

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance over construction of Wonsan Kalma coastal tourist area



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The leadership of the great father, who always works with devotion through creative thinking to provide our people with the most civilized and happiest life, gave birth to another legendary tale of love in the Wonsan Kalma area, which

is turning into a wonderful cultural tourist resort for the people.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance over the construction of the Wonsan Kalma coastal tourist area on

July 16.

Accompanying him were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the Cabinet, and Jo Yong Won, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Pak Thae Song and other secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, Pak

Jong Gun, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, major commanding officers of the armed forces organs, officials concerned of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kangwon

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Province and the design sector.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un initiated the construction of a characteristic and modern coastal tourist city of Korean style, of which we can be proud in the eyes of the world, and visited the construction site several times to indicate the orientation and ways for the successful development project and has guided the whole course of the project step by step. Thanks to his ceaseless devotion and wise leadership, magnificent and grand scenery is unfolding as a paradise of people in Myongsasimni, a scenic spot along the East Sea of Korea.

All the builders have turned out in high spirits with a firm determination to successfully complete the construction of the Wonsan Kalma coastal tourist area and fully demonstrate the validity of the people-first politics of the WPK. They are performing fresh miraculous feats day after day, true to Kim Jong Un's noble intention to make devoted service for the well-being of the people, so as to attain without fail the construction goal set forth by the Party Central Committee.

Feasting his eyes on the panoramic view of the vast tourist area stretching along a 4km coastline, Kim Jong Un, with a broad smile on his face, said that it was really beautiful and spectacular

and he felt refreshed both in mind and body as he saw the scenery peculiar to the picturesque coastal area, and repeatedly expressed great satisfaction at the fact that it had taken on an impeccable appearance as a world-level coastal tourist city as planned.

He highly praised the builders for bringing about collective innovations in ensuring both the speed and quality of construction with a death-defying spirit, true to the Party Central Committee's plan to build the tourist resort as a monumental edifice of eternal value for the people.

He stressed the need to further expand the successes, not slackening the high spirit, as the project had entered its final stage, calling on the commanding officials to make a more exacting demand, the builders to display redoubled efforts and the construction inspection organs to enhance their sense of responsibility and role to the maximum.

He held a consultative meeting with officials accompanying him on the spot to discuss the practical matters for making full preparations for the operation of the tourist area according to a well-thought-out plan as the 19th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party had decided to open the coastal tourist area by next May.

Stressing the importance of making

good preparations for the operation of the tourist area, he said it is important to build a wonderful resort but the key issue is to ensure perfect services appropriate to its class. However fashionable its facilities are, it will lower its value as a tourist resort if the level of their services is low, he added.

Noting that the capacity of the services and its feasibility should be scientifically examined to properly select service units, he called for making preparations for operation on a full scale from now on. And he specified the orientation for doing so and took a series of important measures.

The meeting discussed all the issues arising in the preparations for ensuring smooth operation of the tourist area, including those of ensuring the parking space as suited to the capacity of the tourist area, building an amusement park and a leisure activity area, building up the capacity for garbage and sewage treatment and training experts for all the categories of services.

Wonsan is a coastal city of natural and geographical beauty, and, in particular, Myongsasimni at the Kalma peninsula has long been known as a famous scenic spot, he said, adding that a marine park of national value to be known to the world as the best tourist resort of the country would be successfully built and Myongsasimni will win the fame as a pride of Wonsan and a 4km-long stretch

of beach crowded with the people in the near future.

Stressing that tourism should be developed in a long-term manner on the basis of the experience gained in the construction of the coastal tourist area, he said that as our country is surrounded by sea on its eastern and western sides and has many scenic spots on its eastern coast, including Mt Kumgang, Mt Chilbo, Majon, Kumya, Riwon and Yombunjin, it is needed to steadily implement the policy of concentrating on making rational use of the abundant coastal resources of tourism. And he called for taking long-term steps to exploit in a unique manner the resources of coastal tourism for sports, leisure activities and marine sightseeing.

After receiving the important instructions of Kim Jong Un that clearly indicated the path for a new development in the country's tourism and advanced guidelines and ways for achieving comprehensive rejuvenation of Korean-style socialism and providing the people with a happier life, all the officials renewed their faith that the plans and determinations of the Party Central Committee are an immutable science and truth, and made a firm pledge to fulfil their responsibility and duty in the important and worthwhile struggle for creating improved civilization for the people, remaining faithful to his leadership.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance over preparations for construction of Sinpho City Offshore Farm

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The programme for socialist construction in the new era of the Workers' Party of Korea, which regards the great people-first principle as its sacred political ideals, and its outstanding and energetic guidance continue to give birth to the most scientific and revolutionary strategies for great regional development and

bring them to brilliant fruition in the course of the comprehensive development of our dignified state.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who worked out long ago a plan to improve the people's living standards as early as possible by making effective use of the sea in conformity with the natural and geographical features of the country with long coastlines, clearly indicated the orientation and ways for positively promoting and developing offshore fish-farming and aquaculture, and has wisely

led the work to put it into practice.

Amid the stirring reality, in which the struggle for implementing the historic Regional Development 20x10 Policy is being waged dynamically, he had already given the WPK Central Committee a special instruction to take direct charge of and push forward with the work for setting an example to be followed by all coastal cities and counties to promote their development in a characteristic way as suited to their specific conditions by making the most effective use of marine

resources. True to his special instruction, Sinpho in South Hamgyong Province, a typical coastal city with a small area under cultivation compared to its population, was set as a model for this year and preparations have been made to this end.

On July 15, 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, together with senior officials of the Party and the government, visited the Phungo-dong area in Sinpho, South Hamgyong

Province, and looked round the site of an offshore farm to be built, acquainting himself with the project plan. He then convened a consultative meeting of officials concerned on the spot. Present there were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the Cabinet, Jo Yong

Won, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Pak Thae Song and other secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Pak Jong Gun, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, major commanding officers of the armed forces organs and relevant officials in the province and in the design sector.

Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed the issues arising in building the Sinpho City Offshore Farm

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into a new fine model for shallow-sea culture, generalizing it to bring about a substantial improvement in the economic development and the people's living standards in coastal cities and counties, and more dynamically pushing forward with the Party's regional development policy.

Referring to the purpose of the convening of the meeting, Kim Jong Un analyzed the economic potential of the seas and the importance and significance of their effective exploitation and use of their resources by the coastal cities and counties in successfully bringing about the epochal change in the 10-year revolution for the regional development which has entered the full-scale phase of its implementation, and set forth practical tasks and ways to this end.

He stressed that developing and making good use of their natural and economic resources in regions is very important to secure the independence and driving force of the regional economic development and, furthermore, to develop the country's economic potentials in a unified and development-oriented way.

He said that only when the regions create an atmosphere for balanced and competitive growth by building up the foundations for their independent and sustainable development in all the local areas, can the regional economy develop, and the more the regional economy develops, the greater the motive power of the overall economy will become, contributing to the strategic economic potential growth.

The consultative meeting heard the data on the economic profits and effectiveness of the Sinpho City

Offshore Farm.

Kim Jong Un seriously analyzed the reasons why the Party's policy on developing the regional economy by making good use of the mountains in mountainous areas and the sea in the coastal regions has not been implemented so far. He stressed that the policies consistently maintained by the Party on narrowing the gaps between urban and rural areas in economic life can be implemented only when the state provides all the conditions and possibilities for the economic growth in regions in a responsible manner.

Saying that if the scallop and kelp farming is conducted well in the waters off the Phungo-dong area in the city of Sinpho, which is poor in economic potentials, can become the richest among the cities and counties in the country in three to four years, he expressed his determination to successfully build up the Sinpho City Offshore Farm into a model of aquaculture in the new century and present it to the people in the city as a gift.

He continued that it is the unique ties between the WPK and the army, their most sacred tradition and the decisive guarantee for victory in the revolution that when the Party leading the revolution plans any project, the army unconditionally carries it out, always holding it as an honourable historic mission. He entrusted the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm to the Korean People's Army units.

He expressed expectation that the KPA, absolutely loyal to the Party's ideas, leadership and orders, would successfully build the model of offshore farming, to which the state attaches importance, and present it to the Party and the people as an outcome of its steadfast revolutionary stand and

patriotic spirit.

He stressed the need for relevant units to responsibly carry out the tasks assigned to them as regards the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm.

He instructed the Party Central Committee to set a creative example to be generalized and applied to other parts of the country by taking direct charge of the construction of the farm and powerfully and substantially pushing ahead with it. He also made sure that a division in charge of offshore farm construction was set up in the non-permanent committee for promoting the Regional Development 20x10 Policy to exclusively supervise and guide the construction of aquaculture bases in other coastal cities and counties.

Pointing out that the layout of the farm, submitted by the design sector, was not worked out at the level appropriate to a model creation of the aquacultural industry in the new century, he stressed the need to conduct a sincere study in a more innovative manner and create a new one so as to make the construction of the farm another revolutionary stage of development in designing industrial facilities, and indicated the orientation of designing.

Like all other undertakings, the development of aquaculture should be based on scientific guarantee and calculation along with proactive introduction of advanced technologies, he said, calling for giving priority to the selection of superior strains and paying primary attention to raising the scientific level to the maximum in the whole process, ranging from the management of the sea-farming ground to the preservation of ecological environment.

The consultative meeting took relevant measures after specifying practical tasks, including those for the senior city and

county officials to comprehensively investigate the natural and geographical features and economic potentials of the regions under their charge and conduct a scrupulous study and organizational work to fully exploit them, to perfect the legal and institutional mechanisms to make the preferential measures for regional economic development prove effective, and to direct efforts to training core technicians and skilled workers in all cities and counties.

After the meeting, Kim Jong Un went round the waters for aquaculture by the farm.

Learning about the shellfish farming under way on a trial basis, he said that the waters off the Phungo-dong area are favourable for aquaculture in various aspects, including water quality, depth and temperature. With his heart filled with deep emotion, he pictured in his mind the morrow of the Sinpho citizens who will enjoy happiness along with the wonderful change in their region.

Convinced of the sure prospects of aquaculture and the possibility of its development, all the officials, who took part in the consultative meeting in the presence of Kim Jong Un, made a firm pledge to perform remarkable feats in the proudest and most worthwhile struggle by remaining true to their mission and duty in the struggle for placing the current new phase of regional development on a track of rapid promotion.

The consultative meeting will be recorded in history as a crucial watershed that set up an epochal milestone for the regional economic development of our own style and as today's "Changsong Joint Conference" that instilled into all the Party members and other people stronger confidence in the creation of a new life and happiness.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance over construction project of Samjiyon

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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, gave field guidance over the construction project of the city of Samjiyon between July 11 and 12.

He was accompanied by Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the

Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the Cabinet, and Jo Yong Won, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong and other leading officials of the WPK Central Committee.

On November 14, 2021, when visiting the city that had turned into a standard of cultured mountainous city and a model regional city, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un had proudly reviewed the fact that the four-year-long city construction project was successfully carried out as planned and intended by the Party. And he had set forth important tasks and ways for better sprucing up the city as



a powerful base for education in the revolutionary traditions and a model of highly-civilized mountainous city.

He strongly pointed out the irresponsibility leading officials had revealed in the course of construction and a series of serious deviations caused by it, and gave instructions on taking necessary measures.

Going round

an area for the study tour of revolutionary battle sites and a tourist area, including those of pushing ahead with the road and railway construction, taking measures for the protection of the ecological environment and forests and additionally building hotels and hostels, in keeping with its changed living environment.

True to his on-site instructions and the decisions of a plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee, the additional Samjiyon city construction projects have been completed in the main.

The construction of 40-odd public and production buildings, including the

Samjiyon Revolutionary Museum and neighbourhood-serving amenities, scores of houses for families of employees and roads extending over 230km was completed, and some unfinished projects such as the remodelling of Samjiyon Airport and railway construction are under way or on the stage of preparation.

Going round various places of the city, Kim Jong Un learned in detail about the construction projects.

He highly praised the builders for having achieved wonderful successes by exerting responsible efforts into the major planned projects to spruce up the city as

the newly-built hotels for domestic tourists, he severely pointed out that their construction was carried out carelessly at an outdated and backward level contrary to the requirements of the developing times. Noting that those new buildings had to be remodelled and, consequently, this problem badly affected the general long-term plan for the city development, bringing economic losses, he sharply criticized the irresponsible construction inspection organ for its serious neglect of duty by making the innumerable and

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serious shortcomings pass through the completion inspection and handing them over to the operation units.

The need to enhance the role of construction inspection organs has been stressed on every occasion, but officials in this sector do not pay attention to the demands, instructions and warnings of the Party Central Committee and the government, he said, adding: The leading official of the Ministry of State Construction Control has never engaged in the inspection of completed public facilities in this city, to which importance has been attached. This fact alone clearly shows that his ideological laxity and neglect of duty have reached the extremes.

Noting that Ri Sun Chol, minister of State Construction Control, has never been to the city since December last year when the inspection of completed facilities started, leaving it to officials of the field headquarters, and a former vice-minister of the same ministry idled his time away on the spot with an irresponsible work attitude, he sternly pointed out that they are good-for-nothing persons devoid of the standpoint of serving the state and people and the elementary morality and qualification as civil servants. And he gave instructions to suspend their rights and hand them over immediately to a law-enforcement organ for investigation.

He also gave instructions to stop the work of all members of the completion inspection committee under the Samjiyon city construction project headquarters responsible for the construction and call them to account for their work and downgrade the deputy director of the Organizational Leadership Department of the WPK Central Committee who is in charge of the political group in the field of

construction.

He said that the vice-premier of the Cabinet, who had neglected his duty for guiding the overall construction while attaching importance only to the housing construction in Pyongyang, and the standpoint of working to their liking and work abilities of senior officials at the state designing organ should be re-examined without fail.

As the deviations revealed in the construction of the city of Samjiyon clearly show, it is impossible to correctly implement the Party's Juche-oriented idea on architecture and construction policy, if leading officials are irresponsible and the edge of construction inspection is dull, entailing such grave consequences as loss and violation of the interests of the state and people, he stressed once again, adding that everything should be corrected immediately.

Kim Jong Un set forth important tasks for face-lifting Samjiyon to be a new and innovative cultured city in the light of the daily-growing requirements of today's reality.

Unveiling the Party's plan to develop it into a typical mountainous city in the northern part of the country, a characteristic combined four-season mountainous tourist resort, to meet the cultural and emotional demands of the people on the highest level and revitalize international tourism, he said that the grand nature of the Mt Paektu area consisting of mountains and primeval forests is our precious resource, of which we can feel proud. He gave important instructions for building a tourist resort in the world-famous Mt Paektu for our people and the world people and making tourism a major driving force of the development of the region.

Saying that the Phothae area, an undeveloped area in the city, can be

regarded as a suitable area for mountain tourism for sports and experience for its large amount of snowfall and natural, geographical, meteorological and climatic conditions, he discussed the ways of pushing ahead with the construction of a large-scale ski resort within two years, and indicated stage-by-stage tasks for building a skiing ground and holiday camp with Mt Pukphothae as a centre, remodelling Samjiyon Airport and laying a tourist railway and the orientation and ways for effectively developing and making use of tourist resources in the city.

Our Party has already and constantly emphasized that architecture is an important criterion showing the degree of civilization of a country and nation and the development of a relevant society in a visual way, he said, stressing the need to build the cultural and tourist facilities in the city in a developed architectural style peculiar to our country which combines national characteristics with modernity.

As even one architectural structure reflects the ideology of the times and the level of civilization, construction itself is an important ideological undertaking, he said, repeatedly stressing that the our-nation-first ideology and the people-first principle should be thoroughly embodied by establishing the Juche orientation in architecture.

He said that we would build the ski resort in the Mt Pukphothae area as a cultural tourist centre, which perfectly embodies the people-first architectural ideals of the Party, serves the people and clearly reflects their demands and which will be frequented by them.

He also set forth important tasks to be fulfilled in improving the convenience in climbing Mt Paektu and steadily intensifying the study tour of revolutionary battle sites, including those of expanding the road of Mt Paektu

climbing tour to be double-lane one and paving it and laying a tourist railway to the Mudubong area.

He stressed the need to build and expand stage by stage the accommodation and catering facilities, and transport facilities such as mountain railways and cableways in the mountainous areas around the city for visitors to the revolutionary battle sites and tourists.

Saying it is necessary to develop mountain tourism into a highly promising industry in conformity with the natural and geographical features of the country, in which the mountain areas account for almost 80 percent of the whole territory, he stressed that at the same time it is important to perfect legal and institutional mechanisms for protecting nature and the environment.

He said that the construction of a large-scale Samjiyon tourist resort is of great significance in widely introducing the nature of the country, further improving the level of the people's cultural and emotional life and securing the driving force of the regional development through tourism.

He said there is no doubt that the Mt Paektu tourist resort, which we are planning to develop and will surely unfold in the near future, would be a resort, which will make the friendly foreign guests feel special attraction.

Thanks to the outstanding and seasoned guidance of Kim Jong Un, the great genius of creation and construction and benevolent father of the people, who continuously plans to bring a new world to be prosperous day after day, while working heart and soul going through untrodden paths for the happiness of the people and prosperity of the country, eye-opening and miraculous reality will be unfolded in the historic city of Samjiyon in the near future.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives military delegation of Russian Federation



KCNA Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received

a military delegation of the Russian Federation led by Vice-Minister of Defence Aleksey Krivoruchko on July 18.

He had a talk with the vice-minister of Defence of the Russian Federation.

The head of the delegation courteously conveyed the warm greetings of Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, to the DPRK leader.

Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks for it and asked him to convey his kindly greetings to the Russian President.

At the talk they shared a common understanding of the importance and necessity of the military cooperation between the two countries for defending mutual security interests.

Kim Jong Un extended militant greetings to the Russian army and people waging a sacred war of justice

for defending the sovereign rights and security of their state and expressed the DPRK government's and people's invariably strong support for and firm solidarity with them over the special military operations in Ukraine.

Appreciating once again the great significance of the DPRK-Russia Pyongyang summit held last June, he stressed the need for the armies of the two countries, linked by long-standing historical tradition and militant ties, to get united more firmly to dynamically lead the DPRK-Russia relations in the new era and play an important part in defending regional and global peace and international justice.

The talk took place at the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Enlarged plenary meetings of municipal and provincial committees of WPK held

KCNA Enlarged plenary meetings of the Pyongyang municipal and provincial committees of the Workers' Party of Korea took place from July 12 to 14 for implementing the decisions of the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central

Committee of the WPK. The plenary meetings were attended by members and alternate members of the provincial Party committees. Also seen there as observers were officials of the Party and power organs, administrative and economic bodies and others in the relevant regions.

Reports were made there. The plenary meetings analyzed and reviewed successes and experience gained and a series of deviations and lessons revealed and drawn in the course of implementing the Party's decisions in the first half of the year. The meetings also discussed the

ways for successfully attaining the major goals planned for this year through a vigorous struggle in the second half of the year. At the plenary meetings, the reporters stressed the need for all Party organizations and officials to courageously organize

and conduct the struggle for implementing the decisions of the Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the WPK by making strenuous efforts, bearing in mind the requirements of the Korean revolution and the expectations of the people. Speeches were made at the

plenary meetings. The plenums unanimously adopted additional decisions drafted by the participants in the uplifted spirit to reliably guarantee the implementation of the Party decisions of their regions, sectors and units with boundless devotion and strong executive ability.

Press statement of spokesman for DPRK Ministry of National Defence

KCNA A spokesman for the DPRK Ministry of National Defence released the following press statement "Our army will guarantee the national security in every way with its powerful nuclear war deterrent readiness" on July 13: The chief executives of the US and the ROK made public a "joint statement" that openly plotted a nuclear showdown with the DPRK on July 11. The militaries of the US and the ROK signed the "guidelines on nuclear deterrence and nuclear operations on the Korean peninsula," occasioned by the Washington NATO Summit, thus betraying their sinister intention to step up

their preparations for a nuclear war against the DPRK by realizing the integration of the nuclear forces of the US and the conventional forces of the ROK. The DPRK Ministry of National Defence strongly denounces and rejects the reckless provocative act of the US and the ROK that pushes the regional military tensions to extremes through extremely incendiary and malicious rhetorical and provocative action. The provocative behaviour fully shown again by the US and the ROK is the root cause of endangering the regional security. We come to the conclusion that there is only one option

for us to take against such confrontational fanatics. Our enemies' nuclear threat, which is ever-escalating in an offensive and frantic manner, and the dangerous regional security environment brought by it urgently require the DPRK to further improve its nuclear deterrent readiness and add important elements to the composition of the deterrent. We know what we have to do and we will continue our activities necessary for it. We seriously warn the hostile states not to commit such provocative acts causing instability any more. If they ignore this warning, they will have to pay an unimaginably harsh price for it.

New posters produced

KCNA New posters powerfully encouraging the indomitable struggle of all the people across the country, who are elevating the development phase of national rejuvenation to a radical expansion by steadily displaying the inexhaustible strength of loyalty and patriotism and irresistible force of single-minded unity under the ever-victorious leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, have recently been brought out in the DPRK. The newly created posters will further promote the strong fighting spirit of all the people full of burning enthusiasm to carry forward the history of the development of the DPRK forever as that of dignity, glory and prosperity with firm confidence in their cause and strength, closely united behind the Party Central Committee.



Poster "All out for the implementation of the decisions made at the 10th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea!"

Practical measures taken to increase agricultural output

By Kim Il Jin PT

Agricultural guidance organs at all levels have taken substantial measures to attain the grain production goal for this year in order to implement the decisions of the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Agricultural Commission and agricultural guidance organs in provinces, cities and counties analyzed and reviewed the deviations revealed in the course of going through each farming process in the first half of the year. On the basis of it they

are taking detailed, realistic and practical measures to conclude this year's farming successfully and make preparations for the next year's farming.

All farms across the DPRK direct efforts to finishing all farm operations in time and in a qualitative way, including the harvest of preceding crops, grain procurement, weeding and fertilizer application.

They have taken steps to ensure a rapid, accurate and scientific weather forecast in close contact with the relevant units, increase the per-hectare yield by manuring and cultivating

crops properly in line with the weather conditions and minimize the damage at the time of outbreak of disastrous abnormal weather conditions like typhoon, flood, drought and high temperature.

They are concentrating on the preparations for next year's farming of wheat and barley including the securing of seeds and supply of farm machines and farming and other materials like seeding machines and fertilizers, as they are going to increase the wheat and barley acreages.

In-depth discussions are held on the issues of securing, carefully sorting

out, processing and storing grain seeds in a responsible manner, pushing ahead with the preparations of materials for making seedbeds, tillage of paddy and dry fields and production of self-sufficing manure as planned and planting tasty and highly nutritious varieties of crops by strengthening the breed examination system.

Realistic plans are developed and discussed to finish the irrigation construction scheduled for next year before the farming season on the basis of the experience gained in the irrigation projects of this year,

There has been a heated debate about how to survey and grasp the land to be used for farming by reclaiming tideland and forest land and use them for grain production. Creative ideas for producing quality farm machines that suit the actual conditions of the country by solving the scientific and technical problems arising in the mechanization of agriculture and for increasing the ratio of farm works done by machines are being generalized and practical steps are taking concrete shape.

Practical measures are also taken to prepare the construction of a modern

wheat processing factory as a model and standard and pass on techniques related to the construction and operation of the factory.

Attention is being paid to boosting the production of meat and eggs by improving animal husbandry.

Proposals have been developed to build highly modern chicken farms and establish a regular system to ensure unified guidance over them and to consolidate the material foundations of the livestock farming sector including the securing of seeds of improved varieties and the supply of animal feed.

Five elements in agricultural development display vitality

Five elements for developing agriculture include a revolution in seed production, scientific farming, bringing of new land under plough, increased crop yield in low-yield fields and intensified Party guidance

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

With a deep insight into the specific conditions of the country and the trend of modern agricultural development, the Workers' Party of Korea clarified five elements for radically developing the country's agriculture.

They include a revolution in seed production, scientific farming, bringing of new land under plough, increased crop yield in low-yield fields and intensified Party guidance.

The idea on the five elements the WPK set forth by carrying forward and further enriching and developing the Juche-based farming method and the policy of agricultural revolution personally created and bequeathed by President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il clarifies in an original way the orientation and ways for rapidly developing the country's agriculture in the shortest possible time on the basis of the scientific analysis of the actual situation in the agricultural sector and the actual possibility of agricultural development.

And it also provided a turning point in decisively rooting out empiricism, subjectivism, bureaucratism and formalism and thoroughly implementing the Party's agricultural policy, proving its validity and vitality in practice.

In recent years, the Wado Farm in Kwaksan County and many other farms in North Phyongan Province have reaped high and stable yields every year despite unfavourable

weather and climate conditions. Officials of the farm find the secret of success in the revolution in seed production.

Many farms in cities and counties of the province staked their fate on introducing new high-yielding varieties, which are highly resistant to unfavourable conditions, and brought about a revolution in seed production, producing high and stable crop.

The key to success at many high-yielding units across the country, including the Samjigang Farm in Jaeryong County, Paeksok and Unjong farms in Sinchon County and Chonghae Farm in Pukchong County which produce high and safe yield every year in any conditions and the Yakjon Farm in Sukchon County which reaps high wheat harvest in succession, also lies in that they held fast to the policy on bringing about a revolution in seed production and promoting scientific farming set forth by the WPK as their lifeline and implemented it thoroughly.

High-yielding sub-workteams, workteams and farms have increased in number and material and technical foundations of the agricultural sector have also been further consolidated.

Each farm is furnished with its own agricultural sci-tech learning space and advanced farming techniques and products have steadily been introduced in keeping with the global trend of agricultural development to inspire the agricultural workers to do scientific farming. Great efforts are being directed to establishing

an optimized agricultural guidance and management system in all cities, counties, farms and workteams across the country.

Meanwhile, tideland reclamation has been carried out as a national undertaking, with the result that several islands are linked by sea dikes to bring a large area of arable land under cultivation, arable lands washed away by floods are restored to their original state and campaigns are underway to find out the area of land which became smaller than the land registration map across the country.

Officials and working people in the agricultural sector are channelling big efforts into improving acid soil and cold and damp land and carpeting arable land with humus soil, while pushing ahead with the work to improve soil fertility by spreading large quantities of quality manure.

Amid a vigorous campaign to overtake, model after and share experience with units and agricultural workers taking the lead in farming in low-yield fields for widely generalizing their experiences in producing high-yields, they are introducing efficient farming methods and techniques helpful in increasing crop yields by pooling strength and wisdom with agricultural scientists.

As a result, considerable areas of low-yield fields have been turned into fertile land in a matter of a few years and many sub-workteams, workteams and farms, which had regarded it as a dream to produce high yields in the past, have joined the ranks of high-yielding units.

Irrigation projects for this year completed

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The goal of irrigating over 230 000 hectares of paddy and dried fields planned for this year has successfully been achieved in the DPRK.

The paddy and dry field irrigation projects for this year were completed ahead of schedule and river improvement, embankment repair and sea dike construction projects carried out in the main, opening a bright prospect for perfecting the overall irrigation system and promoting stable and sustainable agricultural development.

Water is an essential factor in the growth of crops together with land. If land is a lifeline for the country, water can be claimed to be that for agriculture. So there is an old saying that "afforestation and water conservancy is the great foundation of farming". In this respect, it is a fundamental issue determining the future of agricultural development to readjust and reinforce the irrigation system and facilities of the country.

Having set it as a primary task for guaranteeing the stable development of agriculture to complete the overall irrigation system, the Workers' Party of Korea defined an irrigation construction goal till 2025 at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of its Eighth Central Committee and pushed ahead with it as a huge nature-remaking project.

Accordingly, it was undertaken at a lightning tempo in the fields across the country to attain the irrigation construction goal ahead of schedule under the slogan "Unite on the strength of patriotism!"

In South Hwanghae Province, as 800 cubic metres of earth were removed on average every day, the entrance waterway project to use the water of Lake Kangnyong was pressed on at a rapid pace.

The province steps up the project for extending the Ryongmaedo Waterway to produce a high and safe yield in tideland farming.

North Phyongan Province pushed ahead with the waterway expansion project on Woldo tideland on a full scale and Nampho City finished

the tasks of laying irrigation diving pipe No. 4 of the Ryonggang main waterway line and expanding the capacity of the West Sea Barrage-South Phyongan Province inland region waterway before the farming season.

The construction of pumping stations and laying of pipes gained momentum in different parts of the country to irrigate the dry fields.

Pumping stations were built in over 280 places in South Phyongan Province and in several hundred places in North Hwanghae Province.

The construction of underground water facilities and waterways also went full steam ahead.

In Jagang Province more than 1 100 underground water facilities were built and repaired and in South Hamgyong Province notable achievements were made in the readjustment of waterways for enhancing the passing capacity of water including the expansion of irrigation waterways and the repair and reinforcement of waterways.

Draining facilities were readjusted and reinforced and water sprinkling and perforated pipe and other irrigation methods were introduced to suit their situations in Pyongyang, Ryanggang Province, Kaesong City and other areas.

As a result, the projects for irrigation of over 236 000 hectares of paddy and dried fields were completed across the country, including the construction of pumping stations in over 4 000 places, the laying of over 3 500 kilometres of pipes, the construction and capacity expansion of more than 7 500 underground water facilities and irrigation facilities in some 2 100 places, and the construction and repair of 16 700-odd kilometres of waterway.

In particular, irrigation facilities have been replaced completely with new ones in over 60 000 hectares of dry fields this year following the same area last year and various irrigation methods employed, providing a guarantee for relevant areas to produce safe yields even under the abnormal weather such as drought and high temperature.



Drivers of Hwasong-bound buses

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

New buses bound for the Hwasong area in Pyongyang is now on every citizen's lips.

Buses for Hwasong

The buses with the signs of Hwasong-Pyongyang Railway Station and Hwasong-Ragwon Station of the Pyongyang Metro are adding to the nice scenery of Pyongyang streets.

According to Ryu Sam Ryong, head of the Hwasong bus company under the Pyongyang Municipal General Passenger Traffic Service Enterprise, the company was organized with new buses for the convenience of those who moved into Hwasong and Rimhung streets.

Kim Hyon Chol, dispatcher in charge of commanding service, said that there are some passengers who changed their route for attending and leaving their workplaces purposely from the metro and trolley buses to the new buses.

Delight on bus route

Choe Yong Ho, driver of Pyongyang 40-1552, said he is very happy with driving the new bus on the new street, adding that when he provided the bus service for the first time, his felt as if he entered the runway of an airfield.

"May Day this year was very impressive. Our bus ran and ran incessantly since the owners of new houses, who greeted the holiday of working people of the whole world on Rimhung Street which was built during the construction of 10 000 flats at the second stage of the Hwasong area, were visited by their relatives, friends and workshop members. But I didn't find it hard. I shared joy with them as I also moved into a new house on Hwasong Street last year," said conductress Ko Un Byol.

Pak Chol, driver of Pyongyang 40-1627, said that he was very pleased when passengers sent him warm greetings. "I became more conscious of my duty as a servant of the people as I saw

the expression of their warm eyes."

Conductress Kim Hyang Mi said that whenever she passes Hwasong and Rimhung streets that are brightly lit at night, she thinks how beautiful the Hwasong area will be after another 10 000 flats are built at the third stage.

'Let's go together!'

As it is a new street built thanks to the people-first politics of the Workers' Party of Korea, all drivers and conductresses of the Hwasong bus company are doing their best to provide people with every convenience.

The stories about their beautiful deeds are heard every day and people extend gratitude to them and their company over mobile phones.

Jo Sun Ae, in neighbourhood unit No. 34 in Jonwi-dong No. 1, Hyongjesan District, Pyongyang, said:

"I'm a newcomer at newly-built Jonwi Street. I was impressed by the deed of a driver and conductress of bus

Pyongyang 40-1552 who on a journey embarked again for passenger who missed the last bus. That's why I send this message. They only said 'Let's go together!'"

Ri Song Gon, in neighbourhood No. 2 of Ryonggung-dong No. 2 in Ryongsong District, Pyongyang, said:

"Two days ago, I saw an emergency case who suddenly broke down on the way. When I was impatient, the bus Pyongyang 40-1539 of the Hwasong bus company drove the patient to the hospital. So his life could be saved."

Kim Ju Song, at the cooking IT company under the Central Committee of the Cooks Association of Korea, said:

"Yesterday, I left my purse in a bus. I came to know this only in the evening, but I could not remember the bus number. Unexpectedly, however, the driver and conductress of bus Pyongyang 40-1628 visited my house after looking at my citizenship card in my purse and returned it to me. I'm very grateful."



Drivers inspect their buses before running at the Hwasong bus company and a conductress offers passengers kind service. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Motivational performances encourage workers to increase production

By Pang Un Ju PT

Artists from central artistic organizations are conducting vigorous motivation activities for increased production in every workplace to encourage officials and working people who are out in the struggle for implementing the decisions of the ninth and tenth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Between mid-May and early June, members of motivation teams for increased production who toured farms fired agricultural workers and helpers with the zeal for reaping a good harvest without fail this year, a decisive year for confirming the victory in hitting the targets set at the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Artists from the Phibada Opera Troupe and the National Theatrical Troupe went round farms in Pyongyang to give performances full of vigour and optimism. Members of the central youth artistic motivation team started their performance in Sinchon County of South Hwanghae Province, staging a variety of numbers, including motivation and mixed chorus "Dear Father" and male solo "Bright is Our Future".

The distinctive motivation performances given by big-name artistic groups without ceremony in the fields met with high acclaim of farmers all the

way.

They conducted such activities also at the Sangwon Cement Complex.

A motivation team formed with artistes from the Phibada Opera Troupe, National Theatrical Troupe and National Acrobatic Troupe instilled into the workers making innovations in cement production confidence and optimism by dint of songs, narratives, magic and various other works.

Male vocal quartet "Toward another Upsurge under the Uplifted Banner of Self-reliance" fired working people with enthusiasm to fulfil their production plans ahead of schedule through uninterrupted innovation and offensive.

After hearing lyric poem "I Am the Son of a Worker", workers of the complex said that they deeply felt the boundless gratitude towards the WPK and the socialist system which identify working people as masters of the country and vowed to return the love and favour shown by the Party and the country by producing more cement.

Physical stunt "The Country I Defend" earned a high accolade from the audience for the consummate skills and elegant and refined movements of acrobats, livening up the atmosphere.

The audience kept expressing admiration for the amazing acrobatic feats as they enjoyed the performance which they had been able to see only at the acrobatic theatre.

Mass cultural and artistic activities fill workplace with liveliness, help workers develop cultural attainments

By Pak Song Min PT

Art groups of industrial establishments across the country are conducting positive artistic activities.

Among them is the art group of the Pyongyang Children's Foodstuff Factory.

Song of life and optimism

The artistic performance of the group is popular with workers.

They say that though the performance is simple, its numbers truthfully reflect

their life, thereby leaving deep impression on the audience.

Dialogic poem "The Milk of Love" impressively represented the fact that they had urgently produced and supplied baby formula in the days when the top emergency anti-epidemic situation was created due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19.

Comedy "The Girl I Have Fallen in Love with" is a love story of a young man and woman who grow up to be innovators in the worthwhile working life. Mixed choruses "We Are a

Worker Couple" and "The Youth of the New Day" were filled with workers' love for their workplaces and hope for the future and cheerful and vigorous melodies of an instrumental ensemble vividly showed the life of workers full of vigour and activity.

High cultural attainments, rich artistic skills

Though they are ordinary producers at workplace, the art group members win great admiration from the audience on the stage as they skilfully play two, three or even

five musical instruments with remarkable cultural attainments.

Jon Ryong Bom who started his working career at the baby formula workshop plays brass instruments and arranges instrumental music.

Choe Un Ju, head of the art group, is a singer acclaimed by the audience and a gifted player of the accordion, guitar, drum, janguu and oungeum.

They say that they are not gifted artistes, but they have honed their skills through brisk artistic activities in the

factory's art group.

The group has members in charge of vocal music, instrumental music and narration. They said that they have also acquired skills with strenuous efforts.

The factory found out their buds of artistic talents and has brought them into bloom through their art group activities.

Not only art group members but also all other employees of the factory are also enthusiastic in the production of mass literary works reflecting their life.

Their working life just becomes poems and songs to enrich emotions.

They say that the pride and honour of working at the workplace visited by General Secretary Kim Jong Un and the trust and expectation of the Party and the state in the workers producing foods for children, the king of the country, fire them with unusual creative enthusiasm.

The employees of the factory have overfulfilled their production plans every month as they conduct lively artistic activities.

Historic milestone in development of DPRK-Russia friendship

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Korean and Russian peoples forged a bond of affection between comrades-in-arms in the great war against the Japanese imperialist aggressors and strengthened it decade after decade. In the course of this, the Korean-Russian friendship took firm root with its historic tradition being established.

It is the demand and will of the governments and peoples of the DPRK and the Russian Federation to steadily expand and develop the bilateral friendly and cooperative relations.

The DPRK-Russia Joint Declaration adopted on July 19 2000 is a historic document which set up a milestone in the

development of the bilateral friendship in the new century.

At the turn of the new century, there were an important meeting and talks between Chairman Kim Jong Il and President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin in Pyongyang where the joint declaration was adopted.

The historic Pyongyang meeting and the adoption of the joint declaration laid a foundation for developing the bilateral friendly and cooperative ties in an all-round way as required by the new era.

The joint declaration confirmed that to further promote bilateral cooperation and close mutual collaboration conforms to the fundamental interests of the peoples of the

two countries and the trend toward a multipolar world and a new fair and rational international order based on the principles of equality, mutual respect and equally beneficial cooperation.

It served as an important milestone in boosting the traditional DPRK-Russia friendship in line with the requirements of the new era.

After its adoption, the bilateral friendly and cooperative ties witnessed a steady development.

The Chairman, paying close attention to strengthening and developing the friendship on the basis of the DPRK-Russia Joint Declaration, visited the Russian Federation several times.

In August 2001, he paid an official visit to Russia,

met President Putin again and signed the DPRK-Russia Moscow Declaration. It provided another powerful driving force for achieving peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world and the prosperity and equally beneficial cooperation of the two countries.

In recent years, the DPRK-Russia friendship, which has been cemented from one century to the next and generation after generation, has attained a new heyday.

The two countries have unprecedentedly promoted their strategic and tactical cooperation, injecting great vitality in the struggle of their peoples to build powerful states and realize international justice.

Symbol of socialist power-people's laughter

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Korean-style socialism is people-centred socialism, and the people's laughter is a symbol of the socialist system and a criterion for determining the position of a nation as a powerful socialist country.

The people's bright and cheerful laughter is, in essence, an expression of the feeling of fun they have as they lead a healthy, bountiful, civilized and harmonious life free from worries and illnesses.

The people's laughter is ringing out everywhere in the DPRK which has ushered in a new era of comprehensive national development.

The state built such new residential quarters as Ryomyong, Mirae Scientists, Hwasong and Jonwi streets and Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District with modern dwelling houses with huge investments and provided them to ordinary working people free of charge.

Modern rural dwelling houses are now springing up in farm villages across the country according to the policy of rural development.

Important meetings of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state fixed it as the most important policy to provide students with new uniforms and other school things and supply all the children of the country with dairy products and nutritious foods on a regular basis. Therefore, cheerful laughter of younger generations resounds all across the country.

In addition, the people's pleasant and happy looks that can be seen at scenic spots and modern bases for cultural and leisure activities bring into relief the original features and image of the socialist system where they enjoy a happy life as masters of the state and society.

The Korean people and children smile so brightly with dignity and pride in their powerful country, free from the calamities and misfortunes of war, despite hostile forces' constant military challenge as they have powerful self-defensive military capabilities, the invincible and absolute force firmly defending the destiny and security of their country and themselves.

Their laughter is filled with confidence in a rosier future as they experience the thrills of actual life in their ever-prosperous country where their dreams and ideals come true with the creation of transformative entities.

All happiness and smiles have been brought to the people thanks to the people-first politics of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

For the respected General Secretary, the people are the most sacred and almighty being and the whole of the world.

It is his view that the people are precisely the state and the revolution and that the Party, socialism, enormous military strength and developed economy are necessary for the promotion of the people's well-being.

The people's happy laughter reverberates through this land endlessly thanks to the tireless thinking and devoted efforts for the good of the people of the General Secretary who draws up a grand blueprint for the building of a thriving country with this cherished view.

Modernization of equipment leads to improved quality of consumer goods



Kim Jin Chol
Department director of the
Ministry of Light Industry

This year, the light industry sector has set it as its primary task to improve the quality of consumer goods and condiments.

The improvement of quality of consumer goods is a policy task to which the Workers' Party of Korea attaches importance consistently and directs a great deal of energies.

After the Eighth Congress of the WPK alone, every Party meeting which was held to decide on the fighting policies for fresh advance and leap forward in socialist construction discussed the issues related to the

people's livelihood as their core contents and General Secretary Kim Jong Un repeatedly gave instructions to raise the quality of consumer goods at the meeting.

The quality of consumer goods is guaranteed by modern machinery.

With old and outdated machines and technologies it is unthinkable to continuously enhance the quality of products.

We have set the goal of modernizing production facilities in the direction of producing goods favoured by the people and products

with world competitive edge and dynamically pushed ahead with work to equip all light-industry factories with latest facilities while giving primary attention to surveying their existing production facilities and upgrading them.

At the same time, factories and enterprises promote cooperation with scientific research institutions to increase the proportion of home-made equipment and steadily update their production processes.

We have gained valuable experience as we built regional-industry factories in Kimhwa County and ensured they were operated by themselves on a trial basis. So if they pool wisdom and efforts with scientists and researchers, they can modernize their production facilities on a high

level.

Many factories and enterprises in the light industry sector have set ambitious modernization goals and remodelled old and outdated production facilities and technical means in a modern style, bringing about radical improvement in the qualitative and quantitative growth of production of consumer goods. It is evidenced by the growing number of popular goods exhibited in several exhibitions of light-industry goods held this year.

We will continuously spur the modernization of equipment at factories and enterprises by relying on advanced science and technology to produce more popular goods favoured by the people and famous goods with world competitive edge.

BYWORD

The DPRK has put forward the metallurgical and chemical industries as twin pillars for economic development.

In the New Year Address on January 1 2014, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the metallurgical and

chemical industries are twin pillars supporting an economic giant and that developing these industries is an important guarantee for economic construction and the improvement of the

people's living standards.

Officials and working people in the metallurgical and chemical industries are fully displaying the spirit of self-reliance and self-development, bearing in

mind the mission to lead the overall national economy through the revitalization of production, and are solving knotty problems by constantly enhancing sci-tech forces.

Twin pillars of economic development

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KCNA commentary on dangerous military collusion between war criminal states

KCNA

Japan has crossed the red line in its rash military acts to disturb regional peace and stability in collusion with outside forces.

Prime Minister Kishida visited Germany and had talks with his German counterpart on July 13, where the two countries agreed to promote "military cooperation" in the Indo-Pacific region.

In a press interview after the talks, Kishida welcomed the German air force fighters' and frigate's visit to Japan, saying "European Atlantic Ocean and the Indo-Pacific are inseparable in guaranteeing security."

Earlier, he took part in the NATO summit, though he had neither qualifications nor justification, to repeat the above-said assertion.

Furthermore, the Japanese Ministry of Defense is going to stage a joint drill of its Air "Self-Defense Force" and air forces from Germany, France and Spain near Hokkaido and Kanto from July 19 to 25.

With regards to the deployment of dozens of fighters from three NATO member states for the first time, the Japanese defense minister openly said "the Japan visit by armies of various nations is a demonstration of their interest in the Indo-Pacific

The prevailing dangerous situation is reminiscent of the eve of the Second World War in the past century, when Nazi Germany formed a military alliance with militaristic Japan and inflicted catastrophic disasters upon humankind.

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Japanese SDF also plans to stage a joint naval and air drill with an aircraft carrier and fighters of Italy in late August.

The prevailing dangerous situation is reminiscent of the eve of the Second World War in the past century, when Nazi Germany formed a military alliance with militaristic Japan and inflicted catastrophic disasters upon humankind.

It is a serious development of situation that the defeated war criminal nations are in cahoots to stage a series of war games escalating the regional tensions.

It is an open secret that Japan, gripped by its wild revanchist ambition, has stepped up its preparations for turning itself

into an aggressive military entity capable of fighting a war at any time under the patronage of the US since its defeat.

The Japanese "SDF" took part in Freedom Edge, the first multi-domain joint military exercises between the US, Japan and the ROK staged in the waters near the Korean peninsula in violation of international law and the current constitution of Japan. It clearly showed the war path to be taken by the Japanese military with over-expanded "defense capabilities".

But the fundamentally changed, new mechanical structure in the region and the strengthened anti-imperialist forces opposed to the hegemonic strategy of the US have turned on a red light for Japan

that seeks a chance for launching reinvasion with the backing of its master.

Stunned by the ever-weakening power of its American master distressed by the ever-worsening tide of war in Ukraine and uncontrollable Mideast crisis, Japan buckled down to tightening military alliance with NATO in a bid to seize its edge in the geopolitical showdown with its regional rivals at any cost by inviting even the past war criminal nations.

It is by no means fortuitous that the Japanese prime minister has often said the "current Ukrainian crisis may repeat in East Asia in future".

Will Japan be safe when regional security is destroyed?

It should be aware of the fact that its tightened military nexus with outsiders will only boomerang on it by making it a target common to the righteous regional community.

Those seeking to stage war games in the Asia-Pacific region should also cool their heated heads and think twice.

The region is neither a "muscle-flexing ground" for bragging of one's strength nor an arena for NATO's "crusade."

Gatecrashers from NATO had better mind their own business, instead of crossing the boundaries.

Murder all the rage in Japan

By To Kyong Chol PT

A family forms the most harmonious social structure as a living unit of relatives.

But people kill their kindred unhesitatingly in Japan.

An old man strangled his elder sister with a scarf in Tokyo Metropolis on June 14 and a woman hit her husband to death with a golf club three days later.

And a 35-year-old man killed his younger brother in Saitama Prefecture in late June by stabbing him in the back several times with a kitchen knife after a quarrel.

On July 8 in Shiga Prefecture, a man beat his old mother during a squabble. She died after being taken to hospital.

What is worse is that the murderers take their killings for granted.

A woman stabbed her father to death in Nagano Prefecture in late June and a man beat and kicked his wife violently before stabbing her in the neck to death in Tokyo Metropolis on July 3.

The slayers nonchalantly informed the police that they killed them.

Such criminal deeds of killing even their family members without hesitation in pursuit of their own interests are an inevitable outcome produced by Japanese society.

More and more Japanese have such outlooks on life as "I don't need even family if it is for money", "If I am well off alone, it is enough" and "I'll live for myself".

Japanese society, where human ethics are decided by money and extreme misanthropy is rife, is on its last legs and has no future.

Ever-worsening air pollution

By Ri Sang Il PT

The earth's atmosphere is essential to human existence, but air is being polluted more seriously with the passage of time, inflicting enormous damage on the people.

According to the World Health Organization, 7 million people contract various kinds of diseases due to air pollution and lose their lives in the world every year.

The UNICEF said in a report that the particles of PM2.5, an air contaminant, are so small that they can reach the brain easily through the blood vessels and destroy the nervous system by causing inflammation there, damaging the part which is the basis of brain development. And it expressed concern that children including suckling babies under one year, in particular, might be affected easily and the aftereffects may remain all their lives.

A research result said that people's average life span shortened by three years on average due to the expanded air pollution.

The ever-worsening air

pollution poses a serious threat to people's lives.

The relevant institution of Thailand recently announced that the air pollution has gone beyond the tolerance level in 17 northern areas. According to it, the concentration of fine dust was three times higher in several areas than the national tolerance level. Last year many people in the country contracted various kinds of diseases due to air pollution.

An Indian research group published a survey result on July 4 that 7.2% of the causes of deaths in big cities of the country were related to air pollution. The group reportedly conducted a survey of the concentration of PM2.5, fine dust, in 10 big cities. Delhi was in the most serious situation, with the yearly death toll of air pollution amounting to 12 000.

Saying that the realities were highlighted that air pollution on the worst level in the world causes respiratory diseases among residents and poses threat to their health, experts stressed the need to introduce methods to control air pollution as soon as

possible.

Major contributors to air pollution are the use of fossil fuel like coal, the increase of vehicles in number, desertification of land, forest and wild fires throughout the world and others.

Once, a high-ranking UN official appealed to the international community to join efforts for clean atmosphere, saying that the air pollution is bringing an emergency situation to the world. Many people are breathing in air which contains soot, sulphur and other poisonous chemical substances, he added.

Researchers argue that air pollution has not only caused loss of life but also produced marked effect on the world climate and weather. According to them, air contaminants make an impact on various meteorological elements including the formation of cloud, precipitation and strength of typhoon and finally change even the climate.

To prevent air pollution the whole of mankind should work together and find a correct solution to it.

Briefly

Russia

President censures West for pursuing unilateralism

Russian President Vladimir Putin in his speech at the tenth parliamentary forum of BRICS on July 11 criticized the West for pursuing unilateralism.

He said that the West is trying to fix a new order through its rules by running counter to the historical logic and even by harming its citizens' long-term interests.

No one has ever seen, discussed or accepted such rules, he said, noting that the rules of the West are written and revised in the interests of those who put themselves above others and impose their own things on them.

It is obviously an attempt to replace the legitimate international law, ultimately to create a monopoly over the truth, he said, adding that such a monopoly will lead it to ruin.

China-Russia

Joint military exercises start

The Sino-Russian joint military exercises "Sea alliance-2024" started in a naval port in Zhanjiang, Guangdong Province of China, on July 14.

The exercises would be held in three stages including troop concentration and maritime drill, and the joint headquarters have been set up by involving naval representatives of two countries.

During the exercises, warships would reportedly conduct several drills such as reconnaissance and early-warning, search and rescue, anti-aircraft and missile interception and live firing.

Iran

FM condemns Israel for brutal atrocities

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry in an article on July 13 bitterly criticized Israel for its brutal atrocities which caused several hundred casualties by mounting a missile attack on the refugee camps in the southern part of the Gaza Strip.

The criminal act will further stir up hatred towards Israel worldwide and accelerate its downfall, he noted.

Germany

Deadly shooting happens

A terrible shooting incident happened in a southern city of Germany.

According to the newspaper Bild on July 14, a quarrel broke out in a family, resulting in three deaths and two wounded who were taken to hospital.

The police announced that the criminal is a hunter and shot his family members.



Pagyon Falls, one of the three famous falls in Korea, are located in Pagyon-ri, Kaesong City.

Premier League with unpredictable results

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The second-round matches of the 2024 Basketball Premier League, which started in June, grow fiercer with the passage of time, taking on a new aspect and producing interesting results.

The final rankings of the Premier League will be decided by putting together the results of the previous first round and the ongoing second round.

The fierceness of the second round was highlighted in the 3-on-3 basketball matches, which were played for two days.

It was very difficult to predict the results of matches and team rankings in the men's 3-on-3 basketball event because there was no marked difference between most of the teams in the level of game play and tactics.

On the last day of the men's event, there were matches between the Kigwanha and the April 25 and between the Amnokgang and the Pyongyang.

The matches gave pleasure to the April 25, but made others feel regret.

The April 25 team won the women's 3-on-3 basketball, too.

The competition of each team to

win the Premier League at any cost continued in basketball matches.

The matches began two days after the 3-on-3 basketball games ended and they were spectacular as all teams were similar in ability and highly ambitious.

A typical example was the match between the April 25 and Amnokgang teams.

From the beginning, the two teams carried out sustained attack and put up effective defence to achieve their tactical purposes.

The Amnokgang ran the game with the main emphasis on middle-distance and one-on-one attack based on two-person combinations to counter the April 25's defence system aimed at stopping long-distance attack.

The April 25, which was relatively poor in combination between players but strong in long-distance shots and middle- and short-distance attack, fought the Amnokgang by relying on the middle-distance attack-oriented tactics with player No. 10, who was good at inside shot, as the axis while constantly changing its defence formation.

About two seconds before the end of the last round, the score was 70-68, with the Amnokgang leading the

opponent by two points.

But the final victory avoided the Amnokgang team. Despite its strong defence, player No. 12 of the April 25 got in a long-range game-winning shot in the first match.

The match between the Sobaeksu and Kigwanha was a fiercer battle.

The Sobaeksu team, who had demonstrated their exceptional ability through previous matches, showed overwhelming dominance from the first round and widened the scoring gap between the two teams to 14 points at the end of the third round.

But in the last round, the initiative was taken by the Kigwanha.

Like mountaineers climbing the steep cliff, the players of the Kigwanha played the game in a very responsible manner, narrowing the scoring gap inch by inch. Finally, the fourth round ended with a 68-68 draw and the match went into extra time.

After a seesaw battle, the match ended 71-70 in favour of the Kigwanha.

Experts say that a series of unpredictable results in the first-day matches would kindle growing interest in the upcoming matches.

Historic monument in northern area

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The Monument to the Great Victory in the Northern Area was set up in Rimmyong-ri in Kim Chaek City, North Hamgyong Province, in 1708 in commemoration of the great victory Jong Mun Bu (1565-1624)-led volunteers won by defeating Japanese invaders in the area of Hamgyong province during the Imjin Patriotic War (1592-1598).

The introduction points to the significance of the fight of Jong Mun Bu-led volunteer army, not inferior to battles fought in other areas, and refers to the formation of the volunteer army and its major battles.

The text says that as volunteers rose up and bravely fought against the aggression of the Japanese invaders, enemies were driven from the northern area of the country and people could do farming in peace and

that the monument conveys forever the feats performed by Jong Mun Bu-led volunteer army.

The monument is a precious historical relic of great significance in studying the history of struggle of Korean ancestors who fought bravely against the Japanese invasion.

