

Vigorous advance and development of revolution in warship-building industry and modernization of naval forces in new era

Ceremony of launching destroyer of KPA Navy takes place with splendour



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The unshakable faith and steadfast revolutionary will of the Workers' Party of Korea to firmly defend the lasting growth and prosperity of our great state with its tremendous, matchless and absolute strength are ushering in a shining heyday of the naval forces of the

DPRK along with the steady birth of the powerful Juche-type military hardware.

Another multi-mission destroyer, which will firmly guarantee the maritime sovereignty and national interests of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, has greeted the historic moment of recording its sacred name as a defender in the history, demonstrating the invariable

will to build a powerful army of our Party aspiring after only advance without tolerating frustration and stagnation under any unfavourable conditions.

A continuous possession of new-type destroyers, which has finally been achieved by the stubborn efforts and unyielding fighting spirit on the sacred journey for the strengthening

and development of the Juche-oriented naval forces, serves as a demonstration of the power of indomitable spirit of the workers in the field of the warship-building industry and the great potential power of our state and, at the same time, a matchless step forward in implementing

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the maritime strategy of the Party Central Committee to reliably defend the security of the country and the world peace.

A ceremony of launching the destroyer of the Navy of the Korean People's Army took place at the Rajin Shipyard on June 12.

Present at the ceremony were senior Party, government and military officials, workers, scientists, technicians and officials in the field of the warship-building industry, officers and men of the KPA Navy, the commanding officers and seamen of the destroyer, teaching staff and students of Kim Jong Suk Naval University, commanding officers of the services and corps-level units of the KPA and leading officials of ministries and national agencies.

The venue of the ceremony, manifesting the lofty ideal and triumphant spirit of Juche Korea progressing to be an advanced maritime power, was full of

absolute trust in Comrade Kim Jong Un, who is steadfastly accelerating the historic advance of the revolution in the warship-building industry in the new era, and great pride in and self-respect for the ever-growing inexhaustible strength of our state.

The guard of honour of the KPA Navy solemnly lined up, waiting for the moment of glory.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the ceremony where the latest multi-mission destroyer was moored majestically, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers as they accorded the greatest glory and respect to the peerless patriot and ever-victorious brilliant commander who is forcing his way along the untrodden path and thorny path of pioneering for the country's prosperity and the peace of all generations to come with his great strenuous efforts and iron will in order to usher in a great heyday in the building of a maritime power when the cherished

desire of the nation with a history spanning 5 000 years would be fulfilled admirably.

There was a ceremony of greeting Kim Jong Un.

He reviewed the colours of honour of the KPA Navy and its guard of honour.

Major commanding officers of the Navy courteously greeted him with boundless reverence for him.

There was a march-past of the guard of honour of the KPA Navy.

Kim Jong Un took the platform followed by senior officials of the Party and government, the commander and other commanding officers of the Navy, commanding officers of the services and corps-level units of the KPA, chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK, officials in the field of munitions industry, and officials and meritorious persons in the field of warship-building.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, delivered a commemorative address.

Expressing his profound emotion about the fact that new-type destroyer No. 2, which will join the front rank of the DPRK's sea defence capabilities thanks to the high revolutionary enthusiasm and strenuous efforts of the workers in the field of the warship-building industry, is to be launched in the blue waters of the East Sea at last and it has become possible to report the result to the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee, the speaker said that this constitutes a proud and auspicious event which makes it possible to feel that the era, in which the ideal and goal of the DPRK and its growing national power reach the ocean, is really coming closer like the dignified entity of the warship.

Referring to the fact that the new-type multi-mission destroyers, as a leading restraining force for sea defence, are

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equipped with comprehensive combat capability which was developed and enhanced in our own way to freely move in and out of the East Sea and the Pacific like their yard and make an annihilating, retaliatory strike against the hostile forces, who try to challenge the sovereignty of our state and encroach upon its right to peace and prosperity, wherever they are—coastal waters, ocean or land, he affirmed that today's launching ceremony will demonstrate that the new era of the maritime power aspired by our Party, state and people is an undeniable reality.

Referring to the reality in which an eye-opening event of building two large multi-mission destroyers took place in less than one year and a half under the energetic leadership of Kim Jong Un, who is leading in the van the all-round, rapid and victorious advance of the revolution in national defence industry in the new era, he stressed that the honour of receiving the outstanding and seasoned guidance of the Party Central Committee, which is producing the transformative results of the revolutionary industry one after another to usher in a heyday in the buildup of the self-defensive capabilities, is the inexhaustible strength for creation and miracles being performed in the whole defence industry front, not just the warship-building industry field.

The DPRK's warship-building industry will achieve more remarkable successes as it is led by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and has the precious experience and lessons gained in the unyielding struggle, the speaker said, expressing his determination to give fuller play to the staunch spirit of faithfully supporting the ideas and leadership of the great Party Central Committee and to develop greater strength for creation and thereby devote all efforts to the sacred struggle for proudly demonstrating the DPRK, our dignified and powerful country, before the world.

At the ceremony, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, announced an order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK on the grading regulations and naming of the destroyer which was signed by Kim Jong Un and conveyed a certificate of the warship grading and naming to the commander of the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy.

According to the order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, the newly-built destroyer was graded as the Choe Hyon class and named *Kang Kon*.

Kim Jong Un conferred the ensign of the destroyer *Kang Kon* on the commanding officers of the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy.

Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, cut the rope in token of the ceremony of launching the destroyer.

At that moment, a veil over the warship name was removed with the warship whistle and fireworks were set off and balloons released to decorate the sky beautifully.

Kim Jong Un mounted the destroyer.

The warship, which greeted the moment of honour of undergoing the first inspection by the Supreme Commander, was filled with militant enthusiasm.

After receiving the salute of the captain, Kim Jong Un gave the seamen warm encouragement, going round the stem and quarter deck of the warship.

The memorial relief image of anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter Kang Kon, the first chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, was unveiled on the destroyer.

Kim Jong Un placed a flower before the relief image of Kang Kon, the loyalist who rendered distinguished services for army building, and paid high tribute to him, praying that the youthfulness which the prominent military strategist representing the heroism of the KPA and genuine communist revolutionary devoted to the cause of building a state and founding an army and the strong, brave stamina and precious spirit he demonstrated during the southward advance, would be a propelling power pushing the warship and permanent nutrition of a-match-for-a-hundred combat spirit to encourage the seamen of new generation to record only victorious furrow and inspire the eternal

prosperity of the Navy of the DPRK.

He met and encouraged the scientists, technicians and workers in the field of warship-building industry who contributed to the building of the destroyer and its restoration to the original state.

Shaking the hands of each of meritorious persons, Kim Jong Un expressed his heartfelt thanks to the patriotic loyalty and labour feats of them who made a contribution to perfectly implementing the order of the Central Military Commission of the Party by displaying their excellent professional qualifications and abilities with one mind in building a warship of new generation and restoring it.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a commemorative speech.

He said that the grand launching ceremony of destroyer No. 2 shows that the new era of building a fleet, which has raised the anchor of sacred pioneering, is making steady progress and our huge warship-building plans aimed at building the world-level naval capability are being pushed most correctly and quickly. And he expressed his deep thanks to the heroic workers in the field of the warship-building industry, including those of Chongjin and Rajin shipyards, and scientists, technicians and officials of the relevant sector who brought about a very important event which makes people actually feel a change showing

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the extremely rapid development of our warship-building industry.

There was an absurd twist which impaired the dignity and prestige of the country in a moment due to the sheer irresponsibility and unscientific empiricism, but no obstacle could delay the important course of bolstering up the naval combat power, he said, adding that this is another proof of the power of our mode of revolution and development as nourishment essential for the progress and leap of the warship-building industry.

Saying that we can step up the

revolution in the warship-building industry in earnest at present as we have a strong will and have secured our own reliable forces and great technical power to guarantee it practically, he clarified the defence strategy of our Party and practical measures for the rapid strengthening of the naval forces, including the building of two destroyers, which are of or above the Choe Hyon class, and the deployment of them in operational waters every year from next year according to the constant view of our Navy that aggression can be prevented when it has the counterattack strength and capability.

Our cause of ushering in the golden

era of the Navy has entered the full-scale stage, he said, expressing expectation and conviction that the workers in the field of the shipbuilding industry would build many large modern warships commensurate with the prestige of a military giant, which have been planned and decided by the Party, by giving fullest play to their boundless loyalty, patriotism, actual ability which cannot be ignored and capacity of tenacious execution, and thus continue to write a new history of the leap forward in the shipbuilding industry.

When he finished his speech, the harbour resounded with the stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" which all the participants full of great excitement and joy raised, being convinced of the bright future of Juche Korea dynamically advancing toward an advanced maritime power in the new century.

He highly praised the heroic feats of Jo Kum Hyok, head of Sheet Metal Processing Workteam No. 1 of the Modernization Workshop under the Chongjin Shipyard who died at the worksite during the building of the destroyer, and met his wife and son to console them.

Kim Jong Un awarded the main commanding officers of the destroyer commemorative copper coins and had a photo taken with the commanding officers and sailors of the destroyer in front of the destroyer *Kang Kon*, which will be recorded forever in the army-building history.

He expressed his great trust that all the sailors of the destroyer would reliably carry forward the great spirit and indomitable bravery of the army-founding generation, who defended the sovereignty of our DPRK with honour, and thus glorify with brilliant feats the immortal exploits performed by the Navy for the country and its glorious furrow of defence.

All the commanding officers and

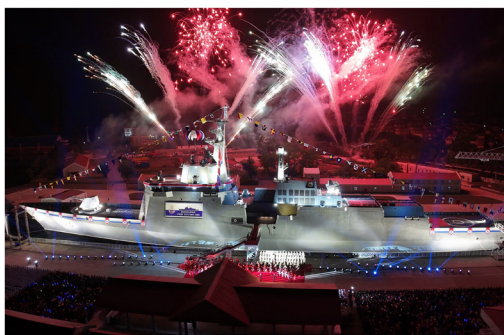
sailors of the destroyer, who had the highest honour of being inspected and warmly blessed first by the head of state, expressed gratitude to Kim Jong Un, and pledged to fully demonstrate the heroic fighting spirit of the DPRK Navy and firmly defend the territorial waters of the country as they follow the sea route of victory indicated by the Party Central Committee.

He also met the workers, scientists, technicians, skilled workers and officials in the shipbuilding field, including those of Chongjin and Rajin shipyards, who contributed to the building of warships. And he had left a picture of love and trust, expressing expectation that they would launch invincible warships one after another in the sea of the country with more vigorous exertion and unyielding struggle so as to continue to dynamically write a great history of steadily increasing the great power of the Korean People's Army.

A performance was given to celebrate the launch of the destroyer.

The launching ceremony is a powerful demonstration of the prompt decision and will of the WPK to firmly defend national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests by rapidly developing the DPRK Navy into a powerful service in charge of part of the state nuclear deterrent, and a momentous occasion of injecting great vitality into the patriotic struggle of our people advancing dynamically toward the future of prosperity with high ambition and ideal.

The fame of the heroic people's navy getting greater day by day along with the glorious Kim Jong Un's era will shine brilliantly as a symbol of the bravery and victory of indomitable socialist Korea, and the combat power extending to the vast ocean will demonstrate before the whole world its dignity and might as the treasured sword for defending justice and peace.



Speech at the Ceremony of Launching a Destroyer of the Navy of the Korean People's Army

Workers, scientists, technicians and officials in the shipbuilding industry and several other sectors, who are working with devotion on the major front of the warship-building industry with a far-reaching ambition of building a military giant,

Officers and men of the Navy of the Korean People's Army, who are boundlessly loyal to their mission of defending the territorial waters, and cadets of the naval university,

Family members of the employees of the shipyards and ship repair yards, who are devoting unknown efforts to the patriotic work of increasing our national strength,

Comrades,

The second new-type destroyer, convincing proof of the rapid transformation of our Navy, has assumed its sturdy appearance and greeted the day when it will get its name.

No one will doubt, I think, the rapid transformation of our Navy as they have witnessed the launching of another new-type destroyer less than two months after a similar event at the Nampho Shipyard.

As I made it clear at Nampho last April, they will deeply feel that a new era of modernization of our Navy has now arrived and is making an uninterrupted, steady headway.

Despite the persisting difficulties and obstacles, our gigantic warship building projects to build an advanced naval capability are being promoted most correctly and quickly.

Of course, we felt panic-stricken in front of the unexpected and ridiculous accident caused while launching this destroyer in Chongjin last month, but our crucial journey for increasing the combat capability of our Navy has never been delayed.

The challenge was created not by any failure or setback that we may face or experience unavoidably in the course of advance, but by sheer irresponsibility, carelessness and other factors. This was something that must never occur, but it simply did not mean a loss for us, I think.

We judged the accident not as a simple mistake but as a never-to-be-forgiven, serious criminal act that lowered the dignity and self-respect of our state in a moment, and investigated the root cause of the accident in a comprehensive way. In the course of this, we discovered to the last one the dangerous factors that had to be removed without fail, took relevant measures, and ensured that rapid restoration of the vessel was conducted at lightning speed, regarding it as an important political



task.

As a result, the vessel was set on a safe posture and put to sea just over two weeks after the accident had taken place; and today its complete restoration has been rounded off as planned in the lead-up to a plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee.

I believe that the course of restoring the destroyer was an epochal occasion for making those responsible for the warship-building industry perform themselves a cool examination of their own ideological viewpoint and stand towards their professional jobs and acquire a responsible and immaculate way of work.

During the recent restoration work, the reliability and technical superiority of the destroyer's design was confirmed and development-oriented opinions were raised for building warships.

And a strict and due blow was delivered to incautiousness, irresponsibility, indolence, unscientific work attitude and empiricism latent in different sectors of our work.

Terrible man-made disasters caused by such irresponsibility and lack of scientific accuracy are now a commonplace in several other sectors and fields—railways, transport, power industry and construction sites to name a few.

This time we dealt a telling blow at the unscientific attitudes and viewpoints steeped in such irresponsibility and empiricism.

In a certain sense, I think that we have gone through a necessary process, and in view of all our future work, it was not a loss of time. I also think that this time we have drawn a great lesson.

The super-radical growth of our Navy's operations capability is

now being proved by powerful entities, not by a prediction or possibility, and this has already become an unstoppable, powerful current of history.

Our steps in writing a new chapter in the history of the Navy are being accelerated by a great motive power, and more innovative and successive results prepared—this is the important meaning of today's launching and naming ceremony of the warship.

Our launching of Choe Hyon-class destroyer No. 2 that will perform multi-mission operations is another significant event, which fully demonstrates the indomitable will and strong executing abilities peculiar to our Party and people bravely clearing the untrodden path for realizing their ennobling ideals.

This warship will be handed over to the Navy in the middle of next year after its weapon systems have become integrated, and the assessment of its performance and capability for conducting operations, the test of its integrated operation and other several necessary procedures have been rounded off.

Availing myself of this important opportunity, I would like to express my warm thanks to the workers, technicians and officials of the Chongjin and Rajin shipyards and other units in the

shipbuilding industry for powerfully demonstrating the invincible might of Korea and the mettle of its people in admirably building new-generation destroyer No. 2 of our Republic by responding through collaborative innovations to the miraculous achievement at the Nampho Shipyard. My thanks also go to the related sectors that are directing devoted efforts to the warship-building industry.

I would also like to offer my warm congratulations to the sailors of this destroyer, who I believe will write pages of distinguished services in the annals of our proud Navy together with the honourable name of Kang Kon.

Comrades,

As far as I know, there are only a few nations in the world that build such a warship by their own efforts.

Our warship-building industry has set sail for its development in real earnest, setting long-term objectives to be attained by the related industries, and this process is promoting their development.

As innovative warship-building processes have been established in the field of shipbuilding industry and an absolute standard, namely, new-generation destroyer, has been set, research and development projects for appropriate equipment are now underway to reach the targets set clearly in compliance with the strict requirements.

To take an example, the detection and electronic warfare sector has made a leap forward.

As it has to be consistent with the destroyer's tactical and technical specifications, the radar system research sector has accelerated its work to meet the strict standards and attain targets, with the result that it has achieved remarkable progress and opened a bright prospect for its development.

The success is not limited only to the on-board radar; it will serve as a solid springboard for a chain of technical revolution in the whole of our military hardware development and manufacturing sector.

Also, the development of a complex integrated on-board weapon management system has made it possible to apply AI technology under combat situations and define the development orientation of this sector.

Various kinds of surface and torpedo weapon



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systems are now under research and development and, importantly, a radical change is predicted in the engine dynamic system configuration of warships.

Today we are stepping up the revolution in the warship-building industry full steam not only because we are firm in our will but because we have secured our own industrial potentials and a high level of technical capabilities for guaranteeing the revolution in practice.

We ought to feel self-confident and proud in the rapid development of our warship-building industry.

The fact that the leading shipbuilding bases in the western and eastern coastal areas have built new-generation destroyers immaculately confirms that we have two powerful pillars capable of supporting the rapid development of our shipbuilding industry.

In the course of building new-type destroyers, our shipbuilding industry has recorded a new page of developing and building giant warships by its own efforts, set an eye-opening record in its speed and standards, and verified its inexhaustible potentials fully capable of propelling the revolution in the warship-building industry.

In the struggle to implement the Party's lines and policies, the internal forces that are capable of shouldering the present and future of the warship-building industry have increased remarkably and a large number of workers have grown up into hard-core elements. These are the most precious and powerful asset for achieving our cause of building an advanced maritime power which we must carry out without fail and accomplish with credit.

Through the recent course of building a new-type destroyer despite many difficulties, the workers of the Chongjin and Rajin shipyards have added lustre to their proud struggling tradition and mettle of building ships badly needed in defending the maritime sovereignty and developing the marine transport and fishing industry of the country, and grown up into reliable masters of the shipbuilding industry.

In particular, they produced a patriot who ended his ennobling life that will remain long in the affectionate memory of all people.

That was Jo Kum Hyok, leader of sheet-metal processing workteam No. 1 of the modernization workshop of the Chongjin Shipyard.

I was told that he put his heart and soul into the building of this destroyer though his health was in a poor condition, before breathing his last at his workplace.

I feel my heart rending to recall him, who passed away a few days before this ceremony of launching the destroyer associated with his painstaking efforts.

As I think that this warship is on the sea not merely by means of physical buoyancy but by dint of the pure loyalty and ardent patriotism of our working class, I am wrapped in solemn feelings.

His wife and son must be present here at this ceremony.

I extend deep sympathy to his wife and family members. Our motherland will highly appreciate his genuine life and remember it for ever.

The bereaved family members will be given a socialist patriotic sacrifice certificate, and the North Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Party and the Party organization of the Chongjin Shipyard will take good care of them and ensure that his son grows up to be a genuine man who will devote himself for the sake of the Party and the country just as his father did.

Our Party will propose to award high official commendations to exemplary persons who have been tested and tempered spiritually and ideologically in the struggle for building the modern warships at the Nampho and Chongjin shipyards and to admit them to its organization.

Highly appreciating Jo Kum Hyok and other workers of the Chongjin Shipyard for the ennobling spiritual world and feats of labour they displayed and performed while working with devotion in the struggle for the country's prosperous future, I express deep thanks to all the workers in the shipbuilding sector for discharging their honourable mission and revolutionary duty in the effort to make ceaseless progress in modernizing our Navy.

Comrades,

The warship the Chongjin Shipyard has built this time is a super-powerful, state-of-the-art multi-mission destroyer, whose structure, performance and all other elements of the weapon systems are identical with those of the *Choe Hyon* launched earlier.

I am sure that these two warships built in 2025 will play a great role in improving the operations capability of our Navy.

As we have declared already, we will continue to build every year two destroyers of the same or higher class and commission them into the Navy.

Not long ago, the Party Central Military Commission officially endorsed a project of building two 5 000 ton-class destroyers additionally next year.

This portends an important and epochal change in the position and defence activities of our Republic's Navy.

The new-generation warships, which will be built and commissioned according to the already-confirmed warship-building plan and the general warship designs, will enlarge the operations scope and capabilities of our Navy at a strategic level.

The greater the combat capability of our naval forces becomes, the farther waters our Navy will reach away from our territorial waters; and the farther the operations sphere of our Navy extends on the oceans, the more inevitable our enemies' strategic retreat will be.

This means that the dignity of our Republic's honourable Navy, famed for its heroic fighting spirit, will be demonstrated not only in our territorial waters but in the vast expanse of oceans as well.

Comrades,

I would like to remind you, in a brief summary, that our state's overall security environment, namely on land, at sea, and in the air, is unpredictably perilous owing to the enemy's adventurous sabre-rattling that may trigger a nuclear war.

In particular, our neighbouring waters have turned into the most dangerous hotbed of nuclear war, where nuclear strike means, such as the US Navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines and other warships, appear any time.

The military situation around our state has deteriorated, so much so that we can feel it not unusual but quite common to see the appearance of the US Navy's and Air Force's strategic nuclear means.

No waters adjacent to any other country is as dangerous as ours, where one of the belligerents deploys a large number of warships and persists with its open nuclear war drills against the other.

Recently, the armies of the United States and its vassal states grow undisguised in their provocative ambitions, and their threats to our security have clearly gone well beyond the danger limit.

Given the prevailing situation, our decision is definite and consistent.

In dealing with our aggressive rival we will respond to each one of its manoeuvres immediately and with equal strength, and we will take overwhelming military actions each time.

Possessing operations capability on the oceans and exercising naval power there is our indispensable option for defending our national sovereignty and security interests.

It is not long before the enemy forces themselves will experience how offending and unpleasant it is to have to watch their rival's warships cruising on the fringes of their territorial waters.

Certainly, soon afterwards, our warships' routes to the enemy's naval ports, outposts of their invasion, in the Pacific will be opened, and the names of our enemy states' major ports and sea waters will be recorded in the logbooks of our East Sea and West Sea fleets.

This accords with the freedom of navigation that is guaranteed for our state.

We will exercise our rights fairly and squarely.

Our Navy's creed should be that it can prevent invasion only when it is capable of counter-attacking and builds up such a capability.

We have such a capability.

And we will surely build it up.

We should accelerate the development of our Navy's fighting capability in a more comprehensive way so that

the enemy will not dare attempt to initiate any aggressive action in our neighbouring waters.

Comrades,

Our cause of opening up a golden age for the Navy has entered a full-scale stage, but this is no reason for us to rest on our laurels.

The workers, scientists and technicians in the shipbuilding industry, standing in the vanguard of our grandiose struggle to develop the Juche-oriented naval forces, should give full play to their unfailing loyalty, patriotism, remarkable qualifications and unflinching executing abilities, thus creditably building powerful warships as planned and decided upon by our Party.

My future plan is to open up a new booming stage for the shipbuilding industry with the Chongjin Shipyard as the backbone and build on an extensive scale modern large warships befitting the prestige of a military power.

It is high time for us to advance towards the goal of attaining the global standards in our shipbuilding industry, which will represent the future of a maritime country.

As a shipbuilding giant of the country, the Chongjin Shipyard should boldly upgrade its technical and production processes and supplement what is lacking, so as to complete its features as a modern industrial unit; then it should build more advanced warships than this Choe Hyon-class destroyer.

This may seem to be a challenging task, but only by carrying it out can the shipyard fulfil its role, which has been rated primary, in helping the country take on the true appearance of a maritime power.

The Party and the state should put an emphasis on ensuring that, in addition to the Chongjin Shipyard, this Rajin Shipyard and all the other shipbuilding bases, which have their due role to play in effecting the revolution in the warship-building industry, push ahead, according to schedule, with their long-term projects and immediate work plans. This will give renewed impetus to the comprehensive upgrading of our shipbuilding industry that is definitely advancing on a new track of development.

Comrades,

We should keep in mind that every warship we are building and their launching has a direct bearing not only on our maritime sovereignty but also on the sacred dignity and prestige of our state.

I trust the workers in the warship-building sector.

I hope that the workers, technicians and officials of this shipyard, united with one mind and will behind the Party Central Committee, will make a substantial contribution to ushering in an era of great rejuvenation for our shipbuilding industry.

Comrades,

Our beloved East Sea is welcoming its trustworthy defender.

The *Kang Kon* will set out on a voyage, which is linked to our people's peace and wellbeing.

Warships of a new generation are to be launched one after another in the coming years, and they will form the backbone of our maritime defence forces. They will demonstrate the honour and dignity of our state, opening up a route to peace and prosperity for our country and people advancing towards the goal of comprehensive rejuvenation.

Courageous sailors of the *Kang Kon*, who are beginning an honourable service aboard this matchless warship named after the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter,

The *Kang Kon*, along with the *Choe Hyon*, will win fame as an invincible warship defending the purity and beauty of our seas with credit.

I believe you will brave any raging storm and follow the route to victory, mindful of the patriotic desires of Kang Kon who, in the prime of his life, performed brilliant exploits in the battlefields for achieving national liberation and defending the country.

Officials and workers in the shipbuilding sector and all the workers at the Chongjin and Rajin shipyards,

Let us march vigorously towards the goal of building an advanced maritime power in the new century, while carrying out the historic tasks facing us without fail.

Long live our heroic working class!

Long live the brave Navy of Korea!

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at major munitions industry enterprise

He learns in detail about shell production, capacity expansion and modernization projects in the first half of 2025 and sets forth new tasks to be carried out by the enterprise

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at a major munitions industry enterprise on June 13.

Also visiting the enterprise were Jo Yong Won, Kim Tok Hun, Ri Hi Yong, O Su Yong, Kim Jong Sik and other leading officials of the WPK Central Committee, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister, Ko Pyong Hyon, chairman of the Second Economy Commission, Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences, commanding officers of the large combined units of the Korean People's Army and chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK.

Making the rounds of various production sites of the enterprise, including press, spinning and assembly workshops, the respected Comrade



goals in order to meet the long-term demands of the developing national defence capabilities, and set forth new tasks to be carried out by the enterprise.

In order to satisfy all the requirements of the national defence strategy and increase the output of new-type powerful shells to meet the requirements of modern warfare, it is necessary to further expand and reinforce the production capacity, arrange the production lines more reasonably and steadily raise the level of putting production on an unmanned footing, he said and advanced the tasks to

Kim Jong Un learned in detail about shell production, capacity expansion and modernization projects in the first half of 2025.

He expressed great satisfaction over the high enthusiasm for patriotic deeds and struggle displayed by the workers at the enterprise, who are kindling the fierce flames of innovation by turning out as one in the drive to greet the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK and the Ninth Congress of the WPK with a proud

success of increased military hardware production.

He praised the successes in the development of the enterprise, which has modernized itself on a high level by making a reasonable redistribution of the overall production lines in hearty response to the plan of the Party Central Committee on rapidly developing our defence industry into a world-class, advanced industry. He underscored the need to set development-oriented

this end.

The visitors accompanying him appreciated the cultured way of living of the workers in the munitions industry while looking round the ideological education bases in the educational district of the enterprise where landscaping has been realized on a high level, and a hall of culture, comprehensive neighbourhood-serving amenities, modern childcare facilities and cosy houses in the living district of the workers.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at construction site of Kusong City Hospital

He sets forth a series of important tasks to be carried out in the construction field without delay



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at the construction site of the Kusong City Hospital on June 9.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won and Ri Hi Yong, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Jae Ryong and Kim Yong Su, department directors of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by officials of the construction unit and design institutions.

Making the rounds of the construction site, he learned in detail about the progress made in the construction.

The Kusong City Hospital is one of the hospitals which are under construction on different scales on a demonstration

basis in three cities and counties in 2025, according to the decision of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Kim Jong Un said that at present the construction sector, a major sphere of our struggle and the main front symbolizing the steady advance and development of our state, is continuously expanding and developing, and the fulfilment of the huge construction plan designed by our Party indispensably requires the rapid and qualitative strengthening of the construction workforce.

Construction, which proves with definite entities the leap forward towards civilization and rejuvenation we aspire to, is carried out from start to finish by the construction workforce, the mainstay of the gigantic creative struggle, he said, adding that it is our Party's view that the preparation of the workforce means a sure guarantee for the construction revolution in the new era.

Saying that the historic task of rapidly

establishing a national system for expanding and strengthening the workforce in a qualitative way should be tackled correctly, he underscored its importance repeatedly.

Strengthening the workforce is not an immediate short-term issue but a strategic task in the ten-year construction struggle for regional rejuvenation, he noted. He pointed out that although large workforces of the People's Army have been dispatched to the huge construction fronts formed by our Party at present and their revolutionary enthusiasm is growing day by day, the efficiency of using the workforces is not ensured at the proper level due to the non-specialization and inexperience in the organization and command of construction.

In order to ensure a vigorous advance of gigantic construction to which our Party and state are directing much effort, a rapid state measure should be taken for the qualitative strengthening of the workforce with the main emphasis put on training skilled workers, he said, adding that, to this end, an intensive short course will be organized for the present to improve the practical abilities of officials in the construction sector of units at all levels.

Kim Jong Un said that the intensive short course for officials at all levels in the construction sector to be held after the Twelfth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party should deal with the urgent problems arising in carrying out the construction revolution, including the establishment

of a well-regulated system of training skilled workers.

He said that the gigantic struggle for the implementation of our Party's regional development policy should be a revolution to fundamentally and ultimately put an end to the centuries-old backwardness and laggardness of the regional areas and, at the same time, a process of transforming the old customs, outdated culture and obsolete technology that remain in the construction sector in line with the new era and a historic process of training all the builders to be creators of new culture and new civilization and genuine socialist builders.

We have a guards hero unit, that is a unit of competent construction educators with excellent construction potentiality, and if all the experience and models being created by them in construction are positively applied to the construction enterprises at all levels and military construction groups, amazing progress will be made in carrying out our Party's construction policy, he said, adding that this problem can also be solved through the technical short course.

Saying that it is a key issue to train the reliable technical forces necessary for the assembly of equipment as the hospital is, unlike dwelling houses and industrial buildings, a functional building in which the terminals of the infrastructure, medical equipment and appliances and all other things should be technically compatible with one another, Kim Jong Un set forth a series of important tasks, which should be carried out in the construction field without delay, including the issue of examining the establishment of an enterprise specializing in medical equipment assembly and the issue of further increasing the proportion of construction work done by machines and steadily improving the level of modernization of equipment.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends greetings to Russian President

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Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greeting to Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on June 12.

The message said:

My dearest friend Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin,

On the occasion of the national day of the Russian Federation, I, on behalf of the government and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and on my own, extend warm congratulations and

comradely greetings to you and, through you, to the fraternal government and people of Russia.

The Day of Russia, which every Russian greets with boundless dignity and self-respect filled with a solemn feeling of patriotism, is a significant holiday with a really profound meaning in the whole historical course of the Russian state, whose values are justice, freedom, self-sustenance and unity.

Today Russia is shaping its future with confidence, overcoming all sorts of internal and external challenges and threats under your wise and seasoned leadership, and we feel really pleased with the successes achieved by the Russian

Federation, our fraternal state.

I am fully convinced that the sacred cause of the government and people of your country to defend their national sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity and build a powerful Russia will surely emerge victorious.

Esteemed Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin,

Today the traditional DPRK-Russia friendship has been further cemented thanks to the militant comradeship the service personnel of the two countries have forged at the cost of their blood in the just sacred war to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Russia; it has developed into an excellent model

of indestructible, genuine relationship between comrades-in-arms and between allies.

It is an unshakable will of the government of the DPRK and of my own steadfastly to carry on the DPRK-Russia relations, which have been sealed and verified in the face of all sorts of trials and challenges of history, to a heyday of comprehensive prosperity.

I and the DPRK will always stand with you and the Russian Federation.

My dearest comrade,

I sincerely wish you good health, and the fraternal Russian people success, well-being and prosperity all the time.

I reaffirm my best wishes to you.

Premier inspects various sectors



Premier Pak Thae Song (centre) inspects the construction site of 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area, Pyongyang.

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Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, made a field survey of various sectors.

At the construction site of 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area where a great campaign for creation is being waged to turn the capital city of Pyongyang into a more splendid ideal city for the people, the Premier encouraged the builders who are expanding the successes in the project out of the single mind of loyalty to translate the noble intention of the Party Central Committee into a brilliant reality.

He stressed the need to

allot manpower rationally and give precedence to the supply of materials now that the project is being carried on in earnest in a three-dimensional way and, at the same time, to put efforts into boosting the efficiency of construction equipment and strengthening the technical forces and actively utilize advanced construction methods so as to finish all structures in a qualitative way by the appointed time.

At the central wholesale exchange market under construction in the Hwasong area, he heard a detailed report on the progress in the project made by construction units and on the plan for the final construction work, and took necessary measures.

At the Taedonggang Battery Factory, he called on

its officials and employees to boost the production of batteries with a variety of uses which are widely used in economic construction and the people's living and to push ahead with the development and production of more practical and efficient new-type batteries in larger numbers in a planned way in cooperation with scientists and technicians of relevant units.

At the Pyongyang Pig Farm and the Hadang Chicken Farm, he stressed the need to hold fast to the four main links for the development of animal husbandry, including putting the breeding on a scientific and technological basis and improving the veterinary and anti-epizootic work, and increase the output of pork, chicken and eggs and thus make a positive contribution to improving the diet of Pyongyang citizens.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue of preferentially ensuring the transport of materials for the construction of dwelling houses in the capital city and intensifying the drive for economizing on materials and the issue of steadily enhancing the productivity and quality of various kinds of batteries and rapidly putting the stockbreeding sector on a modern and scientific basis, and took relevant measures.

Choe Ryong Hae gives guidance in various sectors of South Hwanghae Province

KCNA

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, provided guidance in various sectors of South Hwanghae Province.

Learning about the preparations for operating the Hwangnam Steel Works nearing completion, Choe Ryong Hae stressed the need for the works to thoroughly establish the system of supplying raw materials and fuel and push ahead with the work of strengthening its own technical forces in a far-sighted way, so as to make a substantial contribution to the economic development of the province and the improvement of the people's standards of living.

At the Sinwon Cement Factory and the wharf construction site of the Kumpho Mine of the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, he stressed the need to put efforts into the management of equipment



Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, (third from left) learns about agricultural affairs in the Taephung Farm in Chongdan County.

and technology and actively introduce advanced construction methods by taking it as the key point to improve the quality of products, noting that the most important thing is for officials to make redoubled efforts and fulfil their responsibility and duty with high awareness of being leading personnel of the revolution.

Going round such farms as the Raengjong Farm in Ongjin County, the Yongyang Farm in Haeju City and the Taephung Farm in Chongdan County, he said that it is necessary to make substantial preparations for finishing the harvest of wheat and barley

in good time since the area under first crop cultivation has increased remarkably as compared to last year and cultivate many good varieties of oil and sugar crops to supply enough raw materials to regional-industry factories.

He visited the Haeju Tractor Parts Factory and the Chongdan County Irrigation Management Station where he underscored the need to improve the quality of various kinds of parts by relying on science and technology and maintain and repair pumping machine power equipment and irrigation facilities in a responsible manner.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New village built in Rason

New houses have been built in Ungsang-dong of Sonbong District, Rason Municipality, the northern end of the DPRK. There took place a ceremony for moving into new houses, which is the third of its kind in the

municipality in June, on the spot on June 9.

Present there were officials in the municipality and the district and workers of the Ungsang agro-stock production branch of the Rason Ship Repair Factory. A congratulatory speech was made, licences for the use of houses were handed

over and other speeches were made there.

Then, the moving into new houses started amid the cheerful dancing party.

Officials visited the owners of the new houses to congratulate them and share the joy with them.

561st triplets leave Pyongyang Maternity Hospital

The 561st triplets born at the

Pyongyang Maternity Hospital left the hospital on June 9 amid the blessing of all people.

The mother of the girl triplets is Pak Song Mi living in neighbourhood unit No. 3 of Wolhyang-dong, Moranbong District, and their father is Kim Kwang Song, an officer of the Korean People's Army.

Pak Song Mi was hospitalized immediately after being diagnosed as being pregnant with triplets

in October last year.

The triplets born last March weighed 2.38kg, 1.93kg and 1.7kg respectively at birth. And they weighed more than 4 kilograms at the time of discharge.

The triplets and their parents were warmly seen off by doctors and nurses.

Women's union visitors hostel built in Pyongyang

The Pyongyang Women's

Union Visitors Hostel has been built on the picturesque banks of the Taedong River.

With an accommodation capacity of hundreds of visitors, it is furnished with bedrooms, a dining hall, public bath, exercise room and other service facilities.

As all the elements of the interior and exterior layouts are arranged in a cosy and neat way, the hostel will actively promote the cultural and leisure activities of visitors.

Melamine resin production line set up at Hungnam Fertilizer Complex

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A melamine resin production line was established at the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex.

All the processes of the new production line including the melamine monomer synthesis process are precise, energy- and resource-saving, technology-intensive and environment-friendly.

The completion of the modern line opened up a sure prospect for revitalizing the production of melamine resin urgently needed in economic development and the improvement of the people's living standards with domestic technology and resources and laid another solid foundation for putting the chemical industry on a Juche basis.

An inauguration ceremony of the production line was held on the spot on June 9.

Present there were Yang Sung Ho, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Kim Chol Ha, minister of Chemical Industry, Ri Jong Nam, chief secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Hyon Chol, chairman of the provincial people's committee, scientists, technicians, designers and officials of supply units who contributed to the construction and employees of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex.

Yang Sung Ho delivered an inaugural address.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants went round the newly-built line.

That day an art performance was given in congratulation of the inauguration.



An inauguration ceremony of the melamine resin production line is held on the spot at the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex on June 9.

Contest of skilled workers goes on

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Contest of Skilled Workers with Different Jobs in Various Sectors of National Economy-2025" is going on.

The contest is aimed at further improving the technical knowledge and skills of workers and strengthening the skilled workforces of relevant sectors and units through the production of farm machines needed for developing the agricultural production of the country, the production of consumer goods for regional people, housing construction and the production of

school uniforms and bags.

The winners are decided through the examination of skilled workers' basic theoretical knowledge and the assessment of the quantity and quality of work done.

The contest divided into the events of lathing, pipe-making, plastering, sewing and bread-making, has brought together over 200 skilled workers selected from across the country.

The Songchon County Foodstuff Factory, which was built as the first entity of the implementation of the Regional Development

20x10 Policy of the Workers' Party of Korea last year, was also selected as a venue for the contest.

Highly skilled worker's grade is awarded to the skilled workers who have won or been highly appreciated at the job-specific events. The contest which started in 2018 has since produced well over a hundred highly skilled workers.

During the period, unprecedentedly many new records and standards were set at production and construction sites where the contest took place, making it possible to carry out production plans and annual

plans ahead of schedule.

"This contest implants a competitive spirit in skilled workers and has greatly contributed to the economic development of the country and the improvement of the people's living standards," said Ri Jin Ju, a staffer of the Ministry of Labour.

The skilled workers, who participate in the contest, learn from other skilled workers at the sites how to bring about more efficient results in production in the same working condition while working together with the latter and share experience with them.

The participants all say that the contest acts as a stimulus for the campaign of learning from and overtaking others and swapping experience to spread across the country like a wildfire.

A competition of lathe operators and pipe-makers took place at the Kumsong Tractor Factory from May 27 to June 5 as part of the Contest of Skilled Workers in Different Jobs in Various Sectors of National Economy-2025.

It brought together skilled workers selected from ministries, national agencies and provincial people's committees, including the

Ministry of Metallurgical Industry and the Ministry of Machine-building Industry.

The contestants ensured both the quality and speed of production by displaying their high technical skills and collectivist spirit.

On June 5, the standings were announced and excellent skilled workers were awarded trophies and medals, diplomas in the name of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and relevant prizes.

The contest will run until October.

Fertilizer output increased

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex is increasing fertilizer production.

It overfulfilled the fertilizer production plan by 8 percent in May as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

In the course of a technical innovation movement for increasing fertilizer output, the complex developed and introduced a new technology that can shorten the reduction time of an ammonia synthetic catalyst.

It also raised the operation rate of the machines and the actual yield of

products, providing a guarantee for boosting the productivity in nitrogenous fertilizer production while saving a large quantity of anthracite.

Several workshops of the complex have actively introduced advanced scientific and technological achievements and valuable inventions so as to produce quality gas and increase the speed of packaging and forwarding.

The fertilizer output is on a steady rise thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of the workers of the complex for fully supplying fertilizers needed for this year's farming.

Vinalon complex overfulfils production plan on all indices

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The February 8 Vinalon Complex has increased production for implementing the decisions of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Officials, workers and technicians of the complex have overfulfilled their basic chemical product production plans on all indexes every day by ensuring the full operation of equipment at full capacity in every production process as they consolidate the achievements and experience they gained

in the readjustment and reinforcement last year, true to the call of the Party for channelling major efforts into stepping up the growth and development of the overall national economy.

Officials of the complex carefully organize and command production so that all units can strictly observe plan discipline while putting an emphasis on making substantial progress in diversifying the variety of basic chemical products and improving their quality.

Carbide workshops Nos. 1 and 2 provide a guarantee for increasing production by pushing ahead with the installation project of

a large-capacity choked carbide electric furnace.

The caustic soda workshop, which set a goal to produce much more caustic soda than last year, remarkably lowered the consumption of materials per unit and increased the concentration of salt water 1.3 times by introducing profitable technical innovation plans and devices. It produced 1.2 times of more caustic soda as against the same period of last year by conducting technical management and operation of equipment including electrolytic cell.

The synthetic workshop registers high records every day in the production

of intermediate products including aldehyde. The vinyl chloride synthetic workshop found out a rational method of increasing the activity of catalysts and improving the quality of monomer to contribute to the growth of production.

Scientists and technicians of the Industrial Technology Research Institute contribute to normalizing the production of basic chemical products by rapidly solving urgent technical problems arising in the readjustment and reinforcement of equipment, the improvement of quality indexes of products and the domestic production of major catalysts.

Sangwon Cement Complex seethes with increased production



By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Monthly production plan overfulfilled

The Sangwon Cement Complex carried out the additional production assignment after implementing the plan for May in the increased production goal for this year ahead of schedule.

The Sangwon Limestone Mine increased per-hour output by 1.2 times and realized bulk extract.

The workers and technicians of the calcination workshop in charge of the main process of cement production conducted positive technical innovation activities for increasing the operation rate of kilns so as to attain the goal that was set higher without delay.

The compound raw material workshop newly

introduced a vibration diagnosis technique to ensure the normal operation of a large speed reducer.

The dust-collecting workshop collected dust from dozens of tons of raw materials every day to send them to every production process, thereby contributing to the increased production of cement.



Workers make miraculous achievements in cement production at the Sangwon Cement Complex.

Complex puts effort into management of equipment

The Sangwon Cement Complex, which has made miraculous successes in increased production, is steadily updating technical indices for the whole process of production by relying on science and technology.

The complex grasps the details of equipment operation, sets the objects for equipment repair a week before the monthly intensive maintenance and organizes manpower and supplies materials needed for it beforehand.

An emergency occurred in mid-April when it had to change the support roller of cement kiln No. 1, which can be claimed to be the heart of cement production.

The complex has never done such a work since its inauguration, so all the employees were unaccustomed to it.

Officials of the complex organized technical consultative meetings more than ten times and had intense discussions with technicians and skilled workers to find a reasonable way to do it.

Finally, they succeeded in replacing the support roller in close cooperation with the engineering, repair, precision machine and other workshops and finished its repair, which was expected to take three days, in a day and then that of cement kiln No. 1 ahead of schedule.

And the complex ensures

the full-capacity operation of equipment by increasing the number of circuit inspection and repairing equipment qualitatively every month in all workshops.

The engineering sector speeds up the production of over 80 kinds of parts of equipment and materials needed for equipment repair including steel balls and welding rods to carry out the repair of equipment for all the processes in a responsible manner every month.

The calcination, furnace building and several other workshops also ensure the normal production by repairing their equipment qualitatively in a short time.

Mass movement conducted positively

The Sangwon Cement Complex is waging a fierce campaign to overtake and model after others and share experience with each other by workshops, workteams and shifts.

The calcination workshop set as a model unit calcination workteam No. 1, which is taking the lead in all work including the implementation of production plan and the training of skilled workers, and encouraged other workteams to positively follow suit.

In particular, it made them learn the secret behind the training of welders keenly needed for repairing furnace by the workteam's own efforts and its experience of putting production on a normal track by promoting

cooperation between shifts. In addition, when a workteam produced valuable technical achievements conducive to the growth of production, it conducted the work of actively generalizing them to other workteams and encouraging them to share and transfer advanced techniques in various forms and ways. It effectively carried out the review of the socialist emulation drive by workteams meaningfully to raise the competitive spirit of the producer masses, which served as good experience.

The repairs and maintenance workshop effectively organizes a socialist emulation drive for increased production and economy by shifts and workers according to workteams.

The workshop made

the producer masses well aware of the importance and significance of economy and showed the leading shifts and workers political appreciation and provided them with material reward, so as to make the employees deeply conscious that economy is not merely the technical work to decide rankings but an undertaking to save the assets of the country to the utmost and subsequently increase cement production.

In the course of this, workers came to treasure the remaining butts of materials and slag, which had been discarded previously, and competitively process them into products.

Such competitive enthusiasm has resulted in increased cement production.

Validity of policy of revolution in education demonstrated

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Attention has been focused on the fact that highlighted once again the significance of the issue of improving the educational level, conditions and environment.

The university admission rate increased among students from flood-afflicted areas (North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces) who received good education in Pyongyang last year.

According to the measures

taken by the Workers' Party of Korea at the time, adequate conditions were provided for the education, nursing and upbringing, living and rest, recuperation and treatment of the children, students and residents from the afflicted areas at the April 25 Hotel in Pyongyang and the military parade training centre. The students received a high level of education from the excellent teachers in Pyongyang for 130 days.

According to information available, dozens of students

from senior middle schools in flood afflicted areas of North Phyongan Province entered universities. In particular, more than 10 students from Hadan Senior Middle School No. 1 in Sinuiju City entered universities.

Fourteen students enrolled at universities in Jagang Province.

Similar is the case with Ryanggang Province.

An official of Sinuiju Teachers Training College said that previously Uiju County took last place

among the counties of North Phyongan Province on analysis of new students' ability, but this year the precedent has been broken.

As to such achievement an official of the Ministry of Education said that he keenly realized once again that the importance of education and the validity and vitality of the Workers' Party of Korea's idea of attaching importance to education that education of the rising generation should not be suspended or neglected even for a moment,

however difficult it may be.

He added that good education has an important effect not only on the intellectual growth of students but also on the formation of their world outlook, stressing that nearly half of the university students who enrolled at universities had applied for teachers training universities, true to the intention of the Party, and many students volunteered to join the army for national defence out of the sheer

desire for requital, though they could successfully go to universities.

Ri Hyon, director of the Central Teachers Training Centre, said that though students from flood-stricken areas studied in Pyongyang for only 130 days, he realized once again the importance of improving the educational conditions and environment and came to be aware that a revolution in education is, in essence, a radical improvement in the qualifications of teachers.



The exhibition is held at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang from June 2 to 7. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

World of fantasy to be turned into reality in future

By Jong Chol PT

The National Exhibition of Children's Science Fiction Models and Inventions-2025 took place at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang from June 2 to 7 on the occasion of the 79th anniversary of the founding of the Korean Children's Union (June 6).

According to Nam Chol Hyok, section chief of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, the exhibition brought together over 300 pieces of science fiction models and inventions reflecting dreams and ideals of schoolchildren who have studied hard with a single desire to prepare themselves as reliable pillars of the country.

He added that though they are just sci-fi models, the ideas are original and hold great potential for practical application.

An example is the "futuristic combine harvester".

The miniature model drew great admiration from visitors as it was designed to harvest, thresh, mill, pack and transport rice and even till paddy fields.

Pak Yong Ryong, a senior first-year student of Moranbong Middle School No. 1, said that he came up with the idea of the combine harvester as he thought how to help farmers work more easily in the present new era of rural development.

Ri Jin Hae, a junior third-year student of Hamhung Middle School No. 1, contrived a carbon dioxide battery that generates and stores electricity by using carbon dioxide that

is known to cause global warming.

According to her, carbon dioxide can be easily liquefied and expanded at ambient temperature and, therefore, its energy conversion efficiency is very high.

All the sci-fi models and inventions, including the "new type of windmill with variable wings" based on the idea that changing the wing area can increase the power output, the "insect-killing robot" that uses natural energy to catch all the pests in the fields, the hybrid car "Prosperity-1" that runs on recycled construction waste, the "beautiful fishermen's village" conceived out of a desire to make the home village more beautiful, reflect the schoolchildren's wishes to facilitate all the work and improve their homeland by dint of science.

Choe Ung Gwon, a student of Jangchung Senior Middle School in Songyo District, Pyongyang, said that he learned a lot through the exhibition, adding he would make excellent inventions like the exhibitors.

During the exhibition, many schoolchildren met with the creators of the models and inventions to congratulate them and share experience.

Not only schoolchildren but also many university students and researchers visited the venue.

"These cannot just be regarded as fantasies of children," said Rim Hak Su, a lecturer of Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering, with pleasure. "I had many inspirations looking round the exhibition. I think our future is really bright."

Class for hearing-impaired children added to kindergarten

By Pak Song Min PT

A class of disabled children has been added to a kindergarten where normal children study on the occasion of the new school year.

Hwawon Kindergarten No. 2 in Hwasong District was chosen as the model unit.

An official of the Ministry of Education said that the ministry is establishing a new system of education support for disabled persons as the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea stressed the need to establish a nationwide system of supporting the education of the disabled, adding that it would be a good experience to run the class of children with hearing impairment as an example at Hwawon Kindergarten No. 2 in Hwasong District.

Three kindergarten teachers and a doctor were appointed to the kindergarten for the education and healthcare of hearing-impaired children and they are fully provided with sign language teaching materials, multimedia presentations, teaching aids and toys needed for the implementation of the curriculum.

The first lesson for hearing-impaired children from several districts in

Pyongyang took place at the kindergarten on April 1 amid the concern of relevant officials and educators.

The parents of the disabled children were deeply impressed with the fact that excellent educational conditions and environment have been provided to enhance the intellectual levels and emotional states of their children.

The children are receiving education in sign language, the arts and extracurricular life there.

"It is much more difficult to teach the children with hearing impairment than normal ones. But we are devoting all our efforts and zeal to bringing them up to be bright, cheerful and optimistic just like normal children," said kindergarten teacher Pak Sun Yong.

Jang Mi, mother of hearing-impaired Kim Jang Un, said with pleasure that it has been nearly a month since her son started attending the kindergarten and she could notice a change in his expression of emotions towards the parents.

The disabled children are living in the weekly kindergarten class where all conditions for their life are fully provided and a commuter bus carries them to and from their homes along with their parents.



Children with disabilities are taught sign language. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

To build a powerful Russia

By Choe Song Jun PT

It is a firm will of the Russian people to build a powerful Russia.

To this end, Russia is pushing ahead with making the economy independent and modern and diversifying foreign trade despite the continued sanctions and pressure by the Western countries.

Recently, Russian President Putin said at a meeting with members of an all-Russia social organization that the European countries' anti-Russian sanctions have resulted in their own economic situation being aggravated, adding that Russia is achieving stable economic growth despite external pressure.

This year alone, the US imposed sanctions on more than 250 Russian objects and the UK announced

new large-scale sanctions against Russia's energy and financial sectors. The EU extended a vast range of sanctions against Russia for six more months and has recently approved a package deal on the 17th anti-Russian sanctions.

It, however, has only led to economic stagnation in European countries while Russia is achieving steady economic growth.

According to the report on the review of the work of the government of the Russian Federation last year, the growth rate of Russia's GDP in 2023 doubled the average growth rate of Western countries. And in view of GDP according to the purchasing power parity standard, Russia has become the largest economic power in Europe and the fifth economic power in the world. The budgetary

revenue of the federation last year increased by 26 percent over the previous year.

Furthermore, Russia reportedly leads the world in rare-earth metal deposits. This shows that Russia has enough material potential to create an infrastructure for an independent digital economy and develop different fields including the electronics industry and power.

Russia is expanding cooperative relations with many other countries beside member nations of BRICS, the Eurasian Economic Union and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in order to develop its external economic relations in a diversified way.

It also has set a goal to lead the world in the field of ultra-modern technology.

The Russian government

is paying great attention to the development of the bio-economy closely related to the cutting-edge fields of biotechnology, renewable biological resources and new material development. Russia, with 225 production bases and 50 research institutes in the field of the bio-economy, has set a goal of achieving technical independence by 2030 and taking the lead in the field by 2036 by focusing on supporting the field and implementing a policy for relevant talents.

It also attaches importance to the development of science and technology in all other fields including that of space.

To provide all residential areas with a modern, safe and convenient environment is one of the important policy-oriented tasks set forth by the Russian government

today. Accordingly, comprehensive planning and housing and infrastructure construction for residential area development are being pushed forward.

Now Russia plans to move 345 000 people living in old houses into new ones by 2030.

The state's support to ensure people living conditions is also intensified.

Meanwhile, Russia is directing great efforts to bolstering up the national defence capability.

The efforts of the Russian government to build a powerful country are warmly supported by broad masses of people.

June 12 is the national day of the Russian Federation.

The DPRK people extend warm congratulations to the Russian people on their national day.

Briefly

Hungary

PM: EU's anti-Russia sanctions harm whole Europe

The Hungarian prime minister decried the EU's sanctions policy against Russia in a press conference on June 8.

Hungary sustained a loss of €20 billion due to the EU's anti-Russia sanctions and these measures are ruining not only Hungary but also the rest of Europe, he asserted.

In order for Europe to be strong, it is necessary to hold dialogue and reach a strategic agreement with Russia, he stressed.

Russia

European countries censured for bid to spoil peace process

Russian deputy foreign minister Sergey Ryavkov in an interview with TASS on June 7 denounced some European countries for being the main obstacle to the peace process in Ukraine.

He asserted that the European Union and NATO are persistently instigating Ukraine to continue combat actions while supplying it with weapons and other combat and technical equipment and that they keep inventing information to disturb peace process while orchestrating and perpetrating various acts of sabotage and provocation.

He warned that Russia will confirm future targets of tests of the latest-type missile systems based on the threats to its national security.

Iran

FM censures US for checking ceasefire in Gaza

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry strongly denounced the US for having exercised its veto against a resolution of the UN Security Council demanding an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip in a statement on June 5.

The US' hindrance to the passing of the resolution shows that it is involved in Israeli crimes, he said, stressing that the US impudently neglected the demand of the international community and the people in West Asia for stopping Israel's criminal acts.

US

Protest actions get fiercer

The demonstrators, who are out against the unjust immigration policy of the authorities in Los Angeles, the US, are taking fiercer actions.

The US administration mobilized even the state's defense corps allegedly to straighten out the "lawless state".

Though the defense corps and police are running wild for repression, while arresting demonstrators and using tear gas against the crowds, the number of protesters is on the increase.

Demonstrators are reportedly going on with resistance, casting stones and red pepper powder in the streets.

'Apostle of peace' seeks feast on necropolis of Gaza

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Shortly ago, the US vetoed a resolution of the UN Security Council demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and the removal of all restrictions on humanitarian aid.

The US' high-handed and arbitrary practice running counter to the unanimous desire of the international community for peace in the Gaza Strip again reveals who is the strangler of world peace.

As already known, Israel's human-killing atrocity in Gaza has reached an extreme phase.

Since the conflict between the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and Israel began in October 2023, the number of Palestinian deaths in Gaza has exceeded 54 000.

As Israel has tightened the encirclement ring around Gaza cutting off the supply of humanitarian aid materials which were yet not enough, 100 percent of the survivors are starving, 90 percent of the families do not have access to safe water and 92 percent of the expectant and nursing mothers and children under the age of two are suffering from malnutrition.

The miserable situation created in Gaza by Israel's brutal human slaughter deserves denunciation and rejection of the international community, and Israel should definitely feel responsible for it.

But the gang of brazen-faced murderers challenges the world by continuously expanding the killing operation and even opens fire on members of international organizations.

It is not a secret that the US' patronage is behind the unethical atrocities Israel is unhesitatingly committing despite the bitter criticism from the international community.

Now the US is supplying Israel with various kinds of lethal weapons, including heavy-case bombs whose delivery had been put off for fear of the world's denunciation. Meanwhile, it is resorting to every possible means to suppress anti-Israeli sentiments at home and abroad.

It is openly seeking to forcibly expel Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, while revealing their bid to seize the territory with such reckless remarks that it would turn the region into a "free zone" and "tourist destination".

The US' rash act of throwing a wet blanket yet again over the unanimous demand of the international community for a ceasefire in Gaza is nothing but a cynical ploy geared to stamping out every last man in the region by supporting the Israeli beasts and thus realizing its territorial ambition at any cost.

The reality shows that the brutal nature of the US built on the dead bodies of American Indians can never change and that peace and stability can never be achieved in the world as long as it exists.

To protect environment for all

By Choe Song Jun PT

The Korea Natural Environment Conservation Fund (KNECF) makes positive efforts to protect the environment for all.

The fund contributes to the intellectual, material and financial support necessary for the country's natural environment conservation and encourages everyone who is interested in environment protection to take an active part in this work irrespective of form, those with strength dedicating their strength, those with knowledge devoting their knowledge and those with money donating their money.

It also organizes and carries out the work to make an efficient use of the contributions and other donations made by the members of the fund and individual personages, businesses and organizations for the conservation of sustainable natural environment.

It actively promotes constructive and friendly cooperation, mutual exchanges and close ties with international natural environment protection organizations, bodies, foundations and funds and individual personages that offer support and cooperation for the protection of natural environment.

In the past the Nature Conservation Union of Korea adopted an agreement

with the Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists' Trust of New Zealand for the joint survey of migratory birds on the major wetlands along the west coast of Korea.

Accordingly, the survey and ringing of migratory and water birds such as Limosa lapponica, Tringa nebularia, Charadrius alexandrinus and Numenius phaeopus were conducted in the past five years in over 20 areas along the west coast of Korea including the Sindo and Mundok migratory bird (wetland) reserves. In the course of this, the New Zealand trust donated equipment and funds needed for the protection of major wetlands and migratory birds of the DPRK.

Funding for the activities of the fund is based on the contributions and endowments made by its members and individual enterprises, organizations and personages that wish to contribute to the peace and progress of mankind through environmental protection, environmental education and the expansion of sustainable natural environment, regardless of citizenship, nationality, political view and religious belief.

Donations are accepted in cash in principle, but, if necessary, various assets whose value is appreciated as cash can be donated.

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Inner Chilbo in the morning

DPRK players return home after participating in international athletics open



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DPRK players returned home on June 10 after taking part in the Chinese Taipei Athletics Open 2025.

The event brought together more than 600 men and women players from over 10 countries and regions including the DPRK, India and Australia. DPRK players Han Il Ryong and Ri Kwang Ok won

a gold medal respectively in the men's and women's 5 000m races and Jon Su Gyong silver medals in the women's 5 000m and 1 500m races.

The racers, who returned home after exalting the honour of the country, were greeted at Pyongyang International Airport by officials concerned, officials in the field of sports and sportspersons.

Chimchon-type dolmen

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The Chimchon-type dolmen, though small in size and simple in structure, is one of the prehistoric tombs ever found in the DPRK and it comparatively boasts diversity in its structure, serving as a precious archeological material for studying the social development from the end of the primitive ages to the ancient times as a whole.

The dolmen is a kind of ancient stone tomb with a rectangular chamber buried under the ground and a capstone placed on it.

A dolmen of this type was first unearthed in Chimchon-ri, Hwangju County, North Hwanghae Province, hence the name.

It is the smallest in size and simplest in structure among many kinds of dolmens that have been discovered in the country.

As for its general structure, the burial chamber was squarely walled by four thin slabs in a pit or a stone mound, with a larger slab placed on top of the chamber. A certain amount of large and small stones were piled around the chamber to reinforce it.

Discovered in these tombs were mostly stone tools such as dagger, spear, arrowhead, axe and scimitar, and bronze artefacts.



Forecasts turn out to be wrong

Results of second-round matches of 2024-2025 DPRK Premier League

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The second-round matches of the 2024-2025 DPRK Premier League are growing fiercer with the passage of time amid the expectations and interest of experts and fans.

A scrutiny of the second-round matches to date from the beginning shows that there are no strong or weak teams.

The Sonbong and Amnokgang teams competed with each other for the third time this year after the first-round matches of the 2024-2025 DPRK Premier League and the 14th People's Games.

The Amnokgang team beat the Sonbong team

1-0 and 4-2 respectively in the previous matches and the former took the fifth place in the rankings of the first-round matches and the latter was placed seventh.

So the fans were almost convinced of the victory of the Amnokgang in the current match.

However, they were mistaken.

The match which started with the Sonbong's kick-off was a sec-saw match.

The Sonbong threatened the opponent's goal by surprise counterattacks in the 11th minute, while the Amnokgang seriously threatened the opponent's in the 14th minute.

Then, the Sonbong

scored the opening goal 10 minutes before the end of the first half.

In the second half, the Sonbong scored two goals in succession with a skilful header from a penalty kick and with an 11m penalty kick, thus defeating the Amnokgang 3-0.

The match between the Ryomyong and Jebi teams also showed that there were no weak teams.

The Ryomyong took the fourth place in the first-round matches and the fifth place in the men's football event of the 14th People's Games, and the Jebi took the eighth place in the first-round matches and the thirteenth place in the men's football event of the

14th People's Games.

Many people were convinced of the Ryomyong's victory in the match, but they were mistaken again.

In the fifth minute of the match, the Jebi shook the goal of the rival and scored another goal with the help of two-person combination in the 15th minute.

After scoring a goal in the 81th minute, the Ryomyong strived to score another goal until the extra time of the second half, but in vain. Consequently the match ended in the victory of the Jebi.

After watching the match, Pak Kum Song, a man living in Phyongchon District, Pyongyang, said,

"It was difficult to predict the results of the second-round matches. The Ryomyong team scored only one goal despite seven opportunities for scoring in the whole period of the match. The ball kicked before the opponent's goal went over the goal post, the headed ball rebounded from a post and the improperly kicked ball missed the goal. I think it is necessary for the players to enhance the ability to shoot while strengthening cooperation between them."

Such cases in many of the second-round matches make not only players and coaches but also fans keenly feel that there are no fixed weak teams.

