

## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects strategic missile bases

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He was accompanied by Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK.

He examined the readiness for action of

the strategic deterrent directly related with the security of the country, including the functions and capabilities of the elements of launch-related facilities in the missile bases and the combat duty of strategic missiles.

He appreciated the services of the missile soldiers in the strategic missile bases for fulfilling the sacred duty they have assumed before the country and the people, keeping themselves always on alert on combat duty as required by the prevailing situation.

Noting that the strategic missile force is the core force playing a pivotal role in the country's war deterrent, he stressed that it is an important principle of the defence building strategy consistently maintained by the WPK to make the overall armed forces technically modernized by giving priority to the strategic missile force in the future, too.

As I have stressed on several occasions recently, the US strategic nuclear means pose an ever-increasing threat to the security environment of the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea and the long-term threats urgently demand that the DPRK bolster up its war deterrent more definitely and take a thoroughgoing and strict counteraction posture of its nuclear forces, he said.

He stressed the need to further modernize and fortify the strategic missile bases and ensure that all of them make every effort to maintain a thoroughgoing counteraction posture so as to promptly deal a strategic counterblow to the enemy at any time and in different circumstances.

## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits construction site for recovery in flood-hit areas of Jagang Province

**He sets forth the tasks arising in completing the project, stresses that it is important for the construction inspection organs to make exacting demands and increase their role**

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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 at the construction site for rehabilitating the flood-hit areas in Jagang Province on October 21.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won

and Ri Il Hwan, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, and relevant cadres of the Party Central Committee.

He was greeted on the spot by Pak Hun, vice-premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Pak

Song Chol, chief secretary of the Jagang Provincial Committee of the WPK, and commanding officers of the provincial

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regiments of Party members involved in the recovery project.

Builders of the regiments of Party members, who were dispatched to the rehabilitation areas in Jagang Province in order to implement the decision of the Party Central Committee on building wonderful houses as early as possible in the flood-hit areas in North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces that were severely destroyed by flooding in July, have completed the housing construction in the main by powerfully waging a 24-7 struggle

and are vigorously pushing ahead with the interior work at the final stage.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un went round the reconstruction site and learned in detail about the progress of housing construction.

He acknowledged the painstaking efforts of the builders and gave warm encouragement to them, who are devoting their pure conscience and sincere efforts at the difficult and challenging posts true to the call of the Party, fully displaying the spirit of devoted service for the people, extraordinary sense of responsibility and strong executive ability.

Expressing satisfaction over the fact that the flood-hit areas, reduced to ruin in an instant by an unexpected natural disaster, are undergoing a radical change without any sign of disaster, he spoke highly of the precious feats of the combatants of the regiments of Party members who are faithfully discharging their noble mission and duty as members of the Workers' Party at the rehabilitation project site for the flood victims, far away from their dear homes and workplaces.

He called for working hard to bring earlier the happy moment of providing



patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable will so as to successfully wind up the housing construction and provide houses to the flood victims with delight, he set forth the tasks arising in completing the project.

He stressed that it is important for the construction inspection organs to make exacting demands and increase their role.

He also gave detailed instructions on such important tasks as ensuring timely and responsible transport and supply of materials without interrupting the

good houses for the flood victims who are waiting for the day of living in new villages and new houses even at this moment.

He referred to a series of deviations revealed in the design and construction of multi- and low-storey houses in the flood-hit areas, and analyzed their reasons. And he clarified the measures to be taken by the state in the future for overcoming the relevant deviations in the recovery work and, furthermore, for launching a vigorous struggle for the overall regional construction. He continued:

I have already stressed on many occasions that architecture is an extension of politics as it is a criterion showing the height of the ideas, national strength and civilization in a visual way, and, therefore, even if we have to build one structure, we should regard it as the one related with the self-respect, dignity and honour of our times. Still some deviations to underrating the quality of buildings are being revealed. They must be rectified.

Just like monumental edifices springing up in different parts of the country, the houses under construction for the flood victims are precious assets of the state and

the people, which should be guaranteed forever. Therefore, it is necessary to overcome even the slightest shortcomings perfectly and direct greater efforts to ensuring perfection. A decision will be made to prolong the period of completion of the housing projects in the affected areas, scheduled to be finished by early November, to early December.

He gave detailed instructions on taking practical measures to ensure that the inhabitants and schoolchildren of the flood-hit areas staying in Pyongyang would not feel inconvenience in their living, as the housing construction would be delayed.

Noting that a large number of houses for the flood victims are being built all at once in every flood-hit area of the country thanks to the heroic struggle of the Party members, young people and service personnel and to the support of all the people across the country, he said this gigantic undertaking is not confined to the practical issue of building houses but a crucial political issue of defending the character of our-style socialist system based on the people-first principle and demonstrating its advantages. And calling on all the builders to give fuller play to their extraordinary

project schedule, properly greening the residential areas along with the housing construction and taking good care of the builders in their living conditions.

That day the Secretariat of the WPK Central Committee decided to newly dispatch the chief and the political chief of the field headquarters for rehabilitating the flood-hit areas in Jagang Province.

Expressing expectation and belief that the Party members, young people and service personnel, whom the Party Central Committee had dispatched to the difficult and arduous yet sacred and worthwhile struggle with great trust, would remain faithful to their heavy mission to the end in the patriotic construction sites for the country and the people, he ardently called for making redoubled efforts once again to build a splendid paradise for the people in the flood-hit areas without fail.

All the builders were filled with a firm determination to make the flames of loyalty and patriotism flare up more highly and vigorously struggle for the socialist country, responding with a firm pledge to the ardent call of the Party Central Committee.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends congratulatory message to Vietnamese President

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October 22.

Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a congratulatory message to Luong Cong, president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on

The message said:

I extend warm congratulations to you on your election as president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Your heavy responsibility as the

president of the state is an expression of the deep trust and expectation of the Communist Party of Vietnam and all the Vietnamese people.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I wish you success in your responsible work, expressing belief that the

traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the two parties and two countries would grow stronger in conformity with the common socialist cause and the interests of the peoples of the two countries.

## Press statement of Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of WPK Central Committee

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Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement on October 22:

The reckless infringement upon the sovereignty of the DPRK by the ROK military gangsters is a hideous military provocation that can never be pardoned.

Seoul will have to experience at first hand so as to know properly how dangerous act it committed and how terrible and fatal the consequences it brought on itself are.

The extremely risky result of a military provocation against a nuclear weapons state will be a horrible thing, unimaginable to experience for politicians and military experts in any big or small

country in the world with normal thinking, and I don't think there has been such provocation except the ones recently made by lunatics of the ROK and Ukraine.

Such deed can be done only by lunatics of the Seoul and Kiev regimes.

Seoul and Kiev are exactly alike in going about here and there for begging and letting loose ludicrous and reckless remarks against

nuclear weapons states that they cannot withdraw.

It seems to be a common feature of bad dogs bred by the US.

The DPRK detective agencies' investigation into the drones from the ROK is going on and the truth behind the despicable provocation by the ROK military gangsters will be analyzed further in detail.

No one knows how our retaliation and revenge will be completed.

A lot of political agitation rubbish sent by the ROK scum was discovered and removed in many parts of the DPRK on October 21, too.

The brute courage of the Seoul authorities to jump into fire with brushwood on their backs, far from reflecting on their conducts and being prudent, will bring the danger of annihilation of all the scum. And they will justly be denounced by everyone else.

## SPA Standing Committee holds plenary meeting

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The 33rd plenary meeting of the 14th Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang

on October 24.

The meeting was presided over by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-chairman of the

State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly.

It was attended by Vice-chairmen Kang Yun Sok and Kim Ho Chol, Secretary

General Ko Kil Son and other members of the Standing Committee of the SPA,

Present there as observers were relevant officials of the SPA Standing Committee, the Secretariat of the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies.

The meeting put on the agenda the deliberation and adoption of the Law of the DPRK on the National Anthem, the election of judge of the Central Court, etc.

There was a report on the main contents of relevant draft laws deliberated on by the SPA Legislation Committee.

On the basis of study and discussion of the draft laws brought forward, the meeting adopted with unanimous approval the ordinance of the SPA Standing Committee "On the adoption of the Law of the DPRK on the National Anthem", etc.

The meeting elected a judge of the Central Court of the DPRK.

## Vietnamese Foreign Ministry delegation arrives in Pyongyang

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A delegation of the Foreign Ministry of Vietnam led by Executive Deputy Minister Nguyen Minh Vu arrived in Pyongyang by air on October 22.

They were greeted by officials of the DPRK Foreign Ministry, the Vietnamese ambassador to the DPRK and his embassy staff members at Pyongyang International Airport.

Talks between Pak Sang Gil, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Nguyen Minh Vu, executive deputy minister of Foreign Affairs of the

Socialist Republic of Vietnam, took place in Pyongyang on October 23.

Present there from the DPRK side were officials of the Foreign Ministry and from the Vietnamese side were members of the delegation of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry and the Vietnamese ambassador to the DPRK.

At the talks both sides discussed in depth the issues of expanding exchange and cooperation in various fields between the two countries and developing the bilateral friendly relations with a long history and tradition onto a new high stage, and reached a consensus of views on them.



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# Innovations made across country

Different sectors of the national economy bring about an amazing upsurge in production with the will to annihilate the puppet ROK cliques who committed an intolerable rash act aimed at the headquarters of the Korean revolution

## Economic sectors dash to attain goals

By Han Jong Ho PT

Different economic sectors and units, which launched into production for the latter half of this year, are putting spurs to attaining the 12 major goals for the development of the national economy.

The metallurgical industry has carried out its daily, ten-day and monthly production plans.

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex is boosting the production of steel plates to be supplied to different sectors by operating the high-temperature air-combustion heating furnace, gas generator and large rolling mills at full capacity.

After exceeding its peak-year level in the rolled steel production by the Juche-based iron-making method since its inauguration, the complex established an advanced desulphurization process to provide itself with a new springboard for improving the quality of steel. Its workers and technicians are now redoubling efforts to produce even one more ton of iron and steel as they make the most of the favourable conditions already created.

The Chollima Steel Complex positively introduced new furnace operating methods in keeping with the present production conditions to produce molten iron more than planned.

The electric power industry is also making strenuous efforts.

The Pyongyang Thermal Power Station has carried out its electricity production plan without fail by taking measures appropriate to the factors affecting production.

The Sodusu Power Station, which has built up its foundations for power generation to suit its characteristics, has achieved good production results by managing hydraulic structures and generating equipment in a responsible manner while actively introducing rational technical innovation plans.

Amid the dynamic socialist patriotic drive for increased coal production at every coalfield in the coal-mining industry, greater successes are being made in production at the western regional coal-mining complexes including the Sunchon and Pukchang area youth coal-mining complex.

The complexes have concentrated tunnelling forces on major places and introduced rational blasting methods according to rock conditions as they conduct a vigorous high-speed tunnelling campaign to secure more coal, thus providing themselves with sufficient reserve coal pits.

Coal mines in the northern part of the country have produced efficient mining equipment, parts and small tools with the help of science and technology to increase production per shift.

Efforts are also being made to reach the log production target for

this year.

Forestry and mine prop production stations under the Ryanggang and North Phyongan provincial forestry management bureaus have explored and introduced rational methods for increasing production to make innovations in the production of logs and wooden props.

Those under the North Hamgyong Provincial Forestry Management Bureau have consolidated the material and technical foundations of their engineering bases to raise the operation rate of vehicles, while actively conducting felling and middle transportation in conformity with the conditions of mountains to make big progress in production of logs and final transport.

The building-materials industry is pressing ahead with production on a normal basis.

The Sangwon Cement Complex increased the clinker output per hour while directing efforts to the cooling process for reducing heating phenomena at major processes under the sultry weather conditions in the lingering midsummer days.

The Chonnaeri Cement Factory has carried out its production plan every day by rationally operating the raw material drying process using waste heat from the kiln.

The railway sector has organized and dispatched trains according to sections and directions in time by rapidly arranging loading and unloading, shunting, uncoupling of wagons and formation of trains.

## Electric power industry registers good production results

By Pak Song Min PT

According to information available, generators of power stations across the country have registered good production results as against the same period of last year as they have concentrated on readjustment and reinforcement.

Thermal power stations, which made significant progress in strengthening electric-power foundations last year, expanded generation capacities and increased the efficiency of existing facilities while producing millions of kWh of more electricity every day over the same period of last year.

The Pukchang Thermal Power Complex finished the planned overhaul of generating facilities to achieve remarkable successes in production every day.

Technicians of the Pyongyang Thermal Power Station applied different technical innovation plans for significantly increasing the combustion and thermal efficiency of boilers and improving the performance of thermal turbines while lowering the consumption of coal.

The Sunchon Thermal Power Station, which rounded off the replacement of bad turbine blades this year, focused on ensuring the normal operation of generating facilities by observing technical and other standard regulations to

meet the seasonal changes.

In addition, other thermal power stations scrupulously carried out the replacement of hundreds of turbine blades as scheduled as they directed efforts to readjustment and reinforcement, including the expansive introduction of the technique for combustion stabilization of boilers based on the measurement of oxygen concentration in waste gas.

Hydropower stations throughout the country also increased production.

The Sodusu Power Station, which pushed technical upgrading of equipment by applying advanced technology after carrying out the general overhaul of generators, produced a great deal of electricity every day as it managed hydraulic structures and generating facilities on a normal basis.

The Hochongang and Jangjingang power stations channelled big efforts into putting on a scientific basis the technical management and water conservancy for generating facilities, including hydraulic turbines, as they carefully carried out repair and maintenance, and the Wiwon Power Station and other hydropower stations ensured that there was no impediment in high water-level and high-efficiency operation by introducing the real-time efficiency measurement system.

## Factory makes effective use of raw and other materials

It raises productivity 1.2 times more than before while preventing environmental pollution

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Pyongyang Timber Mill makes products, which are solid, convenient to use and good to see by making effective use of different by-products of production, thus contributing to reenergizing production.

In April 1958 President Kim Il Sung visited the factory and instructed that it should not use sawdust and wood shavings as fuel in boiler, but make chipboards with them. And he also noted that it should try to make more products without throwing pieces of wood at random and conduct research into making household articles by using pieces of wood.

“The factory established a regular system to gather such various wooden by-products as sawdust from processing timber in storehouse by using several means including ventilation device, select them for different uses there and make products with them as raw materials,” said Kim Song Chol, director of the industrial technology institute of the factory.

The mill makes various kinds of wooden boards with pieces of wood in different sizes from production and produces various sizes of disposable chopsticks. And it makes various kinds of fixture boards including wood-particle boards with sawdust and planing refuse.

The factory has directed efforts to modernizing equipment to improve the quality of its products.

In the course of acquainting themselves with the situations of several timber processing units and studying sci-tech data, the technicians of the factory set themselves a goal to make an automatic control painting machine and designed a new painting machine to suit its specific conditions. As a result, they overcame the defects of the old machine, which required much labour and failed to properly ensure the quality of painting, and markedly increased the productivity of products.

They also conducted

research into raising the qualitative indexes of adhesives used in the production of plywood to make a new reactor for producing adhesives, thus

reducing the environmental pollution effectively and raising productivity 1.2 times as compared to the old one.

Besides, it further improved the quality of products by

modernizing many pieces of equipment including the wide grinding machine, whose grinding speed is higher than before, and the automatic edge tape tipping machine.

Building materials to be supplied to housing projects are produced at the Pyongyang Timber Mill.

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# Farming villages undergo transformation

“The new houses built in succession rejuvenate not only the farming villages but also farmers,”

Kang Yong Phil, manager of the Janggyo Farm

The Janggyo Farm in Kangnam County, Pyongyang, has taken on a new appearance of civilized and enlightened village.

New cosy and modern farmhouses, which fully provide farmers with all conveniences for their life, were built in June in the wake of last year and farmers moved into those houses.

“The new houses built in succession rejuvenate not only the farm villages but also farmers,” said Kang Yong Phil, manager of the farm.

Looking at the farm undergoing a great change under the benevolent care of the country, farmers feel the amazing speed of rural development, he noted.

Seen at the farm villages are the cosy and stylish single-storey farmhouses decorated in different colours, low-storey houses affectionately called “apartment houses like handsome man or beautiful woman”, fruit trees

planted in the gardens and open spaces and parks and flower beds built here and there.

In the village householders and children clean their houses and do exercises every morning full of vigour.

“I feel ten years younger as I live in the wonderful new house I only imaged in a dream. Really, as mountains and rivers change, so do the people,” said Yun Tong Nam, an old man living in the village.

And he added that cameramen and artists often visit his village to take pictures of or depict in their works the new landscape of the wonderfully changed village and all villagers are full of pride.

Farmers enjoy a proud life not only in their dream houses.

Along with the new era of rural development, people lead a fulfilling and exciting life in the agricultural sci-tech learning space, which is packed every day with farmers full of enthusiasm

to become masters of scientific farming by acquiring advanced farming methods and techniques, and on the stage of the ri hall of culture which is not inferior to art theatres in town.

According to Manager Kang, the sources of pride of the farm have also increased since the new villages were built and one of them is that it overfulfilled the national grain production plan last year.

“Stroking straw bags of rice piled up in my house after reaping an unusual bumper crop, my family members shed tears of gratitude to the country that gave us a new life,” said farmer Im Jong Suk.

The agricultural workers of the thriving farm are working hard to reap a bumper harvest full of enthusiasm to repay the favour shown by the country by filling the country’s rice granaries.

By Kwon Hyo Song PT



Villages undergo a facelift at the Janggyo Farm in Kangnam County.

## Wheat growing areas expanded

By Han Jong Ho PT

This year, agricultural guidance organs at all levels have pushed ahead with the plans for expanding the wheat fields.

The Agricultural Commission set a goal of increasing the area for cultivating wheat in the next year 1.2 times as much as that for this year and took a measure for its attainment.

In particular, it planned and pushed in a big way the sowing of winter wheat in the fields where the irrigation system was completed.

South Hwanghae Province pressed ahead with a plan for increasing the wheat cultivation area while introducing high-yield varieties fit for the climatic and soil conditions of the region into new right soil.

North Phyongan

Province selected the right sowing time and confirmed rational farming methods.

South Hamgyong Province concentrated on increasing the wheat cultivation area as planned. Its cities and counties produced large quantities of good quality home-made manure by mobilizing compost resources as they took practical steps to make newly-found wheat cultivation areas fertile.

After confirming different right kinds of soil, North Hwanghae Province solved problems arising in the production and transport of quality home-made manure and supplied farms with the seeds of high-yield varieties.

Other provinces also took practical measures to expand the wheat cultivation area.

## Close assistant, good companion of farmers

By Ri Myong Jun PT

An agricultural sci-tech service program, *Hwanggumyolmae* (golden fruit), is now very popular with agricultural production units across the country.

Through the program, agricultural officials and farmers can have access to data related to agricultural science and technology including those on growth forecast, achievements and common knowledge and find solutions to the problems arising in farming practice.

The Naejung Farm in Yomju County has taken a step forward in grain production with the help of the program.

By using the program, the farm transmits information about its soil, including the numbers of plots, sea level, gradient and depth of soil, and climatic conditions to the

agricultural informatization institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science and receives relevant data. In particular, it maps out seasonal farming plans and puts the whole processes of agricultural production on a scientific footing on the basis of the information on when and how many seeds should be sown per *phyong*, what kind of rice seedlings should be cultivated after raising certain numbers of their leaves and when they have to be transplanted, how much striking root fertilizer, fertilizer for tillering, regulating fertilizer and ear fertilizer should be applied per unit and when, and how rice paddy irrigation should be managed.

The Ryongnim Farm in Mundok County sprayed natural bioactivator and multi-element mineral fertilizer as a leaf additional fertilizer by making effective use of database

on sci-tech findings built in the program to boost the growth of crops even in the rainy season when it is often cloudy.

With the help of the program, the Usan Farm in Sinchon County selected the suitable plots for introducing the no-tillage cultivation method and watering period and received answers to the question of when, what kind of and how much herbicide they should apply to enhance the weeding effect which is the most important in the no-tillage cultivation.

“Many units and farmers across the country have joined the ranks of high-yielding units and farmers in the course of using the program. They call the *Hwanggumyolmae* program a precious helper and close companion for high yield,” said Ri Yong Chol, section chief of the Agricultural Commission.

*Farm works to make all units advance and develop together*

By To Kyong Chol PT

A single step taken by all workteams and sub-workteams is more precious than the ten or hundred steps taken by a few units—this is the truth that farmers of the Manphung Farm in Jungsan County keep in their mind, who have set an example in grain production in recent years.

One of the issues the farm prioritized to make its units advance and develop all together was to ensure that backward units are shored up by increasing the efficiency of the socialist emulation drive.

Competitions were also held in the past, but as they followed an old method, there was little



change in the rankings and farmers were low in their competitive spirit.

Therefore, the farm organized an exceptional competition among tractor drivers, seedbed tenders and rice-paddy irrigation managers who play an important role in carrying out farming processes and made special efforts to make the competition prove effective in practice.

For example, in the competition among tractor drivers, working days, the amount of work done and fuel consumption per work area were added as important items of evaluation, which resulted in the elimination of the practice of tilling fields again for failing to ensure deep ploughing and a surge in the drivers’ zeal for work.

And to raise the efficiency of the competition, the farm also attached importance to the rate of fulfilment of plans for overall farming processes by workteams and sub-workteams in the review and evaluation, not to individual performance. This has resulted in closer attention to the backward units and farmers in workteams and sub-workteams and growing enthusiasm of the masses and consequent good farming results.

# Top ten enterprises for 2023

By Kim Il Jin PT

Top ten national enterprises have recently been chosen for 2023.

Those units selected as top ten enterprises overfulfilled national economic plans last year, established production foundations by themselves and put per-employee output value, total industrial output value and average labour remuneration on a level high.

The Ryongsong Machine Complex manufactured large compressors in time by relying on its technology by breaking from the rut in the course of carrying out the production tasks of large compressors, and the Sunchon Cement Complex fulfilled cement production assignments at 100.5 percent last year as it waged a vigorous struggle for expanding production

capacities and conducted a technical innovation drive.

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex produced and supplied fertilizers needed for the agricultural sector before the farming season last year and exceeded the peak year level and donated tens of thousands of tons of nitrogen fertilizer to the agricultural sector, while the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex produced much more nitrogen fertilizer than planned by briskly expanding production capabilities and making technical innovations and presented thousands of tons of urea fertilizer to the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea in February last year.

The Pukchang Thermal Power Complex, regarding the digitization

and informatization of production and management activities as the key link of business administration, realized the management of labour, equipment, materials and finance based on the integrated management information system and raised the utilization rate of equipment, thus successfully supplying electric power to different economic sectors.

The Sunchon Thermal Power Station lowered coal consumption by installing hundreds of new turbine blades and introducing over 110 technical innovation plans into production last year, and overfulfilled annual power production plans while saving much coal and heavy oil.

The Tanchon Smeltery which was honoured with the title of top enterprise in 2023 after 2022 actively solved sci-tech problems arising in production to

normalize production on a high level, thereby satisfactorily supplying raw and other materials needed for relevant units.

The Sinuiju Cosmetics Factory set an example in the management of quality by pushing ahead with the development of new products with competitive edge in the world and improvement of quality, and the Pyongyang Dental Hygiene Supplies Factory carried out its production assignments by effectively conducting business activities.

The Rason Hyesong General Development Company trained many IT talents over the past four years to develop a world-level communications relay system to make a tangible contribution to the development of the country's IT industry and overfulfilled economic plans every year.

# Top ten IT enterprises in 2024 chosen

By Ri Sang Il PT

Top ten IT enterprises in 2024 have been selected

as they contributed to the development of the country's informatization and IT industry. They include the IT institute of the High-Tech Research & Development Centre of Kim Il Sung University, IT institute of Kim Chaek University of Technology, Pyongyang Software Joint Development Centre, Pyongyang Kwangmyong IT Company, informatization institute No. 1 of the Pyongyang Informatics Centre, Mangyongdae Trading Company, Pukseae Electronics Trading Company, Phurun Hanul

Trading Company and Achim Computer Joint Venture Company.

These are prominent innovation-driven businesses which have highly been appreciated for the active development and production of advanced IT products and front-runners in establishing and consolidating the country's informatization foundation. They have great competitive force in terms of productivity, scientific and technological capability, service, quality management and supply capacity. Most of them were honoured to be on the list of top ten IT enterprises on several occasions, eight times at maximum.

# Advanced sci-tech and products show held

Advanced Sci-Tech and Products Show-2024 takes place at the Grand People's Study House between October 15 and 25.

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By Ri Myong Jun PT

The Advanced Sci-Tech and Products Show-2024 took place at the Grand People's Study House in Pyongyang.

The exhibition, aimed at piquing public interest in the dissemination, exchange and distribution of advanced science and technology and products and further encouraging

their development and introduction, was attended by more than 480 units in the fields of metal, chemical and machine-building industries, agriculture, light industry, public health and information

industry.

On display were more than 2 200 pieces of advanced scientific and technological research and development and introduction successes highly appreciated at the

national sci-tech festival and exhibitions of sector-specific sci-tech achievements as actual objects or in the form of miniature and diagram.

Han Yong Jin, department director of the Grand People's Study House, said, "This exhibition was attended by over 140 more units than last year. The presented proposals and products were rated with the main stress put on their technical level and introduction."

What drew the attention of visitors were products made by relying on domestic raw and other materials and technology.

One of them is a metal-oxide arrester from the cutting-edge power electronic products company. It is a latest sci-tech product with high nonlinearity and energy absorbing capacity, fast response characteristic and great reliability, which is being used worldwide. The product based on domestic materials and technology received more than 20 state certifications, including a certificate of registration of high-tech products and sci-tech achievements, and has been introduced into many units.

Such high-tech products as an accelerator of the harvest time of cereals and vegetables that helps increase their per-hectare yield and a rare-earth activator for animals for increasing the production of meat, eggs and milk were in great demand.

The booth of the Jonjin Pharmacy also attracted visitors as it displayed the Cnidium officinale and Plectranthus esculentus capsule, the cuttlebone licorice ulcer granules and the barrenwort and matrimony vine tea.

The capsule is a medicine for curing migraine prepared by using ultrasonic extraction and other advanced pharmaceutical techniques on the basis of the prescription of Chongungdajosan, traditional mixed Koryo medicine. The ulcer granules made by rationally mixing such Koryo medicinal materials as cuttlebone and licorice, which have traditionally been used for treating digestive diseases, and the barrenwort and matrimony vine tea produce remarkable effects in the treatment of diseases.

The ion activating calcium presented by a unit also drew the attention of visitors as a mixture of natural essential microelements with calcium carbonate as the main component, which has no unpleasant taste and odour as compared with other calcium medicines, causes no indigestion or side-effects and has high absorptivity rate.

The exhibition inspired visitors to share advanced sci-tech achievements and experience.

A diagrammatic chart presented by a research unit attracted many people who wanted to learn the technology for restoring the colour of discoloured granite structure and preserving the colour. The technology, developed by the unit through a joint study with different research institutes, makes it possible to greatly increase the lifetime of discoloured granite structure through the non-destructive restoration of its colour.

During the exhibition there were also interviews about technology transfer and service related to advanced science and technology and products.

## Finishing building materials production bases increase

By Kil Chung Il PT

As provinces, cities and counties are conducting more energetic activities to consolidate the foundations for building materials production by relying on their raw materials and resources, finishing materials production bases have been built or expanded.

The Kyongam Tile Factory has been built in North Hwanghae Province as a comprehensive tile producer.

The province built a new factory that mass-produces different sizes of quality tiles after completing its design on a high level to meet the development trend of the building materials industry and putting main stress on equipping it with modern production facilities.

North Hamgyong Province has turned the Chongjin Wood-processing Factory into a comprehensive wood-processing production base.

The Phyongsong Stone Processing Factory has established a quality coloured granite production technology.

The Hwadae County Building-materials Factory is turning into a comprehensive building materials producer.

Given that it is the most profitable and promising to produce bricks by using locally-available raw materials, the county built a brick production process relying on such materials.

The Munchon Steel Works has built a reduced iron production process relying on locally-available raw materials and resources and produced a large number of reinforcing bars.

Jonghyong County has dynamically pressed ahead with the construction of rural dwelling houses by positively using stone resources of its region and producing and supplying furniture board, colour mortar, sanitary ware and others with its own effort.

Riwon County has mass-produced quality building parts by expanding the metal fittings production capacity while intensifying the drive to tap latent reserves and stepping up the readjustment and reinforcement of the finishing materials production process.

# Factory develops by dint of self-reliance

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Today, the Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory is well known in the DPRK as a pioneer in recycling and a self-reliant factory.

Established in 1995, the factory produced vinyl sheets relying on imported materials to contribute to improving the living standards of Nampho citizens.

Later, it could not secure imported raw materials, so it set up a production process

of recycled vinyl sheet by its own efforts and produced vinyl sheets with plastic waste as the material.

"At that time, we lost heart, thinking there was no other way without raw materials. Then, we happened to see vinyl sheet pieces being scattered around the factory and thought they would become waste if we threw them away and treasure if we recycled them. As a result, all the employees of the factory tried to find out the way to recycle plastic waste. We could do anything, once

we were determined. It was our only way to survive to do away with the proclivity to imports and rely on our own strength and things," said U Jae Myong, manager of the Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory.

The factory built an automatic plastic waste washing process and made several wet moulding machines. To this end, it recycled a generator and motor and processed and assembled the rollers of the moulding machines by securing their parts with the

assistance of a relevant unit. After putting production on a normal track, it produced vinyl sheets six times as much as before in the first quarter after the production began. Later, it carried out all the tasks by its own effort, including the production of different sizes of plastic pipes, raincoats, tents and vinyl sheets for package which were needed at construction sites of several projects in the city of Nampho.

Keeping in mind that their own things and self-development are the best, its employees put efforts into strengthening technical forces to fully equip the processes needed for normal production and increase the variety of products.

This year, the factory has organized on a regular basis the prize contest for developing new products, which are urgently needed for economic development and favoured by the people, and praised excellent employees in a significant way. In the course of this, it laid a foundation for further revitalizing the production of dozens of kinds of new plastic goods including decorative wallboards, boxes and pipes.

It also established a production process of vinyl chloride resin linoleum to make a breakthrough in promoting the development of new products.

It made and introduced such facilities as gravity water cooling device to save lots of labour and increase productivity by 1.5 times and has increased the proportion of domestically produced raw and other materials.

Now, demands for different kinds of goods produced at the factory are on the rise beyond the city.

Especially, toys and floats in various colours made to suit children's mind were very popular and highly appreciated at the children's goods exhibition of the Pyongyang Children's Department Store held in March this year.

As all the employees devote their wisdom and passion in order to make their factory more prosperous with their own things and by their own efforts, the number of innovators, inventors and winners of official commendations increases day after day and Manager U Jae Myong was honoured to become a meritorious person of socialist patriotism.



A production process and some of the products of the Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Factory updates peak year level again

By Song Kwang PT

The Chollima Tile Factory, a building materials production base of the DPRK, is seething with the production of finishing materials for major construction projects.

While running the existing first- and second-stage production processes at full capacity, the factory intensified the planning, guidance, technical innovation and socialist emulation drive for ensuring the full-capacity operation of

interior wall tile production line No. 1 of the third stage built last year. As a result, it is daily producing tiles over 1.5 times as much as last year when the peak year level was attained.

It also organizes and directs production in a responsible manner to make all the members of workshops and workteams ensure close coordination between processes, while focusing on full-capacity operation of equipment. It takes measures in advance to supply raw materials and secure parts

and puts great efforts to the technical updating of production processes and the improvement of quality.

Since construction sites across the country demand more and more exterior wall tiles, the factory officials and workers and technicians of interior wall tile workshop No. 1 rationally remodelled the production processes and introduced ideal baking temperature curves and furnace operation techniques in keeping with the characteristics of raw materials, thereby steadily

boosting the capacity of equipment and the quality of products.

The officials, workers and technicians of the marble tile, ceramic roofing tile and decorative tile workshops are also conducting an energetic socialist emulation drive between workshops, between workteams and between shifts to record high output every day.

The factory recently developed and produced various patterned and functional tiles, including brick- and natural-stone-

patterned tiles, anion-generating tiles and antibiotic tiles. Without resting on its laurels, it keeps unveiling finishing materials of practical use demanded by modern architecture.

It is laying firm foundations for increasing tile production in a more stable and sustainable way by raising the level of development of the raw materials for glaze and paint relying on domestic resources and building their production processes profitably on the principle of reducing the costs.

# War veteran's legacy

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

Yun Ki Su (pictured) is a war veteran living in neighbourhood unit No. 55 of Hwasong-dong No. 2, Hwasong District, Pyongyang.

He is now 87 years old.

## Two military uniforms

Two military uniforms are hanging in Yun's home.

One is the uniform with the epaulets of corporal he wore during the Fatherland Liberation War and the other has those of colonel, which shows his service career after the war. The two uniforms tell his autobiography.

He experienced the trials of war in his young age.

Houses, schools and villages were all burnt down, and his father, a platoon leader of the People's Guerrilla Army, was arrested and killed by the enemy. His mother was also killed by the enemy's bombing.

It was the soldiers of the Korean People's Army who were passing through the village that took care of the parentless child. He realized the true meaning of love and hatred while braving through the grim period of war. In June 1951, the year after the outbreak of the war, he joined the KPA as he desired.

An orderly, he ran through hills exposed to showers of bullets to fulfil his duty. Mowing down the enemy troops to avenge the deaths of his fallen comrades, he grew up into a corporal. He was awarded



the first Distinguished Military Service Medal by defending a hill to the last together with the personnel amounting to only one squad. He celebrated the victory in the war on a height on July 27 1953. He made up his mind to continue his military service throughout his life. In the days of military service, he developed into a competent military officer.

## 'Red seed'

Although he is over 80 years

old, his mental ability has never grown weak.

Under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state that hold war veterans in high esteem, he took part in the national conferences of war veterans on several occasions and spent a good time at the sanatorium for war veterans and the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort.

The government provided him with a new flat preferentially.

As he was shown such favour time and again, he redoubled his efforts to implant true patriotism in younger generations.

He, together with his children, visited the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on different occasions, including V-Day in July. As he saw the photos of his comrades-in-arms there, he recollected the height which he and they had defended at the cost of their blood and the national flag that had fluttered at decisive battles and wrote a drama on the spirit of defending the country.

Thus, he created TV drama "Red Seed".

His work was highly appreciated at the national prize scenario contest in April last year. It is also the veteran's legacy left for the younger generations.

# Old couple held in respect

By Pang Un Ju PT

An old man Kim Yong Man and his wife Kim Kyong Hui, living in neighbourhood unit No. 7 of Raengchon-dong No. 2, Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang, have devoted themselves to landscaping their village and street.

"Cosy parks at our neighbourhood unit and lots of fruit trees growing in thick verdure around them are permeated with the devoted efforts of the couple," said Ri Pok Sil, head of the neighbourhood unit.

After retiring from an organ under a ministry seven years ago, Kim Yong Man had a mind to plant fruit trees around his apartment house.

This was what he had always wanted to do.

land and plant ground-cover plants and trees.

But thanks to their fiery sincerity and devotion, apple, peach, zelkova and thuja trees began to take root around the neighbourhood unit.

As children played in various big and small parks built with great efforts and trees grew in thick verdure to unfold beautiful sights in their village, many people admired the couple for their patriotism.

For the past seven years, the couple planted over 100 000 trees and ground-cover plants and sent tens of thousands of saplings to many units, including Pyongyang Municipal Football School, Ryomyong Primary School in Taesong District of the city, East Pyongyang Stadium and newly built Songhwa Street.



Kim Yong Man and his wife tend the garden in their village. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

After discussing with the head of the neighbourhood unit, he buckled down to the work.

His wife helped him with the work as he drew and pasted on a wall of his room a large picture of parks to be built and made a phased plan.

"I started it not for any reward or profit. It is the duty of citizens to make their villages more beautiful by their own hands. Moreover, landscaping cities and villages has recently arisen as an important matter," said Kim Yong Man.

It was not an easy job to remove soil from a large area, build flower beds and resting places, fertilize

Before retirement, the couple participated in the work to support major units together with their three children scores of times and took warm care of the health and life of war veterans, special-class honoured disabled soldiers and persons with disabilities.

So, officials of the district and dong and residents of the neighbourhood unit call the couple patriotic couple.

Kim Yong Man, over 70, inspires his grandsons and granddaughters, who are primary schoolchildren, to have a mind to think of society, collective and the country before themselves.

# Performers of meritorious service

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Kim Chol Man is a Merited Designer and director of the Steel Design Institute under the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry.

When he started out on his design career more than 30 years ago, a veteran designer told him that designers should deal with every single point, line and mark seriously, because if they fail to do so, precious public property would be gone and they would cause a colossal waste of labour and time.

Bearing his words deep in mind, Kim racked his brains to make every assigned design perfect.

He took part in the creation of basic designs for blast furnaces to be built at different industrial establishments in the metal industry sector and the designs for overhaul of blast furnaces. In that course, he came up with over 10 valuable plans and was highly appreciated at national sci-tech festivals.

As he undertook a difficult task in the project for the technical upgrading of the energy-saving oxygen blast furnace at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex last year, he contributed to producing a novel design which made it possible to carry out the upgrading at an early date.

He was awarded the title of

Merited Designer in April this year for his big contribution to the establishment of the Juche-based system of producing iron.

Ho Myong Gum, driver at the Ryonmot Trolley Bus Station, has worked as a trolley bus driver for decades.

After joining the station in the 1980s, she tried hard to be at home with her bus.

Even in the days when the country was undergoing hardship, she devoted her all to its maintenance together with her husband, who is her co-driver. She would also give her spare parts and tools to her fellow drivers whenever they suffered from car trouble during service.

She continues to devote her patriotic mind to the bus service, cherishing deep in mind the trust of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who voted her who had been nominated as a candidate for deputy to the Pyongyang Municipal People's Assembly and encouraged her to fulfil her duty with noble consciousness as befitting a representative of the people in the future, too.

The country awarded her the title of Merited Driver in November 2018 and provided her with a wonderful new flat in Kyongru-dong in Pyongyang in recognition of her devoted service for the

people.

Pak Hyon Chol, head of workteam No. 3 of workshop No. 8 of the Rungna Construction Company, has worked with patriotic devotion at construction sites for over 30 years.

When he returned home after his demob, he was surprised to see the capital city of Pyongyang that underwent a sea change.

His father, who had worked in the construction sector all his life, told him that day:

"Man must be able to feel pleasure and pride everywhere. No occupation can give me pride as much as the builders' job."

Therefore, he followed in his father's footsteps.

He always took the lead in difficult work and called on skilled workers in order to improve his skills, and in the course of this he became a renowned innovator, versatile worker and workteam leader as he won the trust of the collective.

Such monumental structures as Mirae Scientists Street, Central Zoo, Natural History Museum and Ryomyong, Songhwa and Hwasong streets, which were built year after year are associated with the sweat shed by him and his workteam members.

The country identified him as a Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism and Merited Builder.



# To make study interesting



Students do experiments and practical training at Jungsun Senior Middle School in Sosong District.

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By Kim Hak Chol PT

Educational visual aids and subject study halls of Jungsun Senior Middle School in Sosong District, Pyongyang, are drawing the attention of the educational sector.

## School full of visual aids

When you enter the

school, you can see visual aids everywhere.

Formulas, foreign words and other visual aids explaining the phenomena of life in connection with teaching contents arouse interest, as they impart much knowledge.

Students review and discuss looking at these educational visual aids covering the walls of

classrooms and corridors, which make you think that the whole school has turned into a large classroom.

In particular, the experimental apparatuses and teaching aids are very helpful to students' study as they enable them to see, touch and experience invisible phenomena.

## Application is more important than recognition

According to the experience of teacher Hwang Chol Hyok, some students have rich imagination, others can understand anything correctly and easily only when they directly see that and still others solve problems correctly, but fail to apply them in real life.

The purpose of education is not to train "learned fools", he added.

The school teachers believed that they could

solve this problem by using the psychology of students who constantly aspire after new things and who are more curious and progressive than other people.

They first made audio and video visual aids for the teaching of subjects in which experiments and practical training hold a large proportion, including mathematics, physics and chemistry.

A remarkable thing is that the subject study halls are designed to enable students to actually experience what they learned in lessons.

Kim Il Sim, a second-year student of senior class, could not repress laughter as she lifted a boy student who is heavier than her with one hand by using several pulleys.

"I heard an explanation about it during a physics lesson and knew how much force is dispersed in the course of solving problems, but I could not repress my surprise while experiencing it actually," she added.

The streamline vision device is designed to help students see the process of smoke forming a vertex after passing through the airfoil model in the air-flow so that those who lack imagination can understand matters and phenomena easily.

Like this, the subject study halls have become a favourite place where students can study with interest.



Students consolidate what they learn in classes through practical training.

# Everyone learns free of charge all their lives

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

Now many countries of the world direct national efforts to developing education.

The DPRK regards education as a patriotic undertaking for its everlasting prosperity and is pushing ahead with projects for sustainable development of education.

In this regard, *The Pyongyang Times* reporter Ri Sung Ik interviewed Tong Chol Min, a department director of the Ministry of Education.

UNESCO developed a lifelong educational programme in 1965 and conducted positive activities to attain the goal of realizing all-people education and lifelong education worldwide until 2015.

It has been nearly half a century since an all-people education was introduced in our country.

In his famous work "Theses on Socialist

Education" published in 1977, President Kim Il Sung advanced an original idea on the comprehensive and sustained all-people education for the first time in history.

The idea clarifies the orientation and ways for simultaneously carrying on preschool, school and adult educations. In our country they have become a reality and everyone can learn all their lives as they like. All these educations are given free of charge.

A Cabinet decision was adopted on abolishing the school fees of students as a whole in March 1959 and the universal free education system was introduced from April 1 that year, wasn't it?

Yes, it was. On the basis of it, the universal eleven-year free compulsory education was enforced in our country from September 1975, and the law on enforcing the universal 12-year compulsory education was adopted at the Sixth Session

of the 12th Supreme People's Assembly in September 2012.

Accordingly, the state provides all the teaching aids, school fixtures and everything for experiments and practical training needed for the education of students and even bears the expenses for their extracurricular activities, study tour, visit and camping.

It is not easy to introduce a new educational system by extending the educational system for a year further in our country, where the state is fully responsible for all the burdens needed for education.

According to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea on making all the people well versed in science and technology, the number of students receiving higher education is on a steady increase, I think.

The higher education system of our country includes not only factory, farm and fishermen's

colleges but also on-site education through the distance education system run by universities.

Besides, there are lectures on science and technology, those on the development trend of modern science and technology and question-and-answer sessions on science and technology in various fields given at the Grand People's Study House and the Sci-Tech Complex to solve the problems arising in reality.

Everyone can attend them and all educations are free.

In conclusion, in the educational system of our country everyone studies free of charge all their lives.

The educational sector works to steadily improve the contents and methods of education in order to ensure that the most popular educational system really benefits all the people and proves effective to the maximum.

Thank you for your detailed information.

# Bridegroom disappears from wedding venue, 40-odd years later

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Choe Tung Gwang, director of the Pyongyang Essential Oil Institute of the Pyongyang Essential Oil Factory, had a penchant for chemistry in his childhood.

His dream was realized only after he returned to his homeland from Japan in August 1960.

## Bridegroom disappears from wedding hall

When he was studying at the Faculty of Chemistry of Kim Il Sung University in the early 1970s as he wished, other students were no match for him in desire for learning.

He was even nicknamed "walking dictionary."

He distinguished himself in an important research team in his university days. After graduation, he worked at a unit and brought about two valuable sci-tech achievements conducive to the economic development of the country.

There is an anecdote telling how much he exerted himself to bring about the two sci-tech achievements though he was not a professional researcher.

On February 8 1980, the research to develop new technology to increase hardness with low-MPa cement entered a full-scale phase, and it was his wedding day.

But the bridegroom, who had sat at the wedding table amid the blessings of many people, quietly left the venue without telling the bride.

Then he did not appear for hours. When the bride was at a loss alone at the wedding table, he was in a laboratory, waiting anxiously for the result of the analysis of his research.

His successful research finding was introduced into a major construction project in the country and the cement dispersant-519, which made it possible to save a large quantity of cement, was registered as his first national invention.

## Pioneer of research into natural essential oil

It was at the beginning of 1984 that Choe buckled down to research into natural essential oil of his own accord.

It was because the development of natural

essential oil took a large share in developing the country's light industry.

When he was about to start the research, he came to know that there were many problems to solve.

The existing reference documents related to the research were old ones written in the early 1900s, and even if the method was adopted, there was no possibility of making natural essential oil.

The research was as good as walking along an untrodden path.

He travelled different places across the country to select raw materials for natural essential oil. Then one day he was attracted by sweet briar in bloom on a beach at the East Sea of Korea.

Charmed by the fragrance from the flower, he made up his mind to obtain essential oil from it, but it took much labour and money to extract 1kg of essential oil from the flower under laboratory conditions.

Looking back upon the days when his research was just like creating something from nothing,

his wife Kim Sun Hui said, "I felt ashamed of my husband whenever hundreds of experiments failed repeatedly. So I tried to dissuade him from clinging to a thing that would be impossible even if he sold all their family property for it, entreating that we live as comfortably as others. But he said that he could never discontinue the research halfway."

At last, Choe succeeded in extracting absolute oil from the flower. It is said that different countries still order sweet briar absolute oil from the DPRK.

Later, he developed in succession natural essential oils including Chongsong perfume that can be said to a world-level one representing the country, *Pinus pumila*, calamus, *Perilla frutescens crispa* and mint essential oils, making a great contribution to the development of the country's food and cosmetics industries.

Choe Tung Gwang, Merited Scientist, candidate academician, professor and PhD, is still putting his heart and soul into developing a new natural essential oil though he is now 73 years old.



# UN should remain faithful to principles of equality of sovereignty, noninterference



By Choe Yong Nam PT

October 24 is the Day of the United Nations. The UN assumes the mission to defend global peace and security, promote friendly relations between countries and facilitate international cooperation in various fields and works on the principles of respect for sovereignty, noninterference in internal affairs of other countries and others.

Over the past 70-odd years, the UN has played a big role in ensuring the sustainable development of mankind as the world's most comprehensive international organization.

However, the demand for peace and security, which were so much desired by mankind in the early years of its founding, has not yet been fulfilled. Wars, disputes, armed conflicts and state-sponsored terrorism, big and small, frequently occur in different parts of the world and many people lose their lives and leave their places to take refuge.

The root cause of global peace and security being wrecked is the high-handed and arbitrary practices and aggression moves of the US which regards aggression and war against other countries and nations as its mode of existence.

The vicious cycle of escalated tension continues and the danger of the outbreak of a nuclear war has been increased on the Korean peninsula now as they do in all other regions of the world due to the US moves which uses the UN as a tool for realizing its hegemony.

The US started an armed invasion against the DPRK in the 1950s, but branded it as a "provocation" by the latter. It rigged up the "UN Command" by abusing the name of the UN and mobilized large military forces including the troops of 15 satellite countries, the ROK puppet army and the Japanese militarists to nip the DPRK in its bud.

Even after its ignominious defeat in the Korean war, the US continued to stage war games to isolate and stifle the DPRK, deployed huge nuclear strike means and other military hardware in the Korean peninsula, constantly labelling the measures for self-defence the DPRK has taken to foil the aggressors' acts of provocation as "provocations" and adopting "resolutions" against the DPRK at the UN arena.

The high-handed and arbitrary practices committed by the US in the international arena have become ever more

outrageous.

The Middle East situation that worsens with each passing day provides clear evidence to support it.

Since the outbreak of the Gaza crisis in October last year, Israel has killed more than 42 000 innocent people by ceaselessly massacring Palestinians. Not content with this, it is expanding the flames of war to all parts of the Middle Eastern region including Lebanon.

The ringleader of the world-astonishing Middle East crisis is Israel and the mastermind behind the crime is none other than the US. After the outbreak of the Gaza crisis, the US which has sided with Israel for successive generations in the Middle East issue actively patronized the latter and offered the Israelis enormous amounts of weapons of mass destruction, feigning itself to be deaf to the criticism of Israel by the international community.

It abused the power of the UNSC permanent member state to block the introduction of ceasefire for the settlement of the Gaza crisis on several occasions, arguing for the "right to self-defence" of Israel even in the international arena, and exercised its veto against the resolution on granting Palestine the status of a full member of the UN.

The Palestinians, who have suffered from Israeli occupation for over 70 years, have the right to demand a full membership of the United Nations, and it is the duty of the international

community to put an end to Israel's occupation and solve the Palestinian issue.

The international community should resolutely frustrate the moves of the US which violates the sovereignty and right to existence of sovereign states by abusing the UN.

Respect for sovereignty, noninterference in other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit are the basic principles of the UN Charter and a prerequisite for maintaining peace.

Such a situation where unreasonable "resolutions" abusing the name of the UN are adopted at random under the baton of the US and they are being abused for violation of sovereignty and system overthrow of UN member states should not be allowed any longer.

It does not mean that the US is just the UN only because the UN office building is in the US.

The UN should not allow the US high-handed and arbitrary practices, but strictly observe the principles of equality of sovereignty, noninterference in internal affairs of others, mutual respect, impartiality and objectivity in all its activities and categorically reject prejudiced and double-standard behaviours.

Only when the UN remains faithful to the principles of its activities despite the ever-changing complicated international situations, will it be able to make a substantial contribution to building a peaceful and prosperous world.

## Japan's appalling massacre of Koreans in China

By Jong Chol PT

During their military occupation of Korea in the last century (1905-1945), the Japanese imperialists suppressed the Korean people's anti-Japanese struggle and brutally killed innocent people, saying that the "Koreans should obey the Japanese law or die".

In particular, a "large-scale punitive operation in Jiandao" conducted by the Japanese imperialists more than 100 years ago is recorded as a cruel war of genocide unprecedented in history.

At that time, many Koreans were living in China's Jiandao area, and their anti-Japanese sentiment was very strong. Much upset by the ever-intensifying anti-Japanese struggle of the Korean people, Japan hatched a plot to suppress and stamp out their struggle.

One day in October 1920, a group of mounted bandits committed an "assault" on Hunchun where a Japanese consulate was located to make disturbance. The Japanese imperialists spread a rumour that the raid incident was the work of Korean Independence Army units. But it was a ruse. The bandits were the ruffian bribed by the Japanese.

Taking advantage of this, Japan launched a "large-scale punitive" operation in the Jiandao area on the pretext of "protecting the lives and property of its residents in the area" by mobilizing huge forces including a regiment under the 19th Division of its army stationed in Korea, its police force in South Hamgyong Province and its expeditionary force to Siberia. The target of the attack was innocent Koreans and their villages, not any military facilities or armed forces.

They raided everywhere Koreans lived to cruelly kill everyone indiscriminately,

be they men or women, and young or old. The brutes skinned live Koreans, cut off their limbs and buried them alive by dozens. They even tied Koreans' limbs to cut them into several pieces to death, threw children into burning houses after taking them away from their parents and slaughtered others in such ways as passing rings through their noses and disembowelling them.

In this way, the Japanese massacred tens of thousands of Koreans in the Jiandao area.

A foreign witness wrote in an article: "They dragged all the people out of their homes, irrespective of sex and age, to shoot them to death and threw those who were still alive in flames. The piles of ashes were mixed with many corpses. As I turned up the ashes, I found cut hands and feet, so I gathered them to take a photo of them. I was so heated that my hands trembled and therefore I had to take the photo of them four times."

The "large-scale punitive operation in Jiandao" is just the tip of the iceberg among the atrocities committed by Japan during its military occupation of Korea.

Nearly 80 years have passed since Japanese militarism was given the stern judgment of history to suffer defeat.

However, Japan has not yet made an apology and reparations for its bloody past crimes, but rather embellishes its crime-ridden history and instils extreme nationalism into the younger generations in order to realize the old dream of the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere".

The crimes committed by Japan, which tried so hard to obliterate the Korean nation, can never be erased even after a considerable lapse of time, and the Korean people will surely punish its unethical crimes.

## For independent development of the country

By Choe Song Jun PT

Venezuela is a world oil producer and exporter located in the northern part of South America.

Venezuela, rich in oil, natural gas, iron, diamond and other underground resources, was subjected to aggression and domination by colonialists for a long time.

Its people waged a vigorous struggle for the independence of their country and drove out the aggressor forces and thus liberated their whole territory in 1821 and declared the founding of the Republic of Venezuela in 1830.

It adopted a new constitution in December 1999 and changed its name into the Bolivarian Republic

of Venezuela after a Latin American independence hero.

Venezuela maintains a hard line against the US seeking hegemony and high-handedness.

The imperialists, regarding Venezuela as a thorn in their flesh, are putting more vicious pressure on it while continuing to expand the scale of sanctions.

According to data available, the US imposed over 930 cases of sanctions against Venezuela and the latter has so far undergone economic losses of US\$700 billion due to the sanctions.

In particular, when a candidate of an opposition party was defeated in the presidential election held in

July this year and Maduro was reelected, the US instigated a violent anti-government demonstration while recklessly denying the election results and imposed new sanctions on officials close to him in September under the pretext that "they disturbed the election and violated human rights".

But Venezuela is making positive efforts to defend its sovereignty and foster socio-economic development by its own efforts while resolutely countering the US' moves.

It has set it as the goal of economic construction to satisfy domestic demands by developing the economy in a many-sided way, departing from the previous method of basing economic

development on incomes from oil export, and it is actively conducting the work to attain it.

It is also putting in efforts to develop tourism while increasing state investment in agricultural development.

Meanwhile, it is working hard to strengthen cooperation with countries in the region while consistently adhering to the principle of peace and independence externally.

The struggle of the Venezuelan government and people for independent development will bear due fruit.

The DPRK established diplomatic relations with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on October 28 1974.

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# DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui issues press statement

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DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui on October 19 made public the following press statement titled "The countries involved in imposing illegal and outrageous sanctions on the DPRK will have to pay dearly":

Contrary to the recognized principles of international law with equality in sovereignty and noninterference in other's internal affairs as their core, the US and its vassal countries are working hard to revive the structure of sanctions and pressure against the DPRK, which went bankrupt structurally and is on the verge of collapse.

The "multilateral sanctions monitoring team," which allegedly replaces the panel of experts that withered after having been involved in monitoring the implementation of the UN "sanctions resolutions" for more than 10 years, is utterly unlawful and illegitimate in terms

of justification for existence and purpose, and its existence itself constitutes a denial of the UN Charter.

I express serious concern and regret over the US habitual misconduct of arbitrarily flouting the international order in pursuit of its hegemonic interests, and vehemently condemn and reject it as a challenge to international justice and the most undisguised violation of the DPRK's sovereignty.

The US-led sanctions against the DPRK are by no means a new experience for us.

However, the unilateral behaviour of the US, obsessed with the suicidal concept of pressure without sound thinking and sense of reality, and of some countries blindly following it has emerged as a threatening entity shaking the international relations to their foundations and seriously polluting the world security environment.

The emergence of another hostile threatening factor calls for

ceaselessly adding new factors to the corresponding counteraction force for deterring it.

Wrong practice is bound to elicit an indispensable reaction and suffer corresponding punishment.

If the US expected that it can surprise the DPRK and stop its advance with such worn-out means as sanctions and pressure, it is just a fatal misjudgment.

As clarified by the President of the State Affairs of the DPRK, the pain the US has inflicted on our people has provoked a towering rage towards the US and this has become a decisive factor and a strategic opportunity for redoubling our strength.

If the US seeks to control the world by dint of high-handed and arbitrary practices, self-righteousness and prejudice, more countries will become interested in putting an end to the American-style hegemony and it will bring earlier the emergence of the global anti-US solidarity structure.

The DPRK remains steadfast in its will to safeguard its sovereign rights, development and interests, regional and global peace and security to cope with the ever more undisguised, sinister and hostile scheme of the US and its satellite countries.

I take this opportunity to recall the criminal act of the ROK which violated the sovereignty and territory of the DPRK and caused the current mishap, and make it clear that the US will be held accountable for it.

We will correctly remember the US and the ROK, which have taken the lead in illegal and outrageous sanctions and pressure against the DPRK, and Japan, Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand, which actively joined them, and record all their hostile acts.

The forces involved in the smear campaign against the DPRK will have to pay dearly for it.

## Past crimes of Japan seen through 'national personal service drafting law'

By Song Kwang PT

The Japanese imperialists enforced more atrocious and oppressive colonial policies from the latter half of the 1930s during their military occupation of Korea (1905 - 1945).

One of them is the forcible drafting of many young and middle-aged Koreans on the pretext of "compulsory labour draft" and forcing slave labour on them.

Their "compulsory labour draft" was aimed at meeting the manpower shortage in munitions factories needed for aggressive war, construction projects for expanding military installations and mines and coal mines by taking out all young and middle-aged manpower in Korea. Another purpose was to help Japanese capitalists bring in maximum profits by sweating Korean workers.

The Japanese imperialists cooked up and enforced a series of laws and methods to make forcible "drafting" of manpower as a policy and legalize it.

It was the "national personal service drafting law" promulgated in October 1939. The Japanese imperialists stipulated in the law that the "state shall draft manpower for compulsory labour at its discretion and provincial governors shall

issue the writs for labour draft to those to be drafted".

After the law was made public, many Koreans were taken to Japan.

The Japanese imperialists actually "hunted" Koreans at random throughout the country.

They raided villages and houses to catch Koreans who were passing by, working and sleeping and loaded them into trucks. Sometimes they drove trucks to the middle of paddy fields in the daytime and forcibly took away working peasants.

When they carried away the draftees, they posted watchmen holding clubs to control the Koreans so that they could not talk with each other. The Japanese even drafted them by binding their waists with ropes.

Later, they enforced the "revised national personal service drafting law" in September 1943. Japan announced the "personal service drafting law for all middle-aged people" in August 1944 and tried more viciously to forcibly draft Korean manpower.

The draftees kidnapped by the Japanese imperialists were subjected to backbreaking labour at munitions factories, coal and other mines and military installations in Korea and Japan, in Southeast Asia and on many islands in the Pacific. Over 16

hours of labour, dangerous working conditions, no rest, insufficient sleep, poor lodging and boarding and others threatened the lives of Korean workers every moment. Eventually, many Koreans lost their lives in foreign lands.

After the Sino-Japanese war alone, the number of Koreans forcibly drafted by Japanese imperialists reached over 8.4 million. As they suffered continuous defeat in the Pacific war, the Japanese imperialists drafted many Koreans and assigned them to underground factories and military installations in 549 places throughout Japan from 1944 to 1945 to prepare for a decisive battle in Japan proper.

Despite the facts, Japan plays dirty tricks to cover up these crimes behind the black curtain of history by burning up many national documents related to the forcible drafting of Koreans. It even goes so far as to distort history while beautifying the blood-stained past crimes.

History can neither be erased nor covered up even if it is denied or distorted. No matter how desperately Japan uses cunning tricks, every sin brings its punishment with it.

The A-class unethical crimes Japan committed in the past can never escape stern punishment of history.

## Japan harassed by growing number of student suicides, child abuse cases

By To Kyong Chol PT

Suicides grow in number among students in Japan.

Last year, more than 500 students committed suicide. This year, the number of student suicides reached 229 in the period between January and June, five more than that in the same period of last year.

Especially, the number of middle school student suicides hit a record high since 2020.

According to a Japanese media outlet, the mistreatment cases confirmed in primary, middle and high schools in 2022 amounted to an all-time high of over 682 000 and the "grave situations" likely to lead to serious damage increased by about 30 percent as compared to the previous year.

That year, the number of consultations on child abuse amounted to more than 214 800.

In Japan, students have nowhere to go to appeal when they suffer ill-treatment.

A typical example is a suicide case of a middle school girl in Hyogo Prefecture whose truth was ascertained some years ago.

In order to escape from the torment inflicted on her by the extracurricular group and others, she submitted a document of appeal to her school authorities to express her distress and ask for help. But the authorities ignored it and, after her suicide, they did not try to clear up the cause of the suicide, but deliberately covered up the truth.

In February this year, another middle school girl in Nagasaki Prefecture killed herself after leaving a suicide note condemning the maltreatment being meted out in the campus.

Such tragedies are inevitable events in Japan which is devoid of love and affection intrinsic to human society and where abuse of the aged and children has become a social ill.

Relevant Japanese ministries and agencies, including the children and family agency and the Ministry of Welfare and Labour, are reportedly conducting research studies to analyse the main causes of child suicides from various angles and taking measures to grasp beforehand their suicide risks and prevent them, but it is as good as trying to deceive others by a transparent guile.

## Briefly

### Russia

#### President refers to issue about development of world sports

Russian President Vladimir Putin referred to the issue concerning the development of world sports in his speech delivered at the plenary meeting "Russia—Sports power".

Asserting that the future of global sports necessitates a serious and in-depth discussion, he said that solutions should be jointly sought in order to overcome the present difficult challenges, prevent division of the international sports circles and separate sports from nasty politicization, double standards, distorted rules and insulting discrimination.

#### West's hypocrisy disclosed

The Russian deputy permanent representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe exposed the hypocritical behaviour of Western countries against the Ukrainians at a meeting of the standing council of the organization on October 17.

Western countries are restricting the stay of the Ukrainians in their territories and taking measures to send them back to the "slaughterhouse", the area under control of the Kiev authorities, by going back on their promise that they would help them as much as they need, he disclosed.

### Kazakhstan

#### West cannot defeat Russia, president says

The Kazakh president asserted that the West cannot defeat Russia as he addressed the recent plenary meeting of think-tank forum in Astana.

Referring to the fact that Russia is invincible in the military aspect, he said that it has been proved by the military potentials of Russia, Russian citizens' support for the policy of President Vladimir Putin and the history of Russia.

Therefore, it is essential to seek a peaceful mediation plan for the Ukrainian situation, he noted, adding that if not, catastrophic results would be produced and some forces of the world might want it.

### Iran

#### US and UK air raids on Yemen condemned

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry denounced the air raids made by the US and the UK against Yemen in a statement on October 18.

Referring to the six rounds of air raids staged on the Yemeni capital of Sana and nine rounds on Sadah Province by the two countries on October 17, he described them as a blatant violation of the UN Charter and international law.

The US and the UK are conducting air raids on Yemen, while inciting Israel to be engaged in massacres in Gaza and Lebanon by supplying it with weapons, he noted.



# Ryomyong Street in Pyongyang

## Arm wrestling wins popularity

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The ongoing National Inter-Provincial Games-2024 in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Sports Day are getting livelier with the passage of time.

With the preliminaries of sports events taking place fiercely, an event attracted the attention of people since the games commenced, especially among men.

It was the arm wrestling contest which started at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on October 17.

It is the first time for arm wrestling to appear as an independent event of the games. Therefore, spectators gazed the matches with great curiosity.

Moreover, spectators showed keen interest since famous wrestling aces across the country took part in the event.

Three players from each team took part in them to contend by way of single-round match.

When Song Chol Min, two-time winner of the the Grand Bull Prize National Ssirum Contest, beat a player from Ryanggang Province,



A scene from arm wrestling between players of Nampho City and South Hamgyong Province.



The match between players of North Phyongan and Jagang provinces.

spectators lavished praise on him, saying that the *ssirum* wrestler is indeed uncommon.

The Pyongyang municipal team beat Ryanggang provincial team 3-0.

Among North Phyongan provincial contestants who competed with the opponents from Jagang Province, there were some *ssirum* aces.

Spectators were optimistic about the victory of North Phyongan Province as they saw Jo Myong Jin, who won the Grand Bull Prize National *Ssirum* Contest twice like Pyongyang's Song, and this year's winner Choe Tong Bom.

Contrary to the expectation of spectators, the two wrestling stars lost in the matches and therefore the matches ended in favour of Jagang Province.

Kangwon Province beat Rason City 2-1, while South Hamgyong Province saw off Nampho City 3-0 and North Hamgyong Province thrashed South Phyongan Province 3-0.

The finals of the contest arousing the curiosity of everyone as its matches have produced unpredictable results in a moment will be played on October 30.

## Natural monument— Pine tree in Kumgu-ri

By Song Jong Ho PT

A pine tree stands at a place about 1km away from the seat of Kumgu-ri of Poptong County, Kangwon Province. It was planted in about 1550.

It is 18 metres tall, 4.6 metres round at the root neck, 3.9 metres round at the chest height and 20 metres wide at the crown.

The old tree adds much to scenery for the good appearance and curious features and is of academic significance as well.

