

Another spectacular appearance symbolic of new heyday of Pyongyang construction and efflorescence of Pyongyang culture

Inauguration ceremony of 10 000 flats at third stage in Hwasong area takes place with splendour

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Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, is turning into a world-class ideal city and a paradise of happiness for the people where they enjoy a new life and civilization of socialism, fully demonstrating its unique majesty and reputation with the spirit of the country racing against time and the pulse of the times vibrant with great changes.

Thanks to the capital city construction strategy adopted and set forth by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the scientific and energetic guidance of the great Party Central Committee, modern

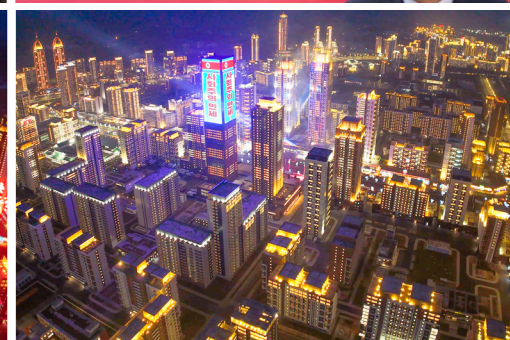
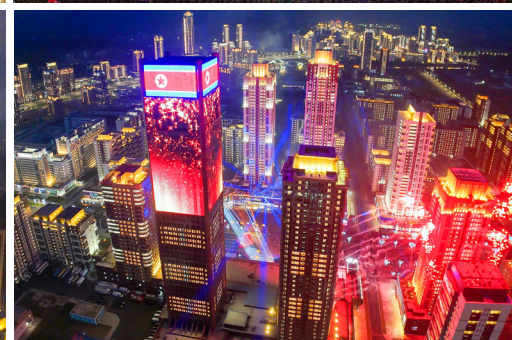


skyscrapers and high-rise apartment houses embodying an ideal harmony of architectural formative and artistic beauty and advanced civilization and distinctive commercial and public catering facilities with a strong symbolic character have been built majestically as another new large architectural group in the Hwasong area, to greet the third auspicious event of inauguration on the occasion of the greatest April holiday of the nation.

Another modern urban quarter has been created to demonstrate the radical development of Juche-oriented

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architecture and the transformation of civilization and efflorescence after the emergence of Songhwa, Hwasong, Rimhung and Jonwi streets in just four years since the first blasting for the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang resounded. This eye-opening reality is a brilliant fruition of the transparent outlook on the people and outstanding leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, who regards the people as his God and devotes his all to their well-being, and a monumental picture portraying the spirit of uninterrupted revolution peculiar to the WPK knowing no satisfaction and end in the work for the people and the dynamic advance of our powerful state.

The inauguration ceremony of 10 000 flats at the third-stage in the Hwasong area took place with splendour on April 15.

The venue of the ceremony was full of excitement and joy of the military and civilian builders, who had recorded a history of great change in the Hwasong area year after year through a stubborn struggle upholding the cherished desire of our Party with miracles of creation, and citizens who would happily move into the new modern apartment houses.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony.

When Kim Jong Un appeared at the venue of the ceremony, fireworks were set off and thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded far and wide.

All the participants raised enthusiastic cheers, looking up to the outstanding

revolutionary, great artist of creation and construction and benevolent father who has opened up a new history of eye-opening changes in the capital city of Pyongyang through a great drive for creation, the first of its kind after the founding of the state, and ushered in a golden age of rejuvenation and prosperity, when the people will enjoy an affluent and civilized life full of happiness.

Also present at the ceremony were Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and other senior Party and government officials, officials of the Cabinet, armed forces organs, ministries and national agencies, builders and working people in Pyongyang.

Kim Tok Hun, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made an inaugural address.

Saying that the capital city construction plan decided by the Eighth Party Congress has proved fruitful in the fourth year, too, to greet in the Hwasong area the moment of a grand ceremony of presenting another 10 000 flats to the Pyongyang citizens, he warmly congratulated the citizens of all social strata on becoming masters of the new modern street and new houses, upon the authorization of the Party and the government, and extended thanks to all the builders and workers and officials in the relevant sectors and supporters who have splendidly translated the high level of urban culture intended by the Party into reality, not leaving it as a future project on a blueprint. And he continued:

The third-stage construction in the Hwasong area has given full appearance

to the Hwasong area as a centre and model capable of leading the existing areas of the capital city to civilization and efflorescence by providing it with the political, economic and cultural functions befitting a fully-fledged administrative district in conformity with the plan and principle consistently maintained by the Party during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee. And this is a development truly meaningful enough to be called the birth of a new urban district making modernized Pyongyang of today present a striking contrast with itself of the past which had undergone changes for several decades since the founding of the state.

Thanks to the great thinking and efforts of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who personally plans the changes in all fields of the economy, culture, national defence and all realms covering the capital and regions and clearly indicates the guidelines for firmly preserving and developing the people-oriented and revolutionary characters of Juche architecture as he cares more than anybody else for the well-being of the people and the prosperity of our socialist system, everything changes and a new era of prosperity and rejuvenation hastening the future is being ushered in on this land. The socialist paradise wonderfully built in the Hwasong area is a historic monument which makes our people keenly feel their blessed life and the rosy future of their country as they are guided by the great leader.

Saying that our Party and government, in the future, too, will continue to push forward with construction work which gives fuller play to the advantages

of our style of socialist system and accelerates the transformation and development of the whole country, thus actively and steadily bringing the people deeper and greater satisfaction with a new, cultured and wealthy life, he called for striving more courageously for the future of the capital city of Pyongyang which will thrive and be more cultured year after year and for the eternal prosperity of the country which is the best in the world, according to the roadmap of epoch-making changes in the new era indicated by the Party Central Committee.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

Beautifully decorating the Hwasong area, fireworks were set off and balloons flew at the venue of the inauguration ceremony, which witnessed another historic scene to be etched in the history of struggle of the great WPK continuously and vigorously making a sacred journey for the promotion of well-being of the beloved people by erecting monumental edifices symbolic of the era of great change one after another.

Songs in praise of the times filled with strong stamina and ardent desire of all the Korean people to devote their all to the building of an ideal society where socialist civilization is in full bloom, exalting the dignity and mightiness of their state with their steadfast pioneering spirit and patriotic will, resounded throughout the venue of the ceremony filling the participants with deep emotion and joy.

The songs praising the great

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Kim Jong Un's era, in which the capital city of the revolution, a heroic city that newly emerged on the debris of the war and glorified the annals of creation and miracles with the eye-opening Pyongyang speed, has reached a new stage of civilization and efflorescence while undergoing more majestic and splendid changes beyond recognition every year, added to the joy of the inauguration.

The national anthem of the great DPRK, our socialist country where the people's dreams and ideals are being translated into reality and which upholds the greatest man as its leader and father, was solemnly played and fireworks were set off decorating the nocturnal sky over Pyongyang, the city of boundless happiness and glory.

The venue of the ceremony was filled

with excitement as cheers of "Hurrah!" burst out for Kim Jong Un again.

Kim Jong Un met the working people and the elderly who would move into new flats.

Families of a teacher and a worker presented bouquets of flowers to him, who put forward the ordinary working people as masters of the wonderful, ideal socialist street, in reflection of the unanimous feeling of gratitude of the citizens of the capital city and other people across the country.

Kim Jong Un said that he was sorry to provide the modern apartment houses only now and that he was firmly determined to take upon himself more tasks for the people while seeing the citizens full of emotion and joy today. And he wished them happy life in good health in the new houses.

He met and encouraged military and

civilian labour innovators who are making a great contribution to the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, true to the Party's policy on the capital city construction.

He said with affection and trust that thanks to the patriotic and elite ranks of builders like them who carry out the Party's plan unconditionally, the gun report of victory in the implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK will resound first in the Hwasong area and a new era of prosperity of Pyongyang will continue steadily.

Warmly waving his hand for a long time to the citizens of the capital city expressing boundless gratitude in tears of emotion, he wished all blessings to all families that would settle in the new splendid street.

All the participants broke into

enthusiastic cheers with their firm pledge to invariably go along the road of loyalty and patriotism for the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, for the eternal prosperity of their great state and for the rosy future of its great capital city.

The completion of the 10 000 flats at the third stage in the Hwasong area is a great demonstration of the true picture unique to our prosperous and powerful state, which has been created by the outstanding leadership of the great Party Central Committee guiding socialist Korea to the peak of prosperity and the patriotic strength of its people closely rallied around the Party with a single mind, and a great encouraging event that has further enlivened the spirit of all-people advance towards the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK and the Ninth Party Congress with redoubled fighting spirit and confidence.



President Kim Il Sung’s 113th birthday celebrated significantly

Senior Party and government officials visit Kumsusan Palace of Sun



Senior Party and government officials visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on April 15 to pay respect to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

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Pak Thae Song and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, other senior Party and government officials, officials of the Party Central Committee and leading officials of ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on April 15, the Day of the Sun, the greatest auspicious April holiday of the nation.

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where the eternal leaders of the Party, state and people are preserved in their lifetime appearance, was wrapped in a solemn

atmosphere.

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

Laid before the statues were flower baskets in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The participants paid high tribute to the great leaders at their statues.

At the halls of immortality, where the great leaders lie in state, the participants paid homage to them in humblest reverence.

Kim Il Sung honour prizes conferred

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Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize were awarded to exemplary primary (sub-primary) youth league committees, officials and members of the youth league and members of the Korean Children’s Union on the occasion of the greatest auspicious April holiday of the nation.

An awarding ceremony took place at the Youth League Hall on April 15.

Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize was conferred on 12 primary

(sub-primary) youth league committees, 15 youth league officials and members that prepared the youth league organizations as genuine vanguard ranks faithful to the ideas and leadership of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea and fully displayed their wisdom, courage and patriotic devotion at every workplace of socialist construction.

Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize was awarded to 95 KCU members who have distinguished themselves in study, organizational life, socio-political activities and do-good-thing movement.

Men’s football match held as part of national people’s games



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A men’s football match between the Sobaeksu and April 25 teams belonging to the professional sports sector for the 14th National People’s Games took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on April 15.



The April 25 Team beats the Sobaeksu Team 2-0 in the football match.

Among the spectators were Pak Thae Song and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, and other senior officials of the Party, government and military organs, officials of ministries and national

agencies, Pyongyang citizens and sportspeople.

The players of the two teams played games while varying direction of attack in conformity with their tactical intentions.

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Photo exhibition opens showing eye-opening development of Pyongyang

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A photo exhibition “Pyongyang, our capital city undergone tremendous changes in the great era of Kim Jong Un” opened on the occasion of the significant April holiday. It shows the changed appearance of Pyongyang writing a new history of transformation in the great golden age of construction and great heyday of creation ushered in by the noble aspiration and energetic guidance of the Central Committee of the great Workers’ Party of Korea.

The exhibition intensively and visually shows the eye-opening development of Pyongyang in the new era which is achieving rejuvenation and prosperity while recording a chronicle of unprecedented miracles in the

history of capital construction. And it is also the epitome of the bright prospect of the DPRK and the capital city advancing and making a leap forward on the people-first principle.

On show is a photo of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un putting forward the tasks and ways for building Ryomyong Street.

There are also more than 380 photos of new monumental structures which were built distinctively, while recording unprecedented miracles of creation in width and depth of changes in the new era of the glorious Juche revolution, the great era of Kim Jong Un, in the content and form of architecture and in the speed and scale of construction, and the spectacular views of magnificent Pyongyang. They

were photographed in diverse forms.

An opening ceremony of the photo exhibition took place at the Okryu Exhibition House in Pyongyang on April 13.

Present there were Kim Jong Gwan, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, officials concerned, officials of ministries and national agencies and officials and working people of institutions and industrial establishments and youth and students in the municipality.

Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, made an opening address.

Expressing his conviction that the exhibition would mark a significant occasion in implanting

Participants in the photo exhibition look at exhibits with deep interest.



great national pride and self-esteem into all officials, Party members and other working people and encouraging them to make a new determination and strenuous efforts, he declared the exhibition open.

After the ceremony was over, the participants looked round the

venue, bolstering their confidence that Pyongyang would shine forever as the best ideal city of mankind in the world and the capital of the most dignified powerful Korea along with the great history of changes that are made uninterruptedly thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

President Kim Il Sung's 113th birthday celebrated significantly

Joint national meeting of KCU organizations held

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A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took place at Changdok School in Pyongyang on April 14 in celebration of the 113th birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

The meeting was attended by schoolchildren of Mangyongdae and Kang Pan Sok revolutionary schools, representatives of the KCU organizations of all provinces, schoolchildren in Pyongyang and those to be admitted to the KCU.

Present there at invitation were Choe Tong Myong, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, youth league officials and meritorious persons and labour innovators in Pyongyang.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report.

A KCU admission ceremony took place at the meeting.



A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations takes place at Changdok School in Pyongyang on April 14.

Gala evening of youth and students, firework display climax April holiday celebrations



An evening gala of youth and students and firework display take place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on April 15.



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An evening gala of youth and students in Pyongyang took place at Kim Il Sung Square on April 15 on the occasion of the April holiday.

As the song "We Sing of Our Country Holding the Leader

in High Esteem" reverberated through the nocturnal sky, the participants performed beautiful dances.

The song in praise of the Workers' Party of Korea resounded at the square full of joy and optimism of the youth.

Fireworks were displayed in the nocturnal sky to rev up the atmosphere.

The night sky of April was decorated with all sorts of fireworks and the square in the sea of dances was filled with joy of youth and students and other people who

were significantly spending the auspicious holiday.

The evening gala reached its climax with songs "Let's Love Our Country" and "We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives".

The event of youth and students

in Pyongyang and fireworks display showed well the revolutionary spirit of the rising generation who are glorifying the era of great creation and changes with patriotic strength and enthusiasm under the leadership of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Camping begins at Songdowon International Children's Camp

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A ceremony of kicking off the first-term camping for 2025 took place at the Songdowon International Children's Camp on April 15.

Present there were Paek Song Guk, chief secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea,

officials concerned, teaching staff of the camp and campers.

The participants laid a flower basket and flowers before the statues of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung and the great leader Generalissimo Kim Jong Il at the camp and paid tribute to them.

Meanwhile, camping began at other camps across the country.



A ceremony takes place at the Songdowon International Children's Camp on April 15 to start the first-term camping for 2025.

President Kim Il Sung's 113th birthday celebrated significantly

Nation celebrates Day of Sun



The April holiday is celebrated significantly across the DPRK.

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All the people in the DPRK celebrated the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung with joy.

An endless stream of the people visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

At the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, working people, youth and students paid the highest tribute to the President and the Chairman.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers before the statues of the President and the Chairman on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in other parts of the country.

Many people visited the President's birthplace (old home) at Mangyongdae and keenly felt their blessing of having great leaders generation after generation.

Children and primary school pupils across the country received gifts on the occasion of the April spring holiday.

Looking round the photo exhibition venues in the capital city and all provinces (municipalities),

the visitors cherished the conviction that the country would bask in glory for all ages under the guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Performances were given in Pyongyang and other parts of the country in celebration of the Day of the Sun, and the joy and excitement overflowed at dance parties of youth and students and working people across the country.

Laughter of working people,

youth and students were heard at the Munsu Water Park, the Natural History Museum and other cultural and leisure centres.

Songhwa, Hwasong, Rimhung and other streets in the capital city were decorated with spectacular electric light, adding to the festive mood.

The public catering establishments gave pleasure to the people with special holiday service.



Working people's organizations host celebratory events

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Young people talk about President's virtues

Young people and students held a meeting to talk about the virtues of President Kim Il Sung at the Youth League Hall on April 14 in celebration of his 113th birth anniversary.

Present there were Mun Chul, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials of the youth league and youth and students.

The speakers at the meeting praised the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung who ushered in the most glorious new era of Juche in the nation's history

spanning 5 000 years and led the socialist cause along the direct path towards victory with his outstanding ideology and rare leadership ability.

Agricultural workers hold oratorical meeting

An oratorical meeting of officials of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea and agricultural workers was held on April 11.

Present there were Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, officials concerned, officials of the union and agricultural workers in Pyongyang.

At the meeting, the performers impressively told about the great devotion of President Kim Il Sung who continued to walk all his life

along the rugged lanes across farm fields for the country's agricultural development and the personality as a great man born of Heaven of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a brilliant heyday in comprehensive national development.

Women's union officials and members get together

Officials and members of the women's union met at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on April 14.

Present there were officials concerned, officials of the women's union and union members in Pyongyang.

Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the

Socialist Women's Union of Korea, made a report to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers expressed their determination to fully display the revolutionary stamina of the Korean women in the all-people patriotic struggle to greet the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as the one of victors and glory, with the firm faith that the future of the DPRK is very rosy thanks to the wise leadership of the great Party Central Committee.

Women's union officials and members hold dance party

A dance party of women's union officials and members took place at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph in

Pyongyang on April 15, the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

It began with the song "The Day of the Sun, Spring Holiday" amid the boundless reverence for the President.

The participants danced to the tune of such songs as "Song of Mangyongdae" and "Mine Is Always the Country of Kim Il Sung".

They danced with boundless pride and self-confidence of the women who have grown up to be a powerful force pushing one of the wheels of the revolution under the care of the peerlessly great man.

The dance party ended with the song "Our Leader Loved by People".

Russian youth delegation visits DPRK



Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, meets the major members of the delegation of the United Russia Youth Guards on April 17.

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A delegation of the United Russia Youth Guards led by Anton Zemidov, chairman of its Coordinating Council, arrived in Pyongyang on April 14.

The delegation visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on April 15.

The members of the delegation laid a flower basket before the statues of the great leaders and paid tribute to them.

Talks were held between Mun Chul, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic

Youth League, and Anton Zemidov, chairman of the Coordinating Council of the United Russia Youth Guards, at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on April 15.

At the talks, the activities of the SPYL and the URYG were informed and the issues of further developing exchanges and cooperation between the youth organizations were discussed.

After the talks an agreement on friendship and cooperation between the SPYL and URYG was signed.

The Central Committee of the SPYL hosted a reception at the Pyongyang Taedonggang Fish Restaurant to welcome the Russian delegation that evening.

Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee

of the Workers' Party of Korea, met and had a talk in a friendly atmosphere with major members of the delegation of the United Russia Youth Guards, who paid a courtesy call on her at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on April 17.

DPRK Hero Pak In Ho, a lecturer at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, met members of the delegation of the United Russia Youth Guards on April 17 in front of the US armed spy ship Pueblo.

He told about the feats performed by the sailors of the Korean People's Army who captured the US armed spy ship Pueblo which intruded into the territorial waters of the DPRK and conducted espionage activities.

Then speeches were made.

KPRA brings national liberation



By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The Japanese imperialists were hell-bent on the war of aggression on the continent in the 1930s, armed with modern military equipment including planes, tanks, warships and artillery and styling itself the “leader of Asia”. On the other hand, the Korean People’s Revolutionary Army, or the anti-Japanese guerrilla army, was only armed with rifles its members had taken from the enemy at the risk of their lives.

The anti-Japanese guerrilla army was no match for the Japanese imperialists

numerically and in terms of military hardware, to say nothing of the state rear.

That’s why the anti-Japanese armed struggle was the fight in which its victory was inconceivable by the existing common sense and its course was the continuation of unprecedented trials.

Looking back on the grim course of the Korean revolution, President Kim Il Sung said that in the early years of the guerrilla warfare, the ranks numbered several hundreds, they grew to several thousands and tens of thousands, but many of them were killed in the whirlwind of the anti-

“Minsaengdan” campaign (an ultra-leftist struggle against the organization formed by the Japanese imperialists) and battles, and frankly speaking, anti-Japanese war veterans were not survivors, but those who narrowly escaped death.

What, then, inspired the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters to carry on this arduous struggle and finally greet the day of victory?

It was the conviction of sure victory and will that they would surely win as they were led by General Kim Il Sung, the hero of the nation.

For the anti-Japanese

guerrillas, who were subjected to all manner of maltreatment and contempt, he was the saviour of their lives who encouraged them to know the country and nation and become indomitable fighters freeing themselves from the miserable plight of the colonial people and the anti-Japanese armed struggle for which they turned out to defeat the enemy with arms in hand following the leadership of General Kim Il Sung was a sacred war to save the destiny of the country and nation.

Therefore, they cherished the revolutionary idea of their commander as their absolute

faith in any adversity and did not hesitate to sacrifice their lives to carry out his orders. One of them blocked the enemy pillbox with his body to ensure the advance of his unit and others dedicated their youth to safeguarding the headquarters.

“Keep the revolutionary faith to the death!”—with this will they shouted “Long live the Korean revolution!” even when they died on the scaffold

A guerrilla cut off his tongue with his teeth to protect the headquarters as he was losing his consciousness due to brutal torture beyond human imagination, a woman guerrilla shouted that she could see the victory of the revolution after her eyes had been gouged out by the enemy, and another guerrilla retained his revolutionary faith while cutting his leg that decayed due to frostbite with his own hands.

The faith and will to achieve independence and national liberation by their own efforts were also one of the factors which enabled them to overcome the arduous struggle.

With the idea and faith of independence by the Koreans’ own efforts that the masters of the Korean revolution are the Korean people and the country should be liberated by their own efforts, the anti-Japanese guerrillas made Yongil bombs by their own efforts to beat the enemy and sewing machine needles with big needles to produce hundreds of uniforms. Even during the period of the Arduous March, when every grain of salt and rice and every pill of medicine were so precious and so they suffered from severe food shortage and terrible diseases and when the existence itself was just a miracle, they did not step back from the advance towards national liberation as they chewed grass roots and swallowed snow.

As they were full of such faith and will, the officers and men of the KPRA could achieve the historic cause of national liberation by fighting their way through bloody battles against the Japanese imperialists and raging blizzards for 15 years.

Mysterious guerrilla tactics

By Han Jong Ho PT

During the anti-Japanese armed struggle, President Kim Il Sung inflicted heavy defeats on the Japanese imperialist aggressors who boasted of their numerical and technical superiority with the protean and adroit arts and tactics of guerrilla warfare.

They included the tactics of making the enemies fight among themselves, attacking them at lightning speed before vanishing like the wind, pretending to go away but staying nearby to attack them in succession, alluring and ambushing them, harassing them in their rear, attacking them in the west after making sounds in the east, marching a long distance in a rush, leaving only one line of footprints to make enemies be quite at a loss and promoting simultaneous operations by small and large units. They smashed all sorts of tactics of the Japanese imperialists including “combing tactic”, “tick tactic”, “single vantage

deployment tactic”, “step-by-step occupation tactic” and the “tactic of tenacious long-distance pursuit”.

On a march during the large-unit circling operations, the Korean People’s Revolutionary Army unit under the command of Commander Kim Il Sung being pursued by a “punitive force” of the enemy encountered another “punitive force” in the front. At that juncture, Kim Il Sung ordered guerrillas to make a single-log bridge on tree stumps standing here and there to escape sideways. The enemies, unaware of that, fought each other all night through. They realized they had fought among themselves and suffered a wholesale death only after it became light on the following morning and cried out that “The tactics of guerrillas are a mystery which even the devil wonders at”.

In addition, the guerrillas tunneled through the snow to disappear, and made a Japanese “punitive force” pass through an

ambush they prepared by leaving footprints the day before to deal a crushing blow to the aggressors. The then commander of the Japanese “punitive force” confessed that he had not yet the least idea of such facts that the clear footprints the guerrillas left on the snow disappeared suddenly and that they failed to find any footprints of guerrillas on a hill on the other side of the river though it was obvious that they had gone across the river. He added that they were elusive tactics which could not be found in the Japanese army’s books on strategy or science of war.

The main force of the KPRA under command of Kim Il Sung boldly marched along the “Kapsan-Musan guard road”, which the Japanese imperialists boasted of as an impenetrable defence cordon, in broad daylight and achieved a victory in the Battle of Pochonbo to shake the Japanese imperialists’ rule over Korea to its very foundations. Such facts caused a great sensation throughout the world.

Kim Il Sung’s mysterious guerrilla tactics beat the enemy commanders styling themselves “king of punitive operation” and “god of guerrilla tactics” and it was on every Korean’s lips that General Kim Il Sung employed the “art of shortening distance” and “art of rising into the sky and dipping into the ground”.

“Kim Il Sung’s army operated in several detachments, each claiming itself to be Kim Il Sung’s army. Its tactics were to give the impression that this army was everywhere,” confessed Nozoe, the then commander of the Japanese punitive forces. Nagashima, special agent of the “Nozoe punitive forces”, recalled that the tactics employed by Kim Il Sung’s army were very curious.

Although the Japanese imperialists armed to the teeth and hell-bent on the invasion of the continent regarded the KPRA as “a drop in the ocean”, they were hit hard by its mysterious tactics and were finally defeated.

Most ardent lovers of their homeland

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters loved their homeland more ardently than anyone else.

They keenly experienced the sorrow of stateless people in their native villages trampled underfoot by the Japanese imperialists and in an alien land.

As they knew they were as good as dead without their motherland, they never yielded in the life or death battles while sleeping on fallen leaves in the cold-wind-swept primitive forests and overcoming severe starvation.

“I’ll not forget the firm promise I gave the girl of my native village to meet her again after defeating the Japanese invaders before leaving the village”, “O the embrace of the homeland I want to return to, dead or alive”, “The homeland is life and soul”, “O Korea, we will surely defeat the Japanese imperialists and demonstrate your greatness to the world”...

Such slogans that the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters wrote on trees in the primitive forests vividly show their ardent patriotism and will to liberate their homeland.

Their love for their homeland grew stronger under the care of Commander Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot.

The Commander implanted in their minds the preciousness of the homeland at a campfire at night in the secret camp, during an endless march or on a battlefield. Therefore the fighters valued even a blade of grass, a tree and a handful of earth of the homeland, and thought of the destiny of the homeland and the nation before their own.

The azaleas that they embraced for the first time during the advance into the homeland and handfuls of earth that they put into pouches with care before leaving the homeland after winning the historic Battle of Pochonbo, letting the whole world know that Korea was not dead but alive, made them think of the homeland, and the handfuls of earth they treasured gave them tremendous strength and courage.

Indeed, ardent patriotism was the source of the spiritual strength that enabled the fighters to fight to the end against the gangster-like Japanese imperialists armed to the teeth and achieve the historic cause of national liberation.

Profound reverence reflected on calligraphy and paintings

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The national calligraphy festival and fine art exhibition for aged artists opened at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on April 9 in celebration of the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Strokes carry meanings

More than 250 calligraphic pieces are put on display at the national calligraphy festival.

Such pieces as “Eternal leader of the Korean people” and “We miss you, leader” leave deep impression on visitors as they represented the profound reverence and ardent yearning for President Kim Il Sung.

And calligraphers represented the pulse of the times and their excitement, pride and self-esteem by writing “A new history of creation and change” and “My powerful country” with powerful and slanting brushstrokes.

“A new golden age of Pyongyang” is elegant and refined as the formative representation of strokes are in line with the meaning of the writing and the work is replete with emotion and sentiment.

The calligrapher selected a rising geometrical structure going well with the content of the writing signifying



Visitors look round the venues of the national calligraphy festival and fine art exhibition for aged artists that opened at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on April 9 in celebration of the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Pyongyang that has greeted a golden age through construction and adopted quick strokes to produce the sentiments of changing times.

Many exhibits reflect the dignity and pride of working and living in the country of independence that nobody dare provoke, a powerful socialist country with a rosy future, which advances and develops vigorously by dint of self-reliance, and the courageous mettle and indomitable fighting spirit to perform new miracles and achieve only victories under the leadership of the great Party.

Children’s works also draw the attention of visitors as they represented the happy looks of kindergartners and pupils growing healthily thanks to

the benefits of the country.

Pak Jin Song, a seven-year-old boy at the Wonsan Orphanage, presented a calligraphic work “The orphanage is our home”. Visitors highly appreciated the talents of the young calligrapher as they saw the work.

Fine art exhibition eulogizes times

After seeing calligraphic pieces, visitors enter the venue of fine art exhibition for aged artists.

On display at the exhibition are more than 50 pieces of works, including Korean painting, oil painting and painting drawn with gold paint, which were created by old artists in reflection of

their boundless respect for President Kim Il Sung and the Korean people’s deep admiration for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Entering the venue of the exhibition, visitors can see oil painting “President Kim Il Sung’s old home at Mangyongdae” drawn by People’s Artist Ri Kum Suk (aged 76). “I still vividly remember my young days when I would visit President Kim Il Sung’s birthplace at Mangyongdae in the flowering season of April. I painted the President’s old home which has been visited by our people for decades,” she said.

Several works on the theme of Mangyongdae where all kinds of flowers are in full bloom are on

display, including oil painting “Mangyongdae in spring” created by So Ki Un, a PhD in his 80s.

Korean painting “The pulse of Sangwon” also leaves deep impression on the visitors.

The artist, who portrayed the panoramic view of the Sangwon Cement Complex seething with an increased production drive, is a war veteran. Though in an advanced age of over 90, he went to the cement complex to represent the workers of Sangwon, who are working hard upholding the grand construction plan of the Workers’ Party, and completed the work with much effort.

Korean paintings “A new fairyland of rejuvenation” and “Sinpho in the morning” vividly represented the

regional development policy which the Party pushes ahead to realize the centuries-old desire of the regional people.

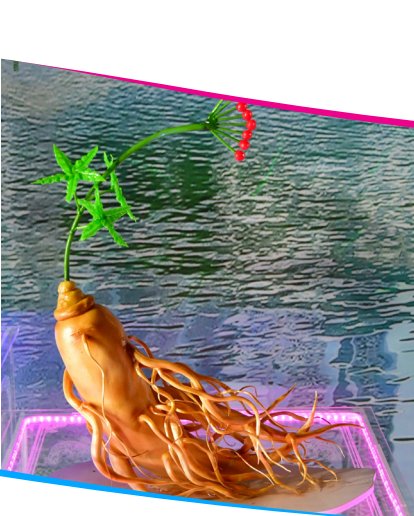
Korean jewel painting “Family members’ on the increase” created by Sin Pong Hwa shows a boy and pretty young goats in a new modern rural village done in a bright mood. And Korean painting “Our teacher” perfectly represented an age of educational development through the portrayal of pupils wearing new school uniforms and carrying new bags and a woman teacher piggybacking a schoolgirl.

Visitors said that through the works, they could see an era of creation and change, an era of overall rejuvenation in which the people’s ideals are realized.

Fantastic show features artistic skills of cooks

Visitors take photos of sugar and biscuit sculptures on display at the Fifth Sweet and Biscuit Sculpture Show.

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An Kwang Ho, a cook of the Haebangsang Hotel, also presented sugar sculptures depicting animals and plants, including a white horse with its forelegs lifted high and a potted peach tree in full bloom, gaining the admiration of visitors.

During the show there was a demonstration of excellent cooks.

Whenever the cooks made sugar sculptures in an instant with nimble fingers and masterly skills, the visitors loudly applauded them in wonder.

A lecturer of Pyongyang University of Fine Arts expressed admiration for the original sculptural effects of sweets and biscuits, highly appreciating the cooks’ level of sculpture as high as artists’.

By Jong Chol PT

The Fifth Sweet and Biscuit Sculpture Show was recently held at the Chongnyu Restaurant, a famous public catering base in Pyongyang, winning popularity.

Presented to the show on the theme of “Pyongyang Is Best” were more than 1 000 sugar and biscuit sculptures created by public catering and external service units

and foodstuff factories in Pyongyang.

The sculptures on display aroused curiosity and admiration from the visitors as each of them represented well the relevant theme and was made well by applying formative arts.

Ri Kyong Su, a staffer of the Cooks Association of Korea said that the visitors said in unison that the sugar sculptures Sonamu-brand satchel and Mindulle

notebooks presented by a foodstuff factory made them feel gratitude for the benevolent care of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the state equally reaching all the schoolchildren across the country and think their country is the best.

The sugar sculptures presented by the Sonhung Foodstuff Factory also drew the attention of visitors as they distinctively depicted the national symbols, including

Phungsan dog and magpie.

The Haebangsang Hotel, Pyongyang Koryo Hotel and Changgwangsang Hotel also presented distinctive sugar sculptures.

A crowd-puller was the booth of the Okryu Restaurant where there were on display sugar sculptures depicting national dishes, including famous Pyongyang cold noodles, and various kinds of animals and plants.

Especially, sugar

sculptures presented by Pak Kum Hyang, cook of the restaurant, made visitors reluctant to leave the booth.

The sculptures depicted two lobsters, chrysanthemums in a vase, fresh strawberries put on a snow-covered stump, and goldfish playing in a fish basin just looked like real ones, so it was difficult to distinguish them without looking closely at them or touching them.

Footwear factory develops new products in succession

By Kim Rye Yong PT

“The Ryuwon-brand shoes are wonderful.”

“I really like the shoes, they are smart and light.”

“Ryuwon-brand shoes are convenient for exercise and of good quality, so I keep wearing only such shoes.”

The demand for and popularity of shoes of the Ryuwon Footwear Factory are growing among the DPRK people as they are widely known to the whole country.

The factory, called a model unit and standard factory in the footwear industry sector of the country, has achieved great success in increasing the variety of shoes and improving their quality over the past decade.

Officials and employees of the factory made strenuous efforts to develop new

products.

Designers worked hard to make each product representative of the factory in designing shoes according to age, kind and season.

They deeply studied the world trend in the development of the footwear industry and introduced the latest science and technology and perfected designs while examining the technical principles of excellent products. They thus have invented well over a thousand designs over the past decade.

The factory has developed many new products on the principle of introducing into production samples highly appreciated at a products show organized in a planned way.

By putting efforts into the modernization of equipment, the factory set up new production lines, introduced

efficient jigs and tools and established an automatic cutting process.

Now, the expanded kinds of the factory's products number over a hundred with trainers as its major production indexes.

The factory's products

were highly appreciated at a national footwear exhibition and other shows and it produced a lot of academic degree and title holders and highly skilled workers as it conducted production and management activities with the consumers' demand and

assessment as the criterion.

The products of the factory are quite popular with purchasers, especially, young people including university and college students as they are smart, light, of good quality and good for exercise.

In January 2015, the

respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the factory and gave a task to launch a dynamic drive to produce shoes which would be popular with the people, symbolic of it and flawless even in foreign markets.



Technicians have a discussion on newly developed shoes at the Ryuwon Footwear Factory.



A worker examines newly produced trainers.

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Factory produces many new kinds of hosiery this year



Quality socks are produced at the Pyongyang Hosiery Factory.

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By Kim Il Jin PT

The Pyongyang Hosiery Factory is increasing the variety of products by developing functional socks with fresh colours and patterns.

“The factory produced many kinds of hosiery with diverse colours and patterns and in great demand last year. It newly developed and produced various kinds of hosiery by expanding variety this year, too,” said Kim Chung Hyok, chief of the technical department of the factory.

The factory directs great efforts to creating designs, which play an important role in increasing the variety of products.

To this end, it made sure that technicians and workers were acquainted with the global trend of hosiery production and reflected it actively on the production of designs. Meanwhile, the factory operates the non-permanent scientific and technological evaluation committee every week to carefully review and evaluate the creation results of employees according to individuals, thereby encouraging them to develop many new products every month without fail.

Researchers of the design studio of the industrial technology institute grasped the consumers' demand for products through the commercial network and

developed new and specific hosiery designs on the basis of contrastive analysis of hosiery produced by the factory.

Most recently alone, they presented new designs of distinctive style with good air permeability and good look to introduce them into production.

Seasonal men's and women's hosiery that got more diversified and multi-coloured as compared to the previous period and children's socks depicting cartoon characters in a vivid and three-dimensional way generated high demand soon after their production.

Functional socks are winning great popularity of customers.

Among them are nonslip socks, which increase the friction of bottom, socks which performs a natural health-promoting function by removing the unpleasant smell of feet, those with skin protection effect and good for the treatment of athlete's foot.

And sportspersons and many other people favour the socks that improve blood circulation by pressing diverse parts of feet and legs and increase sports capacity and the antibacterial socks that were made of such antibacterial materials as nano-silver.

Now, the factory is introducing a new dyeing method and a program for controlling hosiery machine.

Tasty, nutritious condiments produced at regional-industry factory

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

“The people's rising living standards require that we produce more tasteful and nutritious condiments. We have made painstaking efforts to produce nutritious products by relying on locally-available raw material resources,” said Hong Song Nam, manager of the Sariwon Condiments Factory.

According to him, the factory developed 30-odd kinds of new products last year and has presented many new products this year since talents have performed a vanguard role in the scientific and technological work and all employees vigorously pushed the development of the unit as masters of technical innovation.

The factory organically combined research and production to preserve the taste of soy sauce, a processed foodstuff peculiar to the Korean nation, and ensured that all employees turn out in the technical innovation drive like one.

It produces a large variety of products including perilla-flavoured soy sauce, soybean paste made of five grains, mushroom soy sauce, peppered bean paste with garlic by relying on locally-available raw materials.

The factory's new products are favoured by residents as they are very appetizing.

The pride in producing products that are compared with famous condiments of the capital fires all the employees with the zeal to increase production.



Some products of the Sariwon Condiments Factory.

Socialism is ideal and desire of mankind

By Choe Song Jun PT

It has been 33 years since the historic Pyongyang Declaration "Let Us Defend and Advance the Cause of Socialism" was made public.

In April 1992, the leaders and representatives of the communist and workers' parties of different countries and other political parties aspiring after socialism, who visited the DPRK to participate in the celebrations of the 80th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, adopted the Pyongyang Declaration reflecting their firm will to defend and advance the socialist cause.

The publication of the Pyongyang Declaration was really of great significance for the progressive mankind who witnessed the tragic collapse of socialism in different countries between the late 1980s and the early 1990s.

The declaration swept the whole planet with great attraction.

It was adopted with signatures of 70 political parties at that time. The number of the signatories then increased to more than 140 six months later, some 170 one year later and over 280 20 years later. The number is now over 320.

The great event, which

brought about a fresh turn in the history of the socialist movement, clearly proved that advancing along the road of socialism for realizing the independence of the masses of the people is a trend of the times nothing can check.

Socialism sets it as its noble object and mission to fight to realize the intrinsic requirement and ideal of mankind who is desirous of living and developing independently against exploitation of man by man and all sorts of domination and subordination.

Socialism, which was pioneered and advanced victoriously for the first

time in the early part of the last century, wiped out the old society which had lasted for thousands of years, put forward the masses as the masters of state and society and of their own destiny, and provided them with a new independent and creative life. It brought about economic and scientific and technical progress, which is impossible in capitalist society even in hundreds of years, and laid a solid foundation for more rapid development in the future. This shows that socialism has incomparably great advantage over capitalism.

In particular, Korean-style socialism is advancing

victoriously and dynamically on the great strength of spirit and unity of the people.

The frustration of socialism and the revival of capitalism in some countries in the past are merely partial and temporary phenomena in view of the main trend of historical development. There may be twists and turns in the course of the advance of socialism, but the direction of historical development can never change unless the ideal of mankind changes.

It is an irresistible trend of the times to aspire after socialism.

It is by no means fortuitous that even in

capitalist countries there are rising voices calling for introducing things socialist, saying that genuine progress and prosperity of mankind and the future of countries and nations hinge on socialism.

It is the centuries-old desire of mankind to live and develop happily all together as the masters of their own destiny in a society free from all sorts of exploitation and oppression and in a peaceful world free from domination and subordination and from aggression and war.

The socialist cause is the way to realize it.

Socialism is the ideal and desire of mankind.

For a beautiful Earth



Pak Song Chol, PhD, associate professor and institute director of the Faculty of Global Environmental Science of Kim Il Sung University

April 22 is Earth Day. To protect the earth, the cradle of life, and maintain a clean ecological environment is an important undertaking of all mankind.

But at present, the ever-increasing human activities have made a big impact on the global environment.

Global warming, ozone depletion, sandstorm, etc. have caused serious atmospheric problems.

The World Meteorological Organization recently announced that the global average temperature in 2024 was 1.55°C higher than before the Industrial Revolution, exceeding the limit of 1.5°C, which was set as an ideal goal by the Paris agreement on climate change ten years before, for the first time.

As the global temperature rises every year, glaciers in the Arctic melt gradually to flow into the sea. If such a change fails to be stopped, the Arctic ice is estimated to completely disappear by 2030 and the sea level to rise by 7.1 metres by 2100.

According to research data, the amount of ozone at the

centre of the ozone hole in the sky over the Antarctic remarkably diminished as compared to that 20 years ago. By late October 2023, the area of the ozone hole there was over 26 million square kilometres, nearly double that of the Antarctica. Ozone destruction increases human exposure to ultraviolet rays, causing skin cancer, cataract and all other kinds of diseases.

Now that sandstorm rages across the world ceaselessly, the sand dust not only enters the respiratory system of humans to cause various diseases but also reduces solar radiation to hinder the growth of plants and pollute the environment.

The marine environment is also seriously being affected.

As marine development is activated along with the rapid economic growth since the late 20th century, a lot of industrial waste water, domestic sewage, plastic waste and all kinds of other waste are flowing into the sea, destroying the marine ecosystem.

If the marine environment is not destroyed and ecological balance is not disrupted,

mankind can reportedly produce 3 billion tons of seafood at sea annually.

To protect the ecological environment of the Earth is an important issue related to the existence of mankind.

That is why many countries around the world are moving towards the development and use of renewable energy resources that make the global environment cleaner and meet the increasing demand for energy.

The DPRK also conducts the work to exploit natural energy resources.

Solar power stations have been built across the country to make effective use of solar energy resources. A large number of households in the Jangchon Vegetable Farm in Sadong District, Pyongyang, and many other farms and units produce hot water using solar water heaters for the supply of heating and domestic water.

Geothermal water is used for heating on Ryomyong Street and Mirae Scientists Street in Pyongyang. In particular, electricity-saving, roof and wall greening and other green architectural

techniques capable of effectively using solar, geothermal and other natural energy resources have been introduced into Ryomyong Street which can be claimed to be an energy-saving and green street.

The country also carries on the production of methane gas using biomass energy and of electricity using wind power and the construction of tidal power stations.

To positively protect the marine environment, offshore farms and fishery stations actively create artificial reefs and release fry. The construction of marine farms is also pushed ahead in order to increase seafood production by introducing various farming methods and to protect the marine ecological environment.

Meanwhile, positive efforts are channelled into research into marine ecology along with the proper management of marine ecological reserves.

The DPRK promotes exchanges and cooperation with international organizations including the UN Environment Programme.

It is the duty of all of us to positively protect and preserve the ecological environment of the Earth and hand it down to posterity.

Japan increases 'defense expense' for reinvansion

By To Kyong Chol PT

The Japanese authorities included 8.7 trillion yen, the largest amount ever, as "defense expense" in the budget for 2025.

A considerable portion of the "defense expense" will reportedly go into the construction of military equipment.

For example, it includes the deployment of long-range missiles, the adding of the function of launching missiles from warships for the introduction of US-made Tomahawk cruise missiles and the development of land-based long-range precision guided missiles for attacking warships and ground targets.

According to data available, the amount of weapons purchased by Japan from abroad in recent years has nearly doubled that in the past, and 97 percent of them are imported from the US.

This year, too, Japan intends to purchase en masse various strike means, including anti-aircraft intermediate-range missiles and air-to-ground long-range cruise missiles, from the US and to further increase the range of missiles it already developed and possessed.

This increase in Japan's

"defense expense" is clearly aimed at reinvansion.

The plan for relocating the headquarters of the Self-Defense Forces underground is being pushed forward and the purchase of sky trucks is being stepped up to ensure the rapid transfer of armed forces to the continent.

Besides, a Self-Defense Forces marine transport corps specializing in marine transport started functioning.

Japan is trying to put off even the mask of a "pacifist state" by revising the deceptive "pacifist constitution" while creating the environment and conditions for entering a war at any moment.

Japan is drawing NATO into the region and running wild with joint military exercises, pursuant to the US strategy for world domination. This is provoking due vigilance of the international community.

Those who like playing with fire are destined to be burnt to death.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of Japan's defeat in the Second World War.

The lesson of history which should never be forgotten foretells the result of Japan's anachronistic moves for reinvansion.

BYWORD

'Season of moving into new houses'

The "season of moving into new houses" has come round every year in the DPRK in recent years.

Songhwa, Hwasong, Rimhung, Jonwi and other streets and the residential

district of Kyongru-dong and other apartment houses sprang up in succession in the capital city of Pyongyang.

In the new era of rural development, new rural

houses have been built to form socialist modern villages across the country.

House moving takes place continuously in the country thanks to the policy of the

Workers' Party of Korea and the government, which set the building of dwelling houses, an undertaking most welcomed by the people, as the top-priority policy task.

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'US reckless military demonstration a futile act of only increasing security threat to its mainland'

KCNA

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea released the following press statement titled "The US reckless bluffing military demonstration is a futile act of only increasing the security threat to its mainland" on April 16:

On April 15, the US and the ROK staged a provocative joint air drill with B-1B strategic bomber involved under the pretext of the enhanced regular visibility of "extended deterrence".

The US fully showed its confrontational attitude and will against the DPRK through its repeated demonstrative military actions.

The recent military move of the US and the ROK is an open threat to the security of our state and a grave provocation that raises the military tension in the region to an extremely dangerous level.

The continuous appearance of B-1B serves as an occasion of highlighting once again the fact that the US and its vassal forces are the only ones that unilaterally escalate the military tension nowadays while inciting the hostile atmosphere of confrontation on the Korean peninsula.

Recently, the US has renewed its record in openly committing nuclear submarine, strategic bomber, aircraft carrier and other strategic assets to the Korean peninsula.

This fully shows that the deployment of the US strategic

means on the Korean peninsula has been fixed as a routine military practice, not as part of emergency measures, and is a constant, not a variable, threatening the regional security environment.

The gravity of the deployment of such strategic assets is not simply limited to the increase in the number of times, but it is the process of increasing the skilfulness in tactics and procedures for attacking the DPRK, and completing preparations for going into real action at any time.

The DPRK Ministry of National Defence strongly warns that the US bluffing military action that poses a serious danger to the sovereignty of our state and the regional situation will inevitably bring serious negative consequences to the security situation of the US.

The DPRK will exercise the overwhelming deterrent and continue to make the US recognize that its unannounced deployment of strategic means is a reckless and unnecessary abuse of strength, and get the US to realize by itself that the higher the level of provocation against the DPRK is, the greater the level of danger returning to the US will be.

The armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will never tolerate the slightest sign of threat of the hostile forces against the security sovereignty of the state and will deter by dint of powerful force the US aggressive attempt to permanently fix the malignant instability element in the security environment of the region.

To protect territorial integrity and national sovereignty

By Choe Song Jun PT

Iran, in the southwestern part of the Asian Continent, has long been subjected to aggression and interference by dominationists, for its rich underground resources and its geographical location of strategic importance.

After the Pahlavi dictatorship was toppled in February 1979 and the Islamic republic was established on April 1 that year, the Iranian people embarked on the road of creating a new independent life.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has stepped up the development of national defence and the economy by relying on its vast mineral resources and the united efforts of the people, while directing efforts to the development of such cultural fields as science and education.

As the imperialists and their following forces get more vicious in their moves to check their advance, the Iranian people make more active efforts to defend their national sovereignty.

Iran is paying special attention to achieving national unity so as to step up nation building. At a meeting with public figures from all walks of life on January 22, the Iranian president said the enemies are manoeuvring

to use the internal issue of Iran in their favour and called on the Iranians to maintain unity and pool their efforts for the build-up of the state, thus foiling the enemies' moves.

The country is also channelling big efforts into socio-economic and sci-tech development.

It has a plan to build nuclear plants in different parts of the country by 2042 in order to increase power generation, while pushing ahead with a project for developing various aspects of AI technology.

Iran is also giving spurs to defence build-up.

The commander-in-chief of the Iranian Islamic Revolution Guards Corps said at a ceremony of opening to public an underground missile base on January 10 this year that the missile capability of the country is getting greater day by day. Dismissing the enemies' argument that Iran is poor in its missile production capacity, he announced that the space force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps would open to public new missiles and military bases in the near future.

As it reported the news about high-ranking military officials' visit to an underground missile base, known as a "missile town", on March 25, an Iranian media outlet said that the base is one of the hundreds of missile bases

across the country, adding that it keeps thousands of domestic missiles of the same type as those used in the retaliatory military operations against Israel in April and October last year.

At present, the navy of the Iranian Islamic Revolution Guards Corps is armed with two types of drones. Both of them were developed by Iran and can carry domestic missiles based on AI technology.

Recently, the Iranian army has taken over 1 000 new-type domestic drones with great stealth and interception avoidance capabilities. These new unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) have reportedly such features as 2 000-odd-km-long flight range, great destructive power and the ability to break through a network of defenses based on small radar echoing area.

In order to further increase its defence capabilities, Iran conducted a large-scale military exercise, large-scale anti-aircraft exercise, military exercise in the northwestern border area and large-scale naval exercise this year alone.

It promotes cooperation with countries aspiring after independence against imperialism.

On April 15 1973, the DPRK and the Islamic Republic of Iran established diplomatic relations.

Children abandoned by families and society

By Choe Yong Nam PT

Children, the future of every country, should naturally be the object of national concern and protection.

But what is the plight of children in Western countries that boast of economic development and "civilization"?

The results of a survey on housing problem which started last year were mentioned at the British Parliament on April 3. According to them, 164 000 homeless children are living in temporary shelters in England.

Seventy-four children died due to poor conditions and environment, and 58 of them were babies under one year.

A woman who failed to find even a temporary shelter sent an email to the city authorities for help, but as they do not take relevant measures, she is waiting for help staying in her car with her child.

Meanwhile, the maltreatment of children is getting more serious in Japan.

According to data released by the Ministry of Welfare and Labour of Japan on March 25, the number of consultations on child abuse was a record high of 225 509 cases

nationwide in 2023, a 5 percent increase over the previous year.

As was reported, the number of child abuse cases has been increasing continuously for 33 years.

What is surprising is that parents are the main culprits in child abuse.

The same is the case with the US.

A large number of children are subjected to harsh labour exploitation in this country. It is a country which legally allows child labour.

Children's working hour is unlimited and the minimum age of boys who can work on small farms is not defined. A law amendment was once proposed to ban children under 16 from working on tobacco farms, but it was rejected by the congress.

The New York Times said that child labour force has witnessed a gradual increase in the past ten years and the number of child labourers has multiplied explosively since 2021.

This shows that a system for protecting children has collapsed, the American newspaper deplored.

This is the children's human rights situation in Western countries which often pick on other countries over human rights.

Briefly

Russia, Egypt

Joint naval exercise staged

Russia and Egypt recently waged a joint naval exercise in the eastern waters of the Mediterranean.

It involved frigates, small missile ships, supply ships and fighters of the two countries' navies.

During the exercise, the seamen reportedly practised the skills of repulsing the attack of fighters.

On April 14 the public information office of Russia's Northern Fleet said that through the exercise, the seamen of the two countries displayed their high ability and readiness to carry out a joint mission.

China

Countermeasures taken against US' levying of tariffs

China is strongly reacting to the US' levying of tariffs.

The State Council's tariff regulation committee issued an official notice on April 11 to announce that the additional tariff rate on the US-made commodities will be raised from 84 percent to 125 percent from the following day.

Taking issue with the fact that the US readjusted the additional tariff rate to 125 percent on April 10, the notice branded it as a unilateral and violent blackmail.

If the US violates its interests persistently, China will counter their action resolutely, the notice stressed.

Venezuela

Defence minister condemns US' human rights violation

The Venezuelan minister of defence denounced the US' human rights abuses at an event marking the founding of the Bolivarian militia corps on April 10.

The US has recently dubbed Venezuelan immigrants as criminals and detained them in El Salvador, which the defence minister described as a violation of elementary human rights.

He expressed his indignation that it was not only an attack on Venezuela but an unethical act that they handcuffed the immigrants just because they were Venezuelans, brought them to another country and imprisoned them without any reasonable ground.

Egypt

FM decries Israeli air raid

The Egyptian foreign ministry issued a statement on April 13 to denounce Israel's unethical air raids on the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli forces dealt an air attack on a hospital in Gaza that day and terribly destroyed it, which the statement branded as a wanton violation of international law and regulations.

The statement urged Israel to immediately stop all acts of attack on the Gaza Strip and not to check the introduction of humanitarian aid materials into the area.

Paektusan Gorge



Mt Paektu area registered as global geopark

KCNA

The area of Mt Paektu in the DPRK was registered as a global geopark on April 10 at the 221st meeting of the Executive Board of UNESCO being held in Paris.

The geopark consists of such unusual geologic relics as Mt Paektu and Lake Chon on it, Jong Il Peak, Lake Samji and the Rimyongsu Falls naturally formed by the volcanic geological effects in the long historical process of the earth, and of a grand canyon famous for Chongun Rock and pumice layer, a product of the millennium eruption. Its unique geological features present a spectacular sight.

The registration of the area of Mt Paektu as a global geopark has further highlighted the geological significance of Mt Paektu, the ancestral mountain, and its tourist value.

WEIGHTLIFTER AND TAEKWON-DO PLAYER AMONG TOP TEN PLAYERS OF DPRK



Kang Hyon Gyong

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Weightlifter wins nine gold medals in a year

Among weightlifters of top ten players of the DPRK for 2024 is Kang Hyon Gyong, women weightlifter of the Amnokgang Sports Club.

She was selected as one of top ten players of the DPRK for 2024 again after

2023.

Born to a common family in Sunam District of Chongjin City, Kang Hyon Gyong began to learn weightlifting at Sunam District Extracurricular Sports School.

Later, she was picked out as a player of the Amnokgang Sports Club and soon began to cut a conspicuous figure at competitions at home and then at international events.

Kang Hyon Gyong won three gold medals in the youth women's 58kg category of the Asian youth and junior weightlifting championships, emerging as an ace of the women's weightlifting.

But she was not content with it.

Clever and assiduous, she was constantly on guard

against self-complacency and made exact demands on herself.

Once, she knew that her coach set a low daily training goal in consideration of the state of her health and asked him to set it higher, saying that her opponents would develop as much as she hesitated.

As a result, she mounted the winner's podium in the successive international competitions.

Particularly, she won three international events held in 2014 in succession, snatching nine gold medals a year.

Man of strong willpower

Wang Myong Guk of the Ryongaksan Taekwon-Do

Team is a player with very rich experience and proud ability.

He not only won victories in domestic and international competitions but also positively contributed to the victory of his team.

His successes are attributable to his strong willpower to overcome any difficulty as well as his high physical and technical ability.

For example, when he participated in the senior men's team sparring of the 10th Asian Taekwon-Do Championships, Wang played a decisive role in the team's winning first place in the event by beating his opponent though he got a bruise on the head in the individual sparring contest held earlier.

His strong willpower and high sense of competition and ability were proved more clearly at the World Cup Taekwon-Do Games-2024 of the Ninth International Martial Arts Games held last year.

Wang played the semifinal match of the men's over-92kg individual sparring with a Russian player who was two metres tall and nearly doubled his weight.

In the match, which was played grabbing the limelight of the spectators, Wang finally defeated his opponent against their expectations.

The strong sportsmanship of DPRK players was an example to be followed and in particular, the sparring between the DPRK and Russian players was really a



Wang Myong Guk

fierce competition, said the world martial artists after seeing the competition. And they highly praised Wang, noting they wondered whether the DPRK player could hold out, but finally the Russian player collapsed and it was really a thrilling match.

Winner of Kim Jong Il Youth Honour Prize and People's Athlete, Wang Myong Guk has so far been selected as one of top ten players of the DPRK four times.

