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Visit to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun

On the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun at 00:00 on October 10 and paid high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

He was accompanied by senior officials of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun is the sacred place of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il, eternal leaders of the glorious WPK that organizes and guides all victories of the Korean people and the great incarnation of the powerful Paektusan nation, lie in state. It was pervaded with solemn atmosphere.

Kim Jong Un entered the hall where the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il stand.

The statues were flanked by flags of the Party and the DPRK and the guards of honour of the ground, naval, and air and anti-aircraft forces of the Korean People's Army and the Worker-

Peasant Red Guards.

The head of the guards of honour made a salute towards the

Floral baskets in the name of Kim Jong Un and in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK were placed before the statues

Ribbons hanging from the floral baskets bore the words "The great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il Will Always Be with Us."

Kim Jong Un, together with other visitors, paid high tribute to the statues.

He entered the hall of immortality where Kim Il Sung lies in state and, together with the entourage, paid homage to Kim Il Sung in the humblest reverence.

He then entered the hall of immortality where Kim Jong II lies in state and, along with the accompanying officials, made a deep bow to Kim Jong II in the humblest reverence.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon

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Military Parade and Public Procession Highlight the WPK's 70th Anniversary

With festive atmosphere pervading the whole country, a military parade and civilian procession took place at Kim II Sung Square in Pyongyang on October 10 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Amid the playing of welcome music, Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the WPK, First Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, appeared at the platform of the square

The crowds broke into enthusiastic cheers, shouting "Kim Jong Un," "Death-defying defence" and "National reunification," myriads of colourful balloons were released and gun salutes fired.

Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the WPK founding.

In his speech he pointed out that the history of the WPK is just the path travelled by the great people, its might is their might, its greatness is their greatness, and its victory is the victory achieved by them. He also stressed that the genuine feature of the WPK will be expressed in the appearance of the country that is transformed under its leadership and in the looks of the people who always smile happily.

Noting that the people are the most precious as they constitute the foundation of the country, and nothing is more sacred than their interests, he said the WPK will cherish the people's sincere loyalty to it as the greatest asset of the revolution and bring earlier everything splendid of the future by shouldering all the burdens and clearing a thorny path for the sake of its brave, resourceful and beautiful people.

Kim Jong Un appealed to all the Party members to make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the great people.

After his speech was over, all the participants in the military parade and civilian procession and other crowds shouted their cheers.

When the flags bearing the portraits of beaming Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il entering the square escorted by service personnel, all those at the square paid the highest respect to them.

Then the military parade started.

The columns representing the periods of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the building of the regular armed forces after Korea's liberation and the Fatherland Liberation War, marched in fine array, followed by the columns of the units which have so far rendered distinguished services for the good of the Party, leader, country and people since the post-war period, of military academies at all levels, of units of all the arms and services, and those of revolutionary schools, the ranks of successors to the Songun revolution.

Kim Jong Un returned salute to the paraders.

The column of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade that demonstrated the spirit of the youth power proceeded in the van of the columns of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, the Young Red Guards, and the Korean Children's Union

The columns of mechanized units, advanced military hardware and ultraprecision means of strike of the Korean style rolled through the square, followed by the columns of the munitions industry sector.

Aircraft flew past above the square in formations representing the emblem of the WPK and the number 70, jetting out tricolour smoke and marking the end of the military parade, as the columns of military bands passed by forming the word "Victory."

Then the procession of Pyongyang citizens began.

Processions of cheering people from all walks of life flowed through the square, along with floats and slogans.

They were full of pride as they celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Party founding with great victory.

After the civilian parade was over, another round of tumultuous cheers rocked heaven and earth.

Kim Jong Un walked along the balcony to wave back to the cheering crowds

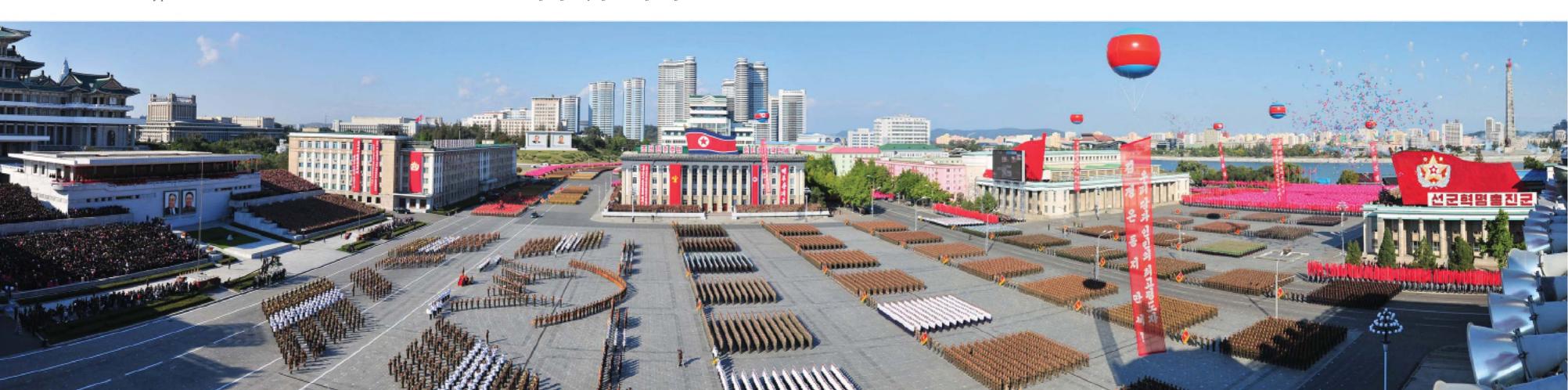
That day Pyongyang citizens gave hearty welcome to the participants in the military parade passing through the streets.

Article: Kim Jong Thae

Photo: Ri Kwang Song, Ri Myong Guk, Hong Kwang Nam, Kim Yun Sok



Supreme leader Kim Jong Un addresses the military and civilian parade held in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the WPK in October Juche 104 (2015)





The flags bearing the portraits of beaming Kim II Sung and Kim Jong II enter the square escorted by service personnel of the KPA



Kim Jong Un acknowledges the cheering participants in the military parade in October Juche 104 (2015)



The flags of the DPRK and the WPK are hoisted





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Columns of the KPA service personnel march past in fine array, fully displaying the validity and vitality of the WPK's self-defensive military line and the might of the civil defence forces





























Columns of the KPA mechanized units demonstrate the might of the country's self-reliant defence industry









Columns of the public procession display their iron will to hasten final victory under the leadership of Kim Jong Un







The participants in the procession represent dignified looks of the Korean people who are following the road of independence, the road of Songun and the road of socialism under the banner of the WPK













Pyongyang citizens give hearty welcome to military paraders on the streets







Supreme leader Kim Jong Un sees the young vanguard's torchlight procession held in celebration of the WPK's 70th anniversary in October Juche 104 (2015)

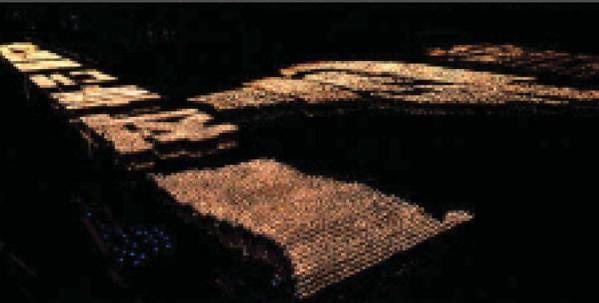
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Grand Celebrations of the Party Anniversary

Torchlight Procession of Young Vanguard, "Young People, Forward Following the Great Party!"











Atorchlight procession of young vanguard in celebration of the 70th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, "Young People, Forward Following the Great Party!" was held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on the evening of October 10.

The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un saw the procession.

With the declaration of the beginning of the torchlight procession, the *Song of Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League* resounded in the square and the open limousines which carried the flags bearing the beaming images of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il entered the square. The august names of the

peerlessly great men, words such as "Founder," "General Secretary" and "70" and the emblem of the WPK were formed on the square.

Columns of students of revolutionary schools and universities and young working people marched in fine array with a determination to add eternal glory to the proud history and traditions of the WPK, their footsteps rocking the whole plaza and their cheers displaying the might of a youth power.

The participants in the procession continued to display the patterns of the Party flag and the star of the marshal, and form the letters of "Leader," "Glory" and other words. They thus extended the highest glory and warm thanks to the

respected Kim Jong Un who has ushered in a fresh heyday of the Korean youth movement this year in the course of adding eternal brilliance to the idea of the great leaders on attaching importance to young people and exploits they performed in its implementation.

Kim Jong Un waved back to the young people.

Young people formed large letters, "Forward Following the Party!" and "Five Million," and sang in chorus We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Very Lives.

There was a dazzling firework display just like an outburst of the invincibility of the youth power led by Kim Jong Un, which achieves one

victory after another.

The torchlight procession of the young vanguard was a clear manifestation of an invincible faith and will of the Korean young people who are determined to creditably discharge their mission and role befitting the reliable reserve force, advance group and wing of the Party, in the historic advance for carrying forward the cause of the Juche revolution in faithful support of the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho Photo: Ra Phyong Ryol, Ri Hak Myong, Ri Myong Guk



Musical Extravaganza "Great Party and Shining Korea" Staged on the Taedong River

There was a 10 000-strong performance "Great Party and Shining Korea" in Pyongyang as part of celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A large floating stage fixed in the middle of the Taedong River in Pyongyang against the background of the Tower of the Juche Idea was festooned with the WPK flags, big numbers reading "70," luxurious and distinctive lights and a large agrees.

And the river bank in front of Kim Il Sung Square was covered with tens of thousands of people who came to see the performance.

Involved in the two-part musical extravaganza were 10 000 creative staff,

performing artists of art troupes and teachers and students of art education institutions including well-known former and active stars of the Mansudae Art Troupe, Pochonbo Electronic Ensemble and Wangjaesan Art Troupe which made contributions to the efflorescence and development of the Juchebased art along with the sacred 70-year history of the Party.

The performance that started with the grand chorus, *The Patriotic Song*, represented with impressive artistic masterpieces the glorious career of the WPK which was born at the outset of the Korean revolution pioneered by dint of comradeship, invariably held up the banner of independence, Songun and socialism and led the times and revolution, the country and the people

straightforward to victory.

The performers fully showed the greatness of the WPK which has achieved great victory in the Songun revolution and brought about epochal changes and eye-opening prosperity with fascinating music world filled with rich emotion, fervent passion and infinite optimism.

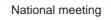
The extravaganza that portrayed the brilliant history of the WPK, great party of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, with graceful and sublime musical epic, crowned the delight of the Korean people who were opening up a great heyday of civilization and prosperity of the powerful Paektusan nation holding Kim Jong Un at the helm of the Party, state and army.

The grand performance, which presented an endless wave of dance and sea of songs over the night, ended with epilogue *Glory to Our Great Party* and *We*

The performance won the great admiration of the audience for its high ideological and artistic quality as it fully reflected that the sacred revolutionary cause of the WPK will emerge ever-victorious.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho Photo: Ri Kwang Song, An Chol Ryong





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Colourful Events

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Grand Celebrations of the Party Anniversary

Joint performance by the State Merited Chorus and the Moranbong Band



Performance by the Chongbong Band

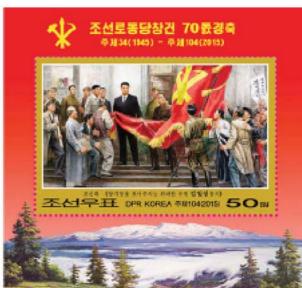


Performance by the Academy Ensemble of the Interior Unit of the Russian Ministry of Interior



Kimilsungia-Kimjongilia exhibition







Commemorative stamps issued



Commemorative gold coin "70th Founding Anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea"



Commemorative silver coin "70th Founding Anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea"



Dancing party of young people







Kim Jong Un cuts the tape to inaugurate the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station in October Juche 104 (2015)



A Present Made by Young People for the WPK

Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station was inaugurated in early October, adding brilliance to the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea and demonstrating the might of the WPK's policy of attaching importance to young people. It is a proud structure in Songun Korea and a symbol of youth power.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by officials of the WPK and the Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League, officers and members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, soldier-builders of the Korean People's Army, other construction workers, and the officials of the armed forces and public organs that contributed to the construction project.

Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, attended the event and delivered a historic speech.

Saying that the construction of the gigantic power station that demonstrates the indomitable

mettle of the young people in the Songun era is a great event that adds brilliance to the 70th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Party and promises a bright future of our dignified state, he continued as follows:

The Party Central Committee highly appreciates our trustworthy young people, who have proved through their painstaking efforts and self-sacrificing struggle that our Party's determination immediately means a reality and materialization, and demonstrated to the whole world the might of the young vanguard in the Songun era.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity, I extend to all the builders including the members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade and the service personnel of the People's Army, who have performed great feats of labour in the building of the power station, warm thanks and militant greetings in the name of the Workers' Party of Korea and together with the blessing of General Kim Jong II who valued young people and gave prominence to them.





Kim Jong Un sees a grand army-people youth chorus Following the Marshal to the End of the Earth, held in celebration of the inauguration of the power station in October Juche 104 (2015)

Noting that to review the course of building the power station, the Party was most pleased about the fact that the young people had armed themselves with one ideology and achieved more solid unity as intended by the great General, rather than the construction of the dams and the possibility of

easing the strain on electric power in the Mt Paektu area, he called upon them to dash forward towards a bright future, the Party Central Committee believing in young people and they believing in it on the worthwhile onward march to achieve the prosperity of the country, the motherland,

a precious inheritance of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il associated with their lifelong struggle.

All the participants in the event, brimming over with great excitement, made the pledge of adding glory to the proud history and traditions of the Juche-oriented youth movement through decades and generations under the leadership of the great Party and demonstrating to the whole world the indomitable fighting spirit and heroic mettle of the Korean youth.

Kim Jong Un cut the tape to inaugurate the power station and had a photograph taken with the youth shock brigade members, builders and service personnel who took part in the project.

He also saw a grand army-people youth chorus *Following the Marshal to the End of the Earth*, which was performed in front of the dam of power station No. 1, bearing the image of a torch and letters "Heroic Youth."

The performance stressed the idea that as there is a legion of young people who have grown up in the embrace of the motherly Party that highly treasures them and spares nothing for them and

who have been tempered in the crucible of the Songun-based revolution the Korean revolution is ever-victorious.

After the performance was over, dazzling fireworks display decorated the night sky over the Paektu area, celebrating the great victory the heroic young Koreans achieved on the occasion of the October holiday.

Article: Jong Ki Sang



Newly-instituted Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station Commemorative Medal







Kim Jong Un looks round the completed Mirae Scientists Street in October Juche 104 (2015)

Mirae Scientists Street, a Monumental Structure in the Songun Era

Mirae Scientists Street was newly built on the bank of the picturesque Taedong River in Pyongyang, as a monumental structure of Jucheoriented architecture of the DPRK.

The street is a benevolent gift the Workers' Party of Korea presented to educationists and scientists on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.

It owes much to energetic leadership and solicitude of supreme leader Kim Jong Un who considers people's well-being to be absolute and the highest priority and puts forward educationists and scientists as genuine patriots and revolutionaries

The supreme leader advanced the plan of building a modern street for educationists and scientists, personally designated the site on the spot, clarified tasks and ways by stage and sent powerful construction forces.

True to his noble intention, the service personnel of the Korean People's Army and other builders worked day and night to finish the first-stage project before the Day of the Sun in April and the second-stage project in October on the occasion of the Party anniversary.

In October Kim Jong Un looked round the Mirae Scientists Street that was built as befits a street of a civilized socialist nation, and said that it was so fantastic and magnificent, describing the street as a showpiece of the Party's idea of attaching importance to science and talents, a masterpiece of architecture that perfectly combines Juche character, national identity, originality and formative and artistic beauty, and a Korean-style icon of Pyongyang that came into being in the golden age of civilization.

Noting that high-rise buildings and structures in the street are the crystallization of the policy of prioritizing, respecting and loving the people pursued by the Party that believes them as in heaven, he said full of emotion

that the street will show anybody who wants to know how the Party gives highest priority to the development of science and technology among all state affairs and see how the DPRK is building by dint of science a people's paradise, a thriving country, the only one in the world.

He continued to say that the opening of the new street when the 70th anniversary of the glorious WPK was celebrated as the most auspicious revolutionary holiday was a grand manifestation of the justness of the Party's idea on architectural aesthetics and potentialities of the country's self-supporting national economy, as well as an event of displaying once again the might of single-hearted unity of Songun Korea that turns out as one in response to the call of the Party.

Built in the short time of one year, which is quite inconceivable judging from the existing method of construction, the street is excellent in architectural aesthetic beauty and convenience.

There are thousands of flats and over 150 public service facilities. High-rise buildings and apartment blocks built in unique style nestle in harmony along the Taedong riverside.

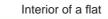
The 53-storey apartment building, on top of which stands a landmark tower symbolic of the street, is modelled after electronic orbit.

Mirae Scientists Street, fairyland in the era of the Workers' Party, is a convincing display of the WPK's idea of prioritizing science and talents and the might of socialist Korea, and instils great pride and honour into the Korean army and people.

Article: Kim Hyon























Commercial, catering and other cultural and public service facilities for the convenience of the end-users



Kim Jong Un visits Paekhak-dong in the Sonbong area of Rason in October Juche 104 (2015)

Rason Undergoes Tremendous Change

Amiracle of turning misfortune into a blessing was worked out in October in Rason in the northern part of Korea.

Some areas of Rason, including Sonbong area, were hit by flood caused by heavy rain in August. Many dwelling houses and public buildings, and a dozen bridges were destroyed, railway transport, communications and electricity supply suspended temporarily, a considerable area of farmland inundated and washed away, and reservoirs demolished.

Supreme leader Kim Jong Un saw to it that the rehabilitation of the flood-damaged city was discussed as the first agenda item at the enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea held on August 27, in which strategic issues related to national defence, top-priority in all state affairs, are discussed. And he issued an order of the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army to make the army take full charge of the work and complete it before the 70th anniversary of founding

He also provided on-site guidance for the rehabilitation of the city in September, saying that he was sleepless worrying about the flood victims who had been left homeless and so he came there to acquaint himself with the rehabilitation work.

Encouraging the KPA service personnel who were displaying the revolutionary soldier spirit and making achievement in rehabilitation project, he called upon them to turn the Sonbong area in Rason into a people's paradise befitting a civilized socialist nation.

Out of determination to translate into reality the supreme leader's affection for people, the service personnel pushed ahead with the rehabilitation day and night, thus building over 1 300 dwelling houses in Paekhak-dong of Sonbong within a month and completely facelifting the Rason area.

Being informed that the rehabilitation of Rason was completed successfully on the eve of the Party founding anniversary, the supreme leader ensured that lots of consumer goods were provided to the residents in the afflicted areas and visited the area again.

Looking round the dwelling houses in Paekhak-dong in Rason, he was very satisfied with the fact that another fairy-like village sprung up in a matter of only 30 days. Noting that it was a miracle of turning misfortune into a blessing which could only be performed by the KPA service personnel endowed with loyalty to the Party and love for the people, he had a photograph taken with tens of thousands of soldier-builders.

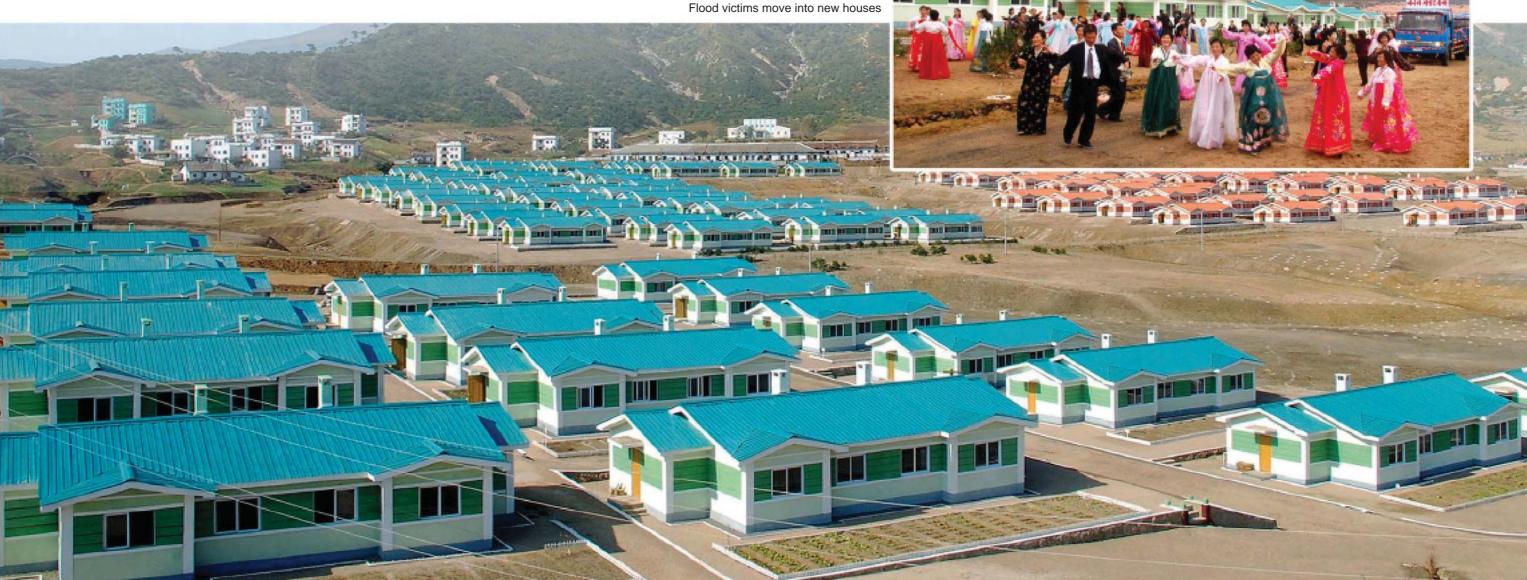
Thanks to noble love for the people cherished by the supreme leader who visited the area again and again so as to provide his people with comfortable living, a new legend of love was made in the Rason area.

The people in the afflicted area, who moved to their new houses on the eve of the Party founding anniversary, expressed their heartfelt thanks to Kim Jong Un and shouted "Long live the Workers' Party!" and "Long live socialism!"

Article: Kim Chung Bok



Many dwelling houses and public buildings in some areas of Rason were collapsed by the unusually heavy rain in August





Kim Jong Un Meets CPC Delegation

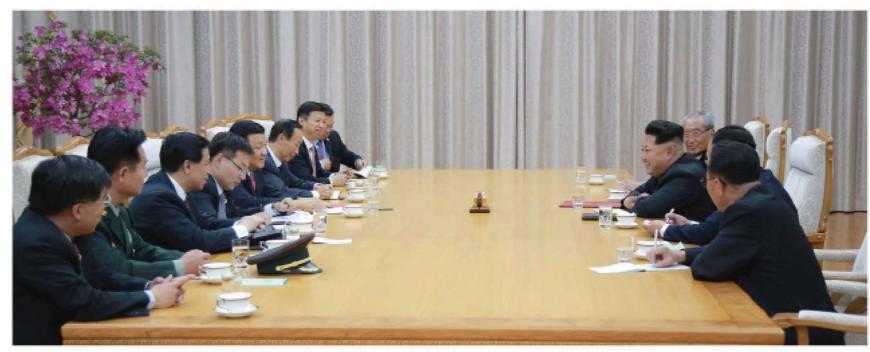
In High Praise of Undying Exploits







The diploma and medal of "The Star of Soekarno" conferred on the supreme leader Kim Jong Un of the DPRK



Kim Jong Un has cordial talks with the members of the delegation of the Communist Party of China in October Juche 104 (2015)

On October 9 Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, met the delegation of the Communist Party of China headed by Liu Yunshan, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau and member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, which was on an official, goodwill visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un had a cordial talk with Liu Yunshan and other members of the Chinese delegation.

Liu Yunshan conveyed to Kim Jong Un warm greetings and the letter from Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and President of the People's Republic of China.

Noting that his delegation came to the DPRK with a mission to defend and add brilliance to the blood-sealed militant friendship of the parties, governments and peoples of China and the DPRK generation after generation and develop bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation in political, economic, military, cultural and all other fields in every way onto a new, higher stage, Liu pointed out that it is the steadfast policy of the Chinese party and government to invariably consolidate and develop the strategic Sino-DPRK friendship with glorious traditions.

He sincerely wished the Korean people would incessantly accomplish fresh and greater successes in their effort to implement the cause of building a thriving socialist country under the leadership of the WPK headed by Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un warmly welcomed the delegation's visit and extended warm greetings to the central leadership body of the CPC with Xi Jinping as its general secretary and the Chinese people, noting that the dispatch of the CPC delegation led by Liu Yunshan to the celebrations of the 70th founding anniversary of the WPK by the CPC Central Committee and its General Secretary Xi Jinping serves as a great inspiration to the WPK as well as the Korean army and people who are waging a dynamic struggle to build a thriving socialist nation,.

Tradition should not be confined itself to recording in books or textbooks on history, but be inherited and glorified in practice, he said, adding that it is the will of the WPK and the Korean people to further consolidate and develop the traditional DPRK-Sino friendship down through generations.

He exchanged with the guests the views on the issue of boosting bilateral relations and other matters of mutual concern.

The talk proceeded in a friendly and amicable atmosphere.

Liu presented a gift to Kim Jong Un.

The DPRK leader expressed his thanks for that and posed for a photograph with all the members of the Chinese delegation.

Article: Kim Son Gyong

Supreme leader Kim Jong Un of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was honoured with "The Star of Soekarno" by the Soekarno Foundation for Education of Indonesia.

The Indonesian foundation proclaimed in September that on the occasion of its 34th founding anniversary it awarded "The Star of Soekarno" to supreme leader Kim Jong Un of the Korean people in recognition of his great contribution to freedom, justice, humanitarianism, democracy and peace.

Rachmawati Soekarnoputri, chairperson of the Founding Committee of the Soekarno Foundation for Education of Indonesia, said that it was the great honour for the foundation to award the DPRK supreme leader the prize, noting that he performed great exploits in the efforts to ensure peace on the Korean peninsula and realize Korea's reunification as well as bring prosperity and happiness to the Korean people by brilliantly carrying forward the intentions of his predecessors.

A ceremony of conveying the Indonesian prize was held in Mansudae Assembly Hall on October 8.

Secretary-general of the Indonesian society for friendly and cultural exchanges with the DPRK who was visiting the DPRK to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the WPK conveyed the prize to Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

Article: Kim Hyon Chol Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



The conveying ceremony is held



Chairman Kim Jong II visits an ex-soldier's family at the general farm in Taehongdan County in March Juche 89 (2000)

Eternal Father of the Korean People

December has become the month of great yearning the Korean people have for the peerlessly great man of the nation since Kim Jong II, eternal leader of the nation, had passed away unexpectedly on December 17, Juche 100 (2011).

Kim Jong II who cherished a noble view on people made painstaking efforts for his people throughout his life.

Saying that he should do more for his people who are the best in the world, but was impatient as time passed, Kim Jong II visited everywhere in the country, whether it be out-of-the-way or unpopulated, to meet his people, including ordinary workers and farmers

In July Juche 90 (2001) Kim Jong II dropped in at a farmer's house while providing field guidance at a fish farm in Poman-ri, Sohung County, North Hwanghae Province.

Like a father who paid a visit to his children's newly established home, he got familiar with their living conditions and even told them to do kitchen garden farming well, growing fruit trees and kidney beans in the environs of houses. Then he warmly told them to write him when the electrification was realized and all the housekeeping, including cooking and heating, done with electricity.

In January Juche 98 (2009) he visited the house of a worker at Wonsan Youth Power Station.

He looked at the wedding photograph of the couple, discharged soldiers of the Korean People's Army, and balls of soybean malt hanging on the wall and said he would taste the bean paste made of the malt. In the kitchen, he even counted the number of bowls in the cupboard and said to the worker's wife, who was expecting a child a few months later, that the kitchen bowls

would not be enough for her family. Afterward, he had a new TV and a complete set of enamelware sent to the family.

Finding his happiness and delight in those enjoyed by his people, Kim Jong II continuously visited them throughout his life and left many anecdotes of touching affection.

When he visited Taehongdan County on the northern tip of the country he complied with the wife of an ex-soldier to name a baby to be born; while visiting a family at Kilju County in North Hamgyong Province, he asked the child about future ambition and told the parents to bring up the children finely.

For his solicitude, all the Korean people called him their dear father and entrusted him entirely with their destiny.

Though time passes, the benevolent image of Kim Jong II will remain for ever in the hearts of the Korean people as well as his revolutionary career.

Article: Choe Il Ho



Kim Jong II calls on a farmer at the Wangjaesan Cooperative Farm in March Juche 64 (1975)



Kim Jong II visits a farmer at the Poman Cooperative Farm in Sohung County in July Juche 90 (2001)



Kim Jong II at the house of newly-wed discharged soldiers who moved into a new house in January Juche 98 (2009)



Kim Jong II at a newly-built dwelling house in October Juche 99 (2010)



Chairman Kim Jong II among pilots in December Juche 100 (2011)

Supreme Commander and Women Pilots

The news about the first women pilots of supersonic jet spread throughout the DPRK in June, producing euphoria among the people.

The birth of girl pilots like flowers in full bloom over the sky of Songun Korea is writing a new page in the army building history of the country, which is associated with undying exploits brilliant Songun commanders performed in developing the Korean People's Army into invincible armed forces that reliably safeguard the socialist motherland and its people.

Kim Jong Il, eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, who ensured that all the service personnel were prepared into match-for-a-hundred combatants, paid deep attention to training women pilots.

He encouraged girl pilots with trust and affection, highly appreciating that the Korean women are strenuous enough to pilot the plane as well as men. He had the first women's flight group formed in February Juche 82 (1993). During his Songunbased revolutionary leadership he inspected the group to see their drills and take care of their living conditions.

One December day he visited a unit of the then air force and met a girl who became the pilot following her parents. Expressing satisfaction with her, he spoke highly of her deed that it was a manifestation of ardent love for the motherland.

Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un of the KPA, true to the noble intention of the Chairman, put forward a plan of training women pilots and energetically led its implementation.

In November last year he personally guided the solo training of taking off and landing executed by Jo Kum Hyang and Rim Sol, women interceptor pilots. After their flight training was over, he met them to congratulate on their successful training. Saying that he had given the task of training women interceptor pilots a few months previously, he was very delighted to see the fine women pilots and praised them for displaying indomitable will and unyielding spirit of the Korean women.

When he saw the flight training of the KPA Air and Antiaircraft Force in January this year, he spoke highly of their high manoeuvring skills again and repeatedly told them to become ace pilots.

In June he went to the airport to see Jo Kum Hyang and Rim Sol flying supersonic jets and demonstrating excellent flying skills. He said that they were such admirable young girls and flowers bloomed in the sky and was greatly satisfied with the



Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un of the KPA meets women pilots of supersonic jet in June Juche 104 (2015)

fact that women supersonic jet pilots were born for the first time in the country's army building history.

Designating the day as the day of birth of women pilots of supersonic jets, he continued to say that the whole country, particularly women, would be glad at the news and that the women pilots were laudable daughters of the country and the people, and indomitable women revolutionaries.

Keeping in their mind the trust and affection of the Supreme Commander who put forward them as filial daughters of heroic Korea and flowers in the sky of Songun Korea, Jo Kum Hyang and Rim Sol are making redoubled efforts to live up to their pledge of defending the leader unto death.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon







The spirit of defending the leader to the death displayed by Kim Jong Suk is being inherited creditably

Image of Eternal Bodyguard

When December 24, birthday of Kim Jong Suk, an anti-Japanese heroine, comes round every year, the service personnel and people in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea visit her statues erected in all parts of the country, carrying flower bouquets.

Standing before the statues in high reverence for her, they reflect the ennobling sense of loyalty cherished by Kim Jong Suk, who became a human fortress and shield to safeguard Kim Il Sung during the bloody anti-Japanese war for Korea's liberation.

Since she took part in anti-Japanese armed struggle in her early years she defended Kim Il Sung whom all the Korean people held up high as



Pistols and an enamelled iron bowl used by Kim Jong Suk in the days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle

the sun of the nation, at the cost of her life. There are countless stories about her exploits, and typical is the battle of

In June Juche 29 (1940) the Japanese imperialists enlisted massive troops in "punitive" operations against the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, its main target being the KPRA Headquarters.

The main unit of the KPRA led by Kim Il Sung was conducting military activities in the area of Antu County, China, when it suddenly encountered the Japanese "new army," one of the most vicious troops.

Immediately analyzing the prevailing circumstances and the features of the terrain, Kim Il Sung ordered the unit to gain the superiority of firepower over the enemy, while all the guerrillas rushing towards a height. Then he commanded the battle from a rock on the ridge of the

Kim Jong Suk kept a close watch

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Sokjon Tailor's where Kim Jong Suk organized the Singalpha chapter of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland and formed a party group

on the surrounding for the safety of Kim Il Sung and then she noticed that some enemy soldiers hiding in a reed field were approaching.

At that hair-raising moment, Kim Jong Suk, shouting "Comrade Commander!" and shielding him with her own body, shot an enemy soldier in the front. Kim Il Sung, turning back, shot another enemy soldier over her shoulder. They both shot all the enemy soldiers in the reed field dead.

In this way Kim Jong Suk ensured the safety of Kim Il Sung with credit.

Though they were only a few steps she took in a moment to protect his safety, they are recorded in history as indelible ones for saving the destiny of the Korean revolution and nation.

She also performed heroic feats ensuring the security of the Headquarters at the battle of Fusong county town by checking the enemy at the col in the eastern hill and many other battles and

Kim Jong Suk was always uncompromising in supporting the revolutionary

ideas of Kim Il Sung and implemented his orders without any deviation.

Noble image of Kim Jong Suk in the days of anti-Japanese war is enshrined in the mind of

the Korean service personnel and people as the great model of a bodyguard who defended the leader unto death.

The Korean army and people celebrate 98th birth anniversary of Kim Jong Suk this year.

Article: Kang Su Jong





The place on Yondu Peak where Kim Jong Suk guided the meeting of chiefs of underground organizations and slogans she wrote on barked trees in Chongbong Bivouac

BACK COVER: Dazzling fireworks light up the sky on a gala day

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