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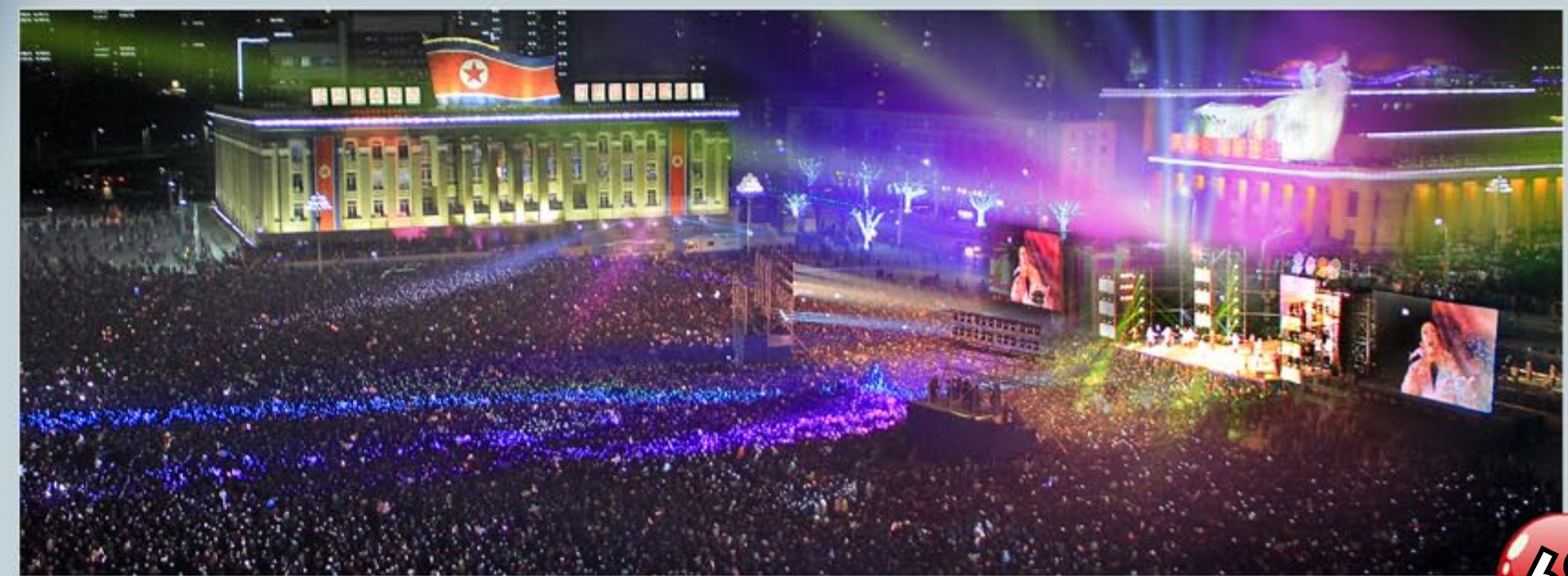
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FRONT COVER: Celebratory performance adding festive atmosphere on New Year's Eve
BACK COVER: Extravagant firework display promising a fresh victory in the New Year

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Fourth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the office building of the Party Central Committee between December 27 and 31, 2021.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, was present at the plenary meeting.

Attending the plenary meeting were members and alternate members of the WPK Central Committee.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee authorized Kim Jong Un to preside over the plenary meeting.

Kim Jong Un referred to the main purpose of the convocation of the plenary meeting, its significance and importance, and made an analysis and appraisal of the Party Central Committee on the Party and state work for 2021, the first year for implementing the decisions of the historic Eighth Congress of the Party.

The Party Central Committee admitted that successes and experiences gained in 2021 should actively be promoted and amplified as they represent precious lessons and devoted efforts and as they require full display of unusual responsibility and strenuous efforts, and that the comprehensive development of socialist construction should be hastened with greater successes and victory by discharging heavy responsibility and generating maximum creativity in discussing the plan for the new year.

The plenary meeting dealt with the following agenda items:

1. On the review of the execution of major Party and state policies for 2021 and the work plan for 2022
2. On the implementation of the state budget for 2021 and the draft state budget for 2022
3. On the immediate tasks for the correct solution of the socialist rural question in our country
4. On modifying some articles of the Party rules
5. On the organizational and ideological life of the members of the Party central leadership organ in the second half of year 2021
6. An organizational matter

The plenary meeting listened to a report made by Kim Tok Hun, 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 DPRK, and discussions made in the sectional workshops over the first agenda item.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion *On the Orientation of the Work of the Party and State in 2022* on the first agenda item.





Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion “On the Orientation of the Work of the Party and State in 2022”

He first analyzed and reviewed the work of the Party and the state in the first year for implementing the decisions made at the Party Congress.

It is the general assessment of the Party Central Committee that 2021, in which all the Korean people waged tense and worthwhile struggle true to the new practical programme of socialist construction set forth at the Party Congress, is a year of great victory that opened up a prelude to the great change toward the comprehensive development of socialist construction despite severe trials.

When assigning and propelling the work for year 2021, the

Party Central Committee paid special attention to ensuring the purposefulness of development, perseverance and scientific accuracy in working out the plan and establishing the trait of unconditionally, thoroughly and correctly implementing it, and awakened officials to exert themselves and took measures for solving pending problems in developing the economy and improving the people’s living standards in time.

Achievements worthy of appraisal and evident stride forward hardening self-confidence were made in the agricultural field to which the Party gives top priority.

Kim Jong Un courteously proposed to the plenary meeting







sending thanks in the name of the Party Central Committee to the exemplary agricultural officials, workers, scientists and technologists who greatly contributed to doing farming well despite the unfavourable conditions.

The plenary meeting fully supported and approved his proposal.

The General Secretary said that great praiseworthy achievements were made in last year's work as all the people turned out as one with the zeal of loyalty to resolutely defend the authority of the Party Congress and dedicated their patriotic sweat to the implementation of the tasks for the first year of the five-year plan, overcoming all the difficulties. He, on behalf of the Party Central Committee, highly praised all the Party members, working people and the service personnel for making indomitable and strenuous efforts to glorify 2021 as a year of proud victory to be specially recorded in the history of socialist construction, and sent warm greetings to them.

Indicating the main orientation of the work of the Party and the state for 2022, the General Secretary clarified the principled issues and the struggle policy for a fresh development of socialist construction.

The main task facing our Party and people in 2022 is to provide a sure guarantee for the implementation of the five-year plan and bring about a remarkable change in the state development and the people's standard of living so as to record a noteworthy page in the history of the country.

The conclusion expounded in detail the major policy tasks that should be carried out by the key industrial sectors.

It advanced an important task for making radical progress in solving the food, clothing and housing problems for the people.

Saying that the supply of school uniforms and things to the students across the country at the state's expense is a consistent policy of the Party and the state, the General Secretary set forth a



task for supplying all the students with quality uniforms and bags of new forms without exception and took an important measure of the Party Central Committee for implementing it.

Mentioned in the conclusion were tasks for the mining industry, forestry, IT industry and other sectors to make positive contributions to the national economic development by practically advancing their work.

The land administration and city management sectors should push ahead with afforestation, river improvement and anti-land-sliding projects the year round, aiming at thoroughly protecting lives and properties of the people and the land of the country. They should push forward under plan the work to ensure security and modernity of roads, protect and improve the ecological environment and create green landscape in streets and villages.

The conclusion referred in detail to the tasks for powerfully propelling the work to adjust and reinforce the material and technical foundations of the national economy.

And it underlined the issues of strengthening the function and

role of the Cabinet as an economic organizer, intensifying the work to improve the planning method and putting the economic activities on a regular and standardized footing.

It set forth important tasks for promoting the overall development of socialist construction by making innovation in the work of the field of culture including science, education and public health.

The conclusion stressed once again that the emergency epidemic prevention work should be made a top priority in the state work and it is the most important work to be powerfully conducted with no allowance given to slight slackness, pores and drawback.

The General Secretary set forth militant tasks facing the national defence sector.

The conclusion set forth principled issues and a series of tactical orientation, all of which should be maintained by the sectors of the north-south relations and external affairs to cope with the rapidly changing international political situation and the circumstances in the surroundings.

It also advanced the tasks for strengthening the Party, the



Kim Jong Un made a historic report “Let Us Open Up a New Great Era of Our-style Socialist Rural Development”



general staff of the revolution, and steadily enhancing its leading role in order to successfully carry out the important tasks for a fresh victory of socialist construction.

Saying that the struggle in 2022 is a great life-and-death, urgent struggle to be vigorously waged successfully for sure for the overall development of socialist construction, our great people and beloved posterity, the General Secretary affirmed that as there are the great people who are possessed of firm faith and strong power to overcome all difficulties by rallying around the Party in one mind and precious experiences with which great successes were made in the spirit of self-reliance despite such harsh situation as last year, our Party and people will achieve a proud victory once again.

Finishing the concluding speech, he ardently called upon the entire Party and all the people to vigorously accelerate the overall development of socialist construction by putting spurs to the spirit of courageous advance, and thus make 2022 a year of great revolutionary event to be significantly recorded in the history of the country and another watershed in the great struggle advancing toward the bright future.

In discussing the second agenda item, the plenary meeting made a final examination of the implementation of the state budget for 2021 and the draft state budget for 2022, which were examined and suggested by a state budget assessment group. And it approved to present it to the Sixth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

The meeting discussed the third agenda item “On the immediate tasks for the correct solution of the socialist rural question in our country”.

Kim Jong Un made a historic report *Let Us Open Up a New Great Era of Our-style Socialist Rural Development*.

The General Secretary clarified the goal of socialist rural construction and the major task at present, calling for putting the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and opening up a new great era of effecting drastic development of our-style socialist countryside by pushing forward the rural development under the uplifted slogan of “For the new victory of socialist rural construction!”

The report suggested the dynamic struggle of sprucing up farm villages across the country as a task to which special emphasis should be put in rural development strategy.

The General Secretary underscored the need to powerfully speed up rural revolution with confidence and optimism, turn all



the farms in the country into socialist paradise wonderful enough to be proud of in the world and realize centuries-old desire and ideal of the people as soon as possible, clarifying detailed tasks and ways for doing so.

Powerfully expediting the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—in the countryside is the most important task arising in settling the socialist rural question.

In the historic report, the General Secretary set it forth as an important task that is urgent in settling the rural problem at present to increase agricultural production of the country in a sustained way.

He clarified the revolutionary policies and measures for

increasing the state investment in agriculture and radically consolidating the material and technological foundation of the rural economy.

Making a detailed analysis of general financial situation of cooperative farms now under difficult conditions, he declared a favoured measure to completely release cooperative farms from the arrears of state loans as part of important measures to let the rural communities stand on their own and consolidate their economic foundations.

He advanced it as a task of utmost importance in socialist rural construction to drastically transform the appearance and environment of farms.

The report also set it forth as an important task to strengthen the Party guidance over the socialist rural construction.

The General Secretary expressed conviction that sure victory is in store for the historic work to certainly put the country's agriculture on the orbit of steady development and bring about great changes of rural communities as long as there are the rightful guidance of the Party, the most correct programme for rural construction and the loyalty and patriotic enthusiasm of Party members and other working people.

The plenary meeting made a final examination of suggestions brought together by the resolution-drafting team and adopted the resolutions “On thoroughly implementing the tasks for the year

2022 of the five-year plan set forth by the Eighth Party Congress” and “On thoroughly implementing the fighting programme for our own-style socialist rural construction” with unanimous approval.

Through the full pre-study of the fourth agenda item by the members of the Party central leadership organ, the meeting acknowledged that the amendments to the Party rules are of practical significance in putting the Party building and its activities on a regular and standardized footing, and unanimously approved the decision on amending relevant clauses of the Party rules.

At the plenary meeting the fifth and sixth agenda items were discussed.

Kim Jong Un Visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun on Occasion of New Year 2022



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on January 1, 2022.

Accompanying him were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and members of the Party central leadership organ.

Placed at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il was a flower basket from General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

Also laid before the statues were baskets of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un together with the visitors paid high tribute to the statues of the great leaders.

At the halls where the great leaders are preserved in their lifetime appearance, the General Secretary made deep New Year's bows to them as a token of his deepest reverence for them, who still provide the people across the country with invincible power and courage by becoming the pillar of their faith.

Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with Meritorious Persons and Labour Innovators



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, had a significant photo session with meritorious workers and labour innovators who performed distinguished feats in the struggle of the first year for implementing the decisions made at the Party Congress.

When he arrived at the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, supreme sanctuary of Juche, the participants enthusiastically cheered the General Secretary who brought about miraculous victory to be specially recorded in the history of socialist construction with his energetic revolutionary leadership all the year round but counted those achievements as the credit of the people and repeatedly bestowed the greatest honour and affections on the ordinary people who had done what they ought to do.

The General Secretary warmly shook hands and gave pep talks to meritorious people and labour innovators who had made valuable achievements in their posts and workplaces with absolute loyalty to the Party and the revolution and with strenuous efforts to contribute to crowning 2021 with success.

Voicing expectation that all the participants would continue to creditably perform core and pioneer roles in the New Year's gigantic struggle to lay a sure guarantee for implementing the five-year plan and to bring about obvious change in the development of the country and people's living standards, he had a photo taken with them.

Decade of Great Revolutionary Leadership Resplendent with Victory and Glory

Opening Up an Avenue for Achieving Prosperity by Dint of Self-reliance

Korea Pictorial Editorial Board introduces the revolutionary exploits the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un performed during the last decade in opening up a new era of self-respect and prosperity, the era of our-state-first principle, even in the worst complicated situations by regarding the self-reliance as a treasured sword for prosperity and bringing about a revolutionary upsurge in all sectors of socialist construction.

Socialist Korea adorned the 2010s with proud victory by providing a new springboard for economic construction and the improvement of the people's living standards.

It is by no means attributable to good conditions, nor is it the fortuitous outcome of the passage of time.

The credit goes entirely to wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who has administered the politics of loving the people and created the history of great transformation by displaying inexhaustible enthusiasm.

Since the early 2010s hostile forces got more frantic in their sanction-and-stifle schemes to stamp out the rights to development and existence of the Korean people who were staunchly safeguarding the cause of socialism.

In the face of manifold trials and difficulties, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un led the Korean people to hold higher the banner of Juche, the banner of self-reliance and self-development, and further consolidate the independence and Juche character of the national economy, thus making a breakthrough in reenergizing the overall economy.

When he visited the Chollima Tile Factory in September 2012, he spoke highly of its officials, technicians and workers who



Kim Jong Un continuing his field guidance trip for the prosperity of the country (October 2015)

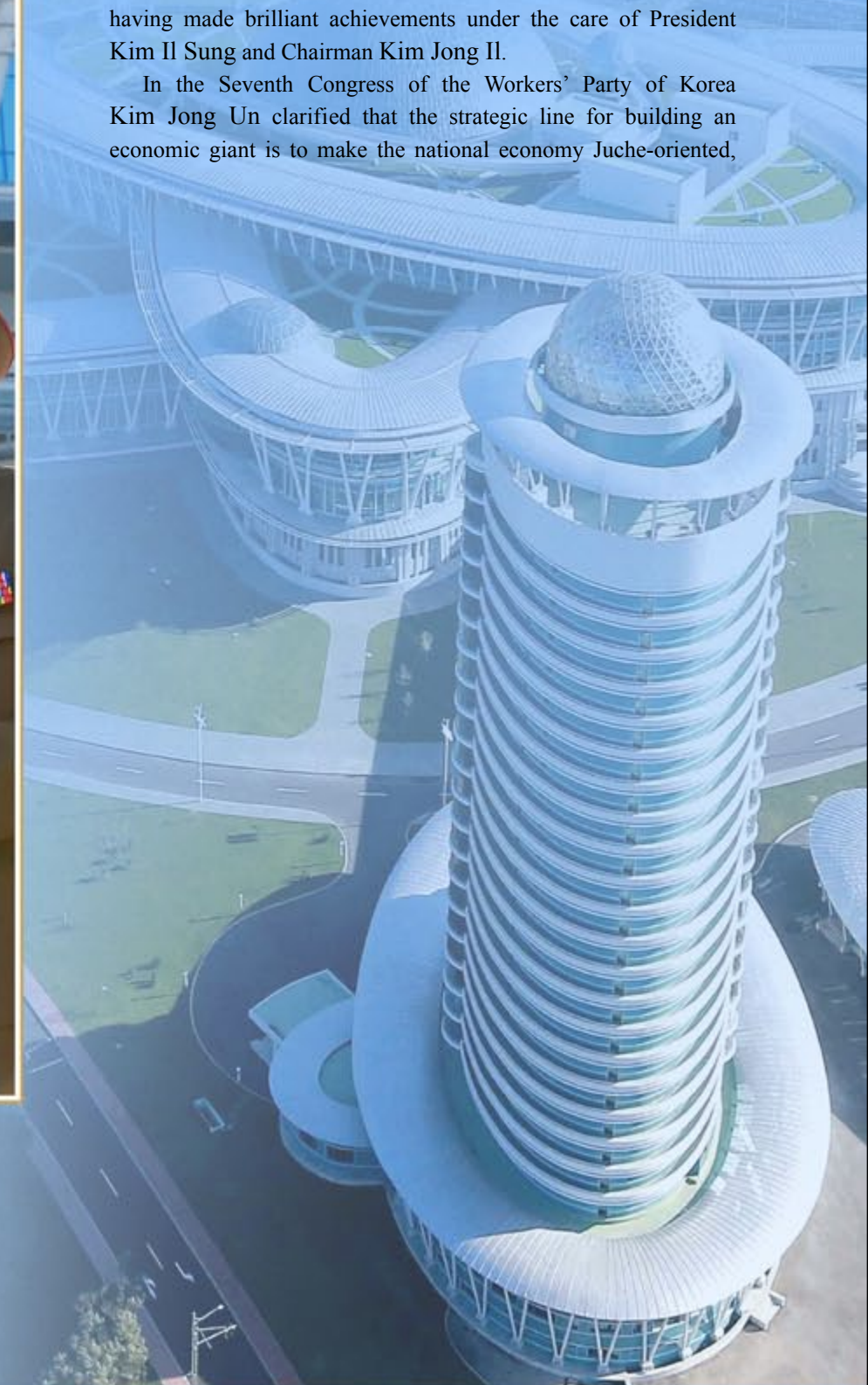


Kim Jong Un at the Sci-Tech Complex (October 2015)

reconstructed facilities and production lines on a modern basis and made an innovation in the production of new products by displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and stressed that all other officials should positively emulate their work style.

Wherever he visited, he appreciated the achievements, however trivial they might be, as a fruit of self-reliance and encouraged people to make redoubled efforts with pride and honour of having made brilliant achievements under the care of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

In the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea Kim Jong Un clarified that the strategic line for building an economic giant is to make the national economy Juche-oriented,





Kim Jong Un at the Wonsan Army-People Power Station (December 2016)



Kim Jong Un at the Kumsong Tractor Factory (November 2017)



Kim Jong Un seeing a new-type trolley bus (August 2018)



modern, IT-based and scientific at a high level by maintaining the spirit of self-reliance and self-development and by relying on science and technology, and to provide the people with affluent and cultured living conditions. He also instructed that the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance which runs through the whole course of the Korean revolution should be regarded as a treasured sword to bring about a revolutionary upsurge in all sectors of socialist construction.

He encouraged the Korean people to cherish trust, pride and self-respect in and attachment to their own things and display the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance. Looking at him very pleased to see the creations of the self-reliance, they became fully convinced that self-reliance is a powerful way of creation to bring all their wishes into full bloom.



Kim Jong Un inspecting the Koam-Tapchon Railway (May 2018)





Kim Jong Un at the Chollima Tile Factory (August 2014)



Kim Jong Un at the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory (January 2015)



Kim Jong Un at the Pyongyang Bag Factory (January 2017)





Kim Jong Un at Farm No. 1116 (September 2016)



To rapidly develop all sectors and build a people's paradise by dint of science and technology is an important method and style of creation applied by him.

Already in the early days of the new century of the Juche era he advanced the famous proposition that single-hearted unity and invincible military might plus the industrial revolution in the new century together make a thriving socialist country and consistently adhered to the development of science and technology as a policy of paramount importance of the Party and the state.

Setting forth the strategic slogan "Let us make a leap forward by dint of science and guarantee the future by dint of education!" at the Third Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the WPK he expressed his noble intention that science and technology should play its role as a major motive power for the development of the socialist economy with credit.

In the New Year address for 2018 he reviewed that the successes achieved by the Korean people in the previous year proved the validity and vitality of

the Party's idea of prioritizing science and technology and stressed that in the new year the scientific research sector should solve on a preferential basis the scientific and technological problems arising in establishing Juche-oriented production lines of our own style, ensuring domestic production of raw and other materials and equipment, and perfecting the structure of the self-supporting economy.

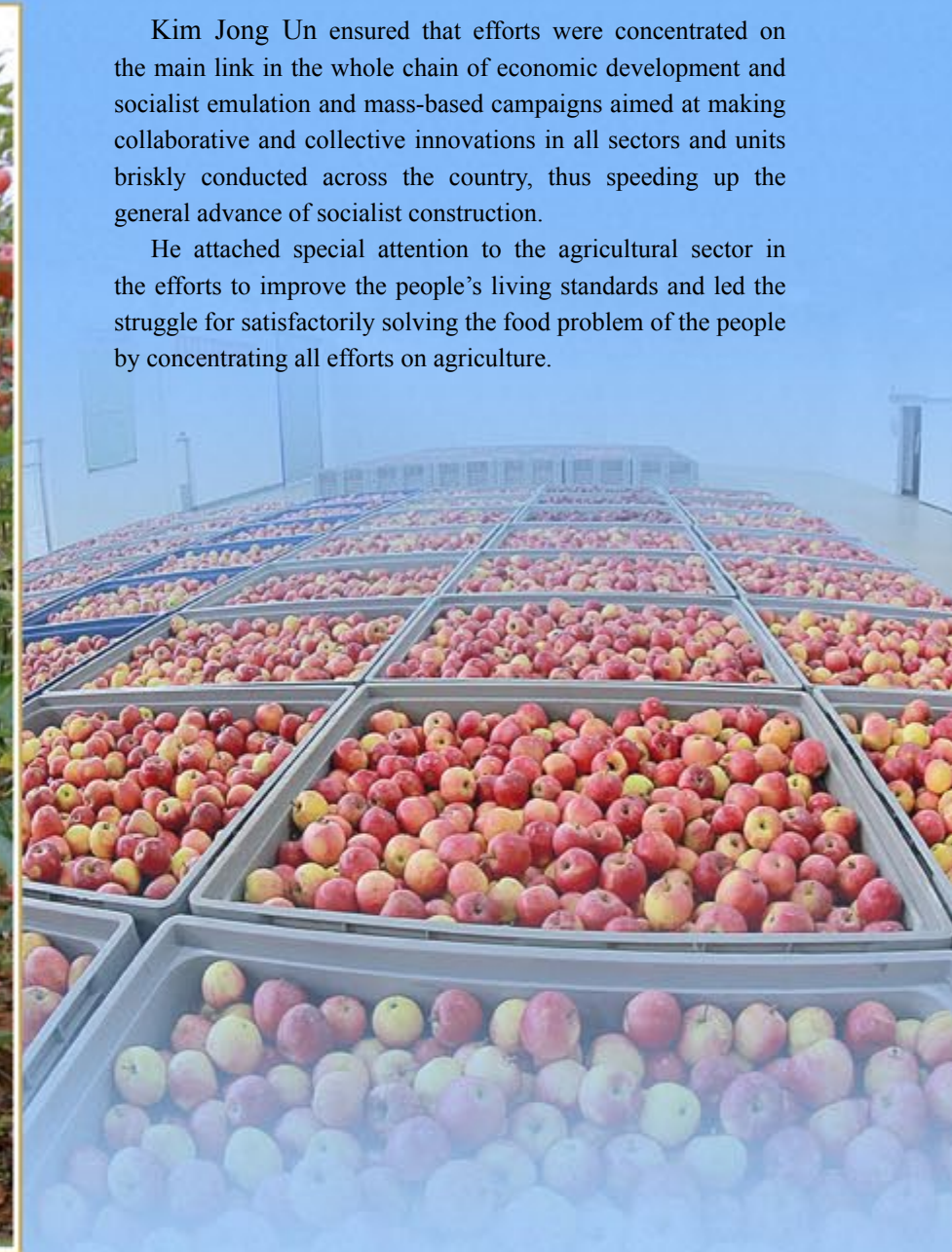


Kim Jong Un at the Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm (October 2019)





Kim Jong Un at the Kosan Combined Fruit Farm (September 2016)



Kim Jong Un ensured that efforts were concentrated on the main link in the whole chain of economic development and socialist emulation and mass-based campaigns aimed at making collaborative and collective innovations in all sectors and units briskly conducted across the country, thus speeding up the general advance of socialist construction.

He attached special attention to the agricultural sector in the efforts to improve the people's living standards and led the struggle for satisfactorily solving the food problem of the people by concentrating all efforts on agriculture.



Under his energetic leadership, the country greeted a great golden age of construction in which numerous monumental edifices epitomizing the socialist civilization mushroomed and its land was turned into the foundation of the people's lives, the people's paradise guaranteeing their lasting happiness.

His unbreakable will, indomitable spirit of offensive and daring performance gave birth to a new era of self-respect and prosperity, an era of our-state-first principle.

He elucidated correct strategies and policies for national economic development and ensured that all the problems arising in economic construction were solved on the principles of self-reliance and of prioritizing science and technology. Thanks to his leadership, plans for improving and perfecting the infrastructure of the national economic sectors, including metal and chemical industries, and putting them on a track of continuous development and the undertakings of readjusting economic work system and discipline are being pushed forward on a long-term basis.

Through his energetic field guidance and wise leadership lots of units were made as models of the present era, and an all-people campaign of creation was waged, in the course of which new spirits of the times such as the spirit of Kangwon Province were created and remarkable achievements beyond imagination from a conventional point of view and common knowledge achieved.

Long-term projects are being accelerated vigorously in the economy, science, culture and other fields, looking ahead for scores of years, and standards and models of modern industry and domestic production have been created amid the gigantic struggle to develop and create everything in Juche style. And the heyday of construction has been ushered in, displaying the mettle of the DPRK that is advancing courageously to catch up with global standards, despite the ever-increasing hostile forces' manoeuvres geared to sanctions and blockade.

Thanks to the patriotic and selfless devotion of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un the history of gold mountain, golden field and gold sea was created and continues, and streets and villages



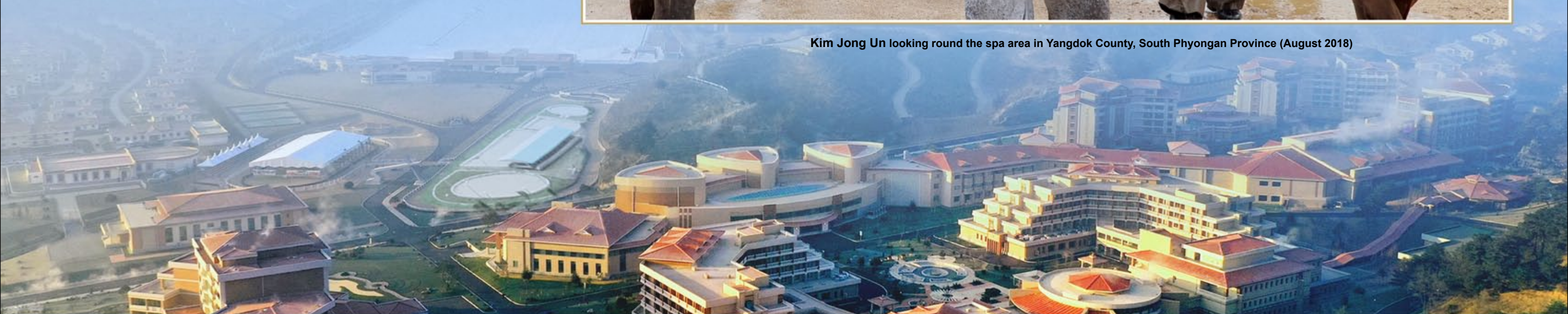
Kim Jong Un at the construction site of the Masikryong Ski Resort (November 2013)



across the country, from the city of Samjiyon at the foot of Mt Paektu to far-flung islands, were turned into a socialist paradise. Modern dwelling houses and dormitories were erected for ordinary people, and they are enjoying the highest civilization at the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort and other bases for cultural and leisure activities.



Kim Jong Un looking round the spa area in Yangdok County, South Phyongan Province (August 2018)





Kim Jong Un giving on-site guidance in Samjiyon County (October 2018)

Indeed, Kim Jong Un has performed exploits unprecedented in history by raising the might of the DPRK to the highest level possible and opening a new avenue for socialist construction.

As they are being led by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the Korean people, who are achieving prosperity by dint of self-reliance and creating a new era of self-respect and prosperity, are full of confidence in and optimistic about their bright future.

Text: Ri Jin Bom



Gifts to Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

Gifts presented to Kim Jong Un by foreigners, including the leaders of party and state, and social organizations, are on display in the International Friendship Exhibition House.



General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the Workers' Party of Korea enjoys boundless respect from the progressive peoples of the world for his brilliant wisdom, iron will and his outstanding leadership ability in ushering in a new era of independence and peace by taking the initiative in the complicated international political situation.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, president of the Council of State and president of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian

Federation, and Nguyen Phu Trong, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, presented precious gifts when they met Kim Jong Un.

The Mongolian president sent gilded goblets portraying those in a stone sculpture housed in the history museum in his country, and the Syrian president sent a sabre which is regarded as a symbol of dignity and might in his country.

Heads of state and government in Venezuela, Mauritania, Nigeria, Algeria and other countries sent him precious gifts in recognition of

his contribution to the defence of peace and security in the Korean peninsula and the rest of the world.

The Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party sent him a gilded work "Culture of Laos," which depicts the symbols of Lao culture such as its national flower, ancient pagoda and traditional musical instrument.

Presenting a bronze work "Elephant," Vishwanath, former director general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, hoped that Kim Jong Un, the wisest and greatest man in the world, would lead the cause of independence of the progressive peoples and also wished

him good health.

The China Association for International Friendly Contact presented a porcelain work "Magnolia and Peony Blossoms" reflecting noble respect for the General Secretary who has opened up a new chapter in the development of the Sino-DPRK friendship relations.

Praise of the progressive peoples of the world for General Secretary Kim Jong Un who is performing undying exploits for the times and history are mounting with each passing day.

Text: Kang Su Jong



Bronze bust of Kim Jong Un

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China
June 20, 2019



Gold medallion commemorating the meeting between Kim Jong Un and Putin, sword and tea service

V. V. Putin, president of the Russian Federation
April 25, 2019



Baseball shirt and silverwork "Car"

Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, president of the Council of State and president of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, and his wife
November 4, 2018



Ceramic tea service

Nguyen Phu Trong, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
March 1, 2019



Ceramic vase and work "Dragon"

Nguyen Xuan Phuc, prime minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
March 1, 2019



Plastic work "Warrior on Horseback" and gilded goblets

Khaltmaagiin Battulga, president of Mongolia
April 18 and June 24, 2019



Craftwork "Sash and Necklace"

Mahmoud Abbas, president of the State of Palestine
May 24, 2019



Book and ballpoint pen

Muhammdu Buhari, president and commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
September 17, 2019



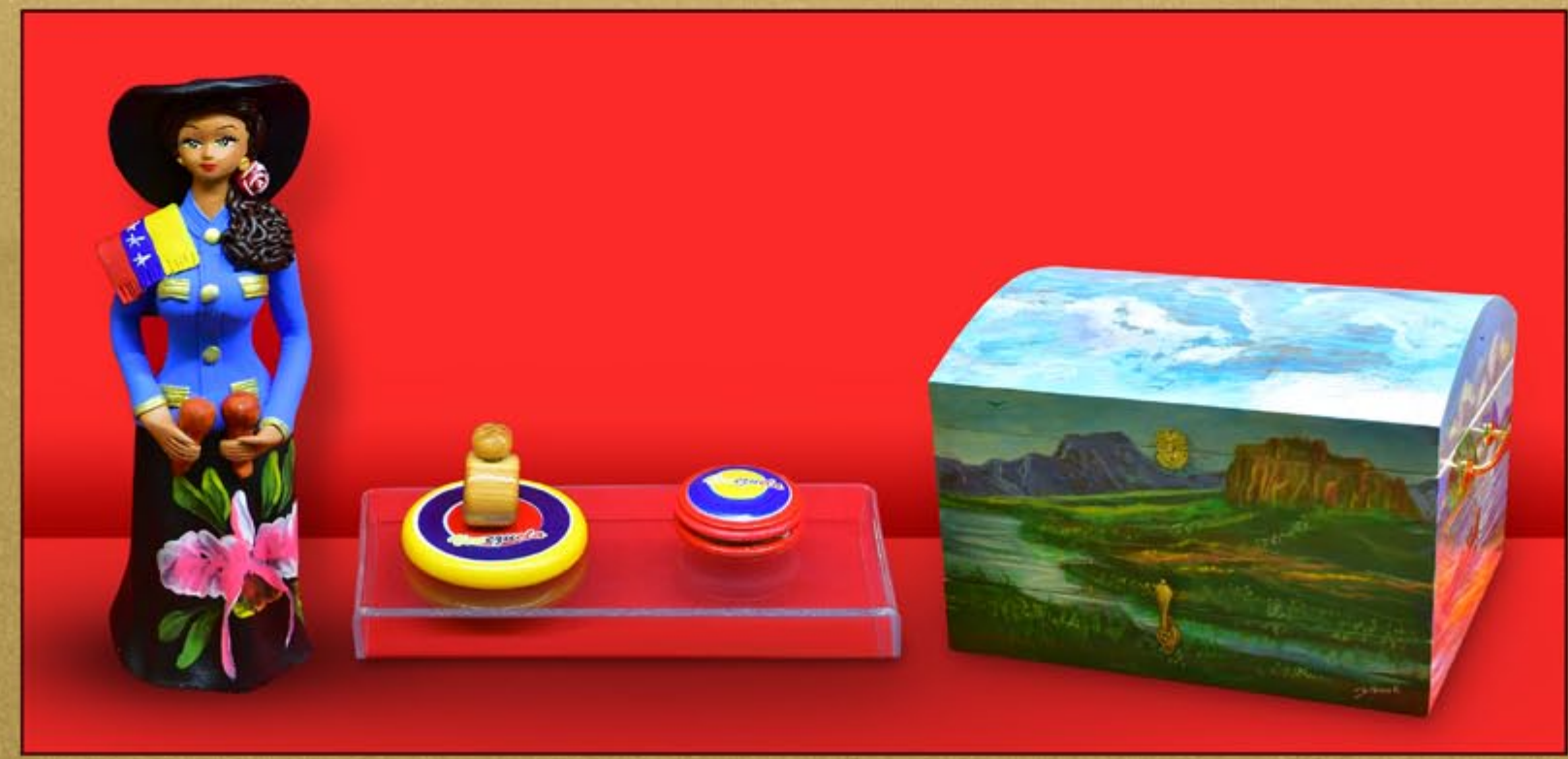
Sabre

Bashar Al-Assad, president of the Syrian Arab Republic
September 7, 2018



Program of the concert of the New York Philharmonic performed in the DPRK on February 26, 2008 and flute score of the orchestral music "Arirang"

Donald J. Trump, president of the United States of America
June 12, 2018



Ceramic work "Woman", wooden casket and folk toys

Nicolas Maduro Moros, president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
November 27, 2018

Rally of Pyongyang Citizens Held to Pledge to Thoroughly Carry Out Decisions of Fourth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK

The entire Korean people turned out in high spirits to accelerate the comprehensive development of socialist construction by thoroughly implementing the great fighting programme.





By courtesy of the Korea Pictorial

Towards Fresh Innovation

At the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, which has established a coke-free iron-making method, is now pushing ahead with the work to produce iron and steel with domestic raw materials and fuel while reinforcing the production lines and machinery.

Officials of the complex are scrupulously arranging economic work to normalize iron and steel production at a high level by giving precedence to the supply of equipment and materials.

The oxygen blast furnace workshop is waging a brisk technological innovation campaign involving all employees to place pig iron production on a new scientific footing.

Its workers are operating furnaces in a more rational

way and keeping them in a good state of maintenance. At the same time, they are actively applying effective methods to shorten the smelting time and increase the molten iron output per charge.

The gas generator workshop and the oxygen separator factory are putting an emphasis on the repair and maintenance of machines and facilities, which results in their normal operation and increased output.

The main stress at the steel producing units is being laid on the management of equipment and technology so as to give maximum play to the existing production capacity. They are also supplementing production lines and facilities to increase steel output in terms of both quantity and quality.





Steel workshop No. 2 is consistently conducting the work to improve the technical qualifications and skills of all workers, thus making them well versed in the new technology and method applied to the operation of the oxygen converter.

The hot-rolling workshop is fulfilling the daily task of rolled steel production by running the heating furnace, rolling machines, coiling machines and others at full capacity.

At present the complex is constructing a new-type oxygen blast furnace aimed at the expansion of production capacity to increase steel production.

Photo: Kim Jin Myong
Text: Pak Pyong Hun



Production Boost in Machine-building Base

- At the Taean Heavy Machine Complex -

Workers of the Taean Heavy Machine Complex, a leading machine-building base of the DPRK, have turned out to implement the decisions made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and responsibly provide the equipment needed for the adjustment and reinforcement plans of several economic sectors and units.

Generating equipment processing workshop No. 1, which takes a significant share in producing ordered equipment, is intensifying cooperation between machines and production lines and making fresh innovations day by day.

At the workshops of governor, middle-sized and large-sized machines workers are positively introducing advanced working methods and strictly observing the standard regulations in operation, thus increasing the processing speed of the products.

In keeping with the rapid production of machine parts, those at the assembly workshop are waging a brisk socialist emulation campaign to speed up the assembling and improve the quality of products, thus fulfilling daily assignments without fail.

Amid the flames of the mass-based technological innovation drive the supply units have recycled many tools.

The complex, based on the last year's success in the technical reconstruction of large-sized machines by enhancing its own scientific and technological abilities, has set a high goal of ensuring high machining accuracy and increasing productivity and is pushing ahead with its implementation.

Photo: Ri Song Ik, Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyong



New Era of Rural Development Is Dawning

New programme of socialist rural construction for accelerating the comprehensive development of socialism

The historic report *Let Us Open Up a New Great Era of Our-style Socialist Rural Development* delivered by General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the WPK at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee is stirring the hearts of all the Korean people.

In the report the General Secretary set forth the goal of rural construction and the major task at present, calling for putting the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and opening up a new great era of effecting drastic development of our-style socialist countryside by pushing forward the rural development under the uplifted slogan of "For the new victory of socialist rural construction!"

When the goal and major task are carried out, the country's agriculture will be put on a track of steady development and great changes of rural communities be brought about.

First of all, the agricultural workers will be firmly prepared into rural revolutionaries upholding the Party's idea of rural construction with loyalty and playing their role as the master responsible for the country's farming with credit.

Only when the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—are waged powerfully in the countryside, can the agricultural workers be prepared politically, ideologically and culturally and also possessed of advanced science and technology and rural development in the new era be accelerates.

Radically consolidating the material and technological foundation of the rural economy will hasten the perfect solution of food problem in the country.

The agriculture of the country will be converted into the advanced one with the science and technology as the major driving force, and according to this, a scientific farming system and method will be

established to ensure stable and sustained growth of agricultural production.

Along with this, the irrigation, mechanization, application of chemicals and electrification of the rural economy will be realized at a higher level so as to do farming safely, whatever drought and flood, and improve the conditions of production and cultural life in the farms. What is more conspicuous is that a new picture of socialist farms covered with domestically-made modern farm machines will be created.

It is the goal of socialist rural construction to drastically transform the appearance and environment of farms and make agricultural workers well-off.

It is the policy on rural construction of the WPK to turn all rural villages in the country into rich and cultured ideal socialist villages at the level similar to those in Samjiyon City in the near future.

To realize this plan and policy is the people-oriented work wished for and welcomed by all the people and political work for effecting new socialist rural civilization, the new world where the local areas change, and for bringing about a change in local areas, the work for the social progress and prosperity and the historic work for achieving the overall development of the DPRK.

The new programme for socialist rural construction, which is of epoch-making significance in accelerating the comprehensive rejuvenation of socialism by kindling the fierce flames of the rural revolution and fulfilling the centuries-old desire of the Korean people at an early date, serves as an immortal banner and milestone in inspiring confidence and courage in the entire people.

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Hypersonic Missile Test-fired

*Accomplishment of the most important core task
out of the **five top priority tasks** for the
strategic weapon sector in the five-year plan*

The Academy of Defence Science of the DPRK test-fired a hypersonic missile on January 5. Consecutive successes in the test launch in the hypersonic missile sector are of strategic significance in that they speed up the implementation of a task for modernizing the national strategic armed force put forward at the Eighth Party Congress and fulfil the most important core task out of the five top priority tasks for the strategic weapon sector in the five-year plan.

The Party Central Committee expressed great satisfaction with the result of the test fire and extended warm congratulations to the relevant defence science research sector.

In the test launch the academy reconfirmed the flight manoeuvrability and stability of the missile in the active-flight stage and assessed the performance of the flank mobility technique newly applied to the detached hypersonic gliding warhead.

Having been detached after launch, the missile made a lateral movement for 120 kilometres from the initial launch azimuth to the target azimuth in the flight distance of the hypersonic gliding warhead and precisely hit a set target 700 kilometres away.

The reliability of the fuel ampoule systems was also verified under the winter weather conditions.

The test launch clearly demonstrated the manoeuvrability and stability of the hypersonic gliding warhead combining the multi-stage pull-up and the strong lateral movement.





National Flag-hoisting Ceremony

Held on January 1, 2022

All the people paid their respects to the national flag being hoisted, reflecting the mettle of the powerful country.

2022

Extravagant Firework Display

Celebrating New Year



Fireworks brightly lit the nocturnal sky of Pyongyang promising a brighter future.



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New Year Performance Given in Splendour at Kim Il Sung Square



The celebratory performance for the New Year 2022 fully demonstrated the firm confidence of the Korean people in the future of socialism which would prosper in the great Kim Jong Un's era and their fervent patriotic enthusiasm to continuously advance and make a leap forward towards fresh victory under the unfurled banner of our-state-first principle.





The square brimmed with the jubilation of the people who believed firmly in fresh victory of socialism.

"Twelve Months of Our Home"

New Year Celebration Performance of Schoolchildren





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Night of Pyongyang on New Year's Day

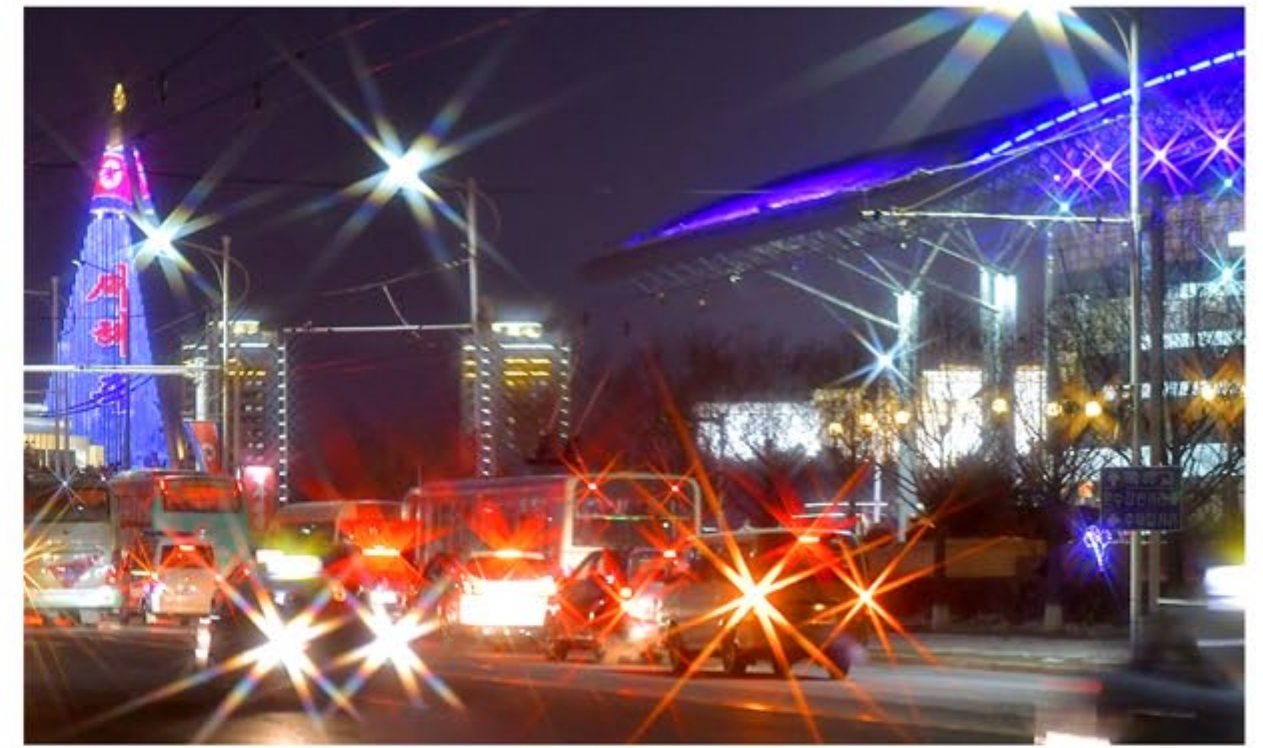
People in the DPRK greeted the New Year 2022 with the pride in having adorned the first year of implementing the five-year plan with praiseworthy victory true to the grand strategic idea and practical programme set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A variety of performances and celebrations were given across the country, adding to the festive mood.

Everywhere in the country, including theatres, catering establishments, streets and families, was brimful of excitement of the people, who were determined to achieve the comprehensive development of the Republic following the leadership of the WPK, and their confidence in a brighter future.

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Young people make up nearly half of the research staff of the centre with a history of over 20 years.



Developers of High-tech Products

Young scientists at the Manufacturing Centre 111 under the State Academy of Sciences are glorifying their youth days with creations and feats.

They are brimful of soaring enthusiasm to develop science and technology by making a leap forward from one decade to the next, without simply following the road taken by others.

They are striving to raise the technologies of mask-making and integrated circuit designing to the advanced international level and expand the scope of their applications.

They have designed integrated circuits for wireless system and

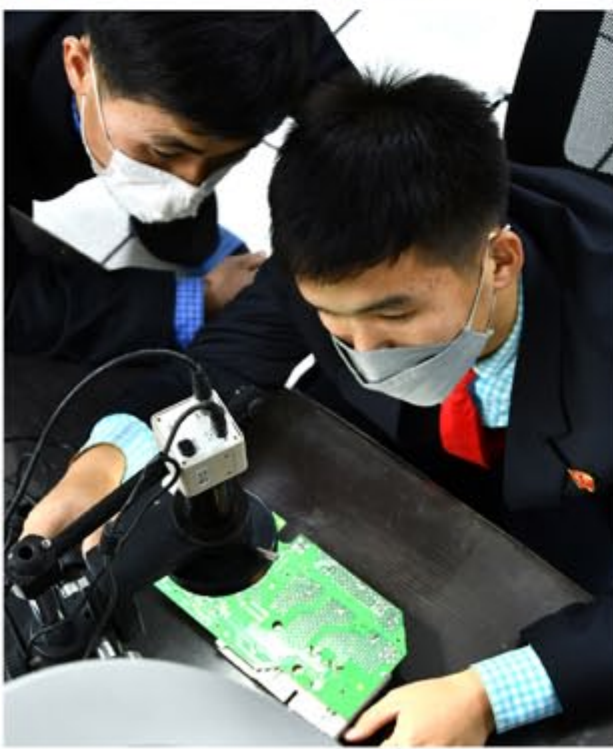
other purposes on a high level, earning praise from the units to which they are introduced.

They are now devoting their wisdom and enthusiasm to solving scientific and technological problems arising in reality.

Last year alone they assisted 50 odd units in various fields of the national economy with their research projects and achieved notable successes.

They newly designed a portable fetal phonocardiograph and manufactured several hundreds of them, and developed a new testing device for medical diagnosis conducive to the improvement of





medical service in the public health sector.
They also developed numerous high-tech products including guide robot, and worked in collaboration with foreign partners in many R&D projects.
Their products were highly acclaimed at the 35th national sci-tech festival and other festivals and exhibitions, won diplomas and certificates of national invention, and have been introduced to many units.
Nearly ninety per cent of them have academic degrees and titles.

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Teachers Training Base in Northern Mountainous City



Kanggye Teachers Training College in the city of Kanggye, Jagang Province in the northern part of Korea has made a great progress in its effort to put education on a scientific, IT and modern footing in its 70-odd-year-long history.



Education is a fundamental issue that has a bearing on the destiny of a nation, and most important is the training of teachers who are in direct charge of educational work. So the college is giving priority to

improving contents and methods of education as well as educational environment in keeping with the global trends in education.

Kim Un Ju, rector of the college, said that the college has applied such advanced sci-tech achievements as speech recognition to education.

In recent years the college has employed simulation programs in virtual environment into lectures and practices and developed several application programs for computer-aided examination and children's intellectual development.

It has also manufactured a lot of new devices and apparatuses for practices and experiments, such as an electronic calculator for intellectual development and Doppler-effect experimental device.

Classrooms, practice rooms for dancing and others, and rooms for inspecting lectures in virtual environment and training primary school teaching methods were newly laid out on a modern basis.





Conspicuous is the room for diffusing children's intellectual development skill. In this room with a simulated living environment students learn how teachers should work in concert with mothers in educating children and how mothers should edify their children in family life. Students call it a "classroom for mothers" where they can acquire personality and qualification of mothers in education of children.

Steady improvement of teaching contents and methods is very beneficial to students' capacity building, and the college has won a special prize in the national exhibition of IT achievements and the first place in the national software contest of university students, and it also produced a lot of winners of the scientific search prize for university students.

Lecturers, researchers and students of the college are making strenuous efforts to become roots and foundations in the education of the rising generations.

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Home Nurturing Little Talents

Kaeson Kindergarten
in Moranbong District affiliated to
Pyongyang Teachers Training College



Kaeson Kindergarten, inaugurated in 1987, is known across the country as an exemplary institution for preschool education by producing lots of talented children.

At first it taught children vocal music and acrobatic stunts, and afterwards gave

special education to children who had aptitudes for composition, handwriting with brush, and drawing. Recently it has expanded the scope of education to involve education in computer, *paduk* (Korean folk game), and mathematics.

Its teachers pay primary attention to

discovering excellent talents of children.

The kindergarten holds a children's presentation every month to find out and determine their characters and aptitudes through careful deliberation.

It also directs great effort to developing and applying educational methods which





are agreeable to the ages and psychological features of children.

Its teachers stress that no matter how high they are qualified, they cannot expect good results unless they find correct methodology to teach children.

So they work hard to find effective educational methods based on the detailed observation and analysis of the children's life.

The new educational methods developed by them are popular among other kindergartens for their great effectiveness. Among them is educational app for foreign languages pronunciation *Chotgorum* (first step), which is used at the kindergartens



The kindergarten's children won top prizes at several national contests in 2021



across the country.

Most of the teaching aids are invented and manufactured by the kindergarten teachers themselves, and they won over 200 certificates of invention in the national exhibitions of teaching aids and so on.

Nowadays the kindergarten's children have achieved excellent results in the national competitions of children with outstanding talents, bringing greater delight to teachers and parents.

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