

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photos taken with creative workers and artistes of National Symphony Orchestra greeting its 80th founding anniversary

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The respected Comrade 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, on August 8 met and congratulated the creative workers and artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra on its 80th founding anniversary.

All the creative workers and artistes of the orchestra were filled with great excitement and joy as they came to realize their greatest desire to have Comrade Kim Jong Un, for whom

they yearned so much, at their theatre on the significant founding anniversary.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was courteously greeted at the Moranbong Theatre by officials of the Central Committee of the WPK, Hyon Un Chol, minister of Culture of the DPRK, and leading officials of the National Symphony Orchestra.

When he entered the main lobby of the theatre, the excitement of creative workers and artistes greeting the moment of

happiness they had waited for so eagerly developed into thunderous cheers.

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly congratulated all the creative workers and artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra significantly commemorating its founding anniversary with the glory and pride of having made the brilliant history with the beloved country, and had a photo taken with them.

He presented a bouquet of congratulation to Ho Mun Yong, a conductor who was

honoured with the Kim Il Sung Prize, and had a photo taken with the creative workers and artistes who were honoured with high-class state commendations with the pride of having contributed to the development of Juche-oriented symphony.

All the creative workers and artistes broke into stormy cheers and chanted slogans of loyalty in reflection of their firm resolution to continue to write the pages of honourable development

history of Juche-oriented symphony by conducting proactive and enterprising activities for artistic creation, bearing deep in mind the love and trust of the benevolent Marshal Kim Jong Un who sent a letter of congratulations to the orchestra greeting its 80th founding anniversary and repeatedly showed great benevolence.

Comrade Kim Jong Un appreciated that it is a source of great pride of our Party, state and people to have such an art group with an excellent history and tradition and high creative ability as the

National Symphony Orchestra, which has cultivated the flower garden of Juche-oriented musical art, enthusiastically singing revolutionary songs and other musical works as a march for struggle and creation in the development course of our Republic.

The authoritative National Symphony Orchestra should play a role as an engine in developing the musical art, which

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends letter of congratulations to National Symphony Orchestra on its 80th founding anniversary

To the Creative Workers and Artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra

I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, extend warm congratulations and greetings of encouragement to the creative workers and artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra on greeting its 80th founding anniversary with a sense of honour and pride in having glorified its brilliant history together with our beloved motherland.

Quite extraordinary are the remembrances of the history of the meaningful Moranbong Theatre and of the National Symphony Orchestra that have aroused emotions among the people with the solemn and characteristic sounds of the works of mixed orchestra of our own style.

Having proclaimed its birth as the first orchestra of a new Korea on August 8, 1946 with the playing of *Song of General Kim Il Sung*, it powerfully demonstrated the ideological will and strong aspiration of all the people to achieve civilization and prosperity with a soaring spirit and mettle for nation building; it has injected renewed vitality and vigour into social progress with model masterpieces of the times. These are etched in the pages of our history.

In the days when the country was experiencing harsh trials, the creative workers and artistes of the orchestra willingly followed the arduous road and rendered support to the revolution with the musical instruments as a weapon of struggle. In the decades that seethed with creation and construction, they proudly sang of the worthwhile life of the people who were shaping a rosy future with affection for their socialist country. In this way, they offered great encouragement to the progress of our cause. These feats of theirs are never trifling.

From the first days of its founding, it has portrayed the songs of praise of our Party and socialism as orchestral works and symphonic suites and medleys, thus presenting them as monumental masterpieces. Its creative activities constitute patriotic feats that recorded in history by dint of solemn and fresh sounds the victorious course our glorious Republic has traversed.

The general title of the works the orchestra has portrayed and put on stage over the past 80 years, sharing the history of our people's struggle to accomplish the gigantic social transformations under the leadership of the Party, should be called *Symphony of Socialism* on its own terms.

In the stirring decade when an era of overall efflorescence of Juche-oriented art was being ushered in, it re-presented such masterpieces as *A Bumper Harvest in the Chongsan Plain*, *The Dear Home in My Native Village*, *The Girl on the Swing* and *Arirang*, pioneering a new realm of symphony of our own style and bringing home to the people the unusual might of music that leads them to share the destiny of their country and promotes its development. Our people still remember vividly these creative activities of the orchestra.

It can be said that every work represents the language of faith and conscience and the melody of love and passion, which can be expressed only by the musicians of Korea who regard our Party's ideas on aesthetics and musical theories as the only ideology and banner for their creation and by true artistes who treasure everything beautiful on this land and are determined to sing of it to the last moment of their lives.

Comrades Ho Jae Bok, Kim Pyong Hwa, Choe Ki Hyok and other talented conductors and instrumentalists of the orchestra made a contribution to cultivating the rich flower garden of the Juche-oriented art with unflagging passion. Their images still remain implanted in the eyes of our people, and serve as a model of worthwhile life of the revolutionary men of art and literature who sang of their motherland throughout their lives.

The ennobling aspirations and painstaking efforts of the creative workers and artistes of the orchestra to add lustre to its fine history and traditions with innovative achievements can be clearly seen in the fact that they are demonstrating the might of the Juche-oriented symphony in the present era of transformation by arranging famous musical works, loved by the people, to suit the works' emotional contents and modern aesthetic tastes.

In recent years alone, they have created a large number of refined works and gave splendid concerts in celebration of major national holidays, boosting the ennobling feelings of patriotism cherished deeply in the hearts of our people and giving a strong impetus to their spiritual and cultural growth. Their performing activities have left an indelible impression on the people for their peculiar features and moods.

The orchestra has always preserved its competent creative guidance forces and skilled instrumentalists and kept creating symphonies of various themes while successfully re-presenting historical works. These add more to the proud history of the authoritative orchestra.

I think this is an expression and outcome of their true and devoted attitude and outlook on life to support the Party and the country with performing activities, not out of mere sense of duty or with artistic skills, but out of a desire to remain faithful to their jobs assigned by their country without expecting any reward or honour.

Such an excellent spiritual world, with which they are invariably and faithfully fulfilling their duty and steadily writing the history of the orchestra by dint of ennobling consciousness and pure conscience, is the most precious one beyond compare.

Over the past eight decades the orchestra has faithfully preserved its original features of patriotic enthusiasm and sincere artistic creation in their pure forms, exalting its prestige and honour as befitting an art institution of national value that carries on the history of development of Juche-oriented music. It is a precious treasure of our state and a source of great pride for our Party and our

people.

Throughout those long years, the creative workers and artistes of the orchestra have remained loyal to its initial aim and basic mission, thereby enjoying the affection and trust of their country and fellow people, and strove to maintain their proud reputation and traditions with constant renovations and progress. For this, I highly appreciate all of them.

Creative workers and artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra,

The art of music has been a powerful engine for the development of our state, and it will be so, in the future, too.

Our Party's consistent principle in musical creation is to ensure high ideological and artistic qualities, sustain the characteristics of the times and apply a people-oriented approach to the letter.

You should, just as you have done so far, accept the Party's policies on art and literature as absolute and work only as intended by the Party; firmly united in ideology and purpose and also in feeling and emotion, you should work hard to usher in a golden age of the art of music in the new era.

Melodies have a peculiar attraction of greatly stirring up a person's ideological feelings and drawing them into an emotional world that is inexpressibly rich and profound.

As creative workers and instrumentalists of the orchestra, which is in effect a national icon, you ought to excel in artistic insight and skills, and also stand in the vanguard in creating masterpieces that are representative of our era.

Our Party hopes that you will steadily improve your abilities to create and stage any work in a flawless and perfect way, thus continuing to add brilliance to your orchestra's prestige and honour befitting the best music group in our country that boasts a long history and traditions.

Today, when we are advancing towards greater transformation, enthusiastically singing revolutionary songs and other musical works as a march for our struggle and creation, a masterpiece pulsating with the spirit of the times will serve as an invaluable spiritual sustenance.

I firmly believe that all of you, creative workers and artistes of the orchestra, always mindful of the Party's and people's trust and expectations, will continue to write the pages of honourable history of Juche-oriented symphony by improving your practical abilities and conducting proactive and enterprising activities for artistic creation.

I pay tribute to the National Symphony Orchestra's glorious 80-year-long history.

Kim Jong Un
August 8, 2026

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is as ever the great motive power for rejuvenation of our state, he said, adding that when the solemn and characteristic sounds of the works of our own style

orchestra give greater impetus to the Korean revolution and lead the heyday of development of the musical art in the new era, our cause will emerge victorious with greater strength and full vitality.

Very high are our Party's and people's expectations in the orchestra which has faithfully preserved its original features of patriotic enthusiasm and sincere artistic creation in their pure forms over the past eight decades, he said, and gave

precious instructions to be adhered to as a guideline by the orchestra to exalt its prestige and esteemed name as befitting an art institution of national value that embodies the development aspects of Juche-oriented music.

Premier Pak inspects Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex and Posan Iron Works

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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 Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made a field survey of the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex and the Posan Iron Works.

He visited the electric locomotive complex and encouraged its workers making innovations in carrying out the important policy tasks of the complex,

true to the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The premier acquainted himself in detail with the production of rolling stock of various kinds, the upgrading of the plating process and the operation safety of the newly manufactured tram and the quality of its fittings. He stressed the need for the officials and workers to know well the height of creation required by the new era, further raise the qualitative level of manufacturing rolling stock and turn the plating workshop into a comprehensive

and modern plating base.

At the Posan Iron Works, Pak Thae Song said that the officials and workers should hit their production targets without fail by directing efforts to the management of equipment and technical control and increasing the number of operating days of the revolving furnace in keeping with the ever-increasing demand for iron and steel.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue for the relevant sectors and units to produce and supply

Premier Pak Thae Song (second from right) inspects the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex.



in time quality equipment and materials necessary for the modernization of the plating process and the production of rolling stock at

the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex, the issue of giving preferential treatment to the technicians and skilled workers of the

iron works and improving the supply service for its employees and others and took appropriate measures.

Concert given by National Symphony Orchestra to mark its 80th birthday



A concert is given at the Moranbong Theatre on August 8 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the National Symphony Orchestra.

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The National Symphony Orchestra, founded as the first orchestra in new Korea, marked its 80th founding anniversary with high pride. The orchestra opened up a new phase of Juche-oriented symphony, singing of our Party, country and people with its high musical ability and through proactive and enterprising creative activities.

Since the declaration of its birth with the playing of "Song of General Kim Il Sung", an immortal revolutionary hymn, the orchestra has enriched the treasure house of Juche-oriented musical art by representing with monumental orchestral music, symphonic suites and symphonic medleys the ideology and will of all the people advancing towards civilization and prosperity and the strong pulse of the times. Its excellent history and tradition and successes of artistic creation are a precious

treasure of our state and a source of great pride of our Party and people.

A concert was given at the Moranbong Theatre on August 8 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the National Symphony Orchestra, an art institution of national value embodying the development of Juche-oriented music.

Among the audience were senior Party and government officials and artists in the field of culture and arts.

The concert began with orchestral prelude for the piano "Glory to the Workers' Party of Korea". Put on the stage were famous songs of the times, songs praising the Workers' Party and songs about the motherland which gave great impetus to the victorious advance of socialist Korea.

All the art pieces made the audience recollect the proud history

of the orchestra, which has elevated noble patriotism and promoted the spiritual and cultural growth while sharing its history with the struggle of the people who have brought great social changes under the leadership of the Party. They also aroused the admiration of the audience for mature performance.

The orchestra "A medley of world famous songs" decorated the end of the concert with splendour.

The concert, representing a profound musical world with the solemn and unique mixed orchestra of Korean style, showed the ardent aspiration and creative world of creative workers and artistes who will steadily write the history of honourable development of Juche-oriented symphony through continuous pioneering and advance by remaining invariably faithful to the real intention and original mission of its founding despite the passage of time.

The audience congratulated the performers on their successful performance, presenting bouquets to them.

The concert, held to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the National Symphony Orchestra, left a deep impression on the audience with profound ideological and artistic qualities and solemn sound of the "Socialist Symphony".

State commendations conferred on meritorious creative workers and artistes of National Symphony Orchestra

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Meritorious creative workers and artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra were awarded Kim Il Sung Prize and orders of the DPRK on the occasion of its 80th anniversary.

Kim Il Sung Prize was conferred on Conductor Ho Mun Yong, Order of the National Flag First Class on composer Kang Su Gi, Order of Labour on instrumentalists An Ryong Hwan, Pyon Song Ok and Han Chol, Order of the National Flag Second Class on instrumentalists Kim Song Ho, Ri Chol, Yun Chol Ho and Jong Hyon Hui, and Order of the National Flag Third Class on instrumentalists Pae Ki Yong, Ri Kyong Gun, Ri Song Jin, Hwang Il Sok and Choe U Chol and Composer Kim Hak Il.

They have made a positive

contribution to creating and depicting masterpieces of the era of the Workers' Party by displaying their creative wisdom and enthusiasm while firmly equipping themselves with the Party's Juche-oriented ideology and theory on the arts and literature and working for a long time in the art sector, and to encouraging the masses of the people to implement the Party's policies through revolutionary art activities.

A relevant decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was issued on August 8.



A meeting is held to confer state commendations on meritorious creative workers and artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra.

National economic plans for July fulfilled

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Different economic sectors and units successfully carried out their national economic plans for July.

Coal miners of the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine under the Sunchon Area Youth Coal-mining Complex carried out their plan for July by making collective innovation, while those of the February 8 Jiktong Youth

Coal Mine and Ryongdae Youth Coal Mine played a part in carrying out the plan of the complex by conducting the movements of working one more shift, mining one more wagon of coal and helping next shift.

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex successfully carried out their pig iron and rolled steel production assignments.

The Musan Mining

Complex increased concentrated iron ore production over 1.2 times as compared to the same period of last year.

The Puryong Ferroalloy Factory, Hungnam Electrode Factory, Unnyul Mine, Jangsan Mine and others boosted production by channelling efforts into consolidating their material and technical foundations.

The Namhung Youth

Chemical Complex produced far more fertilizer than planned, while the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex implemented its plan for July ahead of schedule.

The Sunchon Chemical Complex, Pyongyang Rubber Factory, Sinuiju Chemical Fibre Mill and others achieved good results by taking measures for the supply of raw materials and fuel and further intensifying

cooperation between processes.

Officials and workers in the electric-power industry sector put spurs to the production of electric power needed for economic development and the improvement of the people's living standards.

The Tacan Heavy Machine Complex made effective use of different jigs and tools and introduced valuable inventions to push ahead with the electric motor production as scheduled.

timber production plan for July.

The Sangwon Cement Complex produced 10 000 tons of more cement than planned.

The Sunchon Cement Complex increased its productivity by improving the performance of the pulverizing equipment, while the Chonnaeri Cement Factory increased the rate of fulfilling their plans by applying new technologies.

The Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326, Pyongyang Bearing Factory, Anju Pump Factory, Munchon Valve Factory and others upgraded production processes and directed efforts to technical innovation for the qualitative growth of products to achieve substantial successes.

Workers in the rail transport sector overfulfilled the nationwide freight transport plan for July.

The forestry sector, too, overfulfilled the nationwide



The Tae'an Heavy Machine Complex introduces valuable inventions to increase production.



The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex implements its plan for July ahead of schedule.

Sci-tech achievements exhibition in the field of furniture and finishing building materials opens

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The 2026 National Exhibition of Sci-tech Achievements in the Field of Furniture and Finishing Building Materials opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on August 4.

On display at the exhibition are more than 600 sci-tech achievements, over 3 800 pieces of multipurpose furniture, functional furniture, finishing building materials and architectural lighting and electric lighting decoration products presented by officials, scientists, technicians and skilled workers from furniture and finishing building materials production units across the country.

The Tacan Friendship Glass



Participants in the opening ceremony look round the venue of the exhibition.

Factory, the Taesong Ceramic Factory, the Moranbong District Construction Brigade and other units presented various kinds of furniture and finishing building materials made in a fresh and peculiar way to suit the customers' tastes and emotions.

During the exhibition there will be various technical exchanges among the participating units.

Present at the opening ceremony were Pak Hun, vice-premier of the Cabinet, officials concerned, and officials and working people of the exhibitor units.

National exhibition of August 3 consumer goods opens

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The 2026 National Exhibition of August 3 Consumer Goods opened with due ceremony at the Pyongyang Underground Shop on August 4.

Presented to the exhibition on the theme of "Improving the quality of consumer goods and diversifying them" are hundreds of thousands of products of over 4 000 kinds produced at more than 400 units across the country.

The Pothonggang and Hwasong district housewives' workteam management stations and other units in Pyongyang presented products developed in the course of creative struggle to diversify the consumer goods and improve their quality.



After the opening ceremony, visitors look round the exhibits.

The Tokchon and Kanggye city consumer goods cooperative production stations exhibited such new products as foldaway umbrellas and armchairs made with locally available raw materials.

During the exhibition there will be a presentation of experience by

exemplary units in the production of consumer goods.

Present at the opening ceremony were officials concerned and officials and working people of the participating units.

Kim Chol Bom, minister of Regional Industry, made an opening address.

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Birthday spread sent to centenarian

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Choe Myong Ok, a centenarian living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 44, Jongback-dong No. 2, Rangnang District, Pyongyang, on her 100th birthday.

Choe Myong Ok, who received the birthday spread amid congratulations of

officials of the Rangnang District Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and residents, expressed her gratitude to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, deeply moved by the great benevolence of the Party.

She had worked in the textile industry sector for decades and brought up her children well to put them forward at major posts of socialist construction.

National sci-tech presentation in the field of educational information and seminar on building intelligent educational support environment held

A national sci-tech presentation in the field of educational information and a seminar on building intelligent environment for supporting education took place from August 4 to 6 under the sponsorship of the Korean Society for Educational Informatics of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of

Korea.

Presented at the presentation and seminar were practical proposals conducive to attaining the goals of education set forth at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea. They also dealt with the issues arising in narrowing the gap in the educational level between towns and rural communities and developing foreign languages education and distance education by using information facilities and learning resources.

A lecture titled "On

application of AI technology in education" was given as part of the events.

Multilingual contest held by sci-tech university students

Multilingual contest-2026 of students of universities in the sci-tech field took place at Pyongyang Jang Chol Gu University of Commerce from July 29 to 31.

University students selected from different parts of the country took part in the contest which was aimed at training a large number of multilingual talents by

arousing enthusiasm for foreign language study and at generalizing the success and experience created by universities.

In the contest, Kim Il Sung University, University of Sciences, Kim Chaek University of Technology, Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences, Pyongyang Jang Chol Gu University of Commerce and Pyongyang University of Architecture emerged as victors.

Citations were awarded to the excellent units and participants.

August 3 consumer goods production movement in high gear

By Sin Pyol PT

On August 3 1984, Chairman Kim Jong Il visited the Pyongyang municipal light-industry products exhibition.

There he saw various kinds of products produced by the industrial establishments, daily necessities workshops and many other units in the city and indicated the orientation and ways to increase the production of consumer goods.

Later, the August 3 consumer goods production movement was waged on a mass scale, increasing the consumer goods output every year.

The feature of the movement is that it brings great benefits to the country by making the most of idle materials and labour and offers people benefits by increasing the quantity and variety of consumer goods in reliance to the creativity of the producer masses.

Today, consumer goods production units are putting spurs to production by directing efforts to developing new products, improving the quality of products

and lowering the costs while making effective use of raw and other materials and recycling waste.

The housewives' workteam of Munsin-dong No. 1 in Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang, produces various styles of children's clothes to be appreciated by the people.

The products of the housewives' workteam of Jonu-dong in Moranbong District, Pyongyang, also enjoy popularity among the customers for the good styles and novel ideas.

Regional-industry factories and consumer goods producers in other parts of the country, too, produce various kinds of consumer goods by using locally available raw and other materials.

The annual national exhibition of August 3 consumer goods serves as a good occasion for sharing and exchanging advanced technologies and experience capable of increasing the variety of consumer goods and improving their quality and for further raising the competitive zeal among consumer goods producers.

With people's evaluation as standard

By Choe Song Jun PT

Many people visit the Phyongchon District Direct Sales Shop every day.

The goods produced by the production unit under the shop have been rated as excellent at the national exhibitions of August 3 consumer goods as well.

The secret of the success is that it produces consumer goods with the people's demand and evaluation as the standard.

It is the unanimous will of all employees of the shop's production unit to

make each of consumer goods be an excellent one to be favoured by the people.

By introducing specialization of production, they constantly raise the quality of consumer goods and make innovations in developing and producing new goods.

They widely apply to production the successes achieved in the course of reducing the costs and improving recycling technology while often organizing product shows.

They produce many consumer goods, including pillows and gloves for children, by using all sorts of idle materials and supply them to residents and grasp their demands and opinions in time.

The goods produced by the production unit number tens of thousands in 500 kinds every year, including garments, grasswork, artificial pines and playthings.

The consumer goods are popular with the residents as they reflect well the residents' demands in life and the orders for them are on the increase day by day.

The shop not only sells the consumer goods produced by housewives' workteams of dongso but also learns about the people's evaluation of and demand for the products and intensifies contact with relevant production units.

That is why citizens unanimously liken the shop to a department store, saying that it deals in everything needed for life and the quality of the products is very high.

"It is our mission and duty to make all the commodities we sell be the ones often used by the people," said Ma Sun Jol, manageress of the shop.



People can buy different kinds of goods to their liking at the Phyongchon District Direct Sales Shop.
WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



Consumer goods continue to increase in kind

By Jong Chol PT

Different parts of the country are producing consumer goods which preserve the features of their regions.

The Yomju County Daily Necessities Factory produces various kinds of stone craftworks by using black stones, known as the rare of the locality from olden times. The factory effectively organizes technical study to improve

the technical knowledge and skills of the members of the stone craftwork workteam, holds the presentation of conceptions on a regular basis to increase the variety of products and puts in efforts to improve their quality. Thus the demand for the stone craftworks produced by the factory is on the increase day after day.

The Kilju and Orang county daily necessities factories and other regional-industry factories in North Hamgyong Province utilize raw and

other materials in the region to produce diverse products including soap, shampoo, rinse and bedclothes chest.

Processed marine products, drinks, soap and garments produced by regional-industry factories in Onchon and Ryonggang counties are popular with the local people as they preserve well the features unique to their regions. The Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory and Kangso District Consumer Goods

Cooperative Production Station produce various kinds of plastic goods, garments and playthings by putting efforts into improving the quality of products and recycling materials. Consumer goods production units in Tacan District and the Tacan Friendship Glass Factory turn out quilts and glassware that suit the taste of the people and are convenient to use by directing efforts to diversifying products in terms of kind and shape and

improving the qualitative indexes.

North Hwanghae Province is consistently conducting the work for improving the quality of consumer goods and increasing their variety.

At the consumer goods exhibition of the province held last June the products presented by regional-industry factories in Koksang and Unpha counties attracted the attention of many people as they reflected the features of their regions and were

new and distinctive and their production costs were low. The Koksang County Foodstuff Factory was favourably commented upon by the visitors as it presented tasty condiments whose main material was wheat. The Hwangju County Foodstuff Factory presented various health foods based on locally-abundant lotus roots and the Unpha County Daily Necessities Factory various kinds of liquid soap, evoking a great response from the visitors.



Provincial consumer goods exhibitions are arranged to spur the improvement of quality of consumer goods and an increase in their variety.



By Kim Hye Jong PT

Fishery stations of different provincial fishery management bureaus on the east coast of Korea have more than doubled the fish catch as compared to the same period of last year.

The Ministry of Fisheries predicts that the intensive fishing campaign will continue for a certain period in view of the crowds of sardines currently being formed in the main fishing grounds off the east coast.

Fishery stations on the east coast are pushing ahead with fishing while boldly improving the previous fishing methods in keeping with the change in the fish's migration characters caused

by the alteration in oceanic conditions this year.

Fuel and other materials are supplied to fishing boats in advance on the sea so that they can steadily conduct the intensive fishing campaign. All the fishing boats are making skilful use of the weather and marine forecast service system "Phurunbada" and the fishing ground detection support system based on satellite information in order to improve the accuracy of the detection of main fishing grounds.

The Chongjin fishery station for supplying feed to the Central Zoo is leading other units under the ministry in the intensive fishing of sardines.

The station has made an in-depth analysis of

the oceanic conditions including water temperature and flow in relevant waters on the basis of meteorological data and rapidly sent fishing boats to the waters where conditions suit the ecological features of sardines, thereby making innovative achievements in fishing every day.

Fishermen of the station are keeping increasing their sardine catch in the intensive fishing campaign in the spirit they displayed in the previous fishing of sea trouts.

The Chongjin and Kim Chaek fishery stations under the North Hamgyong Provincial Fishery Management Bureau are overfulfilling their daily quotas in the intensive sardine catching

campaign.

The fishermen of the Kim Chaek Fishery Station invented and introduced an innovative fishing method fundamentally different from the previous fixed method on the basis of scientific prediction of the migration of sardines, thereby boosting the fish catch per netting.

Other fishery stations including the Songdowon Fishery Station of the Kangwon Provincial Fishery Management Bureau and the Tanchon Fishery Station of the Sinpho Deep-Sea Fishery Complex are landing large quantities of fish every day while directing efforts to improving the technical conditions of fishing boats.

Scientific level of offshore farming boosted

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Fishery units across the country have made successes by further improving the scientific level of offshore farming.

In order to put fish farming and aquaculture on a new scientific basis and raise their productivity, officials of the Ministry of Fisheries and relevant units made sure that aquacultural methods were steadily improved while generalizing the successes achieved in the efforts to increase the production of offshore aquacultural products.

Officials and employees of the Pupho Offshore Farm have increased production while steadily pushing ahead with the improvement of the scientific level of aquaculture.

The farm has rationally set departure times for ships and increased the operation rate of tugboats, thereby gathering hundreds of tons of kelp every day.

Aquaculturists of the farm have introduced advanced

cultivation methods to suit the temperature of seawater and the growth of aquacultural plants to grow them healthily and gathered them in time to carry out daily assignments without fail.

Those of the Ongjin Offshore Farm have also worked hard to increase production.

The farm has revitalized production by manuring and cultivating kelp in a technological way according to its growth condition and in keeping with the area of farming grounds.

The Kumipho Fishery Station has made innovations in the production of seaweed through scientific manuring and cultivation.

With the firm viewpoint that scientific farming is also essential in the sea, the workers and technicians of the station are ensuring over two rounds of kelp harvest a day while carrying out the work of each process according to the technical regulations and on the basis of advanced science and technology.



Offshore farming is put on a scientific basis at the Sinpho City Offshore Farm.

Over 100 tons of kelp harvested every day

By Ri Sang Il PT

The Sinpho City Offshore Farm gathers more than 100 tons of kelp every day by gaining new experience in large-scale farming.

Based on the experience obtained in offshore farming last year, the farm actively introduced advanced technology and paid primary attention to raising the scientific level in the whole process from the management of farming grounds to the maintenance of ecological environment.

After securing sufficient seeds of a high-yielding kelp variety, which grows fast and is highly productive, the farm put in much effort to manure and cultivate the

plant in each process in a scientific and technological way and frequently organized demonstrations so as to get all the employees to make a positive contribution to gathering a rich harvest of kelp.

Workteams developed and introduced good manuring and cultivation methods according to the seawater temperature, sunshine conditions and growth of kelp, and the employees correctly ensured the prescribed number of bunches of kelp seedlings per attachment line and carried out all other work as required by the technical regulations.

As it actively introduced new farming techniques and methods by setting itself the goal of boosting the scientific

level of offshore farming as much as possible, the farm became able to increase the per-hectare yield to a higher level.

At present, the farm is

harvesting kelp in good time while raising the operation rate of ships to the maximum and managing farming facilities in a responsible manner.

The bountiful kelp harvest at the Sinpho City Offshore Farm this year is a clear demonstration of the validity and vitality of the policy of the Workers' Party of

Korea on putting the regional economy on a firm basis of development by making good use of the sea in coastal areas and mountains in mountainous areas.



Kelp is harvested at the Sinpho City Offshore Farm.

75 years since founding of first factory college

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Everywhere in the DPRK there are people who study at colleges under the study-while-you-work system.

Born with the establishment of the first factory college on July 15 1951, when the fierce Fatherland Liberation War was at its height, the educational system has fully demonstrated its vitality in socialist construction for the past 75 years.

In the days of the grim war, President Kim Il Sung saw to it that the factory college was founded for the first time in the country, and after confirming its advantages

in practice, he ensured that similar colleges were established at major factories across the country from September 1960.

In several works including the historic letter "On Further Developing Educational Work" sent to the participants in the ninth national conference of educational workers held in July 1984, Chairman Kim Jong Il said it is important to develop the study-while-you-work system in order to intellectualize the whole society and indicated the ways to this end.

As a result, the number of factory colleges increased from 30 in the 1960s to well over a hundred in the new

century, producing many labour innovators, scientists and technicians.

Today, the study-while-you-work system has been further strengthened and developed.

In June 2013 the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un gave instructions on equipping all the people with modern science and technology under the slogan of ensuring that they are well-versed in science and technology. In his report to the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on the work of its Central Committee, the General Secretary stressed the need to increase the number of study-

while-you-work colleges, raise their educational level and, in particular, further develop the online education system and thus give full play to its advantages.

Accordingly, efforts have been made to set up new courses and main and other subjects and expand the enrolment in keeping with the mission of factory colleges and the modern trend of educational development and to improve the effectiveness of professional education by strengthening the ranks of teachers and providing conditions for experiments and practical training, and the farm colleges were reorganized

into agricultural technical schools.

The work to put the teaching contents on a practical, comprehensive and modern basis has been conducted and, in the course of it, many teachers and students at factory colleges across the country grew up to be holders of academic degrees and titles, October 8 model instructors, polyglots and hard-core members playing a key role in developing their units.

In addition, the Sci-Tech Complex was built as a great temple for all-people learning and a hub of disseminating latest science and technology, and the sci-tech learning

bases were established in provinces, cities and counties and at institutions and industrial establishments throughout the country, thus preparing the working people to be talents well versed in their sectors and fields and possessed of comprehensive knowledge.

Working people grow up to be talented technicians and specialists and thus become innovators and inventors in production and construction, and the number of graduate workshops and workteams in factories, enterprises and farms is on the increase continuously. This proves the vitality of the study-while-you-work system.

Setting high goal

By Sin Pyol PT

A ceremony of conferring the University Student Scientific Search Prize took place in the capital city of Pyongyang in March.

The diploma and medal of the prize were conferred on hundreds of university students exemplary in study and scientific search.

Among them were all members of a fourth-

year class of the materials engineering department of the Material Science and Technology Faculty of Kim Chaek University of Technology.

It was in their second year at the university that all members of the class vowed to win the prize.

At that time, some of them, back with excitement from a meeting for congratulating the winners of the prize, suggested to the other

members of the class that they, too, win the prize.

Some were uncertain and others insecure.

However, the lecturer in charge of the class expressed his active support to the suggestion.

"A proverb says, 'An arrow aimed at a tree does not go over the tree, but the one aimed at the moon goes over the tree.' It is good to set a high goal. If we pool our efforts,

our class will surely be able to win the University Student Scientific Search Prize, I think," the lecturer said.

Thus all of the classmates set a high goal of not only becoming honour students but winning the prize during their university days.

Their decision got active support from the faculty and the university.

It was not an easy job for them to perform the research tasks conducive to the sci-tech and economic development of the country while attending lectures and carrying out study assignments. They were short of time.

So, they decided to divide into two study groups for maximum efficiency and compete with each other in study and research.

They chose sci-tech problems arising in practice as research tasks.

They brainstormed in groups to overcome bottlenecks in study and research. If it did not help, they had a class discussion to solve the problems.

Whenever exhausted, they held recreation parties and played sports games, which helped raise their competitive spirit.

Meanwhile, the faculty and university saw to it that competent lecturers and researchers helped them lest they should give

up halfway.

Thus, two of them took the special place and the first place respectively at a national exhibition of IT achievements of university students and a national scientific research presentation of university students held in 2024 and three others won national patents in 2025. And the others were highly appreciated at such events.

"It is the first precious result achieved in scientific research that all our classmates were awarded the University Student Scientific Search Prize. The days of our efforts to win the prize were not only those of learning but also those of pooling our efforts and wisdom. No matter where we will do scientific research after graduation from university, we will live as true scientists to contribute to the economic and sci-tech development of the country, with the honour of being the winners of the prize," said Ri Ji Hyon, one of the students.

University Student Scientific Search Prize

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

The University Student Scientific Search Prize is an award which is given to model students for having contributed to the country with achievements in scientific exploration.

It was instituted in February 1990 and is awarded every year to commemorate March 18, the day when Chairman Kim Jong Il published the immortal classic work "The Status and Role of the County in Socialist Construction" as a university graduation thesis when he attended Kim Il Sung University in the 1960s.

At that time his graduation paper caused a stir for its great significance in practice of socialist economic construction as well as in the academic circles.

For every university student, it is a great honour and pride to win the prize.

Therefore, a great deal of energies are being put in to win the prize among university students and in the course of this, many of them become the prize winners and sometimes all the classmates obtain the prize to become prizewinner classes.



All members of a fourth-year class of the materials engineering department of the Material Science and Technology Faculty of Kim Chaek University of Technology are winners of the University Student Scientific Search Prize. PAE CHOL SU / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Determined efforts make talents

By An Hyok Chol PT

More than ten years have passed since the Workers' Party of Korea put forward the policy on making all the people well versed in science and technology to train all members of society into talents possessed of deep sci-tech knowledge and great creative abilities.

In those days, the Sci-Tech Complex was splendidly built as a temple for all-people learning and a hub of disseminating latest science and technology and the sci-tech learning spaces

were built in all areas and units across the country, and thus a large number of working people have become intelligent workers and sci-tech talents.

At the Pyongyang Cornstarch Factory, for example, a total of hundreds of workers have made a positive contribution to the production and development of the factory through the development and introduction of many new technical innovations and inventions in the past ten-odd years amid the growing enthusiasm of its employees for studying science and

technology.

Among the working people who are taking an active part in the development of science and technology are smelters, coal miners cutting coal in deep pits and agricultural workers cultivating the fields.

Though their workplaces and occupations are different, what is common to them is that most of them are those who are enrolled at or finished the online education course under the study-while-you-work system.

Choe Myong Sok, an experimenter of a unit under the Ministry of Information

Industry, received certificates of introduction of state sci-tech hits by making sci-tech achievements conducive to the modernization of broadcasting equipment while studying at the online education faculty of Kim Chaek University of Technology.

According to an official of the faculty, there are many talents indispensable to their units like Choe Myong Sok among its undergraduates and graduates and their number is increasing with each passing day.

Many working people study hard at the sci-tech

learning spaces at their workplaces and contribute to solving technical problems arising in production.

When the modernization of equipment presented itself as a vital requirement in the field of communications, O Chung Song, a mechanic of the Kumya County Post Office under the South Hamgyong Provincial Posts and Telecommunications Management Bureau, conducted painstaking research for several years while avidly reading sci-tech data at the sci-tech learning space and thus developed a new digital general measuring

device of a Korean style.

According to data available, a large number of working people across the country have won academic degrees, certificates of invention and patents by achieving valuable scientific and technological successes since the Party advanced the policy on making all the people well versed in science and technology.

They unanimously say that when you are determined, you can become a talent under this socialist system, in which all conditions are provided for studying while working.

Successes achieved at curative and preventive institutions

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Curative and preventive institutions across the DPRK are making achievements in improving the scientific level of treatment based on Koryo medicine.

The Koryo Medicine General Hospital has developed a Koryo therapy support system conducive to increasing the effectiveness of treatment based on the traditional medicine.

The system helps diagnose internal diseases by Koryo medicine-based treatment methods and prescribe Koryo medicines and acupuncture

more scientifically by using artificial intelligence technology.

It enables medical workers to learn the methodology of Koryo therapy and improve their clinical and technical levels as it comprehensively contains terms in the sector of Koryo medicine and Koryo therapies for various diseases.

The system was awarded a certificate of introduction of state sci-tech hits last year and introduced into newly-built city and county hospitals.

The hospital has also put the traditional therapy of cupping on a scientific basis.

Medical workers of

the hospital verified the effectiveness of cupping according to diseases and newly discovered its active mechanism to solve technical problems arising in putting cupping on a scientific basis.

The South Hwanghae Provincial Koryo Medicine Hospital has brought about progress in the treatment of several chronic and obstinate diseases by creating a new acupuncture remedy conducive to putting acupuncture and moxibustion on a scientific basis.

The Hamhung City Hospital has intensified research into Koryo therapy and, in the course of that,

developed a treatment apparatus which makes Koryo medicines absorbed through the patient's skin using thermo-stimulation.

It is said that the apparatus can automatically regulate and maintain the temperature required for thermotherapy and stimulate a lot of acupoints simultaneously while using a smaller amount of medicines, thus maximizing the effectiveness of treatment.

The apparatus was highly appreciated at the recent 39th National Festival of Science and Technology as it is convenient to use anywhere as well as at home.

Renowned Koryo therapist



Ri Ae Ryong applies moxibustion on a patient.

By Kim Rye Yong PT

The means of Koryo therapy, traditional Korean therapy, including needles, moxa and cupping glass are so handy that the treatment is unaffected by any conditions and circumstances, while the therapy has no harmful effects on the human body but remarkable curative effects.

Therefore, Koryo therapy takes a major share of the preventive and curative treatment in the DPRK and the range of its application is getting wider in the clinical practice.

But it is not easy to be well versed in the traditional therapy.

In acupuncture, for instance, the depth and direction of insertion of needles, the extent of turning needles after insertion and the method of plugging and opening the acupuncture holes after plucking out needles are different according to the characters of diseases and physical constitutions of patients.

Ri Ae Ryong, doctor of the Koryo medical department of the Mangyongdae District Hospital in Pyongyang, has practised the traditional therapy for over 40 years.

She began to work as doctor in a curative and preventive institution after graduating from Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences in her twenties. She had been interested in Koryo therapy during her university days and keenly felt the advantages of it in practice.

She cultivated her skills as she stuck needles and applied moxa to her body to confirm the curative effects and in that course she produced amazing effects by dint of Koyo therapies in the treatment of the diseases which are often treated with Western medicines.

Ri Ae Ryong has marvellous skills in acupuncture and moxibustion.

She acquired profound knowledge of the therapies as she made an in-depth study of many Koryo therapies, which ancestors created and developed for thousands of years, along with scientific data clarified by modern medicine, and

found out original Koryo therapies for the diseases which are difficult to cure with Western medicines.

In the past decades of devotion, Ri brought back to health many patients with such incurable diseases as cerebral thrombosis, liver cirrhosis, ischemic heart disease and disorders of different nervous systems.

Some people attribute her excellent treatment methods to her innate gift but medical workers, who worked with her for a long time, and many patients, who received treatment from her, ascribe her success to her ardent love for human beings and her beautiful mind of regarding pain of patients as her own.

Patients affectionately call her as a "doctor of motherly affection" as she takes it for granted to skip sleep, meals and rest for patients and visits her patients even if she is ill.

She keeps over ten thick notebooks recording the words of thanks from many people, who were completely recovered and regained the joy of life, and congratulatory messages are sent to her mobile phone on significant days.

In their messages, people lavished praise on Ri, calling her as "the most renowned doctor", "erudite Koryo medical worker" and "queen of moxibustion".

As she has made a great contribution to the treatment of patients and the development of Koryo medicine, she attended national meetings, exhibitions, seminars, international symposiums on medical sciences and other events on several occasions and her moxibustion and acupuncture therapies were inscribed on the list of national intangible cultural heritage.

"The socialism of our country is really a good system that regards human life as the most precious thing. I only tried to stay faithful to my duty as a member of this society," says Ri Ae Ryong, an authority of the Koryo medical circles who remains devoted to medical treatment even in the twilight years of her life, basking in wide public praise.

New operation method saves patient from jaws of death

By Pang Un Ju PT

Shortly ago, an ambulance took a patient to the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital.

The patient was in the jaws of death because of a lot of bleeding and wounds.

A hospital-wide emergency consultative meeting was held right away.

In such case, it was commonplace to pick out the relevant organ to seal the bleeding point by the established theory, and it was also the best choice for the patient in that condition.

At the meeting, however, medical workers of the Abdominal Surgery Department of Clinical Medicine Faculty No. 2 proposed a new operation method to stop the bleeding while preserving the organ.

The new method, which was not mentioned even in advanced documents, was the one completed by medical workers of the department. And it already proved efficient in clinical practice. But there was no example of applying it to such an extremely serious case.

Therefore, some medical workers asked who would take the responsibility for the unexpected result produced by such a highly dangerous operation.

However, the consultative meeting boldly opted to operate on the patient by the method proposed by the department.

The operation was just a continuation of heightened alert.

Even in an unpredictable, unexpected situation, department head Jang Myong Chol calmly led the operation with prompt and correct

decision-making.

When the bleeding stopped in the patient's body and the vital signs displayed on the monitor became smooth at last, the eyes of the medical workers began to glow with joy.

The three-hour operation was successfully completed.

It was a precious fruit of the high ability to steadily challenge and create.

After the operation, the department appointed a doctor and nurses in charge of the patient to observe his ever-changing vital signs.

Later, it successfully performed another operation on him to remove foreign matters from his body in cooperation with other special departments. Thus his condition improved day by day.

Then one day he was racked by high fever. Unless a solution was found, he

would have to undergo another operation, which would mean the failure of the first operation.

But Jang Myong Jin, the doctor in charge, and other medical workers of the hospital used a new treatment method to save the patient from the risk.

Thanks to their high abilities and genuine sincerity, the patient recovered completely in over 50 days to become able to work again.

It is said that there took place 40-odd rounds of hospital-wide consultative meetings in those days.

"We could confidently opt for the new operation method for the patient at the crossroads of life and death because we had steadily built up our abilities by studying and introducing advanced technologies without clinging to experience alone," said Jang Myong Chol.

By further developing health care of women in multiple pregnancy

By Kim Hyon PT

Many sets of triplets and other multiple children have been born at the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital since it was inaugurated in July 1980.

In the DPRK pregnant women are placed under the care of the state from the moment when they are diagnosed as being pregnant with multiple children.

They are admitted to the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and provided with a variety of nutritious foods and tonics as well as medical service at the state's expense.

"What is important in the health care of women in multiple pregnancy is that of unborn babies and pregnant women," said Ham Sun Hui,

head of obstetrics department No. 2 of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital. "It is the duty of my department to ensure the safe delivery of unborn babies as the constitution, nutritive and other conditions of pregnant women are different from each other and help the pregnant women recover their health properly."

Health workers of her department made unremitting efforts to further improve the health care of women in multiple pregnancy.

It was not an easy job to find a new method of helping pregnant women give an easy birth to multiple children by putting the health care and medical treatment of them on a more scientific basis and systematize it.

They had to select the treatment methods and introduce appropriate medications according to the health conditions of pregnant women while keeping the health of unborn babies in peak conditions, and expect the complications which would most likely occur among pregnant women during surgical operations and adopt effective measures.

They worked day and night, intensifying medical treatment and scientific research to this end.

In the course of it, they came to a conclusion that they need to extend the perinatal period in order to help pregnant women give birth to healthy multiple children and, accordingly, medical treatment and nourishment

of them should be put on a scientific footing.

Thanks to their efforts, a new health care method of women in multiple pregnancy, a cure for hypocalcemia and several other advanced treatment methods were developed and introduced into practice.

On the basis of these achievements, the department succeeded in the quintuplet delivery for the first time in the country last year and restored their mother, who was in a critical condition due to various complications, to health.

Medical workers of obstetrics department No. 2 continue to strive for the restoration of health of women in multiple pregnancy.

Rich resources for scenery-based therapy

DPRK is rich in resources for treatment based on scenery for distinctive seasons

By Ri Sung Ik PT

With people's demand for health and longevity increasing, their interest grows in the resources for treatment based on scenery.

The effective use of such resources can produce good results in prevention and treatment of disorders of nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory and other systems.

The resources include such scenic places and spots as mountains, rivers, seas and lakes, natural phenomena according to seasons and flora and fauna.

The DPRK is rich in the resources as the most part of it is mountainous, the mountains, fields, seas and rivers blend in well with each other, the climate is moderate and seasons are distinctive.

In the area of Mt Paektu registered as a global geopark, there are the mountain standing majestically with high peaks on, mysterious Lake Chon and primitive forests.

The area has lots of natural elements that formed in the process of several rounds of volcanic eruptions and evolutionary process. They include the geology and topography related to volcanic eruptions, the flora and fauna adapting to the natural environment in the alpine area, the hydrological regime originating from Lake Chon and the soil that formed in correlation with the spouting of pumice and alpine plants. Those elements cannot be found in other areas of the country.

Mt Kumgang is also an ideal place for scenery-based therapy. It boasts high peaks and fantastic rocks, huge rocky cliffs, deep valleys, waterfalls and ponds, crystal-clear streams flowing through valleys and rich biodiversity.

A very rare complex of scenic beauties in terms of diversity, abundance and aesthetics, the mountain has beauties of mountain, valley, lake, sea and seashore and commands distant view as well.

On top of Piro Peak, the highest peak of Mt Kumgang, you can command a bird's-eye view of peaks, valleys, lakes and the sea in the area. The sunrise on the East Sea of Korea and the sunset over the mountain are the most spectacular sights you can enjoy on the peak.

Mts Myohyang, Kuwol and Chilbo also have a harmonious combination of thick woods, mysteriously-shaped stiff cliffs, the chirping of mountain birds and magnificent waterfalls where water looks like beads rolling down from the sky.

Moran Hill and Mts Taesong and Ryongak in the capital city of Pyongyang and Mts Suyang and Jangsu in South Hwanghae Province boast their unique features and beautiful scenery, and Sinphyong Kumgang in North Hwanghae Province, which is called a small Mt Kumgang, also shows off the spectacular scenes of Kuryong Valley, Rojok Rock, Pidan Falls and others.

Meanwhile, such natural water areas as Lake Samji, Lagoon Samil and Lake Sijung and such underground caves like Ryongmun Cavern and Songam Cave are also resources for scenery-based therapy.

The coastal scenery also constitutes a good resource for scenery-based therapy in the DPRK.

On the east coast there are Myongsasimni with the sandy beach extending for four kilometres, Chongsokjong famous as Thongchon Kumgang and other scenic spots like Songdownon, Majon and Songdan and on the west coast are such scenic attractions as Monggumpho, Waudo and Ryongsupho covered with white sand.

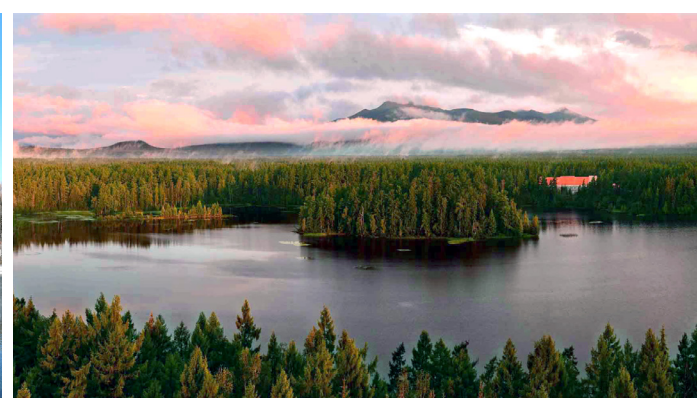
Bases for medical treatment and cultural and leisure activities have been built at scenic spots in different parts of the country to positively contribute to improving the health of working people.



Lake Chon on Mt Paektu.



Rimyongsu Falls.



Lake Samji.



Coastal scenery of the East Sea of Korea.



Songam Cave.



Ryongmun Cavern.

Farm villages turn into ideal socialist communities

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Many farm villages across the DPRK were given a new facelift during the term of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

This is a typical outcome of the people-first politics of the Party which orients and subordinates everything to bringing agricultural workers the greatest happiness in the world and a clear demonstration of the validity and vitality of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era.

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un unveiled a grand blueprint for the construction of rural dwelling houses at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK after the Eighth Party Congress, taking the transformation of all farm villages across the country into rich and cultured ideal socialist communities as his long-cherished desire and regarding it as an important undertaking that he should carry out without fail for the rejuvenation and development of the state and

for posterity.

It was a difficult and enormous undertaking to transform afresh the villages embracing tens of thousands of workteams in thousands of farms. No one could dare to do it and even imagine its implementation at the time when the country was in a difficult economic situation and was facing huge and important construction tasks.

In particular, it was not an easy decision to make because the state had to bear an astronomical sum of expense in order to newly construct all rural dwelling houses and supply them to agricultural workers free of charge.

But the General Secretary said that to build all farm villages in the country on socialist lines while preserving the features peculiar to relevant areas is a plan of strategic importance to which the Party gives top priority and which it is determined to carry out without fail in order to provide rural inhabitants with the most wonderful living environment in the world and to achieve the overall development of the country,

and wisely led the effort.

He saw to it that a powerful headquarters was formed for rural construction and took measures in succession to push ahead with the project by involving the entire Party and the whole country. He also stressed the need for the regions to build farmhouses in a way that they preserve their regional characteristics so that they can say what the features are.

Accordingly, a work system was established to provide unified guidance on rural construction, strong architectural design and construction forces were formed in the provinces and the material and technical foundations of the building-materials industry and the construction units in cities and counties were consolidated.

In addition, the state took timely measures to supply materials necessary for the construction of farmhouses and a nationwide and all-people campaign was waged vigorously to implement the Party's policy on rural construction.

The housing construction started at the farms with the

poorest conditions and the outlying mountain villages and continued without letup even in the worst situation of the emergency anti-epidemic campaign. As a result, modern houses for more than 25 600 families were built across the country in 2022, the first year of rural housing construction.

With the scenes of moving into new houses unfolding in the socialist rural areas every year, many farm villages across the country underwent a complete change over the past four years.

In those years, modern farmhouses for more than 6 700 families were built in 50-odd villages of over ten farms in Pyongyang and those for over 13 000 families in more than 200 villages of over 80 farms in North Phyongan Province. All across the country, over 1 860 villages of 500-odd farms turned into ideal socialist communities.

The goals and standards of creation were steadily updated as the rural housing construction went full steam ahead.

The styles of farmhouses constantly evolved according to the Party's plan to design

them in a way that they preserve the regional features and in diverse styles and to steadily develop the designs.

Last year alone, farmhouses for over 32 000 families were built across the country in various structures and forms, thousands of more families than those in 2022, adding to the elegance peculiar to the

countryside.

Rural construction programme has been expanded to include public and production buildings.

As seen above, the Party's plan to turn all farm villages into ideal socialist communities full of people's laughter is being translated into reality.



New dwelling houses are built in many rural villages.



Most important state affair



Son Sung Chol,
department director of the Ministry of Education

There was an occasion which made our educators realize their responsibility and duty once again.

When some areas of our country including North Phyongan and Jagang provinces suffered serious flood damage in July 2024, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un put in operation an emergency system whereby all the children in the stricken areas including students were

brought to Pyongyang to be provided with nursing and education in a safe and convenient environment.

At that time, people paid attention only to the living of flood victims and rehabilitation, failing to care about education for children. We, educators, and parents of students also regarded the temporary suspension of education caused by natural disaster as unavoidable.

However, though he was

very busy guiding state affairs and rehabilitation, the General Secretary paid close attention to the education of students in the afflicted areas and took detailed measures to provide them with educational conditions.

As a result, temporary classrooms were arranged at the April 25 Hostel in which flood victims stayed and a mobile educational group was formed with competent teachers of primary and middle schools and preschool educational institutions in Pyongyang.

The General Secretary looked round the temporary

classrooms one by one at the hostel, inspected a demonstration lesson and examined in detail the state of provision of educational equipment and school fixtures and school things for students.

I was deeply moved at that time.

I grasped afresh the meaning that education is the most important state affair and keenly realized once again my duty as one of officials in charge of education in the country.

Now a great deal of achievements are being made in the education work.

But we have much more

to do and should make much more effort in order to implement the intention of the General Secretary.

Therefore, our officials in the education sector continue to make strenuous efforts to implement the policies of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government which

regard education as the most important state affair to which priority should be given and which requires greatest energy at any time and stage and the most responsible and important undertaking that should make steady progress without a day's halt.

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US’ human rights protection a mere show

By Ri Sang Il PT

Though the US styles itself a human rights champion on every occasion, it is nothing more than a show.

This is evidenced by the fact that the phrase “death line” has become a popular search expression in the country. The phrase means that an individual’s or a family’s income reached the lowest level, depicting the fragile life situations of Americans.

According to a report issued in 2025 by the ALICE Federation, a nonprofit organization of the US, the income of 42 percent of the families in the country failed to reach even the lowest level in 2023, with those below the

poverty line accounting for 13 percent.

It is said that if Americans run into any trouble in their life, they might soon get below the “death line”.

From the outset of the new year 2026, lots of wanderers, who lodge in streets in downtown Los Angeles, California, formed a long line to get relief foods. They reportedly include those who had had fixed jobs, like salesperson or company employee, and even many who had been middle-class persons.

A large number of Americans have been reduced to the death line mainly because of the high cost of living, including medical expense, various kinds of taxation

and mounting debts.

According to a recent opinion poll conducted on adults by an American family, 44 percent of respondents said that it is hard to cover medical fees, 28 percent that there were times when they themselves or their family members found it difficult to see a doctor. And 36 percent said that they gave up or postponed medical treatment for the high medical expenses and 18 percent of them said that consequently, their health worsened.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. In the US, over 1.2 million high school students leave school halfway every year as they cannot afford the school fee and about 6 million young people under 24 are

too poor to go to school. School fees grow every year to reduce seven of ten university graduates to debtors and they thus start their social life under the shackles of debt.

In particular, women are subjected to blatant discrimination.

The American Constitution still has no provision forbidding discrimination against women. Every year, about 54 000 women lose their occupations for their pregnancy and over six million others suffer from violent crimes.

People’s rights to existence and development are ruthlessly infringed—this is the true colours of the US which styles itself a “human rights champion”.

Settlement construction a product of ambition for territorial expansion

By Choe Song Jun PT

Recently, the Israeli Cabinet approved the budget for building 34 new settlements in the West Bank.

According to it, US\$434 million will be disbursed for their construction and the Israeli Cabinet also plans to build a total of 103 settlements in the coming four years.

This has sparked an escalation of tension in the West Bank.

Now the Israeli army intensifies the military offensive against the Palestinians on the pretext of “wiping out terrorists” and the Israeli settlers actively join the attack on the Palestinians under the patronage of its military. This has resulted in a scene of bloodshed almost every day in the region.

As is well known, the West Bank is an internationally recognized part of Palestinian territory.

Through the third Middle East war in June 1967, Israel occupied the West Bank, East al-Quds and the Gaza Strip. And it soon started the construction of settlements there.

After Israel signed the Oslo agreement together with the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1993, the construction of new Jewish settlements was suspended. According to the agreement, Israel is to return the Gaza Strip and West Bank to Palestine and promote its

establishment of an independent state.

In disregard of it, however, Israel is pushing ahead with the illegal construction of settlements and repressing the Palestinians.

According to data available, more than 700 000 people, the equivalent of 10 percent of the Israeli population, live in the Jewish settlements in the West Bank and East al-Quds and Israel confiscates or demolishes the buildings belonging to Palestinians on the pretext that they have no construction permits and land use documents issued by it.

Israeli attempts at expanding the settlements in the West Bank are a clear revelation of its wild ambition for territorial expansion.

The UNSC resolution adopted in 2016 clarified again that the construction of Jewish settlements is against international law and demanded a halt to the construction of all settlements.

The international community also strongly denounces Israel’s construction of settlements as a wanton violation of international law and humanitarianism.

Nevertheless, Israel unhesitatingly described the Jewish settlements as “our homeland in the West Bank” in a recent Cabinet statement.

The expanded construction of settlements of Israel gravely disturbs the peace and security in the region.

High temperatures get extreme

By Kim Hye Jong PT

High temperatures get ever more serious worldwide. Meteorologists express deep concern over the current heat wave, saying it is the most searing in more than 100 years.

In France, 2 025 people died of it in a week from June 22 to 28. It was reportedly a rapid increase in number by 29.1 percent over the previous week. Heat wave hit the country earlier than before, causing great damage before the people are acclimatized to high temperatures.

A severe heat wave befell Spain in June, too, leaving 1 029 people dead.

On June 23, the national average high temperatures rose to 38.2°C to record the day as the hottest day in June since meteorological observation began. That day about 73 percent of the population reportedly suffered damage in their health due to high temperatures.

The records of high temperatures are being updated every day in Germany.

The mercury rose to 41.7°C in Brandenburg on June 28, which exceeded the highest temperatures observed in the previous two days.

The temperatures reached 39.8°C and 40°C in Budapest and another city of Hungary respectively on June 27, with high temperatures being observed throughout the country. As a result, the red alarm of heat wave was raised and the speed limit was enforced on the railway lines.

Power and public health systems have reached the limit in many European countries.

Meanwhile, the heat roof phenomenon has occurred in most parts of Canada, with extreme

heat persisting across the country. The authorities sounded a high temperature alarm in some parts of Ontario and Quebec and the western and northwestern regions. The highest temperatures and humidity in the daytime reportedly far exceeded the average level in these regions.

Scorching heat, coupled with unstable atmospheric conditions, heightens the risk of causing heavy thunderstorms and ensuing indirect damage in several regions.

High temperatures have caused horrible natural disasters.

A forest fire broke out on June 30 in Thessaloniki, Greece, causing casualties. With the firefighting going on, the local authorities issued an emergency evacuation order to the inhabitants.

It was reported that forest fires broke out in 48 places across the country in a single day as severe drought and heat wave persisted and a strong wind blew.

In a northern province of Spain, a forest fire burned nearly 4 000 hectares and about 200 residents were evacuated as of June 26. Forest fires are still blazing in several regions including Zaragoza.

As the mercury continues to rise in Serbia, there is a growing danger of the outbreak of forest fire.

Experts warn that the danger of natural disasters is increasing as the temperatures on the sea surface rapidly rise in the world.

The sea has absorbed 90% of the heat accumulated on the earth by the use of fossil fuels. Therefore, the rise in the sea surface temperature itself is not something beyond expectation. But it worries them a lot that it gets warm at a fast rate as it is now, say the experts.

Briefly

KCNA

China

President mentions tasks for defence and army modernization

Chinese President Xi Jinping referred to the tasks for the modernization of national defence and the army on July 30.

Fighting efficiency is always the basic orientation and criteria for inspection in pushing forward with the modernization of national defence and the army at a high qualitative level, he said, calling for properly organizing inspection and evaluation in a real-war format and substantially pressing on with training and combat preparations to effectively defend the sovereignty, security and development interests of the state.

Russia

FM: Ukraine will hit the EU from behind

Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, said on a Sputnik radio programme on July 29 that Ukraine will undoubtedly hit the European Union from behind sooner or later.

Commenting on the report that the Italian Mafia is trying to purchase drone ammunition which appeared in the black market during the Ukrainian dispute, she said that the EU will someday become unable to control the monster (Kiev authorities) it created.

The monster created by the West has already acted recklessly, and if it is given money, it will serve even the interests of any criminal groups as well as the Italian Mafia, she added.

WHO

Serious concern expressed over Ebola spread

The World Health Organization on August 1 announced that the present Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has expanded to the largest-ever scale.

The number of victims has increased even among medical workers, with infected cases numbering 151 and deaths 44 so far, which indicates that there are still serious shortcomings in the prevention and control of infection at medical facilities, it stressed.

Evaluating the risk in the country as “very high”, the WHO called for intensifying monitoring, test, clinical treatment, infection control, community engagement and materials supply to prevent the spread.

Japan

Authorities sued over fighter noise damage

About 370 inhabitants in Miyazaki Prefecture of Japan recently brought a legal action to a local court as regards the fact that damage from noise has got more serious since F-35B stealth fighters were deployed in Nyutabaru Base of the Air “Self-Defense Force” in the prefecture.

They expressed their anger, saying that noisy fighter drills have been staged since eight F-35B stealth fighters were deployed in the base last year, causing serious damage to their health.

They demanded the authorities ban night flight of the fighters and make reparations for the damage from noise.



Sangphal Pools in Mt Kumgang



Kim Phyong Gyong

By Kim Hak Chol PT

“I won a gold medal on my international debut.

After getting off the train with the medal on my neck, I flung myself into the arms of my parents. Then the head of my team and many colleagues surrounded me and hugged me.”

This is a passage from the diary titled “My trampoline” written by Kim Phyong Gyong, a newcomer of the Hwallyok Sports Team of the Ministry of Machine-building Industry. She took the first place in the A1 girl individual at the 7th Senior and Junior Trampoline Asian Championships and the 2nd Asian Trampoline Age Group Competition last May.

Winning first place on international debut

Born into a farmer’s family in Tongnim County, North Phyongan Province, Phyong Gyong used to carefully watch the games of artistic and trampoline gymnasts on TV in her childhood.

The playground of her primary school with sports facilities and a park with a trampoline were the best places for her to play.

A few years after she entered the primary school, a girl coach came from Pyongyang to the school to select trampoline gymnasts and Phyong Gyong was given a tryout.

“When I first met her, her eyes filled with confidence captured my fancy. I let her perform several simple movements and found out she had good flexibility and balancing ability. Moreover, I was satisfied with her class teacher’s evaluation that she had good moral qualities and excellent

academic performance,” said Ryu Mi Gyong, trampoline gymnastics coach of the Hwallyok Sports Team.

Phyong Gyong came to the team with Ryu to start her playing career.

The coach, who had cut a conspicuous figure during her playing career, paid the greatest attention to giving the girl proper basic training.

“In trampoline gymnastics, it is most important for a player to touch the net with two feet correctly at the same time. Only then can the player correctly jump and maintain balance and successfully perform skilful actions in succession,” said Ryu.

Days and months passed with training. One year after starting her career, Phyong Gyong won high appreciation in a national game and, the following year, she came to participate in an international game.

Though it was her international debut, she was bold enough to achieve great

success from the preliminary matches. She took the lead in the preliminaries by successfully performing ten kinds of movements while fulfilling the four special demands. In the final match, too, she perfectly performed elaborate technical movements to defeat her rivals by an overwhelming margin and win a gold medal.

Phyong Gyong wrote in her diary what she felt as she won the game:

“I felt like I was dreaming. When I stood on the winner’s rostrum, many unforgettable faces came into my mind, including my parents who gave birth to me and raised me, my teachers who taught me our language, my coach who implanted a beautiful dream in my heart and encouraged me to give full play to my talent and obliging colleagues of my team. All of those people firmly joined hands with each other to form my ‘trampoline’, on which I jumped up to the sky to win a gold medal.”

Natural monument—Samgori Zelkova

By Ri Sung Ik PT

There is Samgori Zelkova, a natural monument, in Kaesong City, which is famous for the historical relics from the period of Koryo Kingdom (918-1392) as well as Kaesong Koryo insam.

The tree was planted around 1590. Although it is over 400 years old, it is still in good condition.

It is 17.5 metres tall, 7.5 metres round at the root neck, 6.7 metres wide at the

chest height and 26 metres wide at the crown.

Three branches grow out from the main trunk at the height of two metres, and they spread lots of small branches to form a wide crown in the shape of an umbrella.

As a natural monument which is of academic significance and adds beauty to the surrounding scenery, the tree serves as a good resting place for tourists visiting Pagon Falls, a scenic spot famous since ancient times, and passersby.

