

Report on 30th Enlarged Meeting of Secretariat of Eighth Central Committee of WPK

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The 30th Enlarged Meeting of the Secretariat of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters of the Party Central Committee on January 27.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the meeting.

Present there were members of the Secretariat of the Party Central Committee and, as observers, chief secretaries of the provincial, city and county Party committees and Party committees of the complexes, leading officials of the Party committees of ministries and national agencies, and department directors and first deputy department directors of the Party Central Committee and relevant officials of its Organizational Leadership Department, Information and Publicity Department and Discipline Inspection Department.

The WPK has written the longest history in the world as a socialist ruling party in the sacred course of accomplishing

the most just mission and realizing the far-reaching ideals, shouldering the destiny of the country and the people. Its mightiness and invincibility have been guaranteed through the struggle for firmly defending the immaculate political climate and discipline system peculiar to it and perfectly applying the people-first political ideals.

At the present time, the Party Central Committee set forth the idea and line of building discipline on administering and strengthening the Party by dint of a strict discipline system, established a powerful

discipline inspection system throughout the Party and laid down the rules of work and the action guidelines calling on all the Party organizations and officials to work and live in a revolutionary way based on their high political consciousness.

The Secretariat of the Party Central Committee convened the meeting of leading officials of the whole Party in connection with the occurrence of serious cases of gravely infringing upon the dignity, rights and interests of the people while wantonly violating Party discipline and exercising negative privileges in Onchon County of Nampho Municipality and Usi County of Jagang Province.

The Party Central Committee stressed that the enlarged meeting of the Secretariat was convened to further consolidate the Party's political climate and revolutionary position, taking serious note of the violation of Party discipline and anti-people acts going against the requirements of the times when the entire Party and all the people have turned out in the implementation of the decisions of the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee as a top-priority problem to be urgently settled.

At the enlarged meeting, there were first a briefing on data gathered by the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee through

a survey and a report on data by the Discipline Inspection Department of the Party Central Committee as regards the violation of Party discipline by leading cadres of the Onchon County Party Committee of Nampho Municipality and the county who gave rise to a mega case of totally denying Party discipline and perpetrating wrongdoings in group.

Severely exposed were the wrong

deeds of officials in Onchon County, who openly denied the idea and intention of the Party Central Committee to firmly guarantee the existence and development of the Party by dint of discipline by establishing a strict discipline-observance habit and iron discipline in the entire Party, and its harmfulness and gravity.

Jo Yong Won, secretary in charge of organizational affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Jae Ryong, director of the Discipline Inspection Department, said in the briefing and report:

Today when we are faced with the unprecedentedly huge struggle tasks of completely implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress and opening up a new phase towards a higher development stage in this significant year of the 80th founding anniversary of the Party, our officials have to fulfil the heavy task of carrying out their mission and duty as the core of the Party and the faithful servants of the people by displaying vigorous courage, exertion and devotion more than ever before in the vanguard of the revolution.

But, on the contrary to such demand of the Party and the highly charged revolutionary atmosphere, Onchon



County made poor preparations for a plenary meeting of the county Party committee for implementing the decisions of the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee and held the meeting in a grossly formalistic way. After that, there occurred the mega case, in which more than 40 officials, including Party officials, committed wrongdoing in group.

This is an act of flagrant violation of Party discipline that demands leading Party officials at all levels should not lead an indolent and careless life like being treated to drinking bouts at public service facilities. The leading official of the county Party committee personally organized the irregularities and dozens of leading Party and administrative officials in the county, including officials of the county Party committee, flocked together to commit such irregularities. It was a reckless act unheard-of in the history of our Party.

The group drinking spree openly committed in Onchon County is an act utterly contrary to the Party's line on building discipline, and this clearly proves that the ringleader of the case and those involved are a corrupt group and impudent rabble with no elementary qualifications as leading cadres.

The respected General Secretary made an important speech.

In the speech he said:

These are the days when revolutionary moral discipline should be established in a thoroughgoing way in the Party, Party officials, its leading cadres in particular, should strictly observe the rules of life and activities, and its internal discipline should be further strengthened than ever before. The serious case that occurred in Onchon County in this period is regarded as a grave crime of violating Party discipline and moral and cultural order and an open denial of our Party's line of building discipline.

Had there not been discipline in defending the firm unity of the revolutionary ranks and the strict political and moral discipline in and uncompromising struggle for establishing the leadership system of the Party Central Committee and defending the organizational and ideological unity of the whole Party, there would not have been the Party's glorious ruling history of 80 years nor today when its inheritance and innovation are being designed. It is useful for and beneficial to the revolution to boldly recognize such a grave deviation in the Party and to deal with it as an especially serious case in time.

Making a critical analysis of the ideological origin and gravity of the malpractices committed against the Party's intentions by officials, who should be more faithful to their duties than anyone else as persons in direct charge of regional development in the crucial period when the whole Party is

paying close attention to strengthening cities and counties and new innovative projects in regions are being carried on one after another or planned, he pointed out that these malpractices are not only a serious case that could undermine the foundations for strengthening our Party and make the county, occupying one-two hundredth of the country's territory, a non-Party, non-political and non-socialist region, but also a dangerous signal which directly indicates that a privileged social stratum, seeking more special favours than the people by abusing their authority, may be formed.

He criticized that although all sorts of alien and heterogeneous ideological elements undermining the sound Party climate and obstructing the advance of the revolution, the political and moral crimes undermining Party discipline, occurred in the given region, it shows that the work of qualitative consolidation of cadre ranks, to which we have attached special importance and directed efforts for Party building in the new era, has not been conducted in a substantial way.

Giving the Party Central Committee's estimation that there is little improvement in the style of work and the spirit of observing discipline although there seems to be a change in them outwardly, he stressed that the conclusion drawn from this is that however revolutionary and perfect the line of Party building is, it would only remain a theory for theory's sake if the cadres were not ideologically prepared and failed to make efforts to implement it absolutely and unconditionally.

Noting that the current meeting marked an occasion for making a practical review and reaffirmation of the need to put greater efforts into establishing proper Party discipline at the beginning of 2025, the year that marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of our Party, he said that the meeting would constitute a turning point in further consolidating the Party consciousness, political awareness, revolutionary spirit and we-serve-the-people spirit of the officials who make up the core and leading forces of the Party, and in making substantial progress in strengthening the ranks of cadres and in building up the Party.

The core, central task in the new course of Party building is the transformation of cadres along revolutionary lines as well, he said, adding that the solution to this end is to conduct more intensive education, training and struggle across the Party. He continued to specify the principles and ways for launching a dynamic organizational and ideological offensive throughout the Party to consolidate its sound political climate.

He emphasized that the main target of the discipline inspection sector should be practices of corruption within the Party and all other violations of its discipline to be proactively and aggressively contained, practices that the Party

despises most, reiterating the need to "aim at, pursue, search and wipe out" such malpractices on the basis of strict regulations and rules.

He said that this year should be set as a year for establishing a revolutionary Party climate and strengthening the whole Party, in order to dynamically open up a new stage of building a ruling party that is strong in discipline and full of a revolutionary climate. He stressed the necessity of waging a resolute struggle for the eternal development of the Workers' Party of Korea and for the accomplishment of the sacred revolutionary cause.

The Secretariat of the WPK Central Committee, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the "Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea", decided and instructed to dissolve the Onchon County Party Committee of Nampho Municipality, which seriously damaged our Party's revolutionary trait and hindered the single-hearted unity of the Party and the revolutionary ranks by committing a wrong deed in group in wanton violation of Party discipline, and announced a strict proposal for dealing with those involved in the extra-large case related to the violation of Party discipline.

Then, the Enlarged Meeting of the Secretariat of the Party Central Committee dealt with the serious anti-people crimes committed in Usi County of Jagang Province.

The General Secretary sternly pointed out the fact that the Usi county agricultural inspection organ, which is duty bound to monitor and regulate in an exclusive and responsible manner the implementation of the Party's policy on rural construction and its agricultural policy, flagrantly encroached upon the interests and property of the people by abusing the legal power, instead of orienting its work to checking major illegal practices latent in the agricultural sector and establishing a well-regulated order and discipline.

Noting that those who abuse their power and work in a bureaucratic manner in local areas are attempting to destroy the sacred fortress of unity between the Party and the people without batting an eye, he stated that this is a mega crime which can never be pardoned by our Party,

our people, our system and our legal power.

At the meeting there was a report on data about the mega crime perpetrated by inspectors of the Usi county agricultural inspection organ.

Those inspectors unhesitatingly committed an unpardonable crime of inflicting sufferings on regional inhabitants and misappropriating their property at random by abusing the inviolable legal power.

Very grave is the criminal act that seriously undermined the single-hearted unity of the Party and the people, the mainstay of the revolution and our lifeblood, by challenging the people-first politics of our Party which orients all affairs of the revolution and construction to the protection of the rights and interests of the people and makes selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people.

The Secretariat of the Party Central Committee announced a strict proposal to dissolve the Usi county agricultural inspection organ and organize a new one and to deal with the chief secretary of the Usi County Party Committee, who fostered and connived at the anti-people acts, and the inspectors of the county agricultural inspection organ.

The ringleaders and those involved in the hideous criminal case will be put under investigation by law.

The meeting proved that the practices of corroding the sound moral traits of the Party, hindering the strengthened discipline throughout the Party and encroaching upon the rights and interests of the people which our Party regards as the most sacred, contrary to the original ideals and spirit of the Party, are being thoroughly repelled.

The 30th Enlarged Meeting of the Secretariat of the Eighth WPK Central Committee highlighted once again the immutable truth that the eternal vitality of the struggling and advancing Party lies on the iron discipline. And it serves as a political occasion of great significance in further clarifying the original features and character of the WPK which maintains the people-first principle as its mode of existence and its trait and in increasing its militant might in every way.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects nuclear-material production base and Nuclear Weapons Institute

He expresses expectation that all nuclear experts would push forward with the buildup of the overwhelming nuclear strategic capability of the country with brilliant increased production

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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, inspected the nuclear-material production base and the Nuclear Weapons Institute.

He was accompanied by Hong Sung Mu, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and leading officials in the relevant field.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un highly praised scientists, technicians, workers and officials in the field of nuclear weapons production for achieving remarkable successes in the new long-term projects while putting spurs to the fighting task which the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the

Eighth Central Committee of the WPK additionally assigned to the field related to the nuclear forces after the nuclear-material production field, the Nuclear Weapons Institute and other relevant field registered amazing production results in 2024.

Looking round the core processes for producing weapons-grade nuclear materials, he learned in detail about the present production of nuclear materials, the long-term plan and the 2025 plan of the Nuclear Weapons Institute.

Noting that the struggle in 2025 is very important as the five-year tasks the Eighth Congress of the WPK assigned to the fields of nuclear weapons research and production should be perfectly carried out,



he said that this year is a crucial year as it is an important watershed in which we should carry out the tasks in the important period in the course of implementing the line of bolstering up the nuclear forces, a line which has been propelled by the WPK and the DPRK government, and switch over to the fulfillment of the next duty. He underlined the need to further raise the present surging spirit and thus to achieve epochal successes in overfulfilling the plan for producing weapons-grade nuclear materials and in strengthening the nuclear shield of the country.

Noting that the nuclear technical forces of the DPRK growing stronger day by day and the results made by them are a

symbol of the incomparable self-respect and valiant spirit of our Party, state and people, he affirmed that guaranteeing peace and security by dint of strength is our mode of struggle and option that are most righteous and an immutable truth.

The external situation facing the DPRK remains grave and the challenges of the hostile forces to take the predominance of strength are becoming ever more pronounced, he said, adding that the absolute force capable of thoroughly containing the enemies and taking the initiative to control the situation is not provided by any declaration or slogan, but the stockpiling of the physical strength of practical use and its increase by geometrical progression.

The DPRK's security situation, the world's most unstable situation in which a long-term confrontation with the most vicious hostile countries is inevitable, makes it indispensable for the country to steadily strengthen the nuclear shield capable of strategically coping with not only the various existing threats but also new prospective security dangers and at the same time reliably guaranteeing the sovereignty, interests and development right of the state, as we should bear the responsibility for not only the present but also the future of the country, he said. And he said that everything should be subordinated to enhancing the prestige of the state and defending its interests and that it is our firm political and military stand and invariable noble task and duty to develop

the state's nuclear counteraction posture indefinitely.

He expressed expectation that all the nuclear experts of the DPRK would bear in mind the invariable view of the state, courageously turn out in the sacred struggle to highly develop the self-defensive nuclear war deterrent gained at the dear cost and push forward with the building up of the overwhelming nuclear strategic capability of the DPRK with brilliant increased production.

His inspection serves as an occasion that gave great encouragement to all the nuclear scientific and technological forces of the DPRK standing in the vanguard of the struggle for bolstering up the national defence capabilities.



Test of important weapon system conducted

The launched strategic cruise missiles precisely hit the targets after travelling 1 500km-long elliptical and 8-shaped flight orbits for 7 507-7 511 seconds

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The Missile Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted a test-fire of sea(underwater)-to-surface strategic cruise guided weapons on January 25.

The test was conducted as a link in the whole chain of efforts for carrying out the plan for building up the defence capability of the country, aimed at

improving the effectiveness of the strategic deterrence against the potential enemies in conformity with the changing regional security environment.

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, oversaw the test-fire of the weapon system.

He was accompanied by Full General

Kim Jong Sik, member of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, and Full General Jang Chang Ha, general director of the Missile Administration of the DPRK.

The launched strategic cruise missiles precisely hit the targets after travelling 1 500km-long elliptical and 8-shaped flight orbits for 7 507-7 511 seconds.

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

countries.

Noting that the means of war deterrence of the armed forces of the DPRK are being perfected more thoroughly, Kim Jong Un affirmed that the DPRK will always make strenuous efforts in a responsible manner to perform its important mission and duty for defending durable and lasting peace and stability on the basis of more powerfully developed military muscle in the future.



Inaugural ceremonies of regional-industry factories for Regional Development 20×10 Policy held in different counties

Modern factories rise up and are inaugurated in succession to contribute to improving the material and cultural life of people in Kujang, Usi and Kosan counties and Kusong City

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An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories took place in Kujang County on January 24.

Kim Chol Sam, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, delivered an

inaugural address.

Saying that precious entities of regional changes that will bring a rich life to the county people were built in less than a year, he noted that this wonderful change of today is a historic miracle that can be created only by the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who

cherishes the devoted service for the people as the whole of his life.

He said that all the Korean people have embraced as their absolute creed the truth that their present happiness and rosy future are guaranteed as they are led by the respected General Secretary, who continues

the sacred journey for the people in order to provide the regional people with a new life with nothing to envy in the world, regarding all hardships as a pleasure.

He referred to the need for the officials of Party and power organs and officials and employees of regional-industry factories in the

county to operate the newly-built bases for improving the people's living standards on a regular basis, reenergize tourism at scenic spots and put the regional economy on a solid basis for development by making effective use of natural resources of the county so that the validity of the Party's policies

and genuine love for their native places are deeply instilled in the life of the people.

He ardently called upon all the people to work hard with confidence and courage to bring earlier the civilized and prosperous future, upholding

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An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories is held in Kujang County on January 24.



Residents celebrate the inauguration of regional-industry factories in Kujang County.

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the historic cause of regional development of the Workers' Party of Korea with ardent patriotism and redoubled efforts.

Choe Hui Chol, chief secretary of the Kujang County Party Committee, made a speech.

In March last year when the groundbreaking ceremony was held in this place, it was a vast expanse of land, but today stylish factories unprecedented in the county sprang up and the people of Kujang have come to enjoy the benefits of regional industry before anyone else, he said, noting that the regional development policy of the Party is, indeed, an ambitious revolutionary programme bringing about epochal changes and a grand action programme for the

development of the regional economy to be specially recorded in the history of the DPRK.

He extended the warmest thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a new era of regional development to realize the centuries-old desire of the people on this land, reflecting the unanimous desire of all the people in the county and the service personnel of the Korean People's Army who are mobilized for construction.

He expressed his resolve to make the Party's regional development policy substantially benefit the people by directing primary efforts to improving the quality of products at regional-industry factories to produce popular products favoured by the inhabitants

of the county and famous goods peculiar to the county to meet the demand for them and by paying close attention to ensuring the supply of raw materials and training of skilled workers so that the county would take the lead in the drive for developing the regional economy and improving the people's living standards.

The managers of the regional-industry factories cut the inauguration tape amid the enthusiastic applause and cheers of excitement.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the newly-built regional-industry factories.

An art performance to celebrate the inauguration of regional-industry factories was followed by a cheerful dance party.

That evening, there was a magnificent fireworks

display, instilling confidence in the bright prospects of Kujang County into the county people.

As news of inauguration of regional-industry factories is proudly being reported to the whole world as the first fruition of the implementation of the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea for the simultaneous changes and rejuvenation of the whole country, the people of Usi County of Jagang Province are filled with jubilation over a richer and happy socialist life.

An inaugural ceremony of the regional-industry factories took place in Usi County on January 25 as a happy event of the whole country and the whole province

It was attended by officials and working people of Jagang Province and Usi

County, soldier builders and employees of the regional-industry factories. Pak Song Chol, chief secretary of the provincial Party committee, said that the regional development policy reflecting the noble idea of the great Party Central Committee supporting the people as in Heaven is ushering in a new era of brilliant change in the country.

The wonderful creations demonstrating the dynamic regional development are unthinkable apart from the devoted efforts of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who has the noble outlook on life and makes every effort for the happiness of his beloved people, he said.

Saying that the present joy is a powerful proof of the unshakable will and executive ability of the

Party and the state, which unconditionally keep the promise with the people, he, upon authorization of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, extended warm greetings to the service personnel, officials and working people who devoted themselves to building regional-industry factories as the people's wealth.

He called upon officials and employees of Usi County, the province and regional-industry factories to fulfil their responsibility and duty in normalizing the operation of the newly-built bases for improving the people's living standards so as to make a substantial contribution to the material and cultural life of the regional people.

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An inaugural ceremony of regional-industry factories takes place in Ussi County on January 25.

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Kang Myong Song, chief secretary of the Ussi County Committee of the WPK, in his speech expressed his firm determination to become a standard-bearer and model in applying the WPK's people-oriented character and people-first politics so as

to turn the county associated with the leadership exploits of the Party into a cradle of happiness for the people good to live and work in.

The masters of the new factories cut the inauguration tape.

Beautiful fireworks went off and balloons flew

up to decorate the sky of celebration, adding to the delight of inauguration.

An art performance and cheerful dances were staged representing the worthwhile life of the Ussi county people, adding a festive mood to the place that underwent a sea change.

The participants looked

round the factories perfectly embodying modernity, civilization and utility.

New modern regional-industry factories have appeared in Kosan County of Kangwon Province, when the first entities of the Workers' Party of Korea's policy on regional

development add shine to the true picture of Korean-style socialism.

The successful completion of the wonderful regional-industry factories in the fruit-growing area, which was turned into a socialist fairyland along with a sea of apple trees at the foot of Chol Pass, enables the county

to signally improve the inhabitants' living standards and develop the regional economy by relying on the solid foundation of regional industry as well as developed pomiculture.

An inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry

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Local people are happy as they take part in the inaugural ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Ussi County.



An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories takes place in Kosan County on January 29.

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factories took place on January 29.

Pak Song Guk, chief secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the WPK, addressed the ceremony.

He referred to the great efforts and ardent love for the people shown by the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un, who decided to bring about a great change called the comprehensive development of regional industry unprecedented in history and has energetically guided the work to produce perfect and wonderful

creations in the year when a gigantic construction project started.

The participants in the ceremony recollected with deep emotion the great benevolence of the General Secretary, who made a new history in fruit farming, visiting their area associated with the leadership exploits of the Party several times and laid a solid foundation for the prosperity and development to bring about a radical improvement in their material and cultural life again.

Pak Ryong Bok, chief secretary of the Kosan County Committee of the WPK, said that bearing in

mind the noble mission that it is entirely responsible for all the work of the county, a regional base of the country, the county Party committee would make sure that the regional-industry factories, provided by the Party with great efforts, keep the production going at a high rate to make the regional people fully enjoy the benefits of the Party.

Officials cut the inaugural tape on behalf of the employees of the new factories.

Confetti was thrown and balloons were flown, decorating the ceremony

venue distinctively.

Artistes of the provincial art troupe gave a performance to celebrate the inauguration of the regional-industry factories built in Kosan County.

After the ceremony, the participants went round the factories with automatic and scientific production lines.

Fireworks were displayed to significantly decorate the auspicious night when modern light industrial bases were inaugurated to contribute to the promotion of the people's well-being.

An inaugural ceremony of the regional-industry factories also took place in

the city of Kusong on January 30.

Present there were officials and working people in North Phyongan Province and Kusong City, soldier-builders and employees of the regional-industry factories.

Kim Chol Sam, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made an inaugural address.

He said that the regional-industry factories are a clear proof of the steadfast will of the Party Central Committee to realize the cherished desire of the regional people to enjoy a life worthy of urban

life in our generation without fail.

Kim Chol Ryong, chief secretary of the Kusong City Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

Many balloons flew up to the sky above the inauguration ceremony and the factory managers cut the tape.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the factories.

An art performance was given and fireworks exploded into the night, lighting up the sky over the city.

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Participants look round the new regional-industry factories in Kosan County after the inauguration ceremony.





An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories is held in the city of Kusong on January 30.

Sectors, units increase production across the country

By Sin Pyol PT

Different sectors and units of the national economy have turned out for the patriotic movement for increased production, taking their cue from the Sangwon Cement Complex.

Cement production units across the country are now taking an active part in the drive.

The Suncheon Cement Complex vowed to carry

out ahead of schedule the plan for this year which has remarkably increased over the production results of last year. Now it continues to advance, renewing the production speed it has already attained.

While giving definite precedence to the production of fireproof materials and securing materials and fuels, officials and workers in charge of the major process of cement production ensure the clinker production both

in quality and quantity by determining the rational mixing ratio of limestone to pulverized coal to be used for the main production and conducting inspections during recesses and cyclic inspections in a responsible way. As a result, limestone is supplied over 10 days earlier, gypsum more than 20 days and clay slate and iron ore over a month, making it possible to markedly raise the rate of operation of kilns over last year.

The Chonnaeri Cement Factory provided a guarantee for producing much more raw materials by operating the production processes at full capacity and building a new limestone unloading ground. And it supplies various kinds of accessories and parts sufficiently by increasing the rate of operation of newly made and installed processing facilities.

It carries out the daily production plan 1.2 times on average.

Several cement factories also provide a sure guarantee for increased cement production by shortening the intensive maintenance time of kiln, conveyor, cooler and other equipment.

Officials and workers of the coal mine for supplying coal to Jagang Province, who encouraged the whole country by vigorously waging a socialist patriotic movement for increased coal production two years ago, have turned out for the increased production drive this year, too, after last year.

The goal of the coal mine is reportedly to produce a large quantity of more coal till the end of the year while carrying out its monthly production plans without fail.

It is an uphill task in view of manpower, the supply of materials, the conditions of working faces and others, but its officials and coal miners strive to attain the increased production goal with the determination to greet the 80th anniversary of

the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea with great labour feats.

The Suncheon Thermal Power Station, which has so far produced much electric power from the beginning of the new year, generates more electricity than before with the same amount of coal and materials. Finding the reserves for increased production of steel in reducing the time of steelmaking, the Chollima Steel Complex steps up the increased production drive while promoting joint efforts and mutual emulation to provide a firm guarantee for attaining the highly-set goal of increased steel production in January.

The Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326 is overfulfilling the plan for producing electric cables to be sent to major sectors every day and the Anju Pump Factory continues to advance in high spirits, producing over 1.2 times of more pumps than planned on daily average.



The daily production plans are overfulfilled at the Taean Heavy Machine Complex(left) and Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326(right).

Art performance given in celebration of lunar New Year's Day

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An open-air ice rink in downtown Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, was decorated in a distinctive way as the venue for an art performance in celebration of lunar New Year's Day.

The performance venue was filled with joy of the people greeting the holiday

at an exciting time when they are decorating the first page of 2025, to be specially recorded in the history of the DPRK's growth and development, with auspicious events unprecedented in the nation-building history.

The venue, decorated in silver with dazzling lighting, was brimming with joy of the citizens who are optimistic about the rosy prosperous

future to be brought earlier along with the new year, full of pride in glorifying every year of great national prosperity with exciting victories and changes.

The performance began with prelude "Snow Is Falling on New Year's Day" and "Pyongyang Is Best". The venue resounded with famous songs reflecting the people's ardent love for

the motherland and their boundless national pride and optimism, while an ice show was staged.

The performers showed beautiful dance rhythms and elegant and refined skills to the tune of emotional melodies reminding the audience of the worthwhile course they covered with the country and cheerful music instilling confidence in the

bright future.

The cheerful medley of folk songs, which resounded in the night sky of Pyongyang in harmony with the spectacular figure skating and ice dance and acrobatics, revved up the festive atmosphere and delighted the audience.

The performance reached its climax with songs "Dear Father" and "We Are the

Happiest in the World" representing the honour and happiness of the Korean people leading a happy life in the large socialist family, the world's most powerful country guided by the peerlessly great leader.

Spectacular fireworks were displayed to arouse the shouts of joy from among citizens enjoying the holiday.



A variety of elegant ice-skating pieces is staged in the performance in celebration of lunar New Year's Day.

Nation celebrates lunar New Year's Day

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The people of the DPRK significantly greeted the lunar New Year's Day.

An endless stream of visitors flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

The visitors looked back with deep emotion on the sacred revolutionary careers

and immortal exploits of the President and the Chairman who regarded "The people are God" as their lifelong motto and led the socialist cause of Juche to victory with their outstanding ideas, energetic leadership and tireless patriotic devotion.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and schoolchildren laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the statues of the President and the Chairman on Mansu Hill in

Pyongyang and other parts of the country and mosaics depicting the peerlessly great men.

The new streets and rural villages, successfully built under the wise leadership of the great Workers' Party of Korea, were decorated in a festive attire and all families resounded with laughter and songs of happiness.

Colourful art performances were given in Pyongyang and local areas, revving up the festive mood.

The performers sang

highly of the undying feats of the Workers' Party of Korea which has worked out a gigantic revolutionary strategy for realizing the centuries-old desire of the regional people and ushering in a new history of regional development and a new era in which regional areas change and develop.

On the day there was a national schoolchildren's kite-flying contest at Kim Il Sung Square.

Folk games including shuttlecock kicking,

top spinning and rope-skipping were played by schoolchildren in Pyongyang and South Hwanghae Province, Nampho and Kaesong municipalities and other regions.

Public catering establishments across the country were crowded with visitors and the Central Zoo, the Natural History Museum, the Munsu Water Park and other bases for cultural and leisure activities were filled with happy laughter of the people.

People relished roast chestnuts and roast sweet potatoes at the outdoor stalls across Pyongyang, adding charm to Pyongyang streets in a festive mood.

Gorgeous illuminations put up in different parts of the capital city including the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District, Changjon Street and the area in front of Pyongyang Railway Station elegantly decorated the night sky of the lunar New Year's Day.



Working people and schoolchildren joyfully spend lunar New Year's Day across the country.

Unbounded enthusiasm for increased production in Sangwon

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The historic December 2024 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea assigned the task for all people across the country to glorify 2025 as a momentous year, a year of great changes in which the decisions of the Eighth WPK Congress would be completed and a phase of upward bound towards a higher development stage would be provided through a new increased production drive and patriotic struggle.

In hearty response to the call of the Party, the employees of the Sangwon Cement Complex set themselves an ambitious goal of increasing cement production by hundreds of thousands of tons, ten times more than the increased output of last year.

"We want nothing more if every kilogram of cement we produce, the product of our patriotic efforts, adds to national prosperity and contributes to bringing

a bright future to the people even though it is buried underground as the foundations and covered by finishing materials. This is the unanimous desire of all our workers," said Yun Jae Hyok, manager of the Sangwon Cement Complex.

The goal they set is an uphill task which is impossible with the existing production capacity and by the established common knowledge. But the workers of the complex have increased the daily production of clinker by 5 percent and cement output by over 14 percent over the same period of last year when they surpassed the peak year level from the beginning of the new year with devotion to their jobs.

Bearing in mind that the way for increased production to attain the ambitious goal with the existing capacity is to attach importance to science and technology, officials of the complex have worked out detailed monthly, daily and shift plans and are pushing ahead with their implementation by relying on



Workers pledge to attain the goal for increasing cement production at the Sangwon Cement Complex.

science and technology.

In the course of waging a vigorous mass technical innovation movement to introduce valuable technical innovations conducive to raising the rate of operation of equipment, they have made notable achievements surpassing the existing production capacity.

The Sangwon Limestone Mine declared a war on time, organized the work more carefully in detail and enlisted every effort to increase the production of raw materials. On January 4, it newly secured 200 000 tons of limestone ore reserves by conducting three blastings a day in succession, laying a foundation for producing quality main raw materials.

As a result, the mixed raw materials workshop increased its crushing capacity by dozens of tons per hour more than previously.

The Ilchulbong Mine has also secured a large quantity of mined ore and raised the daily production and ore transport results to 150 percent on average by carrying out two blastings, which had been conducted in a month in the past, one after another in the first week of the new year.

The enormous upsurge in the preceding process leads to a great improvement in production in the main processes.

An unprecedented quadruple field itinerant inspection system, including

field inspectors, shift managers, skilled workers of each workshop and high-level skilled workers of the complex, has strictly been in operation to ensure the stable operation of equipment.

Being fully aware that they take charge of the main process of the cement production, the workers of the calcination workshop have increased the number of itinerary inspection from the previous two to five and six times by focusing on ensuring the long-term operation of the main equipment. And members of cooler workteams Nos. 1 and 2 give full play to the communist virtue of helping the next shifts.

Members of the central

control room responsibly and carefully monitor the temperature, pressure and flow quantity of the kilns and crushing process and vibration of various equipment through the integrated automatic control system with full consciousness that the success in increased production largely depends on their role and intensive struggle.

The Sangwon Cement Complex is now producing a large quantity of cement far surpassing the rated capacity thanks to the intense loyalty and patriotic zeal of all its employees who are conscious that they take full responsibility for cement production before the Party and state.

'We will make strenuous efforts to boost production'

Remarkable courage and grit of Sangwon reflect mettle of Koreans

Witnessing the workers of Sangwon striving to make a contribution to carrying out enormous construction projects assigned by the Workers' Party of Korea, we have once again realized how great efforts we should make this year.

It is the courage, grit and mettle of us Koreans to achieve miraculous successes of increased production.

We, workers in Hwangchol (Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex), share the same duty with those in Sangwon in translating into reality the Party's grand construction plan.

The flames of performing unprecedented miracles and boosting production kindled in Sangwon will be also witnessed in our furnaces.

We will make strenuous efforts to boost iron output in the spirit that enabled us

to turn out iron by the Juche-based method with our own raw materials and fuel by building an energy-saving oxygen blast furnace last year.

Like those in Sangwon, we will greet the 80th birthday of the Party and its Ninth Congress with brilliant labour feats by maintaining the fighting traits of Koreans performing miracles.

Yun Hyok Chol, assistant manager of the blast furnace workshop of the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex

We will compete with Sangwon in solidarity

The news that the Sangwon workers initiated a campaign for miraculous increased production had a great impact on me.

All the pits and workteams of the Komdok Mining Complex had set an increased production goal 1.2 times greater than the previous

year's, true to the ideas and spirit of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

We had regarded it as a significant one.

However, we were shocked at the news that those in Sangwon set an increased production goal ten times greater than the previous year's and have tried to work miracles from the outset of this year.

We, miners of the Kumgol Mine, are struggling to find out the ways of increased production, just like those in Sangwon and as befit the Korean workers who always support the grand plans of the Party wholeheartedly.

In positive response to the campaign for increased production launched by the Sangwon workers, we will make all workshops and workteams actively join their efforts and compete with each other for boosting production, thus emerging as victors in the efforts to implement the decisions of

the Eighth Party Congress.

Jon Thae Sik, manager of the Kumgol Mine of the Komdok Mining Complex

We will surely boost power output by keeping pace with Sangwon

The Sangwon workers have responded to the call of the Party before others in every stage of the revolution and substantially contributed to the buildup of national power and the development of socialist civilization with increased cement production, as they have extraordinary fighting mettle.

We will strive to boost power output by keeping pace with those in Sangwon, who set a bold goal impossible to attain with the existing concept and methods and tapped reserve for increased production to register unprecedented production results from the outset of this year.

All the workers of our

complex are now filled with a resolve to generate more electricity this year, too, by keeping up the innovative spirits with which they set the greatest generation record last year in 30-odd years.

We will always bear in mind the sense of mission that normal production of the complex leads to a steady advance at the theatres for upsurge brimming with the enthusiasm to implement the decisions of the Party Congress and will boost power production to enable all the workplaces across the country to ensure normal and increased production.

Jo Jong Hyok, manager of Workshop No. 2 of the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex

My innovation leads to innovation of my workshop and mill

Taking their cue from the workers of Sangwon, all

the operators of our mill, including me, are conducting a socialist emulation drive after setting a goal of breaking the last year's record.

My innovation leads to innovation of my workshop and mill--it is the unanimous will of all our operators at the textile mill to perform miracles in attaining the goal for cloth production set by the Party in this meaningful year.

Bearing in mind the faith that the drive for increased production in every workplace ensures the advance of our country and the demonstration of the mettle of socialist Korea, I will wage the campaign to overtake, model after and share experience with others to make collective innovations and boost production.

Han Song, spinner of the general chemical fibre spinning workshop of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill

European crisis a product of servitude to US

By Pak Song Min PT

European countries are now in a serious situation. In France prime minister was replaced several times in a year, and in Germany the internal contradictions of the ruling coalition exploded with the result that the government collapsed and the nonconfidence motion against the prime minister was passed. The situation of other European countries is similar.

A newspaper of a country said that the situation in Europe is noticeably bad, that the economic problems of Europe are not simply stagnation but greater nuisances and that European countries have been thrown

into a dilemma.

The countries have suffered from a constant political and economic crisis. But it is rare that almost every country in Europe has been plunged into political confusion at the same time, a fatal crisis being created in all economic fields, like today.

This is because they, being pressed by the US' high-handedness, have not maintained their own view but pursued the policy of following the US.

Europe, which had already followed the US' anti-Russia policy, has further intensified sanctions against Russia since the outbreak of the Ukrainian crisis. As required by the

US, it squandered a large sum of money on supporting Ukraine and took a "bold step" to ban the import of energy from Russia.

However, it boomeranged.

As energy from Russia became a target of sanctions, European countries had to purchase energy from the US at the price several times higher than before. The high price of energy has sharply reduced the competitiveness of European businesses. Many of them had to reduce or stop production. Some have moved to other places beyond the region for survival.

The prices of gas and food for the ordinary people also rose in general and inflation peaked.

Germany and other

European countries have been in great confusion because of rapid decline in production, uncontrollable inflation, constantly rising prices and millions of jobless people wandering the streets.

Blocking energy supply from Russia resulted in wringing the windpipe of Europe. The government of every European country has become the target of criticism by its people. Large-scale protest demonstrations took place in different parts of Europe and the complaints about the governments grew day by day. Taking advantage of this trend, politicians fought to expand their footholds and hold power by mobilizing public opinion.

This entailed frequent changes of governments in Europe.

The problem is that European countries are repeating mistakes despite their constant bitter experience.

Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, and the UK still offer to increase support for Ukraine as they allocate additional funds.

In this regard, analysts say that the real intention of the EU is to find a voice in the international arena with the help of the US and for this reason it has abandoned its former dignity and face.

The serious political and economic crisis in Europe is an inevitable product of its servitude to the US.

Briefly

Iran

President refers to foreign policy of his country

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian mentioned his country's foreign policy at a meeting held in Khuzestan on January 23.

He said that Iran wants to live in a peaceful and stable world and gives priority to neighbouring countries in its foreign policy.

Iran will establish relations with all countries on the three principles of "dignity, convenience and wisdom", except Israel which is an invader without an iota of humanity, he noted.

Saying Iran repulses threats from outside while pursuing peace, not conflict or war, he emphasized that his country will not submit to the enemy's threats, sanctions and stifling moves.

Lebanon

President denounces Israel's violation of agreement on ceasefire

The Lebanese President condemned Israel for violating the agreement on ceasefire in a recent telephone conversation with the French President.

He disclosed that the Israeli troops have kept attacking the border villages of Lebanon and used bulldozers for subversive activities even since the agreement on ceasefire was concluded with Hezbollah, an organization of Lebanese patriotic forces, in November last year.

The refugees' return home fails to be realized due to the Israeli army's violation of the agreement on ceasefire, he said, calling for pressuring Israel to observe the agreement.

Russia

Shoigu warns of growing danger of armed conflict between nuclear powers

Sergey Shoigu, secretary general of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, warned that the danger of armed conflict between nuclear powers is increasing, in an interview with TASS on January 24.

Referring to the fact that NATO is expanding its military capability in earnest along the border areas of the union of Russia and Belarus, he said that military drills of not only defensive character but also attack-oriented nature are being staged in an intensive manner near the territories of Russia and Belarus.

'Protecting wetlands for our common future'



Ho Un Ju, staffer of the Central Committee of the Nature Conservation Union of Korea

Human existence and activities are inconceivable apart from the natural environment.

One of the environmental resources important in protecting and improving the natural environment is wetland called "infrastructure" of the earth.

Areas where the surface of water is equal to or similar to the ground in height or where the land is permanently or periodically submerged are called wetlands.

Wetland is one of the habitats with the richest global biodiversity, which provides bases for people and a large number of endangered species and places for freshwater creatures to rely on. It also helps meet the demand for water in urban life and ensure the water balance of relevant regions, including water cycle and groundwater recharge. Besides, it has the characteristics of absorbing and slowly discharging heat and cold, thus serving the functions of environmental protection such as controlling urban climate and purifying water and the atmosphere.

However, over 80% of the world's wetlands have disappeared due to excessive deforestation, various development activities, excessive accumulation of chemicals in soil, and abnormal climate phenomena, posing serious threat to the conservation of the ecological environment of the earth and the existence of mankind.

This is why different countries and regions in the world annually organize various events on the occasion of February 2, World Wetlands Day, to give people a correct understanding of the functions and role of wetlands in order to ensure the restoration of the global wetlands and their sustainable future. They also call for taking urgent measures and positive actions for the protection of wetlands and conduct diverse activities to arouse the interest of the international community.

Our country conducts various activities to protect and manage wetlands better, including survey and study of wetland ecosystem, establishment

and management of wetland reserves and rational use of wetland resources, as well as the afforestation, which is an important factor in wetland conservation.

Meanwhile, various projects, including the research into ecological activities of migratory birds in the west and east coasts of Korea, the major stopovers and habitats of such birds, are under way. And the major wetland areas of importance and significance in the world have been selected as migratory bird and wetland reserves and their protection and management are intensified. According to data available, many species of migratory birds, which are regarded as rare and endangered species in the world, use the wetlands of our country as their major habitats.

The theme of World Wetlands Day in 2025 is "Protecting wetlands for our common future".

It is an important task of all mankind to actively protect the wetlands that promote the sustainable development of geocology and the well-being of people.

Submission to US results in disgrace

By Choe Song Jun PT

It was disclosed again that an American soldier in Okinawa, Japan, has recently committed sexual assault on a Japanese woman.

It is said that a US marine sexually assaulted a Japanese woman and injured her in November last year, but the case was reported to the prefectural authorities only in January this year.

The governor of Okinawa Prefecture said he was indignant at this, adding that he could not but have strong suspicion about the effectiveness of the US forces' measure for preventing the recurrence of such case, urging the governments of the two countries to make due compensations to the victim.

GI crimes have ceaselessly been committed in Okinawa for decades since the US forces' presence in the prefecture. It is by no means fortuitous that the US military base in Okinawa has already been branded as the "cesspool of crimes".

The problem is that all kinds of crimes committed by US soldiers at its military base are not known in time.

In December 2023, a soldier of the US Air Force in Okinawa abducted a girl under 16 and raped her. After receiving the indictment on the US military crime, the Japanese Foreign Ministry shelved the problem. The ministry reluctantly conveyed the contents to the local side on June 25 2024, six months after receiving an inquiry about the case.

The fact that a marine of the US forces in Okinawa committed sexual assaults to

injure a woman in the area in May last year was opened to public on June 28 and it was revealed once again on July 2 that there were three more cases of sexual assaults by the US service personnel in Okinawa, which had not been indicted since 2023.

The anger of the prefectural residents at the authorities and the US forces in Japan is growing higher.

"The Japanese government should accept that locals are always living in such uneasiness" and the "women and children cannot walk in peace". This is the voice of the inhabitants of Okinawa Prefecture and other Japanese people.

But as the Japanese authorities have given the US forces in Japan an extraterritorial status, deciding not to apply their domestic law to them, the people's voices of pain and protest fall on deaf ears.

The Japanese authorities, who are at the US' beck and call and take submission to it as their lifeline, are bound to be blind and dumb even though the dignity and vital rights of the local people are trampled and abused.

Submission to the US only leads to disgrace and death.

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Snowscape shots taken in different parts of Pyongyang present the scenic beauty of the capital city. RYU KWANG HYOK AND PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Fossil of 'progenitor of frog'

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The fossil was unearthed in the Jurassic system of the Mesozoic era.

As the fossil is 90 million years

older than other frog fossils, it shows that frogs rapidly evolved on the earth already in the Mesozoic era.

And the fossil was excavated in Packtho-dong of the city

of Sinuiju where the fossil of Korean archaopteryx had been found, and thus it is positive proof that the northwestern region of the DPRK was a centre of ancient

evolution.

The fossil of "progenitor of frog" is helpful in illuminating the evolution of palaeobios and the birth of mankind.

