

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on occasion of third anniversary of demise of Hyon Chol Hae



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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, visited the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on May 18 on the occasion of the third anniversary of the demise of Hyon Chol Hae who was a prominent military and political activist of our state.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un laid a flower before his grave, recalling the memory of the revolutionary comrade-in-arms who devoted himself to the glorious struggle for accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche with genuine communist traits, noble human feeling, wide-ranging knowledge and unyielding execution abilities.

He paid silent tribute to the memory of Hyon Chol Hae, a true son of the DPRK and a model of steadfast revolutionaries and patriots.

Recalling him, Kim Jong Un said:

"Still vivid in my memory is Comrade Hyon Chol Hae, who was always with the great General Kim Jong Il. He was the shadow of the General. He remains in all our memories as a model military and political official, highly principled and outstanding in political abilities and organizational skills, and as a paragon of true human, always unceremonious and easy, unaffected, steadfast and upright. He will live forever in our minds, always reminding us of the General's era and encouraging us in our sacred struggle for a great victory."

He prayed the noble spirit and distinguished feats of Hyon Chol Hae, who remained steadfastly loyal to the Party and the revolution all his life, would shine forever on the highest platform of honour and dignity.

Before the monument to martyrs at the cemetery he paid high tribute to the martyrs who devoted their precious lives to the eternal prosperity and future of the country.

Brilliant life achieves immortality

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Hyon Chol Hae, marshal of the Korean People's Army and chief adviser to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, was born a son of a revolutionary on August 13 1934.

After Korea's liberation from Japanese military rule, he studied at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School. He was later trained to be a competent military and political officer of the KPA under the care of President Kim Il Sung and devoted his whole life to the strengthening and development of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK.

During the fierce Fatherland Liberation War, he fought bravely to safeguard the Supreme Headquarters as a member of the bodyguard company of the central guards regiment.

Having been promoted to the rank of general in his thirties, Hyon Chol Hae performed distinguished feats in strengthening the KPA.

Later, he worked hard to improve the combat capability of the KPA in

every way at the responsible posts in the fields of military education and logistics of the KPA.

He supported the leader with faith, conscience and obligation free from affectation throughout his life. He regarded it as his lifelong duty and the highest honour to know his intentions better than anyone else and carry them out perfectly in the van.

The DPRK people vividly remember him who assisted Chairman Kim Jong Il with the Songun revolutionary leadership closest at hand during the Arduous March and forced march, the hardest times of the country.

During the periods, he made a great contribution to strengthening the country's military muscle and defending the country, revolution and socialism by faithfully supporting the Songun revolutionary leadership of the Chairman.

The Chairman fully trusted his loyal and steadfast revolutionary traits, high political consciousness, unbounded enthusiasm for work, outstanding ability based on extensive knowledge and deep sense

of responsibility and discussed the important matters of the revolution with him. He also felt unusually great confidence from his sincerity and self-sacrificing spirit.

The feats performed by Hyon, who fulfilled his sacred responsibility and role as a veteran of the revolution in establishing the system for the continuity of leadership of the Party, the lifeline and lifeblood of the Korean revolution, at the crucial historic turning point of the cause of Juche, adorned a brilliant page in the history of building the revolutionary armed forces.

He also performed an extraordinary feat in strengthening the KPA into a revolutionary army that supports only the idea and leadership of the leader with the conviction that the Korean revolution should be carried forward only by the lineage of Paektu and that it is only the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who can take charge of and shape the future of the Party, revolution, country and people.

Hyon Chol Hae was a paragon of loyalty who taught the rising

generations with what attitude and standpoint the revolutionary soldiers have to support the leader and how to implement his ideas and intentions through the brilliant example of his whole life and a model revolutionary to be praised and copied by the posterity.

All his thoughts and activities were always directed to protecting the safety and health of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, defending his high leadership authority in every way and adding lustre to his greatness and immortal exploits on the highest level.

He was not only a passionate revolutionary fighter who had worked heart and soul to solve the problems intended and worried by the leader, shouldering heavy burdens willingly and devoting all his wisdom and energy, but also a true son of the country and people, who had conceived and realized many new things which could be helpful to the prosperity and development of the country and the living of the people and took on himself and successfully carried out any difficult tasks, and

a perfect performer and patriot who completed any work, once started, by steadily pushing ahead with it.

Vividly etched in the great and sacred annals of the Korean revolution, from the glorious era when the DPRK people created a new history of socialist construction under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il to the present time when they add glory to the golden age of boosting the national power under the guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, are the immortal contributions made by Hyon Chol Hae who devotedly defended the leader and put his heart and soul into the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Through the proud spirit of the Juche-based revolutionary armed forces growing stronger day by day the DPRK people are recollecting with deep emotion the image of Hyon Chol Hae, a revolutionary soldier boundlessly loyal to President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.



Resolution of Political Bureau of WPK Central Committee

May 21 2025

On convening Twelfth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea decides to convene the Twelfth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK late in June to conduct an interim review of the execution of the important policies of the Party and the state in 2025 and discuss and decide on the work in the second half of this year and a series of important issues.

Political Bureau of WPK Central Committee

Group of Koreans in Japan for expressing thanks to homeland visits Pyongyang

By Ri Sung Ik PT

A group of Koreans in Japan for expressing thanks to the homeland on the 70th anniversary of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) led by Jong Song Han, chairman of the Hokkaido Metropolitan Headquarters of Chongryon, arrived in Pyongyang on May 20.

They were greeted at Pyongyang International Airport by Kim Ho Chol, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's

Assembly.

The group visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on May 20 to pay homage to them.

They visited Mangyongdae, the sacred place of the

revolution, on May 21.

At the historic old home of President Kim Il Sung at Mangyongdae, the members of the group looked round the historic relics, recollecting the revolutionary history of the President.

A group of Koreans in Japan for expressing thanks to the homeland look round the birthplace of President Kim Il Sung at Mangyongdae.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Birthday spreads sent to centenarians in Pyongyang

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent birthday spreads to Ko Sun Hwa, a woman centenarian living in neighbourhood unit No. 9 of Jangsan-dong, Sosong District, and to Yang I Sik, a woman centenarian living in neighbourhood unit No. 52 of Songyo-dong No. 2 in Songyo District, Pyongyang, on their 100th birthdays.

Officials of the districts and residents of the neighbourhood units visited the centenarians to congratulate them.

The centenarians and

their families and relatives were deeply moved and extended their thanks to Kim Jong Un.

Saying that the Workers' Party of Korea, which makes selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, and the socialist motherland are the best in the world, the women centenarians always ask their children to do more work with loyalty.

Triplets leave Pyongyang Maternity Hospital

Triplets (three girls) left the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital on May 17.

Their mother Ro Hyang

Sim lives in O-il Workers' District of Kapsan County, Ryanggang Province, and their father Kim Yong Ho works at the O-il Mine.



The triplets, born in February, enjoyed the best medical assistance at the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital thanks to the care of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

DPRK Cabinet gives banquet for successful players and coaches

The Cabinet of the DPRK hosted a banquet at the Okryu

Premier Pak inspects different sectors of North and South Hamgyong provinces



Premier Pak Thae Song (centre) inspects the Ryongsong Machine Complex.

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Premier Pak Thae Song, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, inspected different sectors of North and South Hamgyong provinces.

During his inspection of the Ryongsong Machine Complex, he pointed to the need for its officials, technicians and workers to perfectly complete the renovation project for this year with a stronger sense of responsibility and redoubled efforts and to steadily increase its scientific and technological strength so as to increase the actual output in material processing and ensure the quality of products in the production of custom-built equipment.

At the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex and the February 8 Vinalon Complex, he referred to the need to take thorough measures to supply raw materials and fuel in order to normalize the production of fertilizer and basic chemical products, step up the construction of a slow-

acting fertilizer production base and further intensify the research into the application of melamine resin, which takes an important part in the development of the chemical industry, so as to make a substantial contribution to agricultural production and the improvement of the people's living standards.

Learning about the progress in the first-stage construction project of the Tanchon Power Station, he called for speeding up the full preparation for its inauguration, including the trial operation of generating equipment, and paying close attention to providing the builders with good working and living conditions.

At the Sangnong Mine, he referred to the need to give definite precedence to capital tunnelling and reinforce the transport system so as to mine a larger quantity of ore and further perfect the smelting process. At the Hamhung Wheat Processing Factory, he called for increasing the wheat processing capacity to supply quality wheat flour to regional-industry factories.

Going round the refractory workshop and other places of the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, he stressed the need to boost furnace performance by taking technical measures for decisively improving the quality of fireproof materials and unconditionally attain the goal of iron and steel production set forth by the Party by accelerating the operation rate of equipment.

At the Musan Mining Complex, he said that it should push ahead with the work for expanding its iron ore concentrate production capacity, including huge blastings, in a planned way and promote its production growth as a leading metallurgical base by making the most of the already laid production foundation.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issues of letting officials thoroughly adopt a work attitude of leading the development of units by taking science and technology as a lifeline and of carefully organizing alternative production and lowering the power consumption norm and took appropriate measures.

efforts with patriotism to make the national flag of the DPRK fly high in the sky of the world, and thus achieve good results in international games.

Kelp harvest brisk in Sinpho City

A bumper kelp harvest is seen at the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, which was wonderfully built as a model of offshore farming in the new era under the great benevolence of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Thanks to the devoted efforts of the officials and employees of the farm who have directed efforts to cultivating and tending kelp by dint of science and technology, plenty of kelp has

been harvested for the first time since its inauguration.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who saw to it that a model of offshore aquaculture was created under the direct guidance of the WPK Central Committee, personally attended the inaugural ceremony of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm and set forth the important task to pep up the operation of the farm and increase its profits and effectiveness to the maximum.

Many sci-tech achievements have been introduced to increase the per-hectare yield.

The officials and employees of the farm have steadily expanded the achievements while harvesting kelp on a full scale.

Rice-transplanting in full swing in rural communities

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Rice-transplanting started in Wonhwa-ri of Phyongwon County, South Phyongan Province, for the first time this year.

The Chongsan Farm in Kangso District, the Township Farm of Thosan County, the Ogye Farm in Anbyon County and other farms are transplanting rice seedlings in a large area every day.

They secured quality organic fertilizer, employed advanced methods of growing rice seedlings and tended rice-seedling beds carefully. They are now busy transplanting healthy rice seedlings in the fields.

South Hwanghae Province is concentrating all its forces and means on transplanting

rice seedlings in the fields. Kangnyong and Anak counties are increasing the operation rate of farm machines while enhancing the role of rice-transplanting machine operators and seedling suppliers to expand the successes on the basis of the detailed plans for rice-transplanting according to the plots and fields. The agricultural workers in Samchon and Pyoksong counties, who carried out the making of rice-seedling beds and seed sowing in a scientific and technological way, are stepping up rice-transplanting while properly interlocking processes such as the removing of young rice plants from seedbeds.

North Phyongan Province is pushing ahead with rice-transplanting after growing healthy rice seedlings

by providing them with adequate nutrition according to the varieties. Sinuiju City and Yomju, Pakchon, Uiju and other counties are speeding up the rice-transplanting as scheduled, planting the exact number of bunches of seedlings per phyong and that of seedlings per bunch according to the date of sowing and biological characters of rice seedlings.

Rice-transplanting is also going full steam ahead in South Phyongan and North Hwanghae provinces.

In Sukchon County the county farm machine station conducts mobile repair team activities more actively in the farms to raise the operating rate of farm machines. The Ripsok and Manhung farms in Mundok County are ensuring both the quality and speed of rice-transplanting as

a whole by organizing labour rationally.

Farms in Kangwon and South Hamgyong provinces

and Nampho and Kaesong municipalities also launched into transplanting rice seedlings while taking

measures to supply sufficient water to the fields by operating pumping equipment at full capacity.



Farmers transplant rice seedlings into paddy fields at the Tanggok Farm in Kangnam County. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Rice-seedling cultivation method in greenhouse widely encouraged

By Kim Il Jin PT

This year, the method of growing rice seedlings in greenhouse has been introduced in many rural areas including the Paeksong Farm in Sinchon County and farms in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.

The Jehyon Farm of the South Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee

transplanted rice seedlings cultivated in greenhouses in dozens of hectares of paddy fields last year. On the basis of this experience, it more than doubled the area of its application. It newly built more greenhouses and provided them with conditions for rotary cultivation of rice seedlings. And they successfully carried out seed sowing and directed efforts

to growing rice seedlings in a scientific and technological way.

Greenhouses for cultivating rice-seedlings were also built at farms in Mangyongdae District.

They mechanized the processes of spreading soil mixed with fertilizer over the seedbeds, sowing seeds and covering them up with soil to reduce much labour

which was needed for sowing in the past and nearly halved the period from sowing to transplanting. As a result, they have no process of removing young plants from rice seedbeds and it has created a favourable condition for rice transplanting in the right time.

The Oguk Farm in Anak County also raised rice seedlings at the newly-built greenhouses.



Nutrient cold-bed rice seedlings are grown in the Kangnam rice seedling greenhouse to be transplanted into thousands of hectares of fields. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Fields seethe with enthusiasm for scientific farming

By Ri Sang Il PT

The vast stretches of fields of South Hwanghae Province, the biggest agricultural province of the country, are seething with growing enthusiasm for scientific farming.

Mun Jong Won, candidate academician, professor and PhD of the Academy of Agricultural Science, said that hundreds of thousands of agricultural workers have attended the short training courses on scientific farming this year and the growing zeal for scientific farming is shown at every farm in the province.

With the programme of making all people well versed in science and technology being in full swing across the country, the province has taken measures to help agricultural workers prepare themselves to be worthy farmers who are responsible for their jobs.

According to Ryu Chon Il, researcher of the Academy of Agricultural Science, agricultural workers in Paechon County hold a viewpoint that they cannot take even a step forward without learning science and technology and now it has become an old story that they had insisted on such work attitude as empiricism.

All members of workteam No. 2 of the Waryong Farm in Yonan County regularly consolidate what they learned in the short course

of science and technology such as the soil fertility, technical requirements in each farming process and data on new agricultural sci-tech products. The workteam leader said that the number of agricultural workers enrolled in the distance education system continues to increase.

Chongdan County built up a splendid county agricultural vocational training school and enhanced its role to help many students get themselves fully ready as masters of scientific farming.

The province also directs efforts to ensuring that all the agricultural units in the province work hard to reap a rich harvest.

An official of the agricultural management committee of Sinchon County in the Jaeryong Plain said that in the past farms which actively introduced advanced farming techniques and methods continued to make steady progress and those units which lagged behind were in a stalemate, but now it has changed completely.

In Unchon County, a variety of scientific measures have been taken such as expanding the area of introduction of nutrient cold seedlings and applying scientific water management methods to ensure that farms, which lagged behind in grain production in the county, join the ranks of high-yield units this year.

Sufficient irrigation water secured

By Yun Ki Song PT

Different parts of the country have secured sufficient irrigation water needed for the immediate spring farming process.

South Hwanghae Province, which takes a big share in the agricultural production of the country, repaired groundwater tapping facilities in a short period and took practical measures to find out all water resources and use them

for agricultural production, while filling reservoirs with snowmelt, river water and rainwater.

Based on a detailed survey of the conditions of pumping facilities, it took measures to operate the counter-current pumps at full capacity, thus filling reservoirs with tens of millions of cubic metres of water.

North Phyongan Province has overfulfilled its paddy irrigation plan by 20 percent by controlling reservoir water

in a scientific way.

As it has secured millions of cubic metres of water in auxiliary reservoirs this year, it has provided a guarantee for sufficiently irrigating large areas of fields including rice seedbeds and carrying out rice transplanting in a qualitative way at the right time.

North Hwanghae Province dug a sufficient number of wells, tube-wells and pools to suit the regional features and conditions and repaired irrigation facilities and

structures and reservoirs.

Pyongyang Municipality took technical measures to increase the irrigation capacity after grasping the specific situation of small reservoirs and carried out the dredging more than 380 kilometres of section of main waterways in a short time.

North and South Hamgyong and other provinces also put big efforts to securing water needed for farming while repairing the embankments of waterways.

Settlement of housing issue— decision for people leads to practice

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The inauguration ceremony of 10 000 flats at the third stage in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang took place with splendour on April 15, the birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, the greatest auspicious holiday of the Korean people.

According 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 Central Committee of the great Workers' Party of Korea, 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.

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

The respected General Secretary, who has always been mindful of providing the Pyongyang citizens with a civilized and happy life, clearly indicated the orientation and ways for implementing the grand plan to bring about a substantial and fundamental change in the people's living and gave instructions on the issues arising in the project, saying that the construction of dwelling houses in the capital city is a long-desired work being pushed by the Party and the state as a top priority and a promise made by the Party and the government to the people.

Thanks to his noble intention and genuine sincerity that the works for promoting the people's well-being should be fruitful at any cost, a ground-breaking ceremony for building 10 000 flats was held every February and common working people moved into their new homes of happiness every April for the past four years.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the fourth-stage project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area, the final-stage task of the five-year plan for the construction of the capital city decided by the Eighth Congress of the WPK, was held with splendour in Pyongyang on February 16, the birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

In his speech that day, he said that the yearly construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang has been promoted most steadily during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, adding that the housing

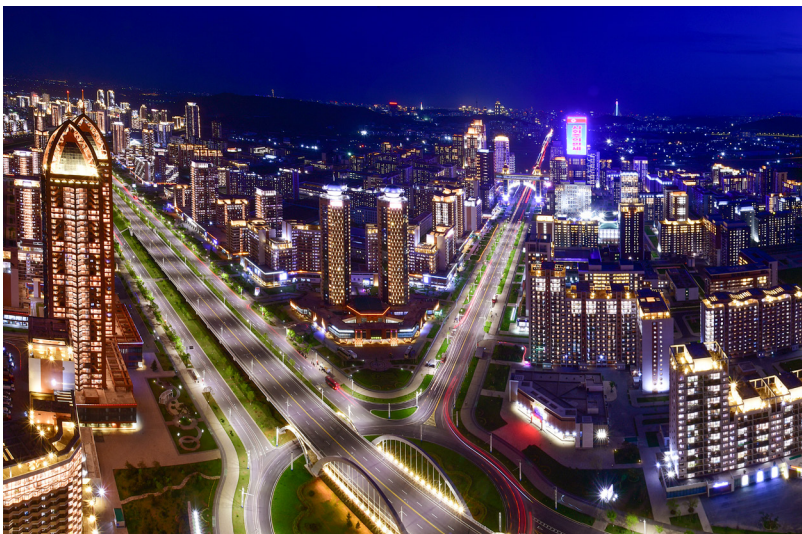
construction has become a sector which achieved the stablest and rapid growth as the ambitious plans to which not only the goals decided on by the Party congress but the long-term requirements have been added have been carried out without fail every year.

This year the construction of 10 000 flats in the fourth stage of the Hwasong area will be pushed forward vigorously and, by April next year, the Party will keep the most important promise with the citizens of the capital city and the housing problem of the city will be thoroughly settled.

It is the unshakable will of the Party that there should not be any consideration of interests, conditions or possibilities in the work for the people.

It was by no means easy to build 10 000 flats every year, but the Party, which regards it as its mode of existence and revolutionary trait to make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people and the people's laughter as the criterion for judging the national power, has pressed on with the housing construction projects, overcoming all trials and difficulties to provide the people with a happy life with nothing to envy in the world.

This is a clear demonstration of the steadfast will and courageous practical ability of the WPK which thoroughly orients and subordinates all affairs of state administration to protecting the rights and interests of the people and realizing their long-cherished desires and carries out what it has decided to do for them unconditionally.



Rimhung Street, Jonwi Street and a new urban quarter of the third-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area.

Ushering in great heyday of construction ‘As we have motherland...’

By Kim Il Jin PT

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea who ushered in a great golden age of construction to provide the people with happy living conditions, gave detailed guidance for building even a single structure on the highest level.

Newly-built feeder roads

One day in March 2022, the General Secretary visited the construction site of 10 000 flats nearing completion in the Songsin and Songhwa area.

Officials satisfactorily looked at the avenue stretching widely and skyscrapers and high-rise apartment houses standing in rows, but the General Secretary said that among the newly-built roads in the Songsin and Songhwa area, there were no feeder roads from the main road to the backs of the high-rise apartment houses and that it

would make it difficult for people to go to the houses of their relatives and friends by car.

The officials looked again at the main road. Now they found that people might certainly feel inconvenience as there were no feeder roads from the road to the high-rise apartment buildings.

That was how there appeared branch roads on Songhwa Street.

Without ignoring green section

One day a few years ago, the General Secretary visited the Samjiyon City Hospital whose construction entered the final stage.

Looking round the hospital, he paid close attention to proper landscaping around it to meet its characteristics.

At that time there was a small green section in the wide front yard of the hospital.

Seeing that only low trees were planted in the green section, he said that they did not match the surrounding environment well, and stressed the need to transplant tall trees there even if it would be difficult. And he said that it was unnecessary to widen the pavement like that because people would not come to the hospital to get treatment by bus at a time.

He then pointed to the need to build spherical or oval green sections, plant them with turf and white birches and install benches for patients to sit and rest on, saying that it would make the hospital more attractive.

There should be no minor fault

In August last year, while inspecting regional-industry factories under construction in Hamju County, the General Secretary appreciated the fact that the quality of the

construction was being ensured on a high level and referred to the industrial facilities to be built in 20 cities and counties across the country from the first year of the regional industrial revolution as entities directly showing the Korean-style civilization and development and as the epitome of our conscience and ideal and our strenuous efforts and fighting spirit, adding that there should be no minor fault in such creations which would be the eternal assets of the people.

He went on to say that as he always emphasized, the most important thing in construction is to ensure quality and stressed the need to make the fixed understanding that any trifling sign of neglecting quality, while leaning on speed alone, is a harmful act hindering the implementation of the Party's policy on regional construction prevail in the whole construction site.

There will be no happier people than us

Last year, our family received a new palatial house in the Hwasong area thanks to the benefit of the country.

All family members shed tears of thanks as the country provided us with a new flat, not because we had no home but because we might feel inconvenience as we are a large family.

There is no country in the world like ours that takes care of the people with paternal affection.

O Sun Phil, neighbourhood unit No. 26 in Hwasong-dong No. 1, Hwasong District, Pyongyang

Providing house free of charge

I am an ordinary worker but received such a luxury flat in Kyongru-dong. It is said that such luxury apartment in Kyongru-dong cost millions of dollars in foreign countries.

But the state provided us with such a modern dwelling

house free in recognition of my father's long-time service at a trolley bus station.

There are many countries boasting of being rich in the world, but no country provides common working people with a dwelling house gratis.

To Kye Sun, neighbourhood unit No. 13 of Kyongru-dong, Central District, Pyongyang

More wonderful house than before

House is a precious cradle which is indispensable to people.

When the people lost homes and property due to flooding last year, they were unhappy, but did neither feel sorrow nor shed tears of grief as they believed that they have the Workers' Party.

But when we received a new house some months later, all my family members shed tears of gratitude.

Jo In Nam, neighbourhood unit No. 26, Soho-ri, Uiju County, North Phyongan Province

Top 10 IT businesses in 2024

Excellent programs developed in succession



Researchers hold a discussion for the development of new products at the Pyongyang Kwangmyong IT Corporation. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Pyongyang Kwangmyong IT Corporation

By Choe Song Jun PT

IT products developed by the Pyongyang Kwangmyong IT Corporation are winning popularity.

The e-commerce service system enables commercial service units to ensure precision and promptness in service activities and overcome the limitations of commodity service in time and location by grasping and managing their commercial service activities in real time.

The noncontact automatic charge payment system and VPN system developed by the corporation have provided convenience to the users.

Its sports information browsing system, electronic settlement program and other

products were put on the list of top ten IT products of the country.

The corporation has been selected as one of the top ten IT businesses every year since 2021.

The secret of success lies in that it ensures concentration in scientific research by actively and effectively readjusting and assigning talent forces according to the goals it constantly sets higher.

"Belief in our own strength enables us to work miracles. We have set higher goals and exerted ourselves to settle urgent sci-tech problems arising in the economic development and the improvement of the people's living standards," said Pak Kyong Il, section chief of the corporation.

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Among the programs developed by the IT Institute of Kim Chaek University of Technology is a plot-specific e-map management program for mobile phones.

The app makes it possible to scientifically and technically distribute varieties and cultivate crops in each farming process on the basis of a detailed understanding of plot-specific soil properties, thus ensuring scientific accuracy

and promptness in farming control. The IT product, which is popular across the country, makes a tangible contribution to producing high yields in the agricultural sector.

The institute also developed and introduced programs conducive to education and IT products for the field of artificial intelligence.

In addition, it developed various programs based on VR and speech information processing technologies.

Many of them, including

a school education level appraisal system, antivirus software and Korean speech synthesis program, were registered as the best IT products and put on the list of the top ten IT products.

Products from the institute were rated as excellent at the DPRK-Russia IT products exhibition-2024 held last year as they are valuable ones conducive to IT and digital development and cooperation.

The institute was selected as one of the top ten IT businesses six times at the

national exhibition of IT achievements as it had made substantial achievements conducive to realizing the informatization of the country.

The institute has so far produced many honorary title holders and competent talents, including winners of the February 16 Science and Technology Prize, top honour for scientists and technicians in the country, those of the Sci-tech Innovation Prize, People's Scientists, Merited Scientists and the first best IT expert.



Researchers brainstorm to develop new IT products at the IT Institute of Kim Chaek University of Technology. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Top IT business lures customers with user-friendly electronics

By Kim Il Jin PT

Information technology products developed by the Puksae Electronic Trading Company are growing popular among local users.

"Our customers say that the products of the top ten IT businesses are quite different," said an official of the company. "Our technical team never makes light of the title of top IT business nor takes it for granted. Because they had to go through many difficulties to earn this title and they are more committed to keeping and adding brilliance to it."

The company develops and produces digital LED TVs of Sonamu series,

smartphones of Chongsong series, karaoke machines and amplifiers which are much sought-after by local customers.

The growing popularity of the company's products is attributable to its two management principles.

The first one is to design products from the end user's point of view and ensure the highest quality before

increasing the output.

For instance, before developing a smartphone, they are taking it as a rule to collect user feedback on what shapes and colours of mobile phones are preferred, what kinds of device performance specifications are favoured in terms of main memory, camera and battery and which operating systems are convenient to handle. Then, the most favourable aspects

are selected as technology update indices, and the corresponding research assignments are given to the technical team to achieve the goal.

Meanwhile, the company encourages its employees to steadily raise their technical skill levels and come up with valuable inventions and ideas and constantly builds up its development forces with young and competitive IT

professionals.

In the long run, its key to growing popularity was the efforts channelled into satisfying the people's demands and aspirations.

The second management principle is to give top priority to providing convenience to users in aftersales service.

The example is that its smartphone and accessory

sales service and repair service can be accessed at any time and conveniently according to the needs of customers.

The Puksae Electronic Trading Company won a high appreciation at the national exhibition of IT successes-2024 and was selected as one of the top ten IT businesses of the country for the third time last year.

Some of electronic products developed at the Puksae Electronic Trading Company.



Schoolchildren's camp full of life of young campers



Schoolchildren conduct various activities including cooking practice and amusement games at the Songdowon International Children's Camp. JO CHOL JU/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Camping is now in full swing at the Songdowon International Children's Camp after the first-term camping there in 2025 began in April.

The blue waves which roll in endlessly, the glittering white beach, pine forests stretching along the seashore, white seagulls flying over the waves and children romping happily at the seaside—they all look like a picture.

The children's camp is furnished with the international friendship children's hall, an artificial turf football pitch, outdoor wading pool, aviary located distinctively in the pine forest, aquarium, outdoor archery range, mirror house

and others.

In the past many schoolchildren from different countries in the world spent unforgettable camping days at it.

A student from Dar es Salaam of Tanzania wrote on the visitor's book that he went camping in several countries, but he had never seen such a large camp like it and that he felt after visiting the parks and amusement parks in Pyongyang that all African children should come and see the DPRK. Only when they see with their own eyes, can they believe the fact that the best system in the world is here in the DPRK, he noted, adding the more he looked round the camp, the better he could understand the greatness of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

It takes young campers

one day to look round all the places of the camp and they are full of admiration everywhere they go.

They gaze with admiration at the big and small fishes swimming by wagging their tails and rare marine animals including the loggerhead that has been living for more than 60 years at the aquarium wonderfully built like a palace in the sea.

They also widen their horizons by acquiring new knowledge of animals and plants at the aviary which arouses special emotion with the twitter of different kinds of birds and the mountaineering knowledge diffusion room which seems to have a pleasant fragrance of pine forests.

"During their camping, the campers conduct various

activities and their favourites among them are mountain-climbing and cooking practice," said Kim Hyon Chol, chief of the education department.

Schoolboys show particular interest in cooking practice.

Schoolgirls try to demonstrate their culinary skills competitively as if they are celebrity chefs and schoolboys wearing aprons and cook's caps are busy cutting cooking materials and frying eggs. Their looks are so amusing that they provoke hearty laughter from all of them.

A student from Haeju said with pride that so far he had had food prepared by his mother, but he cooked food by himself during the camping period and gained confidence in his ability and

that he would make tasty dishes and serve them to his parents when he returned home after the camping.

And every place of the children's camp is full of joy and optimism of young campers, including the indoor swimming pool bustling with children dabbling in water and engaged in swimming competitions, outdoor playground where they play games competitively in various sports, mirror house, electronic recreation hall and 4D simulation cinema.

The camping programme also includes such activities as skills show, quiz and schoolchildren's sports and the campers are very much interested in and enthusiastic about them, said Kim.

In the evening they write in their diaries the pleasant

camping life they enjoy every day at the rooms of the camp building in which a mysterious world of moon and stars seems to be unfolded with the effect of ceiling lights.

A schoolgirl from Phyongsong Middle School for Orphans noted in her diary

"Today I saw the sea for the first time. Our teacher told us that we will perform over 30 kinds of extracurricular activities including the collection of sea animals and plants during the camping period.

"How interesting they will be. How happy we are. If my mom and dad saw me doing...

"I will surely become a good person and repay the love shown by the fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un."

Touching stories produced at children's camp

By Kim Kwon PT

Suggesting meaningful slogan

One April day 11 years ago, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un visited the Songdowon International Children's Camp nearing completion. Having an overall view of the camp for a while, he expressed satisfaction as he was so happy for being able to provide schoolchildren

with the splendid camp.

Then the fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un stopped in front of the gatepost before going through the main gate.

At that time, the gatepost was decorated with three circular ornamental bands bearing the letters "ample knowledge, high morality and strong body".

"Ample knowledge, high morality and strong body" is a symbol of the traits and qualifications that schoolchildren should possess

to become the reliable pillars of the socialist country.

But the Marshal raised his hand to count the letters of "We are the happiest in the world!" and suggested fixing more ornamental bands to inscribe the slogan on them.

He said that it is a slogan for not only children but adults, all the Korean people.

As a result, the slogan of love and title of a song which all the Korean people as well as children had chanted and sung in the era of President

Kim Il Sung was inscribed on the gatepost of the camp.

A day spent with schoolchildren

After his visit to the Songdowon International Children's Camp nearing completion, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un came again to the camp which underwent renovation.

That day the schoolchildren held a ceremony of unveiling the statues of President

Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and an inauguration ceremony of the camp in the presence of the respected fatherly Marshal and had a final match of the national children's football tournament in the afternoon.

It was when the football match ended.

The schoolchildren fretted about the passage of time as they wanted to be with him longer.

As if he entered into their minds, he watched the

congratulatory performance "We Are the Happiest in the World!" given by the then Moranbong Band, together with schoolchildren.

In the evening, fireworks were displayed, lighting up the night sky over the camp bewitchingly.

Each day is very precious for the General Secretary as he deals with every state affair, big or small, but he devoted his precious time to schoolchildren from morning to evening that day.

Busier flower order service

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Flower shops and stands in Pyongyang refresh people in balmy spring.

The Kaeson Flower Shop located in Moranbong District is well-known for the kind flower order service.

It looks like a beautiful flower garden as it is replete with varieties of flowerpots and flower goods, watered flowers in full bloom and ornamental plants.

The shop sells various kinds of flowers such as rose, carnation, freesia and bellflower, bouquets and dried flowers and its employees also make flower baskets to order.

Choe Kyong Sun, one of the employees, made a lovely and ornate flower basket for birthday soon after a middle-aged man ordered it. She also explains customers the symbolic meanings and characteristics of different beautiful flowers. An ice hockey player said with a smile of satisfaction on his face that he would present a rose chosen by Choe to his daughter on her birthday.

Yang Kum Son, head of the shop, said that the demand of flower orderers is increasing



Many customers visit the Kaeson Flower Shop to buy various flowers. RYU KWANG HYOK/ THE PYONGYANG TIMES

along with the improvement of the people's cultural and emotional life.

"In particular, we have large orders beyond our ability on March 8 International Women's Day, Mother's Day and the anniversary of the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality," she said.

She added that they choose bouquets and flower baskets different in kind, form and decoration.

The shop is always

crowded with many people, including those choosing flowers and bouquets for their colleagues who have moved into new houses or a mother who has given birth to triplets, a young man selecting in delight a flower favoured by his love, boys and girls ordering bouquets for birthday or wedding, students asking for bouquets to be presented to their teachers who have devoted their whole life to education and schoolchildren vying

to choose flowers for a war veteran. Many other people visit the shop with a special interest in ornamental plants, flowerpots and dried flowers with which they are going to beautify their homes and workplaces.

In order to meet the ever-growing demand of customers, the shop offers various services in close contact with the Pyongyang Floriculture Institute and different floricultural farms.

Worth of life

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Many people, called meritorious persons of socialist patriotism, devote their all for the country and people. They all have one thing in common with each other in the path of life.

It is that all of them do not hope for any reward for their devotion.

The same is true with Jo Yong Ok, a workteam leader of the Suchaebong Fishery Station in the city of Rason.

With members of her workteam she built the processing ground, quick-freezing room and 100-ton capacity storehouse and always overfulfilled their plans.

And she prepared a large amount of supplies by herself and sent them to major construction sites and led a young man, a black sheep of her workteam, with sincerity to become a labour innovator loved by the collective.

Members of her workteam say that Jo Yong Ok was most pleased when she did something

helpful to the country and something good for the collective.

She became a member of the Workers' Party of Korea in her 20s when she was a girl by performing a feat at the construction site of Kwangbok Street in Pyongyang. At that time her father, a war veteran and honoured disabled soldier, said to her that during the Fatherland Liberation War the Korean People's Army soldiers devoted their youth and lives to the Party and leader, the country and people, but none of them expected to receive any reward for it and that it is not an expression of patriotism to do anything to get a reward.

Jo Yong Ok has implanted the meaning of her father's request firmly in her mind.

The mother of three sons, she sent all of them to the army for national defence. She has earned the love and respect of many people as a meritorious person of socialist patriotism and activist in the traits of assisting the army.

Farmers eager to keep new houses, villages clean and tidy

By Jong Chol PT

The number of model families of socialist cultured way of life is increasing in the new era of rural development.

Amid the brisk efforts for maintaining houses properly, building a cultured way of life and providing a hygienic and healthy environment in rural villages across the country, over 20 000 rural families have been registered as model families of socialist cultured way of life this year.

Those in Sadong District of Pyongyang are the frontrunners in this effort.

Several farms in the district are encouraging the farmers to keep their houses clean and tidy in a cultured way and possess a high spirit of law observance so as to establish a healthy

and civilized way of life.

The families also planted many fruit trees and other good tree species and ground-cover plants around their homes to add beauty to the landscape of rural villages.

In the course of this, almost all families in the district became model families of socialist cultured way of life.

In the rural villages of South Hamgyong Province and North Phyongan Province, farmers are keeping their splendid modern houses provided by the state clean and tidy on a regular basis, and thus the number of model families of socialist cultured way of life is constantly increasing.

Agricultural workers in all socialist rural villages across the country are now managing their houses and villages smartly and cleanly.

Enjoying thrill of hitting targets

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Phyongchun Shooting Gallery in Pothonggang District, Pyongyang, is visited by many people.

The total floor space of the gallery is over 2 000 square metres and over ten years have passed since it was inaugurated.

The indoor shooting ground of the gallery has a 20m pistol range, a 50m rifle range, a 10m air rifle range and an archery range.

According to the attendants there, young men who are usually full of vigour and adventurous like pistol shooting and archery but women who are calm and attach importance to anything practicable or middle-aged men like rifle and air rifle shooting.

They say young men prefer pistol shooting to rifle shooting because of the unusual charm of pistol firing. Sin U Hyok, a young man living in Pulgungori-dong No. 2 of the district, said that after shooting with a pistol in rapid succession, he is thrilled to see the smashed targets through the rising smoke.

The archery range is also crowded with young people.

Ri Il Hyok, who lives in Ryomyong-dong, Taesong District, said that he did archery for the first time and it did not turn out just as he had wished, adding that the arrow flew after the bow was pulled and released, but it was not easy to hit the target. "Now that I have tried and shot arrows, I think our ancestors attached much importance to military affairs. I heard that they hit targets by shooting arrows while riding horse. They must have had quite keen senses as they had to hit targets with arrows while riding horse without an aiming device like today. I think it was the fruit of their tireless efforts," he added.

Unlike boisterous young men, the middle-aged calmly shoot rifles to hit targets accurately just like a sniper.

Air rifle firing is much enjoyed by women.

When firing is over at the shooting gallery, score mark sheets pasted to the targets are given to relevant customers as tokens.

Meanwhile, the customers can conduct various sports activities including table tennis and billiards and have photos taken and have a meal at the shooting gallery.

"People's demand for leisure activities is increasing day by day. We are going to improve our service and give our customers new and greater pleasure," said Kim Yong Jin, a staffer of the gallery.



Working people have a good time at the Phyongchun Shooting Gallery in Pothonggang District, Pyongyang. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES



The Songam Cave is a unique type of cave heritage which shows all the diversity, mysteriousness and beauty of the karst caves in the world and an attractive scenic spot with tourist value.

Spectacular formations newly discovered in Songam Cave

A research group of Kim Il Sung University has recently discovered new and rare formations with unique aesthetic and attractive tourist value in the Songam Cave during their research to register the major scenic spots in the DPRK as world heritage sites.

1. Stone lotus flower

Seen in the cave pools of the Jangsu and Ryonggung sections of the Songam Cave are stone lotus flowers formed in various shapes and sizes.

This formation in the shape of a thin layer and plate covering the water surface of the cave pool is called stone lotus flower as its shape is similar to lotus flower.

The layer of the stone lotus flower on top of Jangsu Pool in the Jangsu section is 0.5-1cm thick. Though it is very thin, it is so hard that it is not broken even when several people stand on it.

The cave walls and roofs around the cave pools including Jangsu Pool in the Songam Cave are decorated with stalactites, stalagmites, stone pillars and stone flowers, presenting breathtaking views.

2. Unusual cave grapes in Phungnyon section

Several old cave pools were discovered in the Phungnyon section of the cave and cave grapes, a singular formation that is round like a ball, were found there.

Among the old cave pools newly discovered in the Phungnyon section is a cave pool which is nearly

circular in shape and about five metres in diameter. Over it are spread about 50 individual stone lotus flowers, each of which is about 20cm in diameter on average.

On the lower part of this stone lotus flower has been formed a 10-30cm thick layer of cave grapes. In addition, cave grapes are seen at the bottom of the cave pool in the form of an aggregate of cave grapes of a certain thickness. It is characteristic of these cave grapes that each of them, 3-8mm in diameter, is delicately spherical in shape like cave pearls.

3. Stone steps in Ryonggung section

In the last part of the Ryonggung section is a straight cave passage. It is 32m long and 7.4m wide at the entrance and it narrows down to 5 metres at the end. The slope of the cave floor is gentle and here is a stone staircase formed in a relatively large size, called the "Pearl Bank".

Between the stone banks forming the stone staircase are small pools like the stairs. The pools are 1.5m wide and 5m long at maximum.

4. Stone flute of Kongju Pool and underwater stalactite of Jangsu Pool

Near the waterfall in the Jangsu section, there is a small side cave, where there is Kongju Pool. It is not so large, but around the cave pool is found the layer of cave grapes and over it stalactites, called stone flute or stone pipe, have developed in group to offer a spectacular sight. The stone flute is a special stalactite in the shape of a slender, long and hollow stem like a pipe.

Newly found in Jangsu Pool of the Songam Cave were more than 60 underwater stalactites grown downward at the projecting part of the edge of the pool.

Unlike those formed in the space inside the cave, these underwater stalactites are very slender and

long and some have zigzag shape. Underwater stalactites had never been discovered in our country before and they are very rare in the world.

5. Cave corals and sight of clay

Also seen in the Songam Cave are cave corals, formations in the shape of coral.

Cave corals may be formed by flowing water, stagnant water like cave pools, or water flow on the surface of cave walls and other cave formations or weak water jets from cave walls.

In the Sonnyo section there is also the sight of clay, a unique sight which was formed when the topographic form in the shape of a cliff similar to

Chongsokjong appeared on the layer of clay of the cave floor by the downpour of cave and stone flowers grew on it.

6. Stone flower

The Songam Cave is full of stone flowers so diverse, rich, elaborate and delicate to be called a stone flower museum. The cave is 2 160 metres long, not so large in the world, but is filled with large and small stone flowers in about 1 500m distance divided into the Solgyong (snowscape), Surim (forest), Pomul (treasure), Paekхва (100 kinds of flowers), Kungjon (palace), Sosaeng (resuscitation), Sonnyo (fairy), Phungnyon (rich harvest) and other sections.

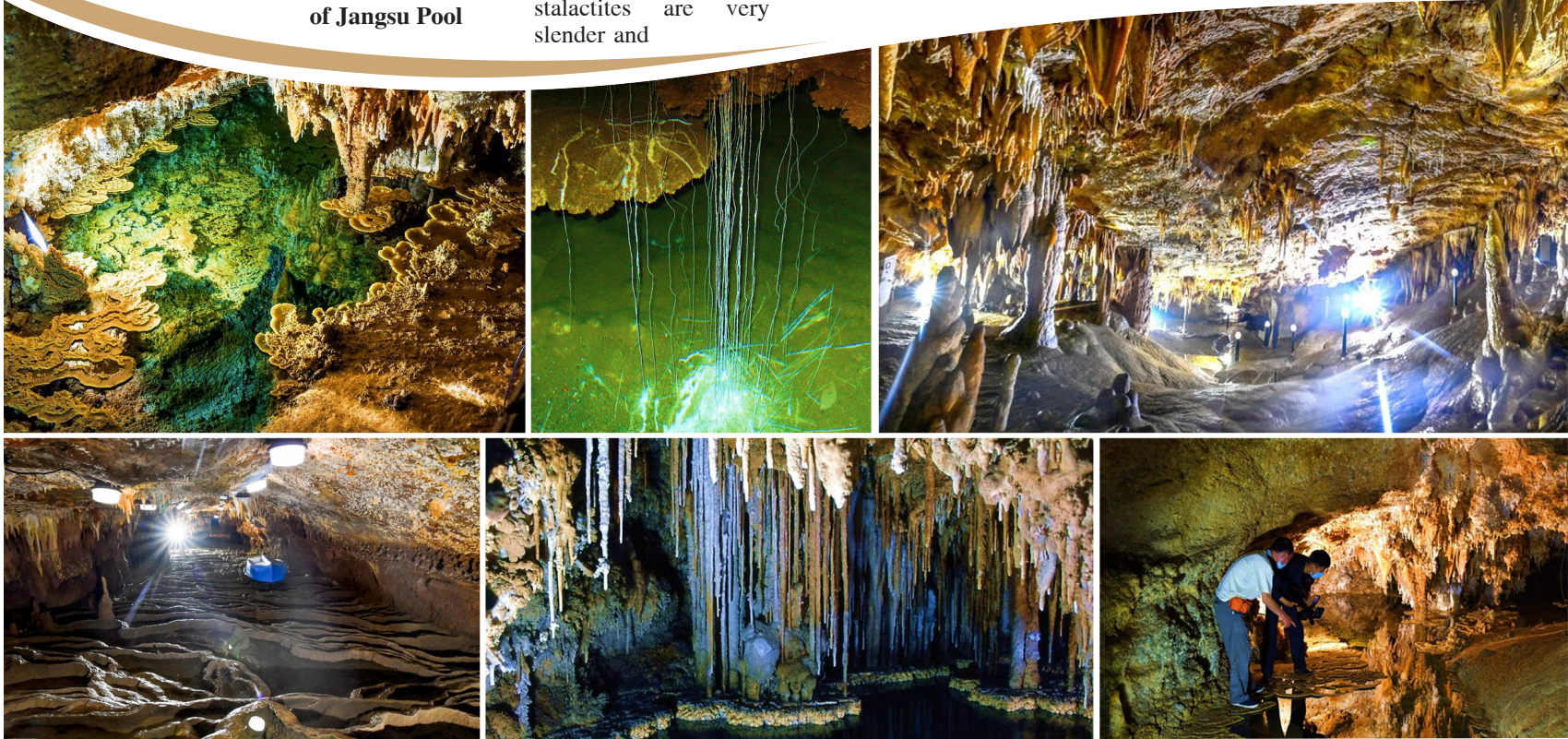
The stone

flowers in the Songam Cave are more diverse and richer than and superior to all stone flowers formed in the karst caves of the world put together and win the admiration of people for their elaborateness and delicacy.

But in the Songam Cave a vast amount of aragonite formations exist in the form of stone flowers, a rare example in the world.

The Songam Cave is a unique type of cave heritage which shows all the diversity, mysteriousness and beauty of the karst caves in the world.

Now the Songam Cave area has been designated as a nature reserve, with the cave registered as a scenic spot.



Some of the curious rocks in the Songam Cave.

ICH elements of DPRK

Horse riding

By Pang Un Ju PT

Horse riding is a sports event to decide who rides faster on horseback and who performs more spectacular stunts on horseback.

The DPRK has a very long history of breeding horse.

Therefore, such proverbs and idioms related to horse as "Old horse knows the way (Wisdom comes with age)" have been passed on among the people.

The Koreans have bred many horses of native kinds suitable for breeding in the mountainous and rugged terrain of the country since long time ago.

The excellent riding skills of the ancestors were inherited and developed at a

high level, with such contents as handling weapons and hurdling on horseback being added to them.

The best horse riders in the history of the country were the Koguryo people.

The technical contents of horse riding include preparation for horse riding, making friends with horse, methods of mounting and dismounting a horse, standard sitting position, learning how to ride at a walking pace, quick pace and gallop and others.

Horsemanship is particularly conspicuous in horse riding.

It is literally performing stunts on horseback, including those of standing on a running horse, turning over from one side to the other

People ride horses at the Mirim Riding Club.



by holding the saddle and dragging feet on the ground by clinging to the horse, hiding the body by clinging to the side of the horse, and headstand on saddle.

It is said that if people learn horse riding in their

childhood, they will be able to not only cultivate bravery and boldness, but also develop self-confidence in matters and phenomena through the course of trying to control horses as they desire, and concentration

and the spirit of study, thus getting into a good habit of not remaining indifferent to matters and phenomena.

Horse riding, which has long and close relations with the Korean people historically, was inscribed as

a national intangible cultural heritage element last year.

Full conditions have been provided to enjoy horse riding in the DPRK.

The people enjoy horse riding at the modern public riding service centres.

Patterned savoury cake



Various kinds of tasik, or patterned savoury cake, traditional Korean food.

By Han Jong Ho PT

Tasik (patterned savoury cake) is one of the biscuits peculiar to the Korean nation. The flour of roasted or fried grains, or the powders of chestnut and sesame, pine pollen and the like are kneaded with sugary liquid made by boiling down

corn syrup, sugar, honey, etc. And then the dough is placed on a board with various patterns for pressing the dough into small cakes.

The history of making the savoury cake in the country is very long.

It was widely disseminated and used along with the tea-drinking practice of

the Koryo Kingdom (918-1392) and underwent further development in the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910).

This is evidenced by the fact that the number of materials increased considerably as compared to the previous period.

Its materials were mainly grains until the Koryo period, but in the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty various edible fruits, pollens and oil-bearing crops were used.

Progress was also made in the cooking tools and methods. The board, which was used to make the patterned savoury cake in the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty, blended in well with its materials, making and pattern pressing to remind viewers of a craftwork. The board was mainly made with such hardwoods as pear tree, birch and jujube tree.

The method of manufacturing the board also

got varied. There were a board for making only one cake and the one for moulding several cakes at a time.

And the board had such patterns as petals, birds, butterflies, fish and other animals and plants, which enhanced the decorative effects of the cake.

The ancestors applied a unique cake baking method. They spread sand and placed a sheet of paper and material between roofing tiles and heated the upper and lower sides of the tiles by fire.

The cake varied in kind. There were cakes made of glutinous rice, red bean, soybean, chestnut, jujube, pine-nut, pine pollen, sesame and other grains, fruits, plant roots, pollens and oil-bearing crops.

In the past, it was essential in setting tables on ceremonial occasions.

The patterned savoury cake was inscribed on the list of national intangible cultural heritage last year.

Fried glutinous rice cake

By Sin Pyol PT

Kangjong (fried glutinous rice cake) is one of the favourite national foods of the DPRK people.

Today's fried glutinous rice cake is a kind of cake made of fried cereals, sesame, soybean and other materials mixed with liquid sugar. But according to old historical records, it was a kind of oil-and-honey pastry made by kneading glutinous rice flour with liquor, boiling, shaping and drying it, before frying, covering it with glucose syrup and dressing with bean flour.

They say it was called pine-nut and five-colour fried glutinous rice cake according to the garnishes as it was dressed with white sesame, black sesame, pine nut, yellow bean and green bean flour and used as a festive dish for ceremonies and the New Year.

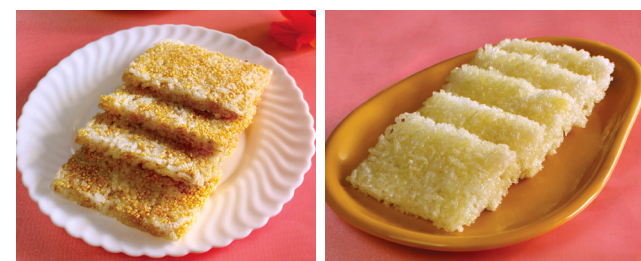
Old people gave fried glutinous rice cake or small money to their dear grandsons and granddaughters who pranked themselves up

with fine clothes and made a bow of respect to them on New Year's Day. When neighbours paid a New Year's visit to them, they gave children confectionery like taffy and fried glutinous rice cake and served adults simple foods after receiving New Year greetings.

Fried glutinous rice cake has changed into various forms, tasted better and considerably increased in its variety for a long time.

Its main raw materials include glutinous rice, rice, wheat, soybean, sorghum, sugar and glucose syrup and it is made by using circular microwave oven, thickening oven, agitator, moulding machine and other equipment.

"The Kumkhop General Foodstuff Factory for Sportspeople produces a large quantity of fried glutinous rice cakes associated with wisdom and resourcefulness of the ancestors. Fried glutinous rice cake is a kind of confectionery favoured by all people, young and old," said Sok Myong Ju, senior engineer of the factory.



Kangjong, or fried glutinous rice cakes.

Making of yot

By To Kyong Chol PT

Among the making of traditional foods of the Korean nation is that of yot (taffy) by converting starch of grain into sugar.



Yot, or taffy.

The Korean word "yot" is derived from the meaning that it continues to stretch without breaking when it is pulled.

In the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910), yot was further diversified

in kind and the method of making it further developed.

Kosasinso compiled by scholar So Myong Ung in 1771 says that yot is made by fermenting and boiling white rice, glutinous rice, sorghum, corn and others.

On New Year's Day the Korean people made and ate white yot along with various dishes and grandparents made it a practice to give sticks of white yot to their grandchildren along with prepared gifts in return for their New Year's bows. And mothers showed their daughters how to make yot

as well as how to weave, embroider and make bean curd.

Yot was made of sorghum, corn, white rice, glutinous rice, potato and sweet potato and the best was glutinous rice yot made by mixing glutinous rice gruel with malty powder, fermenting the mixture and boiling it down with black pepper, ginger and roast sesame seeds.

It had region-specific characteristics.

Today, too, foodstuff factories in different parts of the country produce yot by industrial methods.



Warmest congratulations on 70th anniversary of Chongryon

By Choe Song Jun PT

May 25 1955 is the day when the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) was formed.

For the past 70 years Chongryon, which has performed its mission and role as a faithful mouthpiece and staunch defender of the rights and interests of the Koreans in Japan and as their kind servant, has developed into an organization of overseas citizens of the DPRK, which is faithful to the leader's ideas, line and leadership and which shares the destiny with the socialist homeland.

With organizations at all levels from the central down to the lowest echelons in place, it has efficient educational, economic, cultural and media organs and wages a vigorous patriotic movement by rallying broad masses of compatriots. It also ensures that the children of Koreans carry on the genuine patriotic cause through the

well-regulated educational system ranging from primary school to university.

It firmly defends and strengthens its organizations in the face of the Japanese authorities' vicious and persistent anti-Chongryon moves and keeps alive the culture and traditions peculiar to the Korean nation through the community of compatriots.

While subordinating all its activities to the compatriot-first principle, Chongryon focuses on the struggle for protecting and extending the democratic national rights and interests of the compatriots.

The movement of Koreans in Japan has been able to develop and dynamically advance as a national patriotic movement genuinely serving their country and nation, thanks to the guidance of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The President put forward the original idea and theory

on the overseas compatriots' movement and successfully applied them, thus bringing about a radical turn in the destiny of Koreans in Japan.

He set forth the Juche-oriented policy of turnabout in line that the Koreans, though living in Japan, should defend their country and fight for the Korean revolution and the movement of Koreans in Japan should be a national patriotic movement to defend the democratic national rights by relying on their own forces under the leadership of the government of the Republic. The brilliant fruition of this policy was the establishment of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan.

Chairman Kim Jong Il indicated the ways for Chongryon to advance in each period and stage of the developing revolution and changing situation. The love and trust he showed and placed for Chongryon officials and other Koreans in Japan, saying that his mind was always there with them, served as the source of their

growing confidence in sure victory.

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un gives inexhaustible strength and courage to Japan-based Koreans fighting in defence of their national rights and interests as he takes measures in succession to firmly safeguard the legitimate position of Chongryon. The patriotic enthusiasm of Chongryon is growing stronger, thanks to the loving care and high trust he repeatedly shows and places on them.

Over the past 70 years, a large number of Chongryon officials and other Koreans in Japan have been awarded the top orders and honour prizes of the DPRK and grown to be holders of honorary titles.

The proud 70-year history of Chongryon will shine long along with the history of the DPRK replete with victories and glory.

We extend heartfelt congratulations to Chongryon on its 70th founding anniversary.

'Harmony with nature and sustainable development'

By Ri Sang Il PT

May 22 is International Day for Biodiversity.

Biodiversity is the foundation of all life on Earth. It is fundamental to human well-being, a healthy planet and economic prosperity for all people.

However, the rapid loss and destruction of biodiversity are leading to serious consequences.

According to research findings, biodiversity loss could spread diseases transmitted from animals to humans while, on the other hand, if it is kept intact, it offers excellent tools to fight against epidemics.

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted at the Fifteenth Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity in December 2022. The framework includes 23 action-oriented targets to be achieved by 2030 and four outcome-oriented goals to be achieved by 2050.

The theme of the International Day for Biodiversity 2025 is "Harmony with nature and sustainable development."

The implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals brings about or catalyzes society- and economy-wide transformations, including those in agrifood systems, infrastructure, industry, energy consumption and production patterns, water and ecosystem management, urban planning, education and gender equality. These transformations are essential to the achievement of the KMGBF and the fulfilment of its vision.

The DPRK actively conducts the work to protect biodiversity.

It pushes the protection of land and environment according to mid-term and long-term plans, while improving the forest ecological environment and protecting forest biodiversity through the forest restoration campaign.

Efforts are also being intensified to enrich biodiversity by releasing many useful animals in mountains and seas.

The areas of Mt Paektu, Mt Kuwol, Mt Myohyang, Mt Chilbo and Mt Kumgang have been registered as world biosphere reserves and the Rason, Mundok, Sindo and Kumya migratory bird reserves as internationally important wetlands. Regular surveys and researches are conducted in biodiversity hot spots.

The Mt Paektu area of the DPRK was registered as a global geopark at the 221st meeting of the Executive Council of UNESCO held in Paris in April this year.

The DPRK is directing primary efforts to solving sci-tech problems arising in the ecological conservation of endangered and rare species and the protection and propagation of useful animals.

Various laws including those on the protection of useful animals, nature reserves and forests have been enacted and implemented in the country.

Regional development policy and construction of three essential projects



Ri Un Gwang, associate professor and section chief of Pyongyang University of Architecture

In keeping with the period of comprehensive development of socialism, the Workers' Party of Korea is dynamically pushing ahead with the unconditional and perfect implementation of the regional development policy in the new era.

In order to bring about an evident change in the development of the regional economy and the improvement of the people's living standards, the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK officially included the construction of three essential projects—facilities for advanced healthcare, science,

education and leisure, and grain storage—in the new regional development policy to be pushed additionally in parallel with the construction of regional-industry factories.

The decision was adopted not because the country has enough economic power to spare and the conditions are favourable.

As the ideal society of prosperity desired by the people should not remain a dream and it was an important state affair, which can no longer be overlooked and delayed, to realize the centuries-old desire of the regional people, the WPK made such a bold decision in

the difficult period.

In order to carry out this important task successfully, it is crucial to make good architectural designs, including the plans of formation, taking into account the sizes and characteristics of buildings according to the geographical conditions and populations.

The architecture of the DPRK is the one embodying the people-first principle. In order to reflect the people's aspirations and demands in every dot and line of architectural designs, it is imperative to ensure functionality, convenience and diversity in architecture.

To this end, the functions of buildings must be selected correctly and all the architectural space and elements be arranged according to the functional requirements of the buildings.

For instance, in the

construction of hospitals, the management of buildings and the arrangement of spaces and passages can be improved by placing rooms centring on the treatment function.

It is important to correctly select the functions that are well correlated and not conflicting to each other in the complex organization of various functions within one building.

It is also important to select the units of composition of architectural space and combine them properly.

To do so, we must find out different types of architectural components and combine them in various modes.

The officials in the architectural field are very enthusiastic about successfully completing the construction of the three essential projects as intended by the Party.

BYWORD

Comprehensive development, overall rejuvenation

An era of overall rejuvenation has been ushered in.

The development of the regions is precisely the overall rejuvenation and growth of the state.

It is the firm stand of the Workers' Party of

Korea that there may be differences between regions in geographical setting, resources, economic potentials and living environment, but there should be no backward region in the aspect of the people's living in the territory of the

DPRK.

The Party put forward the Regional Development 20x10 Policy with the intention of developing onto a higher stage the material and cultural living standards of regional people across the country at the earliest date possible

by pushing forward with the regional industrial development.

Consequently, the first entities of the policy were perfectly created according to the timetable set by the Party to bring happiness to the people.

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Japan’s move of turning archipelago into huge powder magazine is suicidal act of dashing toward second defeat

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Recently, the military buildup of Japan, a war criminal state, has entered a grave phase day by day amid the frequent geopolitical crises of raising concerns about the outbreak of a new great war in the world.

According to media, Japan is planning to conduct a test-fire of a ship-based electromagnetic gun, an ultra-modern weapon system that continuously launches shells at hypersonic speed by using electromagnetic power, in the near future.

It is making self-estimation that the electromagnetic gun is a “game changer in the battlefield”, saying that it is effective both in making an attack on targets on the ground and in the sea and air and in missile defense.

The appearance of the gun, which will be positioned as one of the core means of attack under the guise of

“defense”, clearly shows that Japan is turning the archipelago into an exhibition venue for various kinds of missiles and a test ground for ultra-modern weapons while getting more undisguised in its attempt at preemptive attack than ever before.

Japan has informally arranged the time and place of the deployment of type 12 surface-to-ship guided missile with a range of about 1 000km and high-speed gliding projectile, a hypersonic weapon, and is stepping up the development of a new-type ballistic missile with a range of 3 000km and a ground-launched long-range precision guided missile.

On the other hand, it has completed the plan for forming the surface-to-sea missile unit of the Ground “Self-Defense Force” and is trying to openly conduct missile launching drill in Hokkaido in the coming June breaking the precedent of conducting it outside the archipelago due to the principle of “exclusive defense”.

It is also trying to introduce medium-range air-to-air missiles, air-to-surface long-range cruise missiles and Tomahawk long-range cruise missiles from the US and deploy them for actual war and to jointly produce medium-range air-to-air missile AIM-120 with the US.

Japan is hell-bent on developing new-type ultra-modern offensive weapons. This is aimed at enhancing and expanding the utility of preemptive attack directly targeting the neighbouring countries and thus realizing at any cost the old ambition of the “Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere” by plunging into a new war of aggression.

It is as clear as noonday what disastrous catastrophe will be brought about on this planet if the weapons of mass destruction fall again into the hands of Japan.

The Japanese defense chief recently proposed to the US Secretary of Defense an initiative that Japan, the US, Australia, the Philippines and the ROK should

strengthen military nexus, regarding the area centred on the East Sea and South Sea of China and the Korean peninsula as “a theatre of war.” This makes it easy to sense Japan’s sinister aggressive attempt to launch reinvasion by creating military imbalance and a new conflicting structure in the region.

Various kinds of military moves of Japan to revive the vicious “great Japanese empire” free from the political and military fetters of the defeated nation by taking advantage of the trend of change in the global geopolitical structure while advocating the “severe surrounding security environment” urgently demand that the DPRK fully stockpile the stronger overwhelming power to deter it.

The reckless military buildup of Japan to make a preemptive attack on nuclear weapons states while turning the archipelago into a huge powder magazine will be a suicidal act of dashing toward the second defeat.

For Africa

By Choe Song Jun PT

Africa celebrates May 25 as the Day of Africa every year.

On May 25 1963, the Organization of African Unity was founded at a meeting of heads of over 30 African countries which had put an end to outside forces’ colonial rule and achieved independence.

The OAU played an important role in strengthening unity and solidarity among African countries, defending sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence and developing cooperative relations in all domains of politics, the economy and culture.

In the early 21st century, the organization was renamed the African Union. At present, the union has grown and developed into a continent-wide organization with 55 member states and a prestigious international group struggling for the interests of the African people.

Now the African countries are making unprecedentedly strenuous efforts to put an end to the long-standing foreign interference and inequality and build an independent new society, a new Africa.

In recent years, the African countries, which would often fall prey to the neo-colonial policy of the West, have dauntlessly risen against the domination and interference by foreign forces in the trend

of the times towards multipolarization.

In November last year, the Senegalese president asserted that his country is an independent state and that the sovereignty of the state is incompatible with the existence of a foreign military base, resolutely demanding the withdrawal of the French troops. And the governments of different countries, including Côte d’Ivoire, Mali, Chad and Niger, are driving troops of the US and the West out of their territories.

Besides, the African countries set independent economic development as the top priority task and have put spurs to carrying it out.

In mid-February this year the 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the theme of “Justice for Africans and people of American origin through reparations”.

The meeting, attended by 12 000 personages including heads of state and government of 55 countries and heads of different international organizations, adopted a historic resolution to define the slavery, forcible removal and colonialism committed by colonialists against the African people as unethical crimes and massacres.

The achievements made in the course of implementing the 2063 roadmap for the future development of Africa were also introduced and the issues of further

accelerating it were stressed. This roadmap is a long-term action plan to make Africa an integrated, prosperous and peaceful continent, whose development is promoted by the African people themselves and which represents a powerful force in the world arena, by 2063, the centenary of the founding of the OAU.

African countries are strengthening mutual cooperation according to the long-term plan.

United efforts have been made to overcome all kinds of challenges that hinder the prosperity of the continent through the implementation of the African free trade agreement, the improvement of the educational system for the effective use of human resources, the prioritization of technology and sustainable development.

According to the African Development Bank, the rate of economic growth in Africa last year was 3.7%, which was higher than the world average, and it has risen to 4.3% this year. Thus Africa is expected to become the second fast developing region in the world after Asia.

It is the stand of the African people that their continent has huge potential for development and that it can achieve development and prosperity with African countries’ united efforts. They are making constant efforts to realize their strong desire for independent development and prosperity.

Japan’s crimes of marine resources plunder

By To Kyong Chol PT

Last century the Japanese imperialists plundered large quantities of marine resources in Korea.

After the Sino-Japanese war in 1894 and 1895, the Japanese imperialists spurred Japanese fishermen to seize fishing grounds in Korea in order to pillage its marine resources on a large scale.

Because it was far more economical to plunder its marine resources than to conduct trawl and deep sea fishing in their country since such fishing required high technique and much money. Their other aims were to intensify the marine resources plunder by sending lots of impoverished fishermen of Japan to Korea and secure the foothold for reducing Korea to their colony in the future.

Accordingly, Japan dispatched to Korea in 1910, June 1899 Maki Bokuma, fisheries department director of its ministry of agriculture and commerce, in order to spy on the situation of offshore fishing. Back home, Maki Bokuma convened a meeting of officials in charge of fisheries and representatives of 13

prefectures and counties related to fishing in Korean fishing grounds. The meeting aimed at plundering marine resources of Korea decided to get each prefecture and county to set up a guild for fishing on the seas of Korea.

Later in May 1900, Japan formed an association of those guilds. Its mission was to keep informed about and control fishing in Korean seas by each Japanese prefecture and county and encourage them to plunder larger quantities of marine resources there.

And with an eye to switching the marine resources plunder in Korea from the stage of going out fishing to that of settled fishing, Japan proclaimed the law on fishing guild in foreign waters in March 1902 and reorganized the association into the fishing guild in Korean seas.

After militarily occupying Korea in 1910, Japan promulgated the law on fisheries in June 1911 and plundered Korea’s marine resources on a large scale.

Japan’s plunder caused grave consequences to the development of the Korean fishing industry.

The Korean people will never forget its crimes.

Briefly

Iran

President expresses stand never to yield to US threat

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian expressed the stand never to give in to the US threat in his speech delivered in a recent celebration event.

During his recent tour of the Middle East, the American ruler said that the US would not allow Iran’s possession of nuclear weapons, but put the strongest pressure on it. As regards this, Pezeshkian stated that Iran will not give up its legal rights.

He emphasized that the US will be unable to force the Iranian people into giving up their legal rights and that Iran will defend the achievements it has made in military, educational, scientific and nuclear fields.

Russia

Officials decry hostility policy of European nations

Alexandr Grushko, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia, at an interview with TASS on May 13 denounced European countries for their policy of hostility.

He said that France, the UK and Germany do not want to stop the Ukrainian dispute but maintain the line of protracting the dispute.

Earlier on May 12, Russian presidential press secretary Dmitri Peskov at a press conference rejected the new threat of sanctions against Russia by the European Union, saying that ultimatum-style language does not work in the dialogue with Moscow and they should not talk to it in that way.

He also accused the Polish authorities of taking hostile and unfriendly measures.

China

Israel urged to stop military attack on Gaza

The Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations urged Israel to stop blockade and military attack on the Gaza Strip at an emergency open session of the UN Security Council on May 13.

Saying that the military method cannot solve problems and the continuation of war will cause more casualties, he emphasized that China strongly demands Israel stop military attack on the Gaza Strip immediately.

Europe

Israel censured for humanitarian crisis

Seven European countries including Slovenia, Norway, Iceland and Ireland issued a joint statement on May 16 in denunciation of Israel which has created a humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip.

Saying that over 50 000 people were killed in Gaza, the statement warned that a larger number of people may face starvation in a few days or in a few weeks.

It decried Israel’s illegal moves to expand settlements and ever-escalating military operations for aggravating the situation in the West Bank.

Top table tennis coaches of the DPRK in 2024



Kim Yun Mi

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Path chosen without hesitation

Kim Yun Mi is a competent table tennis coach of the Hwaepul Sports Club.

During her playing career she achieved marked successes in national and international events to be selected as one of the top 10 players of the DPRK and win the titles of Merited Athlete and People's Athlete.

After finishing her brilliant

playing career, there were many options for her to choose.

But she dreamed of becoming a world-famous coach and decided to follow the path of a table tennis coach.

After graduating from Korea University of Physical Education, she became a table tennis coach of the Hwaepul Sports Club, but it was not easy to fulfil her dream.

"To become a world-famous coach is as much difficult as to become a world-class player. In a sense, it is more difficult. The same was true of me. As the dream was big, there were as many difficulties and hardships. But I challenged again to realize my second dream," said Kim.

When she began to work as a coach, she sometimes wept with frustration. But she worked hard and managed to

train several players to be the top three seeded masters at home and world table tennis stars like Kim Kum Yong.

At first some people doubted about the prospect of Kim Kum Yong, but the coach selected a unique playing technique suited to her characteristics and worked out a detailed training plan to perfect it. And on the basis of it she gave guidance to the training of her.

As a result, Kim Kum Yong was highly praised by the world table tennis circles as the superstar in Asia and the heroine who opened a new chapter in the development of the world table tennis by achieving successes in the mixed doubles of the table tennis event in the 33rd Olympic Games and the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships last year. She was also selected as one of the top 10 players of the

DPRK in 2024.

Promising coach

Kang Hyong Rak, a table tennis coach of the Amnokgang Sports Club, learned to play table tennis in his childhood at the then Central District Juvenile Sports School in Pyongyang.

He cut a conspicuous figure at national competitions during his playing career at the Amnokgang Sports Club, attracting the attention of experts.

Later he was promoted to a coach, but at the back of his mind he always felt sorry for his failure to achieve successes in international games.

He set himself an ambitious goal to surely achieve the aim he had failed to fulfil as a player and redoubled efforts to attain it.

Early last year Kang

Hyong Rak, as a coach of the national team, took charge of Ri Jong Sik, a strong player.

But he felt mixed feelings as he was placed under the psychological pressure that he had to coach to success without fail the player who had already been brought to the door to success by the other coach.

Realizing once again the original intention he had stated when he started his coaching career, he devoted time and energy to the guidance of training of Ri Jong Sik and finally succeeded.

Ri Jong Sik, who paired up with Kim Kum Yong in the mixed doubles of the table tennis event of the 33rd Olympic Games, displayed high spiritual strength and technical and tactical ability, greatly impressing experts and fans.

After losing their first



Kang Hyong Rak

match with the DPRK team, Japanese players said that Ri's ability was better than they had imagined and his game play gained the admiration of the people.

As a pair again, Ri Jong Sik and Kim Kum Yong came second in the mixed doubles of the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships.

Kang Hyong Rak was chosen as one of the top 10 coaches of the DPRK in 2024 and is now regarded as a promising coach in his thirties.



DPRK Taekwon-Do demonstrations wow Vietnamese



Members of the DPRK Taekwon-Do demonstration group pose for a photo in Vietnam.



A scene from the demonstration.

KCNA

A Taekwon-Do demonstration group of the DPRK recently performed demonstrations in Vietnam, evoking enthusiastic response from the audience.

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary (March 1) of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and Vietnam, the Vietnamese government asked the Taekwon-Do demonstration group of the DPRK to attend the opening ceremony of the traditional martial arts championships held in the country and conduct a demonstration.

Their first demonstration was performed at an international school which is popular for teaching the

traditional martial arts of Vietnam.

The principal of the school said that the school became more famous as the demonstration group performed its first demonstration there.

And many students came and asked the members of the demonstration group to teach them Taekwon-Do, saying the martial art was really appealing and powerful.

The following day, the demonstration group staged another exhibition at the opening ceremony of the championships held in splendour.

The deputy director of the cultural, sports and tourism department of a Vietnamese state said that it is a very strong and powerful demonstration as befits the powerful country

DPRK, adding the group gave the Vietnamese a fresh understanding of Taekwon-Do.

The chairman of the Vietnamese martial arts association said: Today's demonstration looked like an actual combat. All the elements have profound content and the movements are wonderful and powerful. Your splendid Taekwon-Do demonstration deserves praise.

The demonstration fired the local people with immense enthusiasm for Taekwon-Do and reached its climax at Hanoi university of physical education the following day.

A demonstrator broke a 10cm-thick pine board with a kick and split another board at the height of three metres by turning kick with his

eyes blindfolded. The movement was so unbelievable that many people came and checked the broken boards and the blindfold with admiration.

What surprised the audience more was that another Korean Taekwon-Doist perfectly executed a movement of hammering his foot on roofing tiles.

The president of the university said that he would like to establish a Taekwon-Do course at his university and expressed his gratitude to the members of the demonstration group for staging the wonderful exhibition on behalf of the university.

The vice-minister of culture, sports and tourism of Vietnam said: The remarkable progress in Taekwon-Do in our country is attributable to the DPRK that sent us its instructors for assistance. I hope that the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee would dispatch its excellent coaches and instructors to our country and help our players practise Taekwon-Do in the DPRK.

The martial arts experts of the university who analysed a video of the demonstration expressed their view that Taekwon-Do is really a scientific martial art which is correct, powerful and reasonable in all movements and expressed their will to closely cooperate with the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee.

Bronze mirror of Koryo

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The mirror-making handicraft of the country which has a proud tradition inherited from the bronze mirror with a fine line pattern of Ancient Joseon (early 30th century BC-108 BC) was further developed during the period of Koryo (918-1392).

Most of the Koryo bronze mirrors known so far were unearthed from tombs and a few of them were discovered at royal palace sites and temples.

Koryo bronze mirror was well known from its early days for the variety of shapes, refined patterns and advanced metalwork.

The mirrors were mainly round in shape and sometimes rectangular.

The back of the mirror was decorated with different patterns.

Some of them have no patterns and some others have writing on them.

