader of the section for nearly 20 years.

She had worked at the botanical garden as an analyst, but later she volunteered to work as a keeper of the gift plant section with the determination to tend rare plants.

As she was fairly fond of flowering plants and had chemical knowledge as an analyst, she was filled with confidence in her ability and buckled down to growing annual and biennial plants.

But it was never an easy job. At that time, tending those plants was as good as an unexplored field and relevant data on their cultivation that were sent along with them were unsuitable for domestic conditions.

"The ordeals, difficulties and anxiety I experienced are so indescribable. The most unforgettable days were when I tried to acclimatize some species of woody plants that are difficult to grow," Hyon recalled.

She felt as if her own flesh were frozen and torn off as she saw several trees frozen and burst on a biting cold winter day despite her great efforts.

She realized it was impossible to cultivate them with only a desire and superficial knowledge and decided to attend a university course.

She was enrolled in the study-while-you-work system and acquired special knowledge of plants, while gaining extensive experience of cultivating flowering plants and trees based on such knowledge.

Those trees which had been frozen and burst in winter revived finally and add beauty to the scenery of the gift plant section with thick foliage 10-odd years later now.

"Although plants are voiceless, they will repay your sincere devotion with their own faculties and graceful figures to add beauty to the scenery," said Hyon.

Together with her workteam members, she now tends more than 20 000 plants in hundreds of species.

Centre continues to improve standard of lighting art

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

The Korea Lighting Centre can be claimed to be a model unit in the architectural lighting art.

Established on June 27 2007, the centre provides people with a beautiful and civilized living environment by producing equipment related to light decoration at a high level.

It realized the integration of business activities including design, research, technical development, production and sale which are related to light decoration.

It develops various kinds of distinctive decorative illumination equipment including power units based on solar energy by relying on sci-tech forces involving competent designers.

In the past, it adorned the Chollima Statue, the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, the Grand People's Study House and other major monumental structures in Pyongyang and Okryu and Taedonggang bridges, Munsu Water Park, May Day Stadium and the Rungna People's Recreation Ground on Rungna Islet with various forms of light decorations and diverse fireworks products, thereby

decorating the night view of them.

It also ensured the light decoration of buildings in Wonsan, Hamhung and other cities on a high level.

Its standard of lighting art has developed rapidly on the occasion of October 10 2020 military parade held in celebration of the 75th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

After 2020, national celebrations were held almost at night and the centre's lighting art led people to joy on every occasion.

In the golden age of

construction, new streets are built beautifully every year by the decorative illuminations of the centre.

The 80-storey apartment house, the symbol of Songhwa Street and people's ideal street, has been decorated with blue lights to represent the ideal of the people advancing toward a more beautiful future.

Hwasong, Rimhung and Jonwi streets, which have been built after Songhwa Street, are also decorated with unique illuminations. They are decorated with quiet and mild orange-coloured lights as

compared to bright and gentle white illuminations that were widely used in the past to add beauty to the streets. And the ideas of forming the pattern of buildings upwards in tiers give different image to the structures at night.

It is a daily routine for those people, who moved into a new street, to command a bird's-eye view of the street in the evening.

The centre, which aims to dominate the field of decorative illuminations at home and abroad, strives to make continuous innovations in equipment and technical development.

Designers hold a discussion to improve the technical specifications of lighting apparatuses at the Korea Lighting Centre. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



Journey of devoted service

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

June 29 2016 is the day when the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was elected President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Eight years have passed since then.

Marking the day, the Korean people are looking back upon the journey of devoted service for the people made by the respected General Secretary.

The journey is consistent with the spirit of boundlessly devoted service for the people.

When the country was confronted with a trial due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19 in May two years ago, he defended the destiny of the people by braving it.

When everyone was confused by the unexpectedly great turmoil since the founding of the DPRK, he unhesitatingly visited pharmacies in the capital city at night to learn about the situation though the danger of the malignant epidemic did not pass, with the will to defend the people's happiness and stability to the last. At a consultative meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, he issued a special order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK on stabilizing the supply of medicines in Pyongyang by committing powerful forces of the medics of the Korean People's Army.

He sent reserve medicines prepared by his family to needy families and guided the anti-epidemic campaign day and night without a moment's rest. To him, the people are those that should be defended at the cost of his life and that each one is part of his flesh and blood whom he could and should never lose. During the top emergency anti-epidemic period, he examined 22 956 pages of 1 772 documents for the national anti-epidemic work.

Thanks to his self-sacrificing devotion and efforts, the DPRK could bring about a miracle of addressing the anti-epidemic crisis in a matter of 90-odd days to be specially recorded in the world health history.

When the country faces manifold hardships and ordeals, he gets closer to the people and warmly embraces them. When the people were suffering from a disaster caused by a sudden flood in Taechong-ri of Unpha County, North Hwanghae Province, he personally drove his car and rushed to the place before any others to protect the lives and destiny of flood victims. Thanks to his intention, all measures were taken for the flood victims. They were offered to stay in the office building of the county Party committee, and new modern dwelling houses were built in the afflicted area which turned into a beautiful village beyond recognition.

It happened not only in Taechong-ri.

His devotion and efforts have

reached every disaster-stricken area including Kangwon Province, Kaesong City and the Komdok area.

His journey is a continuation of the embodiment of the noble outlook on the people and people-first politics of him which spares nothing for the happiness of the people.

He put forward the housing problem whose solution is welcomed and awaited by the people as the cherished work of the Workers' Party of Korea and made a bold decision despite difficulties of the country, unfolding a grand plan for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang. Songhwa Street, the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District, Hwasong, Rimhung and Jonwi streets, which have been built as ideal streets for the people and flourishing socialist living space, are the fruition of his devoted service for the people.

At present, the respected General Secretary has worked out a grand plan for improving the people's living standards across the country by setting forth the Regional Development 20x10 Policy for the overall development of socialism, and pressed ahead with it.

Thanks to the wise leadership of him who continues to make a journey for the people with the noble intention of "Everything for the people", the Korean people's struggle for the overall development of socialism is being waged more courageously.

DPRK-Laos friendship developing under ideal of socialism

By Choe Song Jun PT

June 24 this year marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and Laos.

The close friendly relations between the DPRK and Laos with a long history and tradition have steadily developed for the accomplishment of the common cause for the interests of the peoples of the two countries and their social progress with the passage of time.

This is unthinkable apart from the undying exploits performed by the preceding leaders of the two countries for the development of the friendly ties.

President Kim Il Sung met with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane in Pyongyang in 1965 for the first time and gave him valuable advice the Lao party should regard as guidelines in leading the Laotian people's anti-US national salvation struggle to victory.

In the course of it, Kim Il Sung established personal relations with him and created a new history and tradition of the DPRK-Laos friendship developing under the banner of anti-imperialist independence and socialism.

Later, Kim Il Sung offered active support and encouragement to the Lao people who were struggling for national liberation and the building of a new society under the leadership of Kaysone Phomvihane, adding lustre to the relations between the two countries as a noble history of comradeship.

The President and Chairman Kim Jong Il, together with the leaders of different generations of Laos, creditably developed the traditional

bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation in the joint struggle for socialism decade after decade.

Kim Jong Il further deepened the ties between the DPRK and Laos. In September 2011, the last year of his life, he had a significant meeting with Choummaly Saygnasone, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and president of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on his visit to the DPRK, making a great contribution to bolstering up the friendly and cooperative relations between the two parties and the two countries.

The bilateral friendly and cooperative relations continue to be cemented on a new stage under the deep care of the top leaders of the two parties and two countries.

The peoples of the two countries work hard to widely expand the bilateral relations while strengthening mutual support and cooperation in their common interests despite the complicated international situation.

There have been conducted different types of visits, contacts and exchanges between the two countries.

The DPRK-Laos friendship will invariably grow stronger in the struggle of the peoples of the two countries for accomplishing the socialist cause.

The Korean people fully support the cause of the Laotian people who are victoriously advancing socialist construction in order to attain their fighting goals set forth by the 11th Congress of the LPRP while overcoming all the challenges and difficulties and extend firm solidarity to them.

White paper released by Institute for American Studies of DPRK Foreign Ministry

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More than 70 years have passed since the ceasefire of the Korean War.

Now it is hard to find on this land such traces of shuddering massacres and destruction committed by the US imperialists in the war.

The Institute for American Studies of the DPRK Foreign Ministry released a white paper on June 25 to disclose the historical facts on the atrocities committed by the US against the DPRK, which were utterly heinous in terms of scale, persistence and viciousness, and clarify the DPRK people's unshakable will to inflict a retaliatory punishment on the US imperialist aggressors, their sworn enemies.

The white paper refers to the hideous crimes the US committed by inflicting on the DPRK huge human losses unprecedented in the human history.

According to official data alone, the number of victims of the US massacres in the DPRK is 5 060 770 in total, including 1 247 870 deaths, 911 790 abductees and 391 740

missing persons.

According to their calculated damages based on the international practice, in consideration of the period when the victims could work, if they survived, and their income and the interest in the period when they did not get compensated, the damages of those persons killed, abducted and missing are estimated to be more than 16 533.396 billion US dollars and the damages of the wounded and disabled are 9 635.427 billion US dollars, totaling 26 168.823 billion US dollars.

The US can never evade the duty of fulfilling its responsibility as a war criminal state, before the DPRK government and people, for its hideous crimes that cannot be pardoned in view of international law or human morality.

The white paper discloses that the US inflicted on the DPRK disastrous material and economic damage that can never be compared with the aftermath of a world war.

The property damage, brought to the DPRK by the US during the war, is estimated at more than 16 661.622 billion US dollars.

Even after the war, the US had

systematically infiltrated terrorists and saboteurs into the DPRK's territory to destroy peaceful facilities, thus causing the property damage amounting to 21 266 million US dollars.

According to rudimentary estimation, the economic damage the DPRK people had suffered for 70-odd years from 1945 to 2017 due to the US sanctions and blockade amounts to more than 29.354 trillion US dollars and the amount is increasing tremendously with each passing day.

Such heinous crime, that has brought untold material and economic damage to the DPRK, is tantamount to another mass destruction and massacre aimed at encroaching upon and stamping out the sovereignty and rights to existence and development of the DPRK.

The white paper notes that the US has added to its crimes by leaving indelible wounds on the Korean people through its outrageous nuclear threat and blackmail and doing serious harm to the security environment of the DPRK.

The US declared that it would use A-bombs in the Korean war five years after it dropped them in Japan to kill hundreds of thousands of its innocent people.

The US spawned a nuclear issue in the Korean peninsula and has gradually escalated its nuclear threat and blackmail against the DPRK to drive the security environment of the peninsula to tension.

In anti-DPRK joint military exercises of various forms and missions, staged for the past seven decades, from Focus Lens in 1954 to Ulji Freedom Shield at present, the US has steadily acquired the capability to conduct a DPRK-targeted nuclear war. This year, it is staging

frantic drills for preemptive strike at the DPRK's nuclear facilities and major military bases, under the new "Operational Plan 2022", revealing its scheme for a nuclear war

against the DPRK under the eyes of the world.

Nothing can compensate for the mental damage suffered by the Korean people due to the US ever-escalating nuclear threat.

The Korean people are strictly keeping tabs on all the criminal acts committed by the US against the DPRK that have lasted for decades, and looking forward to the moment when the US will be made to pay dearly for all its crimes, the white paper says, stating:

"Blood for blood!"—this is the DPRK's irreconcilable norm related to compensation for the losses and its unshakable will to mete out retaliatory punishment.

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Who started Korean war and what for?

By Choe Song Jun PT

A war against the DPRK started on the Korean peninsula on June 25 1950, forcing the country to suffer a terrible loss of life and untold disasters for three years.

However, the war provocateurs have distorted the truth of history and made rackets like a guilty party filing a suit first for more than 70 years.

Who started the Korean war? And why?

Starter of war

The Korean war was a product of the US' strategy for world supremacy.

The United States blatantly pursued the strategy for world domination in the international arena after World War II and hatched a plot to occupy Korea as part of the attempts.

The US' Far East Command organized G-2 and G-3 specializing in making operational plans for launching a war and designing reconnaissance and intelligence operations and involved in them the "History Class" and "KATO" institutions composed of senior officers of the former Japanese army.

There they drew up the ABC plan aimed at occupying Korea, Manchuria of China and Siberia of the USSR.

The US, together with the ROK, mapped out a DPRK-targeted war plan.

The September 1964 issue of a Japanese magazine revealed the plan for attacking the DPRK, saying to the following effect:

The plan envisaged gathering ten divisions of the ROK and US armies along the 38th parallel to create two operational zones in the middle and western parts. Those in the west were to advance directly to Pyongyang. In concert with them, the naval and air forces would carry out a landing operation in the northern area of Pyongyang.

The magazine added that the plan was provided to MacArthur's command in early 1950 and transferred to the ROK side intact.

The *New York Herald Tribune* dated June 20 1950 reported that the plan for aggression had already been adopted with the unanimous approval of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff in January that year.

Roberts, the then chief of the US Military Advisory Group, said at a gathering of ROK army division commanders that many of the attacks on the DPRK were carried out according to his orders and that the ROK army should launch an offensive only according to the order of the US Military Advisory Group.

'Dagger' needed for US
Why did the US need the Korean

war?

In their coauthored book on the US national security policy, the deputy director and deputy managing director of the US International Institute for Strategic Studies wrote to the following effect:

Right after the Second World War, Truman declared the Cold War and came up with the strategy for blockade against the Soviet Union. An urgent task for him to handle was to secure military capability commensurate for the strategy. So he requested Congress to increase the defense budget, but it denied his request. He got more embarrassing in 1949 when the Soviet Union carried out a nuclear explosion test and the Chinese revolution emerged victorious.

He argued again for increasing the defense budget. But Congress limited the budget within the levels of \$12.9 billion and \$13 billion respectively in the 1949 and 1950 fiscal years.

The reason was that it was impossible to increase

the budget and build up military strength since no crisis occurred. Truman's Gordian knot was cut by the Korean war on June 25 1950.

An American book said it is undeniable that the Korean war broke out when the US economy was in recession and businessmen and government leaders welcomed Truman's intervention in the war as a harbinger of a boom, revealing that politicians and leading businessmen of the US had been looking forward to the war.

It was no accident that Dulles on his visit to the ROK just before starting the Korean war described Korea as a "dagger" for cutting a "huge lump of meat" called Eurasia.

Thus the Korean war began.



Dulles on a visit to the ROK to finally oversee the preparations for starting the Korean war.

Moves to revive multinational war machine for new war

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The US is getting more undisguised in its military moves to revive the "UN Command" in the puppet ROK as a multinational war organization.

Talking openly about "expanding the role of nations participating in the war" and "forming the multinational general staff of its allies comprising the UN Command", the US stirs up war fever by committing all the war criminal states, which had participated in the Korean war under the signboard of the "UN Forces", to the aggressive joint military exercises.

It is a disclosed fact that the "UN Command" is nothing but an aggressive organization the US fabricated by abusing the name of the UN while unleashing the Korean war in the 1950s.

After igniting the war, the US renamed the US Far East Command in Tokyo the "UN Command", threw troops of its satellite countries into the war and committed thrice-cursed crimes of mercilessly massacring innocent peaceful residents.

In July 1957, the US relocated the "UN Command", which was notorious for aggression and manslaughter, to the puppet ROK to put spurs to the execution of its policy of aggression against the DPRK and its strategy for world domination.

A resolution on dissolving the "UN Command" and withdrawing

troops of the satellite countries under the "UN Forces" was adopted at the 30th Session of the UN General Assembly in November 1975, but the US has so far maintained them on unreasonable pretexts.

The history of the "UN Command" is that of aggression and crimes committed by the US on the Korean peninsula.

In recent years, too, the US has involved troops of the vassal states in various aggressive war drills staged in the ROK and justified it, arguing that they belong to the "UN Forces".

This is well evidenced by the fact that large-scale provocative joint military exercises staged in the ROK in March involved vast numbers of nuclear strategic means and the armed forces of 11 satellite countries under the "UN Command" with no justification for existence.

The exercises, which included manoeuvres doubled as compared to last year, reportedly reminded one of the Korean war in the 1950s.

What the US aims at in the multinational joint military exercises bringing together its followers is to realize with little effort its wild ambition of invading the DPRK by highlighting the existence of the "UN Command" and thus drawing more stooges in its contingency on the Korean peninsula.

The US is now expanding the role of the "UN Command" by involving its member states in planning operations and in relevant detailed activities in case of contingency.

It is also trying to expand the operation scope of the multinational forces to the entire Asia-Pacific region beyond the Korean peninsula and massively involve troops of its satellite countries in various multinational joint military exercises under the veil of enhancing the combined military operations.

Saying that the US is a warlike state which maintains world hegemony through normalization of war and that it is trying to continuously maintain its hegemony in Asia and is more dependent on its allies than ever before, military experts disclosed that the military alliance organizations such as the "UN Command" and "Asian version of NATO" formed on the pretext of "joint defence" are the machinery for war of aggression which fundamentally serves the US' hegemonic interests and realizes them.

The military moves of the US to revive the "UN Command" as a multinational war machine are being further intensified through collusion with puppet Yoon Suk Yeol who is trying to tide over the ruling crisis by inciting war and the Japanese who are obsessed with the ambition for reinvasion.

Recently the US has persistently pursued bilateral and tripartite military cooperation by drawing in the ROK puppets and the Japanese, who are playing the role as the most faithful stooges and running dogs.

It is accelerating the establishment

of the triangular military alliance with the ROK puppets and the Japanese by fabricating the "Washington Declaration", starting the operation of the "nuclear consultative group" and putting tripartite joint military exercises on a regular basis.

It is part of this that not long ago, the military bosses of the US, Japan and the puppet ROK held confab for anti-DPRK military cooperation to decide to stage the tripartite joint military exercises under the codename of Freedom Edge.

The US is going to conduct a practical nuclear operation drill during the large-scale joint military exercises to be staged this August.

The joint military exercises being ceaselessly and frantically staged by the US and its top stooges and puppets on an unprecedented scale from the beginning of this year in parallel with the revival of the "UN Command" are a revelation of their sinister intention to ignite the second Korean war at any moment by expanding and intensifying the military moves of the "Asian version of NATO", an alliance for war of aggression.

The "UN Command" is now trying to revive as a war machine of multinational forces. This is undoubtedly a serious development that might entail a new nuclear war in the Asia-Pacific region including the Korean peninsula.

The reckless military moves of the US and the hostile forces will only result in hastening their end.

Briefly

Russia

Efforts to be concentrated on military buildup

President Vladimir Putin stated that Russia would continue to direct efforts to military buildup in a meeting with graduates of a military university on June 21.

Referring to the fact that Russia will further modernize armed forces, draw up national defence policies and rely on advanced science and technology, he stressed that it would keep developing three nuclear elements in particular, a guarantee for strategic deterrence and equilibrium in the world.

He added that decisions will be made by considering the recent trend of military development based on combat experience gained in the course of special military operations.

Africa

PAP chief calls for rooting out colonial education system

The Speaker of the pan-African parliament appealed to African countries to eliminate the colonial education system in his speech made on June 24.

Although the countries on the continent achieved independence in politics, they are faced with a task of wiping out the remnants of colonialism still surviving in the education sector, he said.

He stressed the need to provide all the children with traditional education and introduce curricula which will make a tangible contribution to the development of the continental economy.

Lebanon

Hezbollah mounts retaliatory attacks on Israel

Hezbollah carried out retaliatory attacks on Israel on June 23.

The organization of the Lebanese patriotic forces mounted a series of drone attacks against military command posts in northern Israel, thereby causing casualties among Israeli troops.

The recent retaliation was reportedly triggered by Israel's killing of a political party leader of Lebanon.

Earlier on June 22, Hezbollah made public the videos of major targets of Israel photographed by its reconnaissance drones.

EU

More sanctions imposed against Russia

The European Union is hell-bent on applying economic sanctions against Russia.

On June 20, the European Council announced that the EU agreed on a package deal on the powerful and substantial 14th anti-Russian sanctions.

Analysts comment that even under the present circumstances where it has become obvious that the anti-Russian sanctions proved a failure, the EU keeps imposing sanctions recklessly, which will only result in the deterioration of the European economic situation.

SPORTS CONTEST OF REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS END



The Sports Contest of Revolutionary Schools-2024 takes place at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School between June 17 and 23.

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The Sports Contest of Revolutionary Schools-2024 took place at Mangyongdae

Revolutionary School in Pyongyang from June 17 to 23. The contest brought together more than 1 000 players selected from Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, Kang

Pan Sok Revolutionary School, Nampho Revolutionary School and Saenal Revolutionary School. Among the spectators were officials of the Central

Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the youth league and armed forces organs and teaching staffs and students of the schools. The participants played

various sports and amusement games in the contest, divided into Myohyangsan, Kungangsan, Kuwolsan and Chilbosan teams. Mangyongdae Revolution-

ary School won the male students' category and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School the female students' category. An awards ceremony took place.

Second round of DPRK Premier League finished

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The second round of the 2023-2024 DPRK Premier Football League came to a close on June 23.

According to the total results of the first and second rounds, the April 25 and Sobaeksu teams are taking the first place with

44 points each, followed by the Ryomyong and Amnokgang teams with 42 and 41 points.

In the second round, 21 out of the total 66 matches ended in a draw and 185 scores were registered.

Compared with the second round of the last premier league, the number of the drawn games and the

average score per match increased by four and 0.18 respectively.

The recent second round games also attracted football fans for unexpected results.

The Jebi beat the April 25, the strongest team at home, and the Rimyongsu defeated the Sobaeksu 2-1 respectively.

Natural monument—Paegak Falls

By Song Jong Ho PT



Paegak Falls are located in the Chonbulsan-ri, Yonggwang County, South Hamgyong Province.

They begin at the southern foot of Mt Chonbul and the area of the waterfall is made up of granite.

Around the falls, there are thick forests of oak, pine and Korea larch trees, high and rugged hills and a deep valley.

The waterfall cascades down a steep cliff with a gradient of over 75 degrees spouting a column of water. It is magnificent and beautiful as well.

It has an enormous amount of water all the year round and there is a pond under it.

