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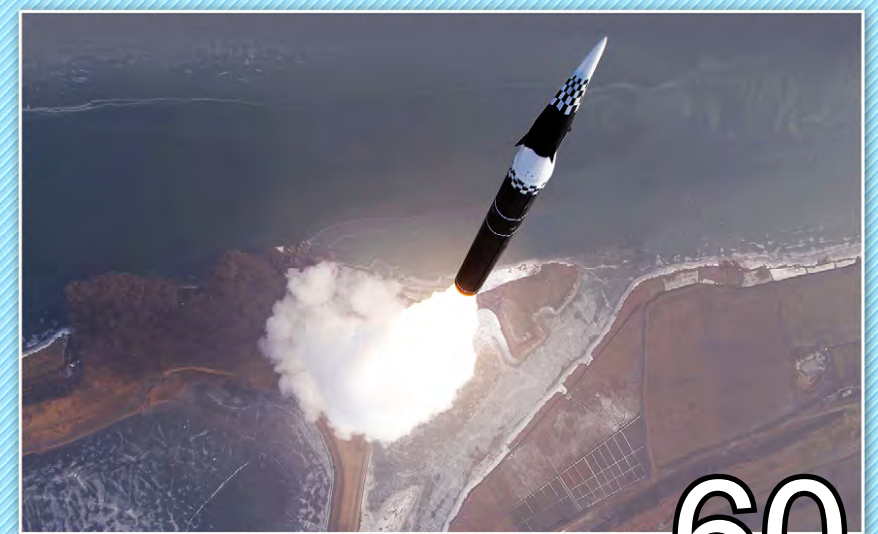
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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un making a concluding speech at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea



Let Us Strive More Dynamically for Prosperity and Development of Our Great State and Wellbeing of Our People

The noble ideals and seasoned leadership ability of the great Workers' Party of Korea, which is determined to bring earlier the implementation of the sacred revolutionary cause of Juche under the uplifted banner of the people-first principle, are effecting great transformations and a vigorous leap forward in all fields of state building, bringing each year of this country to a peak of brilliant successes and victory in history.

At the Enlarged Meeting of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set it as the general orientation of the work for 2025 to push forward with the preparations for the next stage of development in a substantial way while successfully completing the five-year plan, and clarified the policy-oriented tasks for its implementation.

Clear are our struggle objectives for achieving the comprehensive development of socialism, strong is our executive ability, and steady is our development speed. Whatever the external situations are and whatever the challenges and difficulties facing us are, they can never check or reverse our state's advance towards a leap forward.

As there are the wise and seasoned guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of our Party and revolution, and the great strength of all the people, united single-mindedly around the Party Central Committee, this year's struggle is sure to emerge victorious.



Enlarged Meeting of Eleventh Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held



The Enlarged Meeting of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters of the Party Central Committee, the General Staff of the revolution, from December 23 to 27 in 2024 to review the remarkable achievements made in the year by dint of the invincible might peculiar to the DPRK and its people, which is stronger than trials and challenges, and to decide on the development orientation of the Party and state affairs and policies for them in 2025, which will constitute another watershed in the history of the growth and development of the Party and the Republic.

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When the General Secretary took the platform, all the participants broke into cheers for Kim Jong Un, the great representative of the Party, the state and the people and the prominent leader of the Juche revolution, who is ushering in a new era of the most just and dignified prosperity with his extraordinary political acumen and gigantic leadership practice.

Kim Jong Un presided over the plenary meeting.

Referring to the need for the plenary meeting to take positive measures to overcome the negative elements hindering the normal development of the state and work out a substantial plan for the struggle to successfully implement the decisions of the Party Congress by 2025, the final year of the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, the General Secretary declared the plenary meeting open.

A presidium composed of the members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and members of the Political Bureau of the



Central Committee of the WPK was elected.

The following agenda items were brought up at the meeting:

1. On the review of the implementation of the policies of the Party and the state in 2024 and the orientation of struggle in 2025
2. On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2024
3. On the new regional development policy of our Party and its future tasks
4. On the enforcement of a series of measures for strengthening the educational foundations of the country
5. On the implementation of the state budget for 2024 and the draft state budget for 2025
6. On the work for the inner-Party structure
7. Organizational matter

The plenary meeting unanimously approved the proposed agenda items.

The plenary meeting discussed the first agenda item “On the review of the implementation of the policies of the Party and the state in 2024 and the orientation of struggle in 2025.”

The participants heard a report.

The report referred in detail to the achievements made through a dynamic struggle for implementing the important tasks set forth at the ninth and tenth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party, the 19th and 22nd enlarged meetings of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party and other important Party meetings, and to the shortcomings revealed in the course of the work.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the first agenda item.

He gave an assessment by the Party Central Committee of the

implementation of the policies of the Party and state in 2024, recorded as a year of fortitude and transformation for the Party and the people of the DPRK, and outlined the major successes achieved this year.

He referred to the epochal successes made in building up the powerful self-reliant defence capability, a fundamental guarantee for defending the people and the national sovereignty.

The concluding speech stressed that the field of defence science and munitions industry of the country has played a great role in accomplishing the cause of building a powerful army by firmly defending peace and stability with the overwhelming increase of combat strength while maintaining a resolute, tough posture of counteraction against the extremely worsening security environment in the region, and demonstrating to the world the entity of our new strategic deterrence and the infinite development potential and modernity of the defence science and technology, whose international position cannot be slighted.

It noted that the overall national economy showed a firm growth trend and brought about substantial results directly related to the people’s wellbeing.

The 12 major goals for the national economic development including housing construction were successfully carried out; the production plans were carried out at 127 percent for rolled steel, 106 percent for nonferrous metals, 103 percent for nitrogenous fertilizer, 101 percent for electricity, 110 percent for coal, 101 percent for cement, 104 percent for timber, 101 percent for aquatic products, 108 percent for rail freight turnover, 101 percent for cloth and 107 percent for grain. The readjusting and reinforcing projects including the second-stage project for modernizing the Kumsong Tractor Factory and the installing of energy-saving oxygen blast furnace at





the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex were successfully pushed forward, further strengthening the motive force and potential for the development of the self-supporting economy.

The agricultural sector reaped a bumper harvest again by actively introducing scientific farming methods and implemented the second-stage project for construction and restoration of the irrigation system by April, further consolidating the material foundations of its production.

The construction sector built again 10 000 flats of more refined and developed architectural beauty in the Hwasong area in the capital city, implemented the housing construction plan for this year in the Komdok area and completed the construction of modern rural villages in many cities and counties, bringing great pleasure and joy

to the people across the country.

The large-scale rehabilitation projects were carried out in the flood-stricken North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces, presenting new, transformed looks of cultured rural towns. As a result, a new path for regional construction was opened up, the inexhaustible might of self-sustenance was demonstrated, and Party members, youth and service personnel were tempered in the patriotic and practical struggle.

The concluding speech noted that the scientific and cultural fields achieved successes that contributed to promoting the all-people creative struggle and the national prosperity and development and raising the country's prestige.

Our women footballers won in the Asian Cup and World Cup



finals and other sportspeople won the Asian and world championships in various sports events including weightlifting, table tennis, boxing and Taekwon-Do. This is a success noteworthy in the review of this year.

Kim Jong Un said with pride that our Party, having identified the Regional Development 20×10 Policy for a simultaneous and balanced development of the regions and the substantial improvement of the living standards of the people across the country, presented its first perfect fruit, instilling hope and courage into the people of the whole country and doubling their creative enthusiasm and self-confidence.

On behalf of the Party Central Committee, he extended warm thanks to the Party members, working people, service personnel and youth across the country for having resolutely overcome the facing challenges and difficulties and faithfully implemented the Party's decisions and thus filled the year, decisive of carrying out the five-year plan, with significant creative and innovative successes of strenuous efforts and patriotic devotion, remaining faithful to the ideas and leadership of the Party Central Committee with one mind.

The General Secretary set it as the general orientation of the work for 2025 to push forward with the preparations for the next stage of development in a substantial way while successfully completing the five-year plan, and clarified the policy-oriented tasks for its

implementation.

He said that the main efforts should be directed to putting spurs to the growth and development of the overall national economy, indicating the goals to be attained by the key industrial sectors including metal, chemical, electric-power, machine-building and coal-mining industries and rail transport.

The concluding speech stressed the need to wage a massive construction struggle in the new year, too, and, through this, make another leap forward to realize our ideals.

It underscored the need to improve afforestation, land administration and ecological environment protection, establish a strict and unified command system and order related to disaster prevention by the state, make full preparations for coping with the danger of disaster including securing rescue equipment and relief materials and ensure the scientific accuracy, correctness and promptness of flood warning so as to minimize disaster.

It also stressed the need to successfully attain the expected economic growth goals by channelling efforts into resolving urgent methodological problems, like improving the system and method, planning and pricing for unified management of the overall economy in conformity with the economic structure and specific conditions of the country.

Noting that it is the main task set forth by the Eighth Party



Congress to bring about a substantial change in the people's living, Kim Jong Un stressed the need to push forward more vigorously with the major policy-oriented tasks which had been set up and carried on for the people's living and thus achieve more remarkable successes the next year.

The task facing the agricultural sector in 2025 is to attain the goal of grain production set by the Party and lay the foundations for decisively increasing agricultural production during the new long-

term plan period.

The concluding speech referred to the measures for putting the country's agricultural production on a stable and sustainable track of development, including strengthening the material and technical foundations of the agricultural sector, attaching importance to scientific farming, training in a systematic way and in a large number the ranks of talents who will shoulder the implementation of the rural revolution programme in the new era and transformation of the



socialist countryside.

It stressed that the light industry sector should raise the improvement of quality as the primary task and direct efforts to improving the quality of condiments and consumer goods and the socialist policy for the children and students should be implemented in a responsible manner. It also indicated the practical ways for strengthening the material foundations of the fishing sector.

It put forward the enhancement of the role of the scientific and cultural fronts as an important task in the new year's advance to conclude the first-phase struggle for pioneering and transformation for the comprehensive socialist development.

The scientific circles should turn out as one to achieve successful results to fully support the victory of the final offensive for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Party and lead it to a new stage of development.

The public health sector should steadily bring the preventive and curative treatment closer to reality, improve the quality of medical service for the working people, and lay solid foundations for anti-epidemic work to cope with any global public health crisis.

The concluding speech stressed the need for the fields of art and literature, media and sports to stir the times, shake the whole country and give a boost to its revolutionary spirit through the creation of excellent works of art and literature, powerful media offensive and successes in sports.

Noting that the working people's organizations are the forces that should move vigorously in the next year's struggle, when a landmark for great victory and change will be set up in the history of the development of our Party and country, Kim Jong Un stressed that the youth league organizations in particular should regard the purport and intention of the Party's policy of prioritizing the youth as their lifeline and prepare the youth league officials and members as true successors to the revolution.

He gave an outline of the successes achieved in 2024 in enhancing the international position of our state and consolidating its external position and of the features of the present international situation, in which the growth and rapid progress of the circles of the independent forces are conspicuous and the position of the circles of supremacy-seeking forces is rapidly weakening and declining.

The concluding speech put forward the strategic and tactical tasks for bringing about a more favourable external phase for the Korean revolution through proactive and offensive external activities in line with the Party's external strategic plan and intentions.

It clarified the strategy for the toughest anti-US counteraction to be launched aggressively by the DPRK for its long-term national interests and security.

It indicated the tasks for the field of external affairs to wage a dynamic struggle for defending the national sovereign rights on the principle of enhancing the prestige and defending the interests of the state and to positively promote the development of relations with the friendly countries that respect the dignity and interests of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un pointed to the special importance of thoroughly preparing the People's Army as a revolutionary army of the Party, boundlessly loyal to its leadership and strong in ideology and technology.

Holding fast to strengthening its politico-ideological might as its primary strategic task for building itself up, the KPA should develop itself into a revolutionary army that always emerges victorious

by dint of ideology, train all its service personnel to be genuine patriots, most powerful in their spiritual strength, and in particular, dynamically conduct the ideological work aimed at fully equipping them with keen awareness of the enemy, an immutable outlook on the archenemy and firm will to fight a decisive battle with them.

In order to meet the demands and features of modern warfare and cope with the ever-changing enemy's war scenario and execution mode, it should keep enhancing its capabilities for fighting a war by intensifying research into our own style of tactics, giving an uninterrupted spur to the work of putting its operations command on an IT and modern basis and steadily studying and applying scientific forms and methods of training.

We should also keep pushing ahead with fully preparing the civil defence sector for a war.

Kim Jong Un clarified the strategic and tactical policies for more reliably guaranteeing the bolstering of war deterrence for self-defence through accelerated progress of defence science and technology and radical development of the defence industry to cope with the ever-increasing military provocations of the US and its vassal forces against the DPRK, and set forth the tasks for their implementation.

Saying that next year's struggle for successfully carrying out the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK requires the Party organizations, the political staff of relevant sectors and units, to enhance their functions and activities more than ever before, he stressed that all Party organizations should dynamically conduct their organizational and political work to attain their struggle goals without fail by making sound preparations and redoubled efforts.

In particular, all Party officials should bear in mind once again the true meaning of the slogan "Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!" and devote their all to the work for the people, as intended by the Party Central Committee, he said, adding:

The unprecedentedly harsh situation will persist in the future, too, but the invaluable experience and lessons, gained and drawn in this year's intensive struggle for ushering in a new era of transformation unprecedented since the founding of the nation, and our confidence and internal force that have grown a hundredfold will surely encourage us to attain with credit the goals we have set.

He then ardently called on all the participants to remain true to their heavy duty and responsibility they have assumed for the times and revolution and the country and people, and wage a bolder struggle with higher confidence in the vanguard of the general offensive for a great victory and glory in 2025.

The plenary meeting discussed the second agenda item "On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2024."

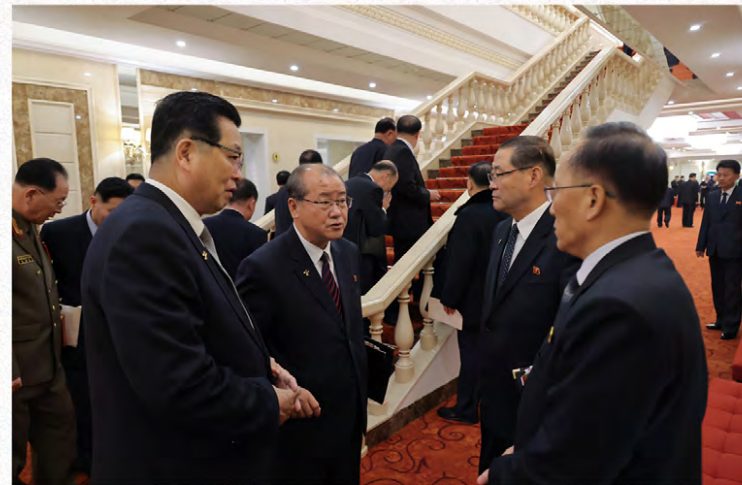
A report on the relevant agenda item was made.

It referred to the successes made in the work for implementing the line of building the Party discipline in the new era and for providing Party work and activities with a financial and material guarantee and strictly pointed to the deviations revealed by the Party inspection commissions at all levels.

The plenary meeting made a relevant evaluation of the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2024.

It discussed the third agenda item "On the new regional development policy of our Party and its future tasks."

Kim Jong Un said that the Regional Development 20×10 Policy, which our Party regards as a crucial political issue and the supreme task for fulfilling its cherished desire and is dynamically pushing



completed correctly and in a practicable way so that they can be operated smoothly at the present stage can we surely provide a firm basis for regional development and open up a dynamic phase in which cities and counties can simultaneously undergo a change and rejuvenation, and proposed to the plenary meeting that the Party's new regional development policy formally include the construction of advanced public health facilities, scientific, educational and leisure facilities and grain management facilities in parallel with that of regional-industry factories.

Speeches were made on the third agenda item. The plenary meeting discussed the fourth agenda item "On the enforcement of a series of measures for strengthening the educational foundations of the country."

A report on the relevant agenda item was made. Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the fourth agenda item.

Noting that education is the first state affair that should be given priority and that demands tremendous effort at any time and at any stage and the most important sector that has to make steady progress, he referred to the precedence, necessity and significance of its development.

He said that, according to the tasks set forth at the sixth and eighth plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee, practical measures have been taken to readjust the educational structure of the country for giving advanced education and improve the contents

and methods of education more reasonably, and the socialist policy for the students is being consistently carried on together with the work of training reserve teachers on a long-term basis. Despite the proud qualitative changes brought about in this sector in recent years, the overall educational foundations are yet to respond to the requirements of the times and the revolution, he pointed out, and made a strict analysis of the present situation in the educational sector and indicated the immediate, medium- and long-term tasks to be fulfilled through the investment of the national efforts on the responsibility of the Party and the government in order to consolidate the foundations of education, saying:

Now that we have set an aim of building a state which gives the greatest importance to education and is most advanced in education in the world, we should definitely take the direction of supplying school things, supplies and equipment and providing the educators and students with the best working and studying conditions on the full responsibility of the state.

He then indicated the intention of bringing up the above-said agenda item as a special one at the plenary meeting and the practical ways for putting the educational foundations of the country onto a new high in the shortest period possible.

Stressing the need to push forward with the modernization of schools, which claims a lion's share in strengthening the educational foundations, as a state undertaking, and set an ambitious goal to renovate all schools across the country within the next decade and

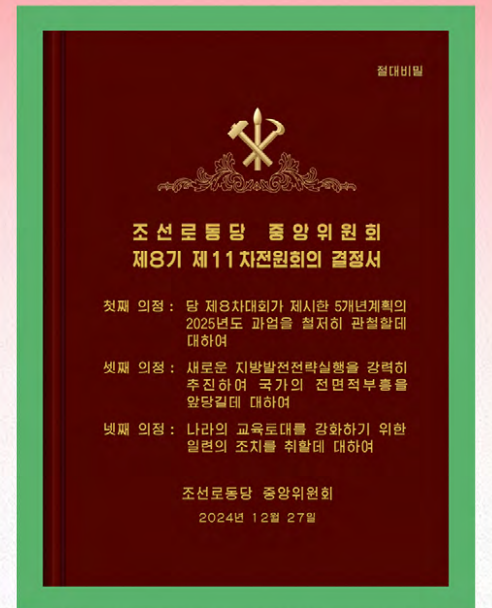
forward as the top priority revolutionary task, is an eventful decision and unprecedentedly huge creative struggle, the first of its kind since the founding of the Party and the state, which is aimed at providing the people across the country with a new, affluent and civilized life in a matter of ten years and rapidly raising the level of development in all regions.

Referring to the intention of the Party Central Committee to additionally build public health facilities, cultural complexes and

grain management facilities in the cities and counties across the country, considering that the construction of some regional-industry factories in each city and county is not enough to completely eliminate the centuries-old backwardness remaining in local areas and put them on a sustainable development track, he gave an overview of the significance of the construction of the three essential projects and the specific orientation of construction.

He said that only when the aforesaid construction projects are





The plenary meeting adopted with unanimous approval the decisions “On carrying out the tasks for 2025 of the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Party Congress,” “On hastening the comprehensive rejuvenation of the state by vigorously pushing ahead with the implementation of the new regional development strategy” and “On taking a series of measures for strengthening the educational foundations of the country.”

It finally examined the implementation of the state budget for 2024 and the draft state budget for 2025 and approved the submission of the document on them to the Twelfth Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly.

Kim Jong Un concluded the plenary meeting.

Next year is a significant year marking the 80th founding anniversary of our Party and at the same time the year for the Eighth Party Central Committee to review its work before the times and the people, he said, pointing to the need to make 2025, the last year of its term,

a historic watershed which occupies the most brilliant position in the history of leadership of our Party with extraordinary wisdom, courage, responsible efforts and strenuous exertion transcending the four years of pioneering and leap forward.

He ardently called upon the entire Party, the whole country and all the people to turn out in the sacred patriotic struggle for the comprehensive rejuvenation and development of our great state and achieve miraculous successes, thus greeting with honour the Ninth Party Congress as a glorious meeting of victors.

The December 2024 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the WPK wrapped up its responsible work amid high political awareness and burning enthusiasm of all the participants to remain faithful to their duty as the leading personnel of the revolution to the last in the first rank and vanguard of the struggle to implement the Party’s policies, cherishing the great trust of tens of millions of people.

push forward with it persistently so as to carry it through to the end without fail, he set forth measures to this end.

In connection with the fifth agenda item, the plenary meeting decided to organize a state budget deliberation team for examining and reviewing the implementation of the state budget for 2024 and the draft state budget for 2025.

The plenary meeting discussed the sixth agenda item “On the work for the inner-Party structure” and approved a relevant decision with unanimous approval.

The plenary meeting discussed the organizational matter as its seventh agenda item.

The plenary meeting had two-day panel study and consultative meetings to work out a thoroughgoing and correct plan for implementing the struggle tasks for 2025 on the basis of the ideas and spirit of the instructions given by the WPK General Secretary during the discussion of the agenda items and his concluding speeches.

The 24th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth WPK Central Committee was convened on December 27.



Inauguration Ceremony of Regional-industry Factories in Songchon County Takes Place with Splendour

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Attends Inauguration Ceremony and Makes Speech



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The birth of the first precious entities of the ten-year drive for creation to be specially recorded in the sacred course of the development of the Juche revolution is the proud fruition of the revolutionary leadership, based on the noble ideal of "The people are God" and devoted service for the people, of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who sets it as the supreme principle of activities of the Party and the state to promote the people's wellbeing and realize their ideals. It is also an encouraging event proving that a stirring era, when the regions change and prosper, has come as a reality.

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An inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Songchon County for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy took



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech on the inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Songchon County.

The WPK will further expand and intensify the regional development policy and the programme for the rural revolution in the historic new era so that the people can benefit from them even after 100 years, and will be more courageous in splendidly transforming even one more thing in the regions, he said, ardently calling for making courageous efforts to bring earlier the day when the beloved younger generation and the people will enjoy a civilized and rich life in their transformed native lands and their prospering regions.



place with splendour on December 20 in 2024.

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

Present at the ceremony were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and other members of the Party central leadership body, members of the non-permanent committees for promoting the Regional Development 20×10 Policy at all levels, officials and working people in South Phyongan Province and Songchon County and service personnel of the Korean People's Army involved in the construction.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Kim Jong Un made an important speech on the inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Songchon County.

He gave a comprehensive and critical analysis and estimation of the causes of failure for the regional-industry policy and the programme for the rural revolution in the past era to achieve due results contrary to the intention to shore up the people's living and the country's agriculture in all regions, and of the important issues to be promptly rectified for the final solution of the rural question.

He stressed the need to surely and unconditionally carry on the great age in which 20 cities and counties change every year and make greater and accurate strides for advance while attaching more

importance to lessons and prospects than to visible successes. He clarified the matters of principle and important tasks for conducting in a revolutionary way the construction work in the new year in implementing the regional development policy.

The WPK will further expand and intensify the regional development policy and the programme for the rural revolution in the historic new era so that the people can benefit from them even after 100 years, and will be more courageous in splendidly transforming even one more thing in the regions, he said, ardently calling for making courageous efforts to bring earlier the day when the beloved younger generation and the people will enjoy a civilized and rich life in their transformed native lands and prospering localities.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape amid the stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" raised by all the participants with the ardent reverence for and absolute trust in the great Party Central Committee.

Fireworks were displayed and many balloons soared into the sky over the venue of the ceremony in Songchon writing the first page with pride in the history of regional development in the new era.

With deep emotion, all the participants offered their thanks to the great father of the large socialist family, who set the people-first principle as the eternal political ideals and steadfast political mode of the WPK and is devoting himself to the eternal peace and happiness of the people across the country.



Kim Jong Un went round the regional-industry factories in Songchon County together with the participants in the inauguration ceremony.

He went round the rooms for producing cooking oil, soy sauce, bean paste, chestnut jam, bread, drinks and soap, wood processing workteam and other production processes of foodstuff and daily necessities factories to learn in detail about the variety and quality of trial products.

Calling on the regional-industry factories to direct primary efforts to improving the quality of products, he said that they should make the maximum use of modern production processes so as to produce a lot of popular goods and famous commodities with distinctive features of their regions and the goods would be evaluated by the inhabitants in the county.

He called upon the newly-built regional-industry factories to foster and expand the climate of developing competitively, while exchanging experience with each other and learning from others, as regards the problems arising in their management such as production activities, ensuring of quality and training of skilled workers.

Repeatedly stressing that the most important thing in the operation of modern regional-industry factories is the normalization of production and improvement of quality, he said that the county Party

committees should take these two issues as important policy tasks and as the work of the Party committees and conduct a thorough review and take measures every month to make sure that the policy on regional development set forth by the Party genuinely contributes to the improvement of the material and cultural life of the regional people and turns into a policy radically enhancing the efficiency of regional development.

He set forth important tasks arising in the business activities and normalization of production at regional-industry factories, including the issue of increasing the proportion of locally available raw and other materials and home-made equipment, the issue of establishing a strict system of product inspection, the issue of steadily improving the level of modernization of production processes and the issue of thoroughly ensuring convenience and profitability in packing goods.

The inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Songchon County built as the first creation of regional rejuvenation under the energetic guidance of the great Party Central Committee serves as a significant occasion in greatly encouraging the patriotic struggle of the people across the country who are accelerating the historic advance for comprehensive national rejuvenation initiated by the Eighth Party Congress with confidence in the bright prospects of the Juche cause and our future to be more civilized and prosperous.

Inauguration Ceremony of Houses in Flood-hit Areas of North Phyongan Province Takes Place with Splendour

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Attends Inauguration Ceremony



Ideal “cultured rural towns” and beautiful villages epitomizing modern civilization have been built to greet the significant time of completion in the flood-hit areas of North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces, fully demonstrating the advantages and invincibility of Korean-style socialism.

An inauguration ceremony of dwelling houses in flood-hit areas of North Phyongan Province took place with splendour on December 21 in 2024.

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, was present at the ceremony.

He extended warm militant greetings to all the builders who had built the dwelling houses for the people in the flood-hit areas, bravely

overcoming difficulties with absolute trust in the Party and firm faith in socialism.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in celebration of the inauguration.

He said in the speech:

In support of the political ideals and intentions of their Party that places the safety and wellbeing of the people before anything else, the service personnel, members of youth shock brigades, officials and working people of North Phyongan Province and helpers from across the country have worked strenuously overcoming all manner of difficulties from the sweltering summer to the bitter winter, and thus built cultured rural residential areas that reflect the original features of our style of socialism and its future. On behalf of the

Central Committee of the Party and the government of the Republic, I extend warm thanks to them.

This ceremony is an important occasion for demonstrating that our socialist cause that absolutely supports and serves the people, the foundations of the state and all that forms it, is advancing stoutly even in the face of all manner of difficulties. As I see the result of the campaign, I feel confident that this lower reaches of the Amnok River will remain durable in another severe flooding in 100 years; and as the flood victims will start a new life on the islands transformed beyond their original appearance, I am pleased with a feeling of relief.

We have so far launched into and waged major construction projects however difficult the circumstances were—even in the emergency anti-epidemic days—but no project has been implemented in a strained way like this one.

After pointing out the unrealistic and unscientific deviations revealed among officials during the campaign, like lack of far-sightedness in planning, Kim Jong Un continued:

Frankly speaking, when we launched into the campaign, several countries and international organizations expressed their will to assist us, but we made clear our determination to remain faithful to our approach to resolving problems by our own efforts at all costs. This was because we were confident in our own strength and, more importantly, our self-supporting spiritual and material asset that had to be developed further during this challenging project was more precious than anything else.

The in-depth analysis of the recent flooding revealed that it was not merely a disaster caused by the unpredictable force of nature, but an artificial disaster caused by the loose system of the relevant





The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Party and the government of the Republic, extended warm thanks to the service personnel, members of youth shock brigades, officials and working people of North Phyongan Province and helpers from across the country who, in support of the political ideals and intentions of the Party that places the safety and wellbeing of the people before anything else, had worked strenuously overcoming all manner of difficulties from the sweltering summer to the bitter winter, and thus built cultured rural residential areas that reflect the original features of our style of socialism and its future.



disaster prevention organs of our state plus the irresponsible sense of reasonability and carelessness of the officials. So I decided that through the course of self-reliant rehabilitation project, we should learn the subsequent cost and repent ourselves.

And I thought that the experience would be essential for us to cope with the possible disasters in the future.

If we had pinned hope on the assistance from others, there would not have been the dignity we are all now feeling, not to mention these wonderful transformations.

The recent rehabilitation project was not simply an undertaking to remove the aftermath of an unexpected disaster; it was a struggle that could surely emerge victorious by our own efforts as it was an undertaking for us to bring about epochal transformation with an attitude of taking responsibility for the future.

It was the Party's intention to further cultivate our internal forces for braving any manner of difficulties by our own strength while winding up the campaign on schedule without fail by dint of the united strength of the whole country, with a belief in the strength of our army and people including the young people.

It was an occasion for further cultivating the spirit of self-sustenance.

As the new year begins, we will launch into a new regional plan

that correctly reflects our Party's and government's plans for the comprehensive development of socialism and is consistent with the local people's ideals, he noted, adding:

We should carry out our Party's crucial decisions to transform this region into a socialist fairyland by implementing one project after another in a three-dimensional way.

As the long-term plan is shown on this map here, next year we are going to build a combined greenhouse farm on a hundreds-of-hectare-wide area of Wihwa and Taji islands.

Over the past several years large-sized modern greenhouse farms have emerged in Jungphyong and Ryonpho on the east coast and in the capital city of Pyongyang, proving the economic effectiveness of vegetable cultivation in greenhouses. With a sea of greenhouses appearing here, we will be taking a huge step forward towards improving our people's standard of living.

We will assign these greenhouse projects to the People's Army units and the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, so that they can once again demonstrate our creative abilities in an atmosphere of fierce competition.

Also included in this plan is the construction of a modern vegetable science institute as a base for scientific and technological research and information diffusion to put vegetable cultivation in greenhouses



on a scientific, intensive and industrial basis, as well as the setting up of greenhouses for experimental cultivation, dwelling houses and public welfare facilities, thereby transforming the island areas into a model farm of the new era with potentials for development.

Along with this, we are faced with many tasks, including reinforcing the embankments in the islands on the lower reaches of the Amnok River and in Sinuiju and Uiju County to turn this region into a buttress free from any other possible damage, and building

bases for political and cultural activities, service networks and other public facilities in the new residential districts.

We must never rest content with what we have achieved today or remain on the level we have attained; such construction work is a requisite for implementing the Party's plan to transform the country's border cities in a modern fashion.

I'd like to add that our future plan involves transforming Sinuiju into an ensemble of modernity, originality and national identity, a

thriving city epitomizing the advanced level of socialist Korea and its might.

Here we should begin with developing the island areas and then transform Sinuiju. Then the locality in the northwestern part of the country will have excellent regional culture and potentials for development.

Construction is an undertaking which clearly represents our Party's ideology and policy. At present, the successes in this sector, for their political character, visual impact and great vitality, constitute a political symbol which instils into people the confidence in and optimism about the revolutionary cause and powerfully demonstrates the development level of the state.

Referring to the measures to be surely taken for the long-term development of construction, he went on:

We should put the new turning point of construction revolution and regional construction in the new era on the track of radical and steady development so as to adorn the historic cause of achieving the comprehensive national rejuvenation with substantial, simultaneous and multiple changes.

To this end, it is important to raise it as an important policy-oriented requirement to improve the level of specialization in construction and push powerfully ahead with this.

To improve the level of specialization in construction, three elements—design, workforce and equipment—should be regarded as important elements, and they should be steadily improved.

He reiterated that the Party and the government of the Republic would lead the sacred cause of realizing the long-cherished desire of the people across the country to the last without a moment's pause or interruption, and expressed belief that all the officials, service personnel of the People's Army and youth shock brigade members, who are about to start another new construction projects, would add another brilliant page to the annals of national rejuvenation by displaying indomitable spiritual strength and taking patriotic action with high pride in being participants in and direct undertakers of the sacred and worthwhile struggle of adding glory to our state's prestige and honour and bringing earlier the wellbeing of the local people.

Extending warm congratulations to the residents in the city of

Sinuiju and Uiju County who will settle in new houses amid the blessings of the whole country and sincerely wishing all families happiness and harmony, he ardently called on all to make unyielding efforts to bring about the country's eternal prosperity and the people's wellbeing.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

He, together with the participants, looked round the new modern rural residential districts.

Feasting his eyes on Hadan-ri of Sinuiju where modern high-rise and low-rise urban-style rural dwelling houses imposingly stand in a safe zone, surrounded by solidly built embankments, he said with great satisfaction: I had a heavy heart at the thought of the homeless people in hardship, when I looked around the inundated area on a rubber boat a few months ago. But now I feast my eyes on this area that has turned into a splendid ideal socialist village. This is, indeed, a dramatic change.

Through the rehabilitation project in the Amnok River basin, we further boosted our confidence in the irresistible force of the single-hearted unity unique to our country, the one and only unity in the world, and our own strength and have come to pass through a new stage and process of development for regional and rural rejuvenation.

Our Party has been able to adorn its arduous journey of revolution full of trials with only victory and glory, because our people have sincerely trusted and followed it and defended its cause. Our people are just the benevolent patriots who firmly support this country with sincere sweat and efforts, shouldering every burden of the country at the time of hardship, while placing the state affairs before their household ones. We should make more strenuous efforts to firmly defend and hold in higher esteem such excellent and great people without parallel in the world and make them happiest in the world.

Going round modern rural residential districts, members of the Party central leadership body and other participants cherished more deeply the absolute truth that eternal victory and prosperity are in store for our powerful country and a rosy future for our people and posterity as they hold Kim Jong Un in high esteem as the father of the great socialist family.





Sinpho City Offshore Farm Inaugurated

A new model base of advanced offshore farming has been successfully built in the Phungo-dong area in the city of Sinpho, South Hamgyong Province, in accordance with the new regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The inauguration of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, a gift of love presented by the WPK to the people of the city, is a brilliant fruition of the outstanding ideas and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who made a determination for the epochal cause of regional rejuvenation for a simultaneous and balanced development of the whole country and is stubbornly carrying it out. It is also a proud epitome of the Korean-style creative struggle showing the future changes in all the coastal cities and counties.

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An inauguration ceremony of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm took place with splendour on December 28 in 2024.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony.

When he arrived amid the playing of welcome music, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded far and wide.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in celebration of the inauguration.

Noting that we greeted the emotional moment of declaring the inauguration of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, built as a characteristic creation for regional transformation in the area which had been only a white beach with pine trees five months before, he said that this is the start of the important undertaking for ensuring steady progress of socialist construction, aspiring after a simultaneous and multiple development on a nationwide scale. And he continued:

In order to secure a substantial guarantee for the regional-industry revolution which the Party is stepping up with all efforts, it is necessary to lay foundations for sure and sustained exploitation and application. The cities and counties, where the areas of arable land are limited in comparison with a large number of population like

the city of Sinpho should correctly find out the advantages in their natural resources and economic and geographical features to live and develop by their own efforts by relying on them.

The most precious income we have gained through the inauguration of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm is that the Sinpho people came to have a keen interest in the offshore farming which will renew the structure of our fishing industry and grasped the best method by dint of science. It is important for everyone to fully realize that the key to self-reliance and self-sustenance is in themselves, rather than talking about it in words, and put it into practice.

The farm's technicians and employees and the officers and men of the Korean People's Army involved in the construction project clearly proved the truthfulness and validity of the Party's policy with their firm faith in it and with their extraordinary determination and indomitable efforts, and the relevant sector of the KPA played a big role in laying the material and technical foundations of the farm by building and donating a new-type aquaculture mother ship.

It is a great pleasure for me to find a job for the people's wellbeing, but what is prouder and more worthwhile is when I see all the people unanimously and whole-heartedly respond to my decision and prove the validity of the Party's policy with sincere and stubborn efforts.

He then extended on behalf of the Party Central Committee and





the government thanks to all the soldier-builders, Party members and other working people in South Hamgyong Province including those in Sinpho, and officials of the relevant sectors who made contributions to the implementation of the Party decision and the development of the country by creating such a valuable treasure for the country and people.

He went on:

We are faced with struggle tasks greater and more gigantic than the undertakings we have done. Officials, technicians and employees of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm should revitalize offshore aquaculture by drawing on the good experience gained in the first year's sea farming, continue to play the vanguard role in transforming the structure of the fishing industry on this basis and carry on business management methodologically so as to powerfully guarantee the development of the regional economy.

Saying that our ideals, courage, strenuous efforts and creation will certainly and continuously bring us prouder assets, he sincerely hoped that the city of Sinpho would thrive and become literally a "rich city" in the era of regional transformation and prosperity and thus bring pleasure and happiness to the people in the region.

When he finished his speech, cheers of "Hurrah!" went up again to





the sky in December.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

He went round the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, together with members of the Party central leadership body and other participants.

Noting that to keep expanding successes on the basis of the precious experience gained in the construction of the Sinpho City

Offshore Farm is of great significance in dynamically accomplishing the historic cause of regional development into which the Party channels the greatest effort unprecedented in history, he gave precious instructions for all cities and counties to put their regional economy on a firm basis of development by making good use of the sea in the coastal areas and mountains in the mountainous areas and by revitalizing tourism in the places with tourist resources.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Service Facilities in Kalma Coastal Resort

A Korean-style coastal tourist city is splendidly springing up in Myongsasimni, renowned as a coastal scenic spot in the country, demonstrating the dynamic spirit of socialist Korea that is ushering in a new era of transformation and civilization with a great ambition and ideals.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea unveiled a plan for building characteristic tourist resorts that can satisfy the cultural and emotional demands of our people on the picturesque coasts by preserving the natural and geographical features of our maritime country, and has led the projects step by step. Under its

meticulous guidance, a service network that includes many hotels, hostels, sea-bathing service facilities, various sports and recreation service facilities, and commercial and catering facilities, has been built in Myongsasimni on the Kalma peninsula, presenting a beautiful landscape.

On December 29 in 2024, 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, looked round several hotels and other service facilities that had been inaugurated.

Feasting his eyes with a bright smile on the coastal tourist city with



a picturesque appearance along the beach beaten by clear blue waves of the East Sea, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said:

When guiding the construction on the spot before, I said that Myongsasimni would be turned into a 4km-long stretch of beach crowded with people full of their happy laughter and optimism, a 4km-long tide of the people. Now the ideal has come true.

Noting that the Kalma Coastal Resort is very spectacular, beautiful and magnificent, he expressed great satisfaction that the major service facilities in the area have been built at a level high enough to successfully host even important external, political and cultural events of the state.

Saying that the service capability and level constitute the value of a tourist attraction and a factor decisive of its prospect, he gave instructions on managing and operating the service facilities on a

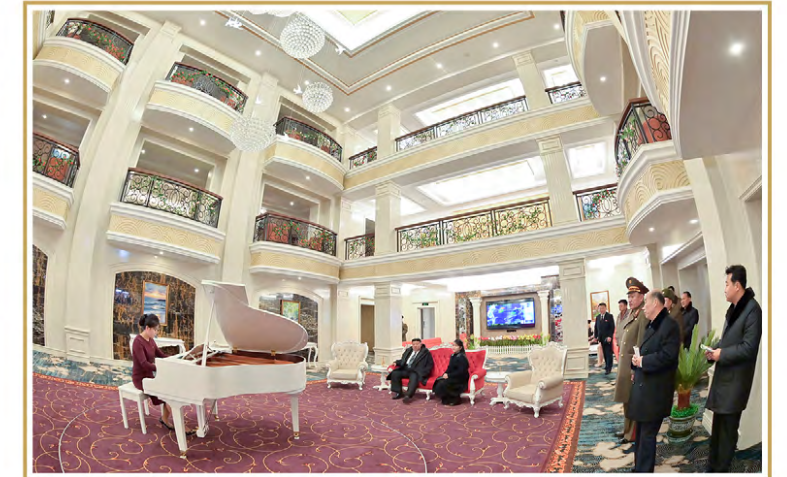
regular basis, including proactively developing various kinds of new service categories and training world-level service workers.

Our country has tourist resources rich and diverse enough to arouse the envy of the world people, along with the political stability, institutional advantages and material and economic conditions essential for the development of tourist industry, he said, adding:

If we develop the tourist industry by making active use of such favourable conditions and environment, we will open up a new realm of socialist cultural construction and create another motive force for promoting regional rejuvenation and national economic growth.

To this end, it is necessary to ensure maximum efficiency and profitability through a scientific survey of tourist resources, and it is posed as an important task to set proper legal standards concerning the development of tourist zones, construction of tourist facilities





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and protection of nature and environment, raise the level of tourist information service and operation of tourist facilities to the world standards and diversify the range of gifts for tourists, he said, indicating detailed ways for developing the country's tourist industry.

Noting that construction of the Kalma Coastal Resort is the first big step of great significance in putting the country's tourist industry on a track of radical development, he went on:

In the future we should lay out a nice resort area that would link the Mt Kungang Resort and the Kalma Coastal Resort, proactively exploit the tourist resources in other regions, including mountaineering tourism in the Samjiyon area, to consolidate the material foundations for the economic development of regions and improvement of the people's living standards and fundamentally transform the appearance of the country.

He expressed belief that the Kalma Coastal Resort, reflective of the seaside scenery of our beautiful country, will demonstrate its great fame as a national and world-class scenic spot, a favourite haunt of our people and foreign friends.

The resort will open to the public from June 2025.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun on Occasion of Greatest Memorial Day of Nation



On the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the demise of Chairman Kim Jong Il, who dedicated his whole life to the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche holding aloft the red flag of Paektu, all the people across the DPRK most reverently honoured the memory of the leader, missing him more greatly with the passage of time.

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, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on December 17

in 2024.

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

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where the eternal leaders of

our dignified Party, state and people lie in state, was wrapped in a solemnest atmosphere.

A flower basket in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

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

Kim Jong Un, together with other visitors, made a bow before the statues.

At the hall, where the Chairman lies in state, he paid high tribute to the Chairman, praying for his immortality.

All the visitors made a firm pledge to add lustre to the new chapter of comprehensive development of the state by steadily bringing about epoch-making transformations and rejuvenation on all fronts of socialist construction, upholding single-mindedly the ideology and guidance of Kim Jong Un with pure loyalty.



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*Artistic Performance Given
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An artistic performance was given with splendour at the May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, to see in the hopeful new year 2025, which will be a watershed for steady success and leap forward, after seeing out a year of great transformation, when unprecedented progress noteworthy in the history of Korean-style socialist construction was made.

The venue of the performance was overflowing with deep emotion of the audience reviewing with dignity 2024, which witnessed another crucial and responsible journey for the development of the revolution and the state and when such a great undertaking as comprehensive rejuvenation, unprecedented since the founding of the nation, was carried on by dint of the invincible might peculiar to the Korean revolution, their great pride in the truth of our ideals and cause and their confidence in the fresh victory and civilization to be brought about in the new year.

Before the performance, figure skaters and schoolchildren added to the festive atmosphere by presenting an optimistic and beautiful scene on the ice to the tune of the all-people hymn *Dear Father*.

The national flag of the DPRK was hoisted.

All the audience paid high tribute to the sacred national flag that reflects the great history, eternal future and immortal glory of the country and its 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, saw the performance.

When he appeared in the auditorium amid the playing of welcome music, the audience broke into stormy cheers.

They paid the highest glory and tribute to Kim Jong Un, the prominent leader of the revolution and the benevolent father, who ushers in a new era of a powerful country with high confidence, in which the people's dreams and ideals will come true, as he steers

the sacred cause for the prosperity and beautiful future of our great state along a road of brilliant progress.

Warmly acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, Kim Jong Un extended his best wishes to all the beloved people across the country, who were seeing in the new year.

Among the audience were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members of the Political Bureau, other senior officials of the Party and the government, commanding officers of the armed forces organs, labour innovators and persons of distinguished services invited to the new year celebrations, Pyongyangites, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and students of the revolutionary schools.

Overseas compatriots staying in their socialist homeland enjoyed the performance.

The performance was held divided into two parts.

The first part, which began with the instrumental music, song and dance *The People Offer Glory to the Party*, touched the heartstrings of the audience with all-people hymns to the WPK and other colourful numbers.

Hearing the narrative poem *Only Our Party*, which evoked precious memories of the great events in the year 2024 when the country made a bold advance under the guidance of the great Party Central Committee that translates the long-cherished desires of the people into reality creating legendary tales in the new era with its most sacred ideals and ennobling spirit, the audience pictured in their mind's eye with great joy the era of eye-opening transformations to be brought about by the far-reaching ideals and outstanding leadership of the motherly Party and the rosy future of the country that will prosper forever.

The song *We Are Koreans* aroused excitement among the audience as it gave an intensely lyrical and graphic poetic description of the



thoughts and feelings of all the people determined to firmly support the mightiness of socialist Korea with steadfast pioneering spirit and patriotic will, adding glory to their honour of having successfully defended their dignity while undauntedly following the untrodden path of history.

When the emotion-charged countdown for seeing the old year out ended to signal the start of a new year at 00:00, January 1, 2025, celebration torch was kindled and fireworks were set off bringing

the excitement and joy of the audience to the climax.

Children presented bouquets to Kim Jong Un and senior Party, government and military officials, wishing them a happy new year.

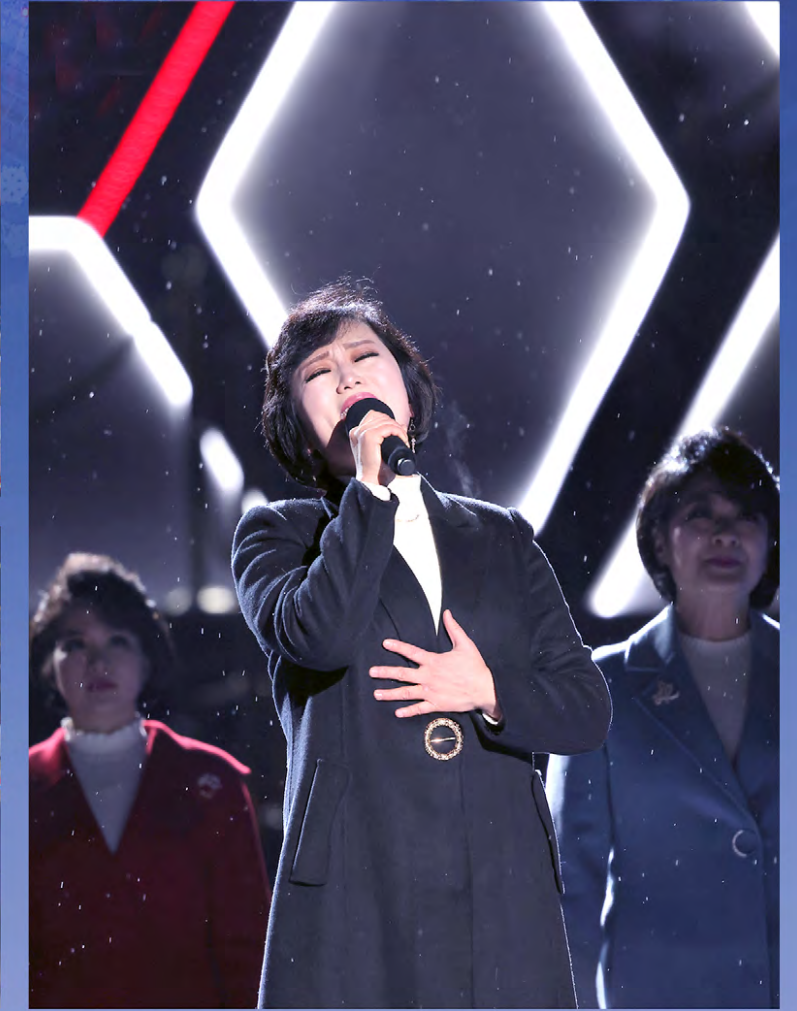
The venue was overflowing with the great honour and happiness of the audience seeing in the new year, filled with their confidence and optimism, in the presence of their great leader, their dear father.

Put on the stage of the second part, which started with the song and dance *Snow Falls on New Year's Day*, were newly produced musical



masterpieces that truthfully portray our people's patriotic feelings which have grown stronger in the new era of a powerful nation.

Highly applauded by the audience were such songs as *The Motherland and My Destiny*, *My Powerful Motherland* and *I Will Love You Forever* that sing of the people's highest tribute and glory to, and firm pledge they have made before, the great and dignified DPRK which has always emerged victorious in the tempest of history.



The performance ended with the playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

When the performance ended, loud cheers of "Hurrah!" for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un rocked the venue and fireworks were set off gorgeously decorating the nocturnal sky.

The last night of the old year passed with precious recollection and pride of victors and the new year filled with their new hope and enthusiasm began.





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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photo Taken with Labour Innovators and Persons of Merit on Occasion of New Year 2025



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, called labour innovators and persons of merit to the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK and had a photo taken with them on January 2 on the occasion of the New Year 2025.

He extended warm greetings to the labour

innovators and persons of merit in various fields, who made contributions to bringing about great changes in 2024 which are of epochal significance in the historic course of struggle toward the comprehensive development of socialism.

He highly appreciated their efforts, saying that the great successes and proud edifices, symbolic of the self-dependence and prosperity of our state, clearly reflect

the pure conscience and devoted efforts of the patriotic working people as reliable cornerstones supporting the country.

Thanks to the large contingent of genuine patriots filled with the strong will and ardent enthusiasm to bring earlier the future of a powerful country by dint of their strenuous efforts, only victory is always in store for our glorious motherland, the DPRK, which is making a dynamic

advance and leap forward, ushering in a new era of national prosperity, he said.

Expressing his belief that the participants would glorify their worthwhile life as performers of heroic feats and standard-bearers of the collective innovation movement in the vanguard of the struggle for increased production, the patriotic struggle for carrying out the tasks set forth by the Eighth Party

Congress, he had a photo taken with them.

On the same day, he met female footballers and coaches who had won the first place in the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup finals, congratulated them

on their successful games, which fully demonstrated the honour of the DPRK and instilled national pride and self-esteem in the people across the country, and encouraged them to make uninterrupted development in the future.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets Members of Art Troupe of Korean Schoolchildren in Japan

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, met members of the art troupe of Korean schoolchildren in Japan, who visited the socialist homeland and took part in the New Year performance for 2025, at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on January 2.

The schoolchildren were greatly excited with the greatest happiness and honour as they would receive warm blessings of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, whom they had wanted to see so much, in the yard of the Party Central Committee which they have always kept reverentially in their hearts though they live in an alien land far from their homeland.

Seeing them full of joy with great excitement, the fatherly Marshal warmly congratulated them, who greeted New Year's Day in the

motherland meaningfully, patting the beloved schoolchildren on their cheeks.

He took in his arms the valuable sons and daughters of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) who are growing up stoutly and beautifully by carrying forward the soul of their fathers and mothers who remain unchangeable on the road of patriotism, cherishing warm love for the socialist homeland, and had a photo taken with them.

The cheers of "Hurrah!" raised by the happy schoolchildren, who received his warm feelings of kinship, reverberated far and wide in the clear and blue sky of the new year.

Warmly shaking the hands of the head of the art troupe, he requested him to train a larger number of pillars who would carry forward the baton of the patriotic cause of Chongryon.



A song of loyalty and filial devotion, the sons and daughters of Chongryon had sung earnestly at the New Year performance, reverberated in the yard of the Party Central Committee full of loving care and passion of repayment.

Kim Jong Un heard with pleasure their song full of the desire to carry forward the patriotic tradition as their lifeblood, and warmly

encouraged them.

The members of the art troupe of Korean schoolchildren in Japan were filled with the will to fully prepare themselves to be patriotic pillars, who would reliably shoulder the future of Chongryon, bearing deep in mind the boundless affection shown by the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Inauguration Ceremony of Regional-industry Factories in Jaeryong County Held



Regional-industry factories in Jaeryong County of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were inaugurated, significantly decorating the outset of 2025, a year of great turn in raising the comprehensive development of socialism onto a higher stage, true to the ideas and spirit of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The inauguration of modern regional-industry factories built in Jaeryong Namuri Plain, a granary in the western area of the country, presenting a wonderful reality of regional rejuvenation, is a powerful proof of the unshakable will and executive ability of the great Party Central Committee that launched the historic cause for realizing the long-cherished desire of the regional people and keeps the promise with the people without fail, and a great inspiring event predicting dynamic progress and miraculous successes.

An inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Jaeryong County for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy took place on January 7.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony. When he arrived at the venue of the ceremony, all the participants

raised enthusiastic cheers, extending the greatest glory and respect to the outstanding leader and great father who opened up a new era in which the whole country develops all at once, provided a springboard of dynamic advance and upswing of our state and is leading the sacred cause for changes in the vanguard with his outstanding ideology and theory and unexcelled leadership ability.

Ju Chang Il, director of the Information and Publicity Department of the WPK Central Committee, made an inaugural address.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon for the inauguration.

Enthusiastic cheers were raised by the participants in the venue of the ceremony, where a historic event took place recording another brilliant page in the history of regional development in the new era, as a reflection of their ardent reverence for and absolute trust in the great Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un went round the factories.

Noting that the inauguration ceremonies of the regional-industry factories take place one after another in 20 cities and counties





including Songchon and Jaeryong counties as a fruition of sincere efforts rendered for the people last year, he said:

This is an auspicious event of the whole country that gives great pleasure to the people who have started the worthwhile journey in the new year. As I see all the people of the region full of excitement and joy today, I feel greater pride and dignity in waging the revolution and struggle, and it makes my determination firmer to identify what should be done more for the people and shoulder their implementation.

Going over the trial products, he set forth principles and ways to be consistently adhered to in the operation of the regional-industry factories and their production, and discussed with the leading officials accompanying him a series of measures to be taken by the Party and the government for leading and powerfully supporting the regional industry in a sustained way in order to guarantee its long-term development.

He repeatedly stressed the need for the Party and government organs in cities and counties to always pay close attention to

providing conditions necessary for normalizing production at the regional-industry factories, including providing raw materials and training skilled workers, and unconditionally ensure the provision of the conditions so that the new regional development policy of the Party can make a substantial contribution to promoting the material wellbeing of the inhabitants in the relevant regions.

He affirmed that he would make this year a year of another upsurge in regional construction by setting a higher standard as a goal on the basis of last year's successes and ensuring the economic

profitability, effectiveness and prospectiveness to the maximum.

The inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Jaeryong County held in the presence of Kim Jong Un served as a significant occasion, which instilled confidence in sure victory and optimism into the people across the country, who have turned out as one in the drive to open up a new avenue for prosperity according to the viewpoint on development, and in the spirit of creation, of the Korean style and greet the Ninth Congress of the Party as a glorious congress of victors.



DPRK Missile Administration Test-fires New-type Hypersonic Intermediate-range Ballistic Missile



The hypersonic glide vehicle of the missile, fired northeastward at a launch site in a suburb of Pyongyang, made a flight along the scheduled trajectory, attaining its first peak height of 99.8 kilometres and the second peak height of 42.5 kilometres at the speed amounting to twelve times of the speed of sound, and accurately landed on the simulated target waters in the open sea 1 500 kilometres away.

The Missile Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea successfully conducted a test fire of new-type hypersonic intermediate-range ballistic missile on January 6.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, oversaw the test fire through a monitoring system.

A new composite carbon fibre material was used in the manufacture of the engine body of the missile and a new comprehensive and effective method based on the already-accumulated technologies introduced in the flight and guidance control system.

Expressing great satisfaction over the result of the test fire, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, with regard to the new weapon system, said:

The current test fire proved without doubt that we are steadily upgrading the powerful new-type weapon systems like the hypersonic intermediate-range ballistic missile to cope with different security threats posed by the hostile forces against our state at present.

Few countries in the world might possess such a weapon system.

Just like the intended purpose pursued by all military powers, the development of the new-type hypersonic missile is aimed mainly at



steadily putting the country's nuclear war deterrent on an advanced basis by placing the means of changing the war situation, a weapon system which no one can cope with, at the core axis of our strategic deterrent.

This is clearly a plan and effort for self-defence, not an offensive plan and action.

As shown by the result of today's test fire, the effectiveness of the missile system that fully meets the expected military specifications has been confirmed.

The performance of our latest hypersonic intermediate-range missile system cannot be ignored worldwide, and the system can deal a serious military strike to a rival by effectively breaking through any of its dense defence barriers.

Through the current test of the strategic weapon, we fully demonstrated the potentiality and development speed of our inexhaustible self-defensive technical forces capable of fully coping with even the prospective threats and clearly showed the enemies

what we are doing and that we are fully ready to use any means to defend our legitimate interests.

The hypersonic missile system will reliably contain any enemies in the Pacific region that can affect the security of our state.

We have acquired a technical force which is by no means easy to achieve.

This is a remarkable achievement and a special event in strengthening the self-defensive capabilities, which we should be proud of.

I express thanks to all the researchers and technicians and the workers of munitions industry enterprise, who contributed to the successful development of the new-type strategic weapon system.

The test fire had no negative impact on the security of the neighbouring countries.

The development of the defence capabilities of the DPRK aiming to be a military power will be further accelerated.

Greeting Hope-filled New Year 2025



The DPRK people and foreigners paid floral tributes before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.



Senior officials of the Party and the government visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun.



An artistic performance of schoolchildren was given.

The people across the DPRK greeted the hope-filled new year 2025.

The working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, supreme sanctuary of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, statues of the great leaders and mosaic murals portraying their images erected in different parts of the

country and offered new year greetings to them.

Reflected on their faces were the pride and self-respect in being citizens of a powerful country.

Colourful artistic performances were given in the capital city and regions, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Merry laughter of the visitors resounded also in cultural resorts including the Central Zoo, Natural History Museum and

Munsu Water Park.

Public catering establishments across the country served special dishes, boosting the holiday atmosphere.

Sungni, Chollima and other streets in the capital city and different parts of the country were decorated with characteristic illuminations. Picturing a brighter future of their large harmonious socialist family, the people posed for photos.

The Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District and Jonwi, Rimhung, Hwasong and Songhwa streets, built as monumental structures in the era of the Workers' Party and flourishing socialist living space and cradles of happiness of the people and decorated with dazzling lights, added more to the nocturnal view of the holiday.



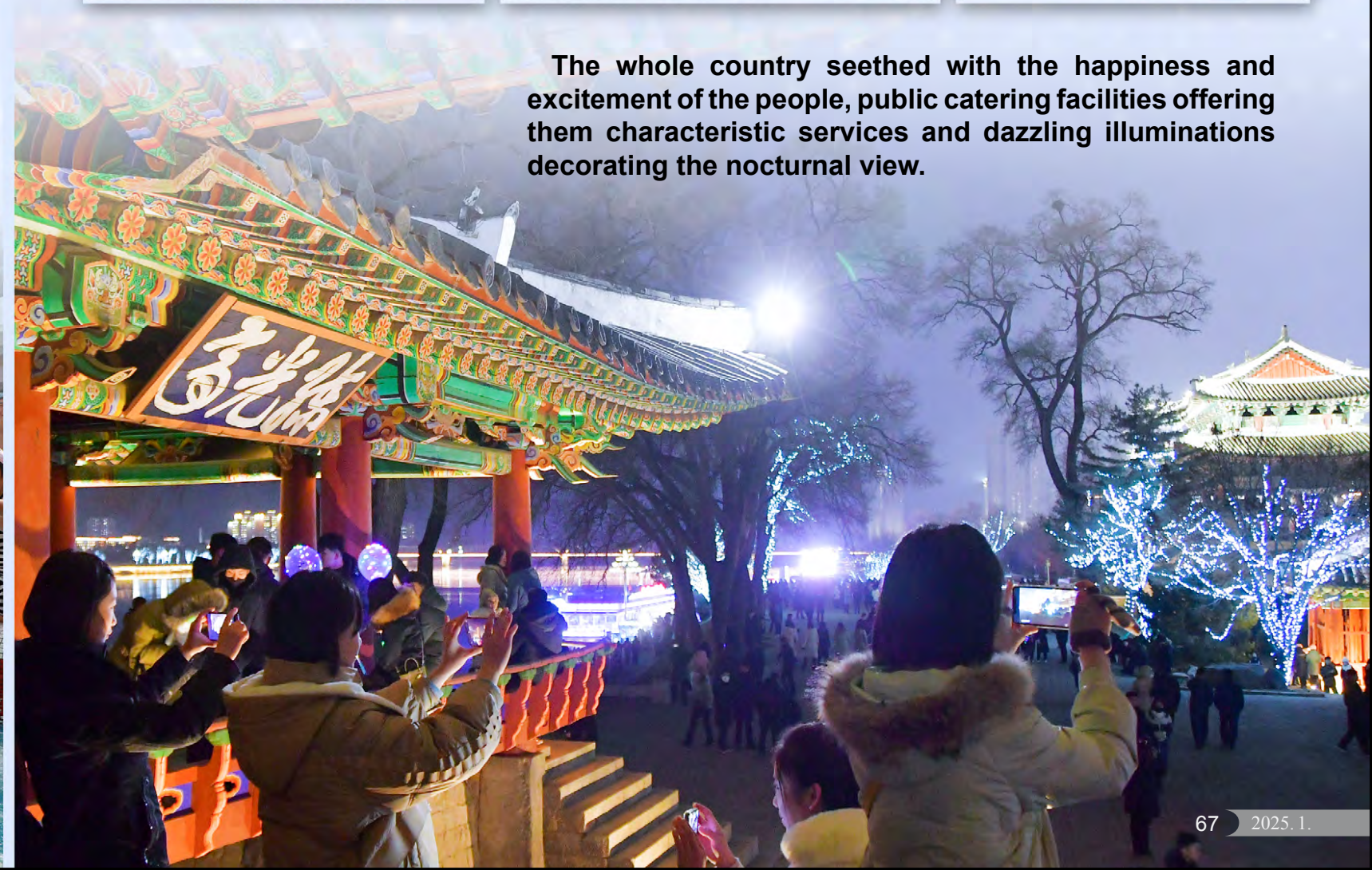
National flag-hoisting ceremony and fireworks display took place.



A gala evening of youth and students took place.



The whole country seethed with the happiness and excitement of the people, public catering facilities offering them characteristic services and dazzling illuminations decorating the nocturnal view.





Endless Stream of Expeditioners to Mt Paektu



The number of expeditioners to Mt Paektu, the ancestral mountain which embodies the soul of the Korean nation and the sacred mountain in which the Korean revolution was pioneered, is on a steady increase.

In particular, in the wake of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the area in the winter of 2019, there have been endless streams of expeditioners even in midwinter.

People from all walks of life visit the Paektusan Secret Camp, Chongbong, Konchang, Lake Samji, Taehongdan and other revolutionary battle and historic sites.

While marching along the path travelled by the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and looking round the slogan-bearing trees and other relics and remains they left in the primeval forests, they cherish deep in their hearts the ennobling spirit and indomitable will of the revolutionary forerunners.

Pushing their way through the virgin snow, warming frozen hands and feet at campfires and bivouacking in the blizzard-swept forests, they recall the unyielding revolutionary faith and fighting spirit and courage of the anti-Japanese guerrilla fighters.



Expeditioners on tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area cherish more deeply President Kim Il Sung's exploits of national liberation and the indomitable spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters.



During the expedition they also conduct various political and cultural activities, such as reading sessions of the reminiscences of the anti-Japanese guerrilla fighters, question-and-answer study contests and poetry recitals.

They continue their march to Mt Paektu, engraving in their mind the soul and spirit of Paektu.

Looking at the majestic peaks and Lake Chon with great delight and excitement on the summit of the mountain, they raise

cheers and fly the red flags, renewing their pledge to steadily carry forward the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered on Mt Paektu, rallied firmly behind the Workers' Party of Korea.

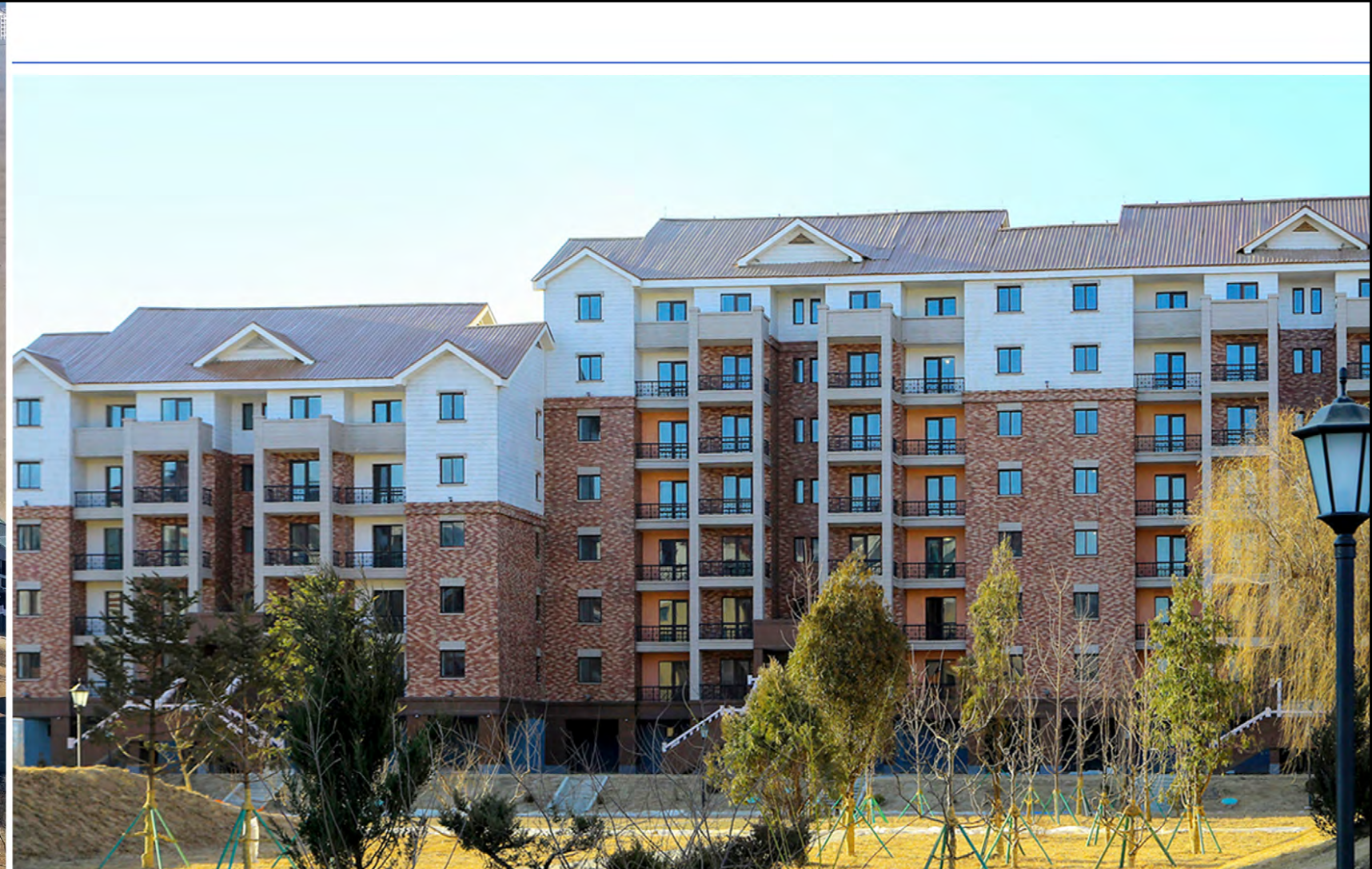
They say that through the expedition to Mt Paektu in the midwinter blizzards they have learned the sacred history of the Korean revolution and the fighting spirit of the forerunners.

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Text: Kang Su Jong



Moving into New Houses in Northwestern Regions



Thanks to the seasoned leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, which regards the people-first principle as its revolutionary trait in the new era of overall national rejuvenation to translate the people's centuries-long desires into unprecedented reality, the flood-hit northwestern regions in the country were blessed with new houses.

In a matter of four months, multi- and single-storeyed houses for more than 15 000 families, nurseries, kindergartens, schools, hospitals and clinics were newly built, over 6 000 houses repaired, and projects of improving the embankments of the Amnok River and other rivers and rebuilding railways, roads and bridges vigorously pushed forward, presenting new scenery in the regions, a miracle in the history of construction.

In December last year ceremonies for moving into new houses took place at fairyland-like villages in North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces.

Conveyed to the flood victims at the ceremonies were the household goods sent by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and the licence for using the houses.

The new inhabitants, who were blessed with the loving care of the great motherly Party, and their children, who would fully realize their dreams and hopes, gained fuller confidence that they would enjoy a happier and more worthwhile life under the care of the Party and the state.

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In North Phyongan Province





In Ryanggang Province



In Jagang Province





As the new year began, the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex in the northern part of the country is ramping up production according to the Juche-based iron-making system in hearty response to the spirit of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

All the employees, just as their predecessors did, have turned out as one to increase the output of various kinds and gauges of iron and steel, which are in urgent demand where grand socialist construction is ongoing.

In December 2023 they installed a new energy-saving oxygen blast furnace and 15 000m³/h oxygen plants. Then they adopted advanced techniques for the operation of the blast furnace and increased the output of iron and steel, thus demonstrating the viability of the Juche-based iron-making system.

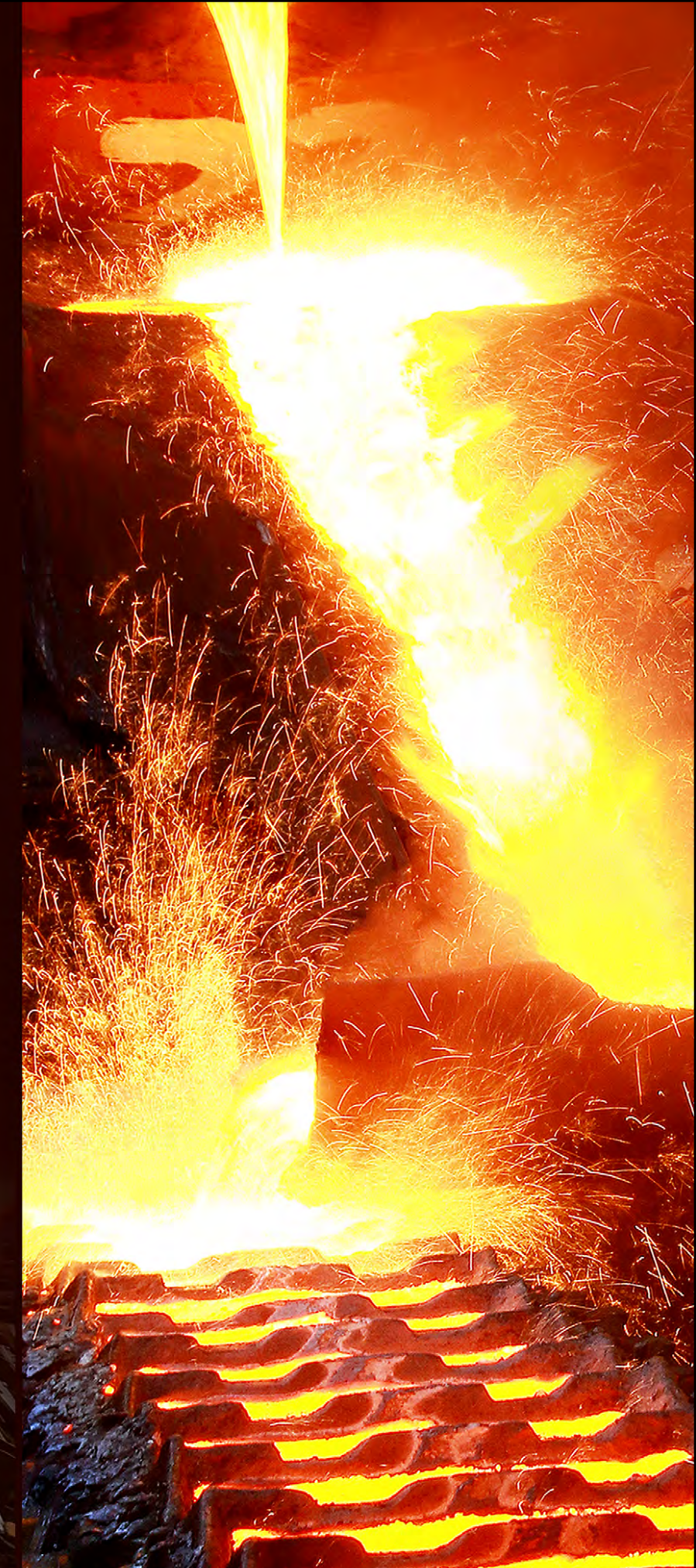
The blast furnace workshop focuses on shortening the cycle of tapping and increasing the molten iron output per charge; to this end, it pays due concern to maintaining equipment and observing technical regulations in the operation of the furnace and the mixing of raw materials and fuel.

Steel workshop No. 2 and the hot-rolling workshop are tapping internal reserves and possibilities and pressing on with the upgrading of equipment by themselves to boost the efficiency of production.

Having readjusted and reinforced their processes, the Songphyong pipeline transport station, refractory workshop and others are doing their best to ensure enough supply of raw materials, fuel and refractories.

The management puts the main emphasis on applying reasonable methods of production while effectively operating the long-distance pipeline for the transport of ore concentrates.

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