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Sixth Meeting of Political Bureau of Eighth Central Committee of Workers' Party of Korea Held

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The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK decided to celebrate with splendour the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Recognizing that the DPRK should make more thorough preparations for a long-term confrontation with US imperialism, it concluded that a practical action should be taken to more reliably and effectively increase the physical strength for defending the dignity, sovereign rights and interests of the state.

and discussed the orientation for countermeasures against the US for the future.

Also communicated to the participants were the US recent moves of recklessly faulting for no reason the DPRK's legitimate exercise of sovereignty.

Assessing that the hostile policy and military threat by the US have reached a danger line that cannot be overlooked any more despite our sincere efforts made for maintaining the general tide for relaxation of tension in the Korean peninsula since the DPRK-US summit in Singapore, the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee unanimously recognized that we should make more thorough preparations for a long-term confrontation with US imperialism. It concluded that a practical action should be taken to more reliably and effectively increase our physical strength for defending the dignity, sovereign rights and interests of our state.

The meeting of the Political Bureau reassigned the policy tasks for national defence to immediately bolster more powerful physical means which can efficiently control the hostile moves of the US against the DPRK getting ever more serious day by day. It gave an instruction to a sector concerned to reconsider on an overall scale the trust-building measures that we took on our own initiative on a preferential ground and to promptly examine the issue of restarting all temporarily-suspended activities.



The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened its Sixth Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee at the office building of the Party Central Committee on January 19 to discuss and decide immediate work and important policy issues of the Party and the state.

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

Attending the meeting were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting.

The meeting first discussed the issue of celebrating with splendour the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

It called for making the Day of the Sun (birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung) and the Day of the Shining Star (birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il) in this historic year important political occasions for further cementing firm faith of our people to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered and led by the President and the Chairman under the guidance of the Party to the end, and also for demonstrating before the world high enthusiasm and revolutionary mettle of all the Party members and other people to glorify the second decade of the second century of the Juche era as the annals of victors bringing about the overall development of Korean-style socialism.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee gave detailed assignments to the organs of the Party and the state to celebrate the 110th birth anniversary of the President and the 80th birth anniversary of the Chairman with splendour as the great festivals of victory and glory that will shine long in the annals of the country.

A resolution of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee "On celebrating with splendour the 110th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il" was adopted.

The meeting heard a report analyzing the current situation around the Korean peninsula and a series of international issues

Another Manifestation of Brilliant Exploits of WPK in Leading Juche-oriented Defence Industry

Great success in the field of hypersonic weapon development which is of most important strategic significance out of the five core tasks that are included in the five-year plan for increasing national defence capability set forth at the Eighth Party Congress



Kim Jong Un Oversees Test Fire of Hypersonic Missile



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected the test fire of hypersonic missile conducted by the Academy of Defence Science on January 11.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK assigned a strategic task of developing the hypersonic missile section on a preferential basis to the sector of national defence scientific research in order to bolster up the country's war deterrent, and the Party Central Committee has powerfully led the whole process of development of the hypersonic weapon system for implementing the task.

Kim Jong Un was briefed on the hypersonic missile weapon system by the president of the Academy of Defence Science before the test fire.

The test launch was aimed at the final verification of overall technical specifications of the developed hypersonic weapon system.

Towards daybreak, the sound of blast-off of the Juche weapon representing the might of the DPRK rocked heaven and earth with the flames heating the earth hot as it broke the stillness and drew aside the grey curtain of early morn to soar into the sky, in the presence of the General Secretary.

After being separated from the missile, the hypersonic glide vehicle made glide jump flight from the 600km area before making a 240km corkscrew manoeuvring from the initial launch azimuth to

the target azimuth and hitting the set target in the waters 1 000km off.

The superior manoeuvrability of the hypersonic glide vehicle was more strikingly verified through the final test fire.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the practical achievements of the scientists, technicians and officials of the missile research sector and the relevant Party organizations, which brought the great success in the field of hypersonic weapon development which is of most important strategic significance out of the five core tasks that are included in the five-year plan for increasing national defence capability set forth at the Eighth Party Congress, and gave them special thanks on behalf of the Party Central Committee.

Referring to the need to step up the efforts for steadily expanding the country's strategic military capability both in quality and quantity and further modernizing the army, he encouraged the defence scientific research sector to continuously achieve admirable successes in the sacred historic cause of remarkably boosting the war deterrent of the country, true to the Party's defence development policy and strategic plan.

That day he called the core members in the field of hypersonic weapon research and development to the office building of the Party Central Committee, warmly congratulated them and had a photo session with them.

Kim Jong Un Inspects Site for Building Ryonpho Vegetable Greenhouse Farm



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected a site in the Ryonpho area of Hamju County, South Hamgyong Province, set for building a large-scale vegetable greenhouse farm.

A preparation for the building of a large-scale vegetable greenhouse farm in the Ryonpho-ri area had already been pushed forward according to the far-sighted plan of the WPK which struggles, setting it as the supreme principle of its activities to promote the wellbeing of the people.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un personally made on-the-spot

survey in April 2019 and matured his plan to build in the Ryonpho area a modern greenhouse farm bigger than the greenhouse farm built in the Jungphyong area of Kyongsong County, North Hamgyong Province, which would contribute to the improvement of the diet of the people in South Hamgyong Province. He gave important teachings related with the construction of the large-scale vegetable greenhouse farm several times and guided the designing.

On the spot, the General Secretary was first briefed on the general plan of the construction of the Ryonpho Vegetable Greenhouse Farm.

Saying that he was determined to assign the construction of a new

large-scale greenhouse farm again to the units of the People's Army that have already accumulated a lot of experiences in building greenhouse farms, he stressed that service personnel of the relevant units should remain faithful to their noble mission befitting the absolute executors of the plan and policy of the Party and creators of the people's happiness and wage an all-out campaign of loyalty to realize the cherished desire of our Party as soon as possible.

He specified the issues arising in the construction ranging from the formation of a powerful construction headquarters for pushing forward the construction, organization of sector-specific panels, perfect designs

on the highest level, priority to the provision of building materials and manufacturing of greenhouse equipment, strengthening of construction guidance and supervision to responsible windbreak forest creation and greening. He also called for selecting and training technicians and employees for the operation of the greenhouse farm from the next year and pushing forward the provision of vegetable seeds, farm implements and farming materials so as to most perfectly build the farm to be one making tangible contribution to the diet of the people as early as possible and model and standard one of the Party's policy on the greenhouse farm construction.

Kim Jong Un Inspects Munitions Factory



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected a munitions factory producing a major weapon system.

Looking round the room of the factory for the education in the revolutionary history and its various production sites, he learned in detail about the recent modernization of technology and production processes done by the factory and its current production.

He highly appreciated the factory effecting collective innovation and leaping progress in producing major weapons to implement the Party's decisions, being fully armed with the idea of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Saying that the factory holds a very important position and duty

in modernizing the country's armed forces and realizing the national defence development strategy, he indicated the tasks and ways to continuously develop the factory into an iconic one symbolic of the modernity of the country's defence industry.

He ardently called on its workers, technicians, officials and military inspectors to turn out as one in an all-out drive for thoroughly implementing the policies of munitions set forth at the Eighth Party Congress by carrying forward the traditions and history of the country's proud defence industry of safeguarding the Party and the revolution with munitions production, bearing in their minds the single intention to defend the revolutionary cause of the Party with powerful state-of-the-art arms.



On Occasion of 80th Birth Anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il

This February marks the 80th birth anniversary of Kim Jong Il, eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and eternal sun of the Korean nation.

All the Korean people celebrate his birth anniversary as the Day of the Shining Star, as the greatest national holiday, displaying an ardent yearning for him and extending their greatest glory and noblest tribute to him.

On the occasion of the day, the Editorial Board of the Korea Pictorial introduces the noble life of the Chairman, who, true to the lofty intention of President Kim Il Sung, regarded it as his lifelong mission to build a powerful and prosperous country of the people and devoted his all to the arduous and glorious struggle for its implementation.



Peerless Patriot, Father of People

Chairman Kim Jong Il was a peerless patriot, who, blazing a trail of history, firmly safeguarded the destiny of the country and people and raised the status of socialist Korea to that of a dignified and powerful country.

Victory of socialism is an inevitable historical outcome, but it does not come of its own accord. Such an honour and pride can only be enjoyed by the people led by an outstanding leader.

Since the mid-20th century the Korean peninsula has been an arena of the most acute confrontation between the forces of independence and those of domination, between socialism and imperialism.

Although the imperialist powers resorted to unheard-of offensives to trample on the rights of existence and development of socialist Korea, the Korean people stepped up the building of a thriving country without the slightest hesitation or vacillation, following Chairman Kim Jong Il and cherishing an unshakable faith in victory.

Let us live our own way!—this was the banner the Chairman held high throughout his life, cherishing it as his life and soul and as his revolutionary faith to defend the supreme interests of the revolution, the rights of the people, and socialist country.

His steadfast faith and will to never forgive those who dare attack the Republic were fully manifested through the great events inscribed in the anti-imperialist revolutionary history of socialist Korea.

Most notable was the victory achieved in defending socialism in the 90s of the 20th century, and it is regarded as a miracle in the political history of mankind that can be wrought out only by Chairman Kim Jong Il, a gifted strategist and a veteran statesman of independent politics.

The DPRK is the one and the only country on this planet in which unprecedented political and military pressure and economic sanctions have lasted for over half a century, and Chairman Kim Jong Il is revered as a national hero of the Korean people and a symbol of victory of socialism for the progressive peoples of the world, as he always emerged victorious and defended socialist country of Juche with credit.

Year in, year out, the Korean people realize more keenly how immense and precious achievements the Chairman performed for the country and the nation and are filled with great dignity and pride in holding him in high esteem as their eternal leader.

Text: Choe Kwang Ho





Kim Jong Il with his parents in March 1947



February 16, 1942

Son of Mt Paektu

The great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il was born in the Paektusan Secret Camp (in Samjiyon of Ryanggang Province) on February 16, 1942.

His birthplace is located in the thickly-wooded valley with the Sobaek Stream flowing at the foot of Jong Il Peak several kilometres southeast of Janggun Peak on top of Mt Paektu (2 750m).

With the Paektusan Secret Camp as a leadership centre of the Korean revolution, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung organized military and political activities of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army more briskly so as to inspire the entire Korean nation to turn out in the final offensive to achieve Korea's liberation (August 15,

1945).

The period when Kim Jong Il was born was a historic one, when people's anti-fascist liberation struggle was being waged fiercely across the world and when the Korean people had taken the initiative in greeting the great event of the liberation of their country.

His birth on Mt Paektu, the ancestral mountain of the Korean nation, was an auspicious event and a great blessing for the Korean nation, marking the beginning of the history of brilliantly carrying forward the cause of Juche Korea down through generations.

The family of Kim Jong Il was a revolutionary family. His father Kim Il Sung and his mother Kim Jong Suk were the legendary hero



Some of the slogans the soldiers of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army inscribed on trees to mark the birth of Kim Jong Il

and heroine of the anti-Japanese struggle.

On the day when Kim Jong Il was born, the Paektusan Secret Camp brimmed with great joy and exultation.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters called him, who was born in the flames of the anti-Japanese war, the Shining Star of Paektu, as they wished him to become a bright sun for the future of Korea inheriting the will of Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation.

Mt Paektu was a cradle in which Kim Jong Il developed his courage and spirit.

As he grew up under the influence of the anti-Japanese revolutionary

fighters, he was upright and full of guts from his boyhood, and precocious. Noble feelings and emotions of the guerrillas became rich nourishment for his mind and their mettle as soaring as the peak of Mt Paektu added flesh and blood to his manly personality.

Indeed, Kim Jong Il was the son of Mt Paektu, the son of guerrillas, who was born as the Shining Star of Paektu in the war against the Japanese imperialists.

Text: Kang Su Jong



Foreign visitors to Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp

O Korea, I Will Add Glory to Thee

**Kim Jong Il studied at Kim Il Sung University
from September 1960 to March 1964**

On September 1, 1960 Chairman Kim Jong Il entered Kim Il Sung University, the highest institute of Juche-based science and education.

That day he climbed Ryongnam Hill and composed the poem, titled, *O Korea, I Will Add Glory to Thee*, reflecting his determination to carry forward the revolutionary cause pioneered by President Kim Il Sung.

The poem was not only his declaration to the world but also his firm pledge to the country and people that he would add glory to Juche

Korea by carrying forward and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of the President.

During his university days Kim Jong Il fully acquired the qualifications and personality befitting the leader of the country and people.

He conducted energetic activities to study revolutionary ideas of the President in depth and glorify them.

The scope of his ideological and theoretical activities were wide-ranging—from politics, the economy, culture, military affairs,

O Korea, I Will Add Glory to Thee

*As I stand on Ryongnam Hill at sunrise,
The land of 3 000 ri greets my eyes.
Learning the leader's great idea,
I'll be the master of the revolution of Korea.
O Korea, I will add glory to thee.*

*On the road of Juche I will be firm and steady
Under the guidance of the great leader.
Braving the raging waves and storms,
I will lead Korea into the future.
O Korea, I will bring glory to thee.*

*I will carry forward the cause of the sun
That shines over the whole world.
I will unfold the era of communism
When the red glow of Juche covers the earth.
O Korea, my Korea!*



Poem *O Korea, I Will Add Glory to Thee* Kim Jong Il recited on Ryongnam Hill reflecting his lifelong will to carry forward the revolutionary cause pioneered by Kim Il Sung



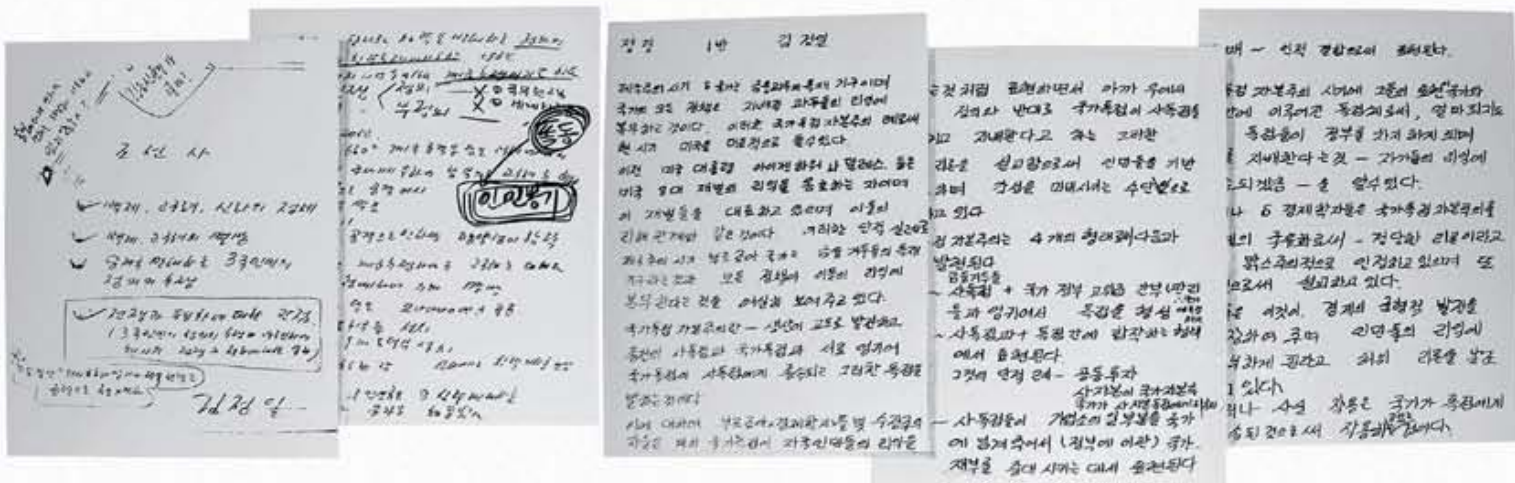
Kim Jong Il at Kim Il Sung University in September 1960



Kim Jong Il among students at Kim Il Sung University in February 1963



Kim Jong Il working on the project to widen the road between Wasan-dong and Ryongsong in Pyongyang in May 1961



Chairman Kim Jong Il developed the revolutionary ideas and theories of President Kim Il Sung through earnest thinking and research during his university days and wrote many treatises such as *The Status and Role of the County in Socialist Construction* and *The Characteristics of Modern Imperialism and Its Aggressive Nature*.

national liberation revolution and world revolution, all spheres of the revolution and construction, every field of social sciences, including philosophy, economics, history, politics, law, literature, linguistics and pedagogy, to even several fields of natural sciences.

In his university days he elucidated the originality and truthfulness of the President's revolutionary ideas and further developed the revolutionary ideas of the working class. He also gave answers to the pivotal role of the ideological consciousness in the revolutionary struggle, the essence of social revolution, the position and role of the leader in the revolutionary struggle, the characteristics and aggressive nature of modern imperialism and other ideological questions.

He also paid great efforts to effecting an epochal change in education of the university.

Thanks to his earnest thinking and inquiry, several versions of historical facts such as the formation of slave-owning states and the bourgeois revolution in Korea were newly systematized from

a Juche-oriented and scientific viewpoint. And under his initiative, the university compiled new textbook of political economy and improved the educational contents and methods of several subjects in conformity with the requirements of the reality.

He also kindled the flames of the campaign to read 10 000 pages of books a year, preparing the university students as the competent personnel to shoulder the future of the country.

During his university days Kim Jong Il enjoyed the boundless respect and trust of the students and other people as the outstanding political worker and brilliant leader for his extraordinary wisdom and leadership ability, noble personality and great exploits performed for the Party and people.

At present, the bronze statue of Chairman Kim Jong Il in university uniform stands in the campus of Kim Il Sung University.

Text: Kim Son Gyong

Energetic Ideological and Theoretical Activities



Formulation of President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideas as Kimilsungism



Kim Jong Il making a conclusion at the Third Conference of Ideological Workers of the Workers' Party of Korea in February 1974

Chairman Kim Jong Il was an outstanding ideologist and theoretician, who made valuable achievements in the history of human ideology.

Already in the 1960s he made an all-round analysis and review of the 100-year history of the preceding revolutionary ideologies of the working class and gave an original definition of the scientific accuracy, profundity and historical position of the revolutionary ideology of President Kim Il Sung.

And in the first half of the 1970s he defined the President's revolutionary ideas as Kimilsungism and proclaimed the modelling of the whole society on Kimilsungism as the ultimate programme of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In March 1982 he made public the immortal work, titled, *On the Juche Idea*, which systematizes in a scientific and comprehensive way the Juche idea authored by the President, and afterwards published *On Some Problems of Education in the Juche Idea*, *On*

Establishing the Juche Outlook on the Revolution and other works, thus further developing the theory of the Juche idea.

He also gave correct and original answers to the theoretical and practical problems arising in all spheres of the revolution and construction with outstanding wisdom, energetic thinking and meditation, and excellent writing ability.

In the 1990s, he made public several works, such as *The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party*, *Abuses of Socialism Are Intolerable* and *Socialism Is a Science*, clarifying scientific accuracy of socialism and inevitability of its victory, and matters of principle in defending and advancing the cause of socialism.

Revolutionary peoples of the world were unstinting in praise of the Chairman as "the saviour of mankind from the crisis of the 20th century" and "the leader who threw bright light on the road ahead of socialist cause and guaranteed its victory with the might of idea."

Tower of the Juche Idea



Kim Jong Il giving on-site guidance to the construction project of the Samjiyon Grand Monument in March 1979

Firmly Safeguarding Revolutionary Traditions of Juche

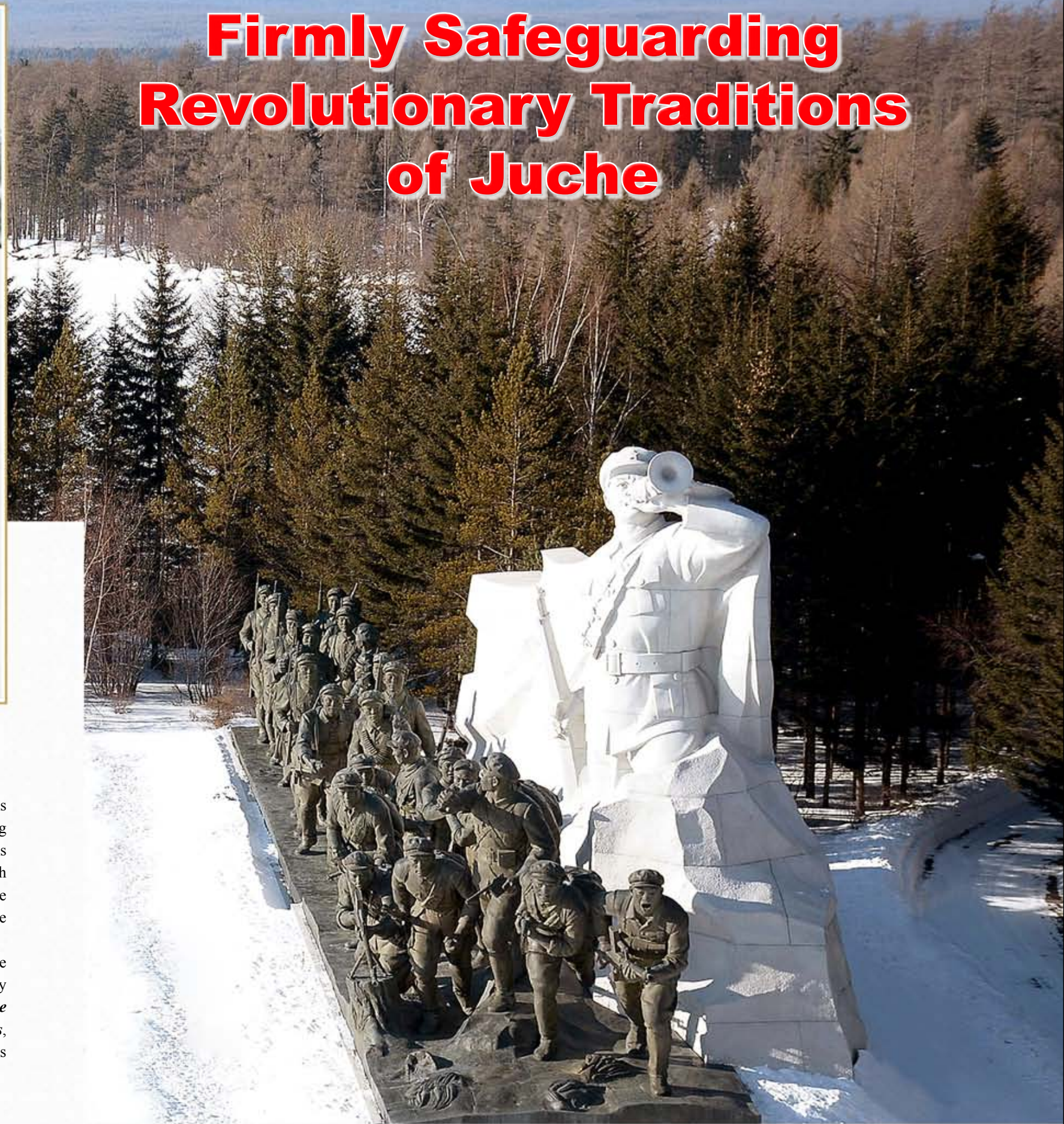
On the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star the Korean people look back with deep emotion upon the immortal exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il who guaranteed the solid continuity of the revolution by firmly defending and brilliantly carrying forward the revolutionary traditions of Paektu.

In the whole course of his revolutionary leadership the Chairman regarded the defence and embodiment of the revolutionary traditions of Juche established by President Kim Il Sung as a fundamental issue decisive of the destiny of the socialist cause, and led wisely the efforts to this end.

Already in 1956 he embarked on a study tour of revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area closely associated with the anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and led by Kim Il Sung.

It marked the beginning of education in revolutionary traditions in the DPRK and also a turning point in defending and developing them. A correct viewpoint and attitude to the revolutionary traditions was established throughout the country, and education through tours of revolutionary battle and other sites and the work to turn the Mt Paektu area into a powerful base for the education were encouraged.

The Chairman clarified matters of principle and tasks to be tackled in the work to protect and add brilliance to the revolutionary traditions of Paektu in his immortal works like *Let Us Develop the Revolutionary Traditions of Juche Down Through Generations*, and led the efforts to uninterruptedly intensify the undertaking as required by the times.





Kim Jong Il at the Mupho Bivouac in March 2000

Under his wise leadership, a campaign involving the entire Party and society was conducted to collect and compile materials and relics related to the President's revolutionary history and revolutionary sites and museums were built across the country, thereby turning the whole country into a school for education in revolutionary traditions.

Through the study tours to revolutionary sites which became annual events and a tradition, service personnel, working people and

students keenly realized how the Korean revolution was started and grew up as masters of and reliable successors to the revolution and construction.

The Chairman advanced the revolutionary slogan *Let us produce, study and live like the anti-Japanese guerillas!* in March 1974 and led the nationwide effort to carry forward the revolutionary traditions in an all-round way. Thus, the revolutionary spirit and



Monument to the Victorious Battle of Pochonbo



mettle of the anti-Japanese guerrillas pervaded the whole society and miraculous achievements were made in all fields of the revolution and construction.

In the 21st century he visited the revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area and instructed that education in the revolutionary traditions should be conducted more proactively as the generations were changed and the revolution was developed in depth.

Visiting many revolutionary battle and other sites across the country, he stressed that they should be preserved in their original state and the education through them intensified.

As they have the revolutionary traditions of Paektu, the ideological and spiritual assets, the Korean people have become a people of strong ideas and faith and vigorously advanced the cause of socialism, braving all sorts of harsh trials and difficulties.

The immortal exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il who laid a solid foundation for the ever-victorious advance of the Korean revolution, are shining more brilliantly thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Text: Choe Kwang Ho



Working people, youth and students making study tours to the revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area



Achievement of Invincible Single-minded Unity

It is one of Chairman Kim Jong Il's immortal feats that he turned the DPRK into a single-mindedly united politico-ideological power.

He provided theoretical foundations for unity based on one centre and put it forth as the fundamental principle of the revolution and construction and the basic line in building a revolutionary party to establish the ideological system and leadership system of the leader.

He formulated revolutionary ideas of President Kim Il Sung as Kimilsungism and set the modelling of the whole society on Kimilsungism as the WPK's supreme programme. This was a turning point in building an invincible party united with one thought and purpose and in opening up a new age of single-minded unity.

In the historic course of modelling the whole Party and society on

Kimilsungism, the building up of the Party, the state and the armed forces was pushed forward along the single track of implementing the leader's ideas and his leadership, and all the people were imbued with one ideology.

The single-mindedly united DPRK which advances with one goal and one purpose and at one pace emerged for the first time in history and fully displayed its wonderful features and inexhaustible strength thanks to Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Let us build a new society by means of trust and love!—it was his political creed and, based on it, inseparable ties of kinship between the leader and people were formed.

Regarding it as the most righteous cause to defend and support the people, as the demand of the revolution to satisfy the people and as his greatest pleasure to do things they like, the Chairman burnt his



Kim Jong Il acknowledging the cheering people in September 1983

heart with an ardent desire to even pluck stars from the sky for the people.

His revolutionary ideas served as the fighting programme to glorify the life of the working people whom he believed in as in heaven, and his guidance over the Party and state constituted the struggle to build them into a motherly party and a true servant for the people.

Though he was an iron-willed brilliant commander who steered the trend of history while holding the formidable enemies at bay amid the upheavals of the times, he was also a tender-hearted man who was thoughtful of the people's pains and shed lots of tears and a benevolent father who loved young people and children of the country very much.

Throughout his life he valued his people most, and the Korean people supported him with a single mind and struggled to translate his plans into reality, overcoming all sorts of hardship and trials.

As the leader believes in the people and the latter absolutely trust in and follow the former, the invincible single-minded unity of the DPRK was provided.

Public sentiment and unity can be neither purchased by millions of tons of gold nor rivalled by any power.

As it was led by Chairman Kim Jong Il, who enjoyed absolute support and trust of the people, the socialist Korea demonstrated its might as the only country in the world, invincible politico-ideological

power, which achieved the solid political stability, emerged ever-victorious and realized whatever it determined in the face of the harshest challenges and ordeals.

The Korean people will hold Chairman Kim Jong Il for ever in high esteem as the father of the nation, the peerlessly great man, who created a new history of strong and invincible single-minded unity of the DPRK and thus provided them with the irresistible might of a powerful country.

Text: Pak Ui Chol



Kim Jong Il handing over a torch to young people in October 1995

Opening Up Golden Age of Juche-oriented Art and Literature

On the occasion of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il the Korean people recollect the exploits he performed in ushering in a great heyday of the Juche-oriented art and literature.

Chairman Kim Jong Il put forward original policies for the development of the Juche-oriented art and literature and gave energetic guidance to their implementation.

He made public such works as *On Juche Literature*, *On the Art of Cinema*, *On the Art of Opera*, *On the Art of Drama*, *On the Art of Music*, *On Fine Arts*, *On the Art of Dance*, and *On Acrobatics*, thus powerfully propelling the development of art and literature in the era of independence which embodies the immortal Juche Idea.

Based on them a new era of producing the *Sea of Blood*-style revolutionary operas and *Mountain Shrine*-style revolutionary dramas was opened, and numerous masterpieces touching the heartstrings of the people were created in all branches of art and literature—cinema, music, dance, fine art, literature and acrobatics.

He ensured that the April 15 Literary Production Company,

Phibada Opera Troupe, Mansudae Art Troupe, Pochonbo Electronic Ensemble, and other institutions of art and literature were organized at the highest level, and led all creative workers and artistes with comradely love and trust to grow up as a powerful force in the development of the Juche-oriented art and literature. Busy as he was leading the overall work of the Party and state, he frequently visited the workplaces of writers and artistes to acquaint himself with their work and life and inspire them to make fresh creation and innovation.

Thanks to his benevolent care, the art and literature of the DPRK has fulfilled its mission of leading the times and masses creditably from one decade to the next and from one century to the next.

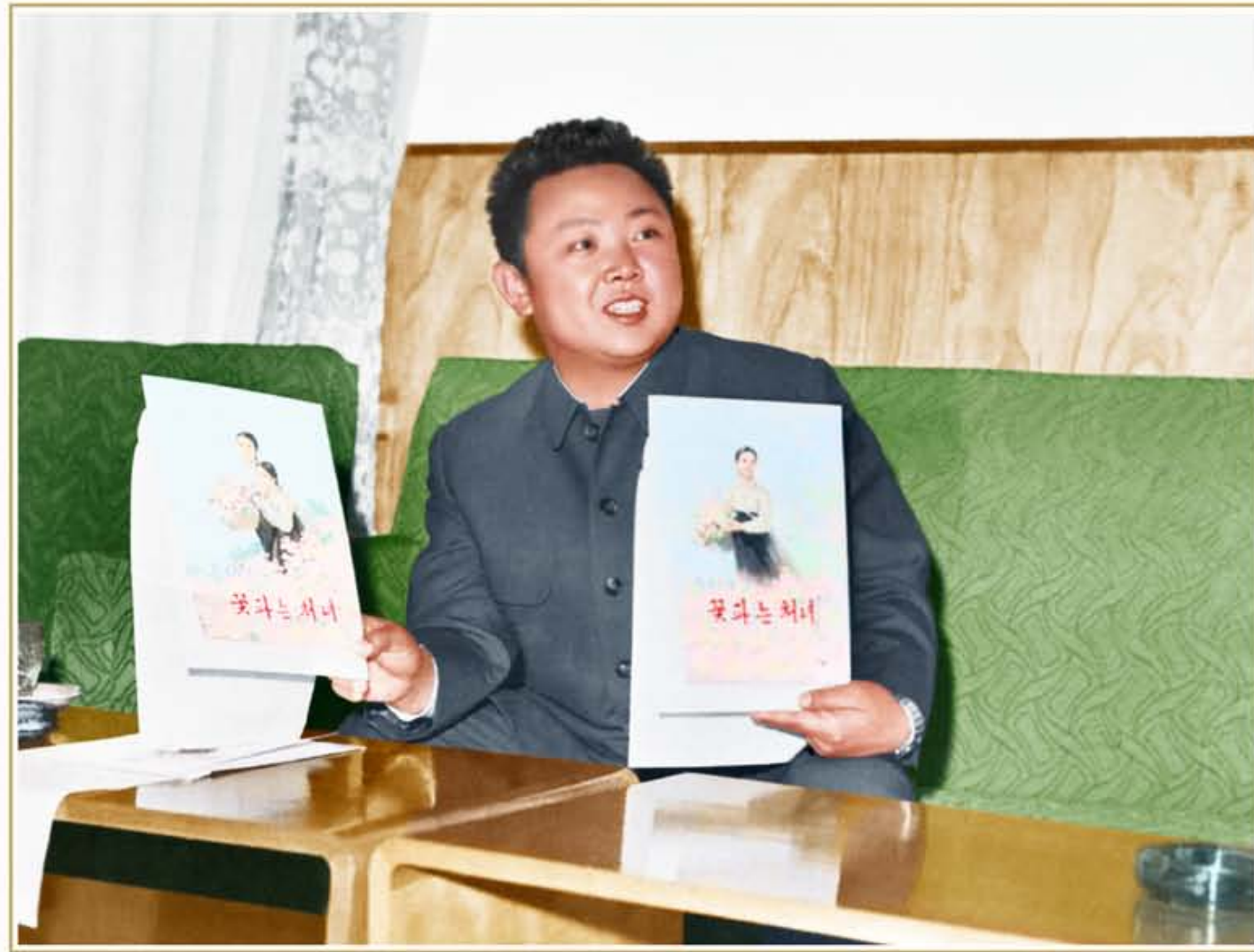
Prestigious art troupes serve as models in creating revolutionary art and literature and stage performances that inspire the people to a revolutionary upsurge. Kim Il Sung Prize-winning grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *Arirang*, drama *We Will Recollect Today*, and light comedy *An Echo among the Hills*, are precious fruits of the leadership of the Chairman.

Text: Kang Su Jong



Kim Jong Il giving guidance to the shooting of the feature film *An Jung Gun Shoots Ito Hirobumi* in March 1979





Kim Jong Il guiding the creation of the revolutionary opera *The Flower Girl* in October 1972



Kim Jong Il guiding the creative work of the Mansudae Art Troupe in April 1979



Radical changes were effected in all sectors of the art and literature following a revolution in cinematic art under the energetic guidance of Kim Jong Il.

Unfolding Efflorescence of Juche-oriented Architecture

Chairman Kim Jong Il achieved imperishable exploits in the history of Juche-oriented architecture in the DPRK.

He clarified that the Juche-oriented idea on architecture is the most revolutionary and people-oriented one, which makes the revolutionary outlook on the leader its cornerstone and elucidates all the theoretical and practical problems arising in the construction based on the immortal Juche idea.

He ensured that the bronze statue of President Kim Il Sung was erected on Mansu Hill, the highest place in the centre of Pyongyang, and also the group sculptures in the shape of a flag on its both sides and the Korean Revolution Museum constructed, which show the glorious course of the Korean revolution.

He also took measures to build the Grand People's Study House, Tower of the Juche Idea, Arch of Triumph and other monumental edifices in Pyongyang centring on the President's statue.

Defining it as an ultimate objective in architectural creation that

all the structures should be designed and built to satisfy the people, who are creators and enjoyers, and thus to be convenient, cosy, beautiful and durable, he ensured that the architectural structures were built embodying the demands of the times.

Under his wise leadership, many streets and structures were erected in Pyongyang in the 1980s alone, including Changgwang Street, Munsu Street, Kwangbok Street, Kim Il Sung Stadium, Changgwang Health Complex, Ice Rink, Grand People's Study House, May Day Stadium, Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, Pyongyang Acrobatic Theatre and Mangyongdae Amusement Park.

Now the Juche-oriented architecture of the DPRK, which greeted its heyday thanks to Chairman Kim Jong Il, is witnessing a new period of its efflorescence under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Text: Pak Pyong Hun



Kim Jong Il seeing the scale model of the Tower of the Juche Idea in May 1980





Kim Jong Il seeing the scale model of the Grand People's Study House in December 1979



Kim Jong Il giving on-site guidance to the renovation project of the Moranbong Stadium in February 1982



Grand People's Study House



May Day Stadium with 150 000 seats



8km-long West Sea Barrage built across the sea



Arch of Triumph

Providing Eternal Foundations for Building Thriving Country

In his revolutionary career Kim Jong Il visited over 14 290 units across the country, travelling more than 669 844 km. He travelled the distance of 334 000 km by train on 1 567 occasions.



Kim Jong Il seeing vinalon cotton in February 2010



Kim Jong Il visiting the Chollima Steel Complex to kindle the flames of a new revolutionary upsurge in December 2008

The Korean people, who are translating into reality their ideal of building a thriving socialist country, recollect the efforts of Chairman Kim Jong Il to provide a firm springboard for building an economic power.

Self-supporting economy is a material guarantee for the development of a socialist country.

Chairman Kim Jong Il made great efforts to consolidate the foundation of the self-supporting economy.

In the 1990s the imperialists' moves against the DPRK and natural calamities which hit the country for several consecutive

years created grave obstacles in the Korean people's effort to build the economy and improve their living standards.

At that time the Chairman wisely led the effort to provide a reliable springboard for the building of a thriving country by placing the Korean People's Army in the vanguard.

Under his leadership the revolutionary soldier spirit created by the soldier-builders who constructed the Anbyon Youth Power Station, and its embodiment, Kanggye spirit, became the spirits of the times.

Kim Jong Il visited the Songjin Steel Complex in March 1998



Musan Mining Complex seething with iron ore production



Kim Jong Il visiting the February 8 Vinalon Complex in January 2011



Kim Jong Il at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex in June 2010

and inspired the workers of Songgang to ride the Chollima steed once again and kindle the torch of a new revolutionary upsurge. The torch of a new revolutionary upsurge, known as the torch of Songgang, added a new strength to the Korean people to make a leap forward in their general offensive to open up a broad avenue for building an economic power, overcoming the trials of the Arduous March and forced march.

During the difficult days the DPRK succeeded in launching an artificial earth satellite to the wonder of the world.

Kim Jong Il elucidated detailed ways for economic development based on a scientific analysis of the economic situation of the country and the positions and roles of each sector and unit in overall



economic development, and administered Songun politics, the main mode of his politics whereby the army and the people form an integrated whole and create miracles and innovations.

At the turn of the new century, he advanced the line of economic construction to give priority to defence industry and simultaneously develop light industry and agriculture and roused the entire nation to effect a new revolutionary upsurge in making a breakthrough in the building of an economic power.

In the flames of a new upswing kindled by him, eye-opening miracles and leaps forward had been successively made in the country.

The independence of the national economy was strengthened remarkably despite the imperialists' isolate-and-stifle manoeuvres which became more desperate, with the result that the Juche-based systems of producing iron, fertilizer and vinalon were established and modern factories mushroomed across the country amid the flames of the industrial revolution in the new century. These were the brilliant fruition of energetic on-site guidance of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Under his far-reaching plans, a large area of farmland was

rezoned as befits that of socialist Korea, gravity-fed waterways built across the country and tideland reclamation projects pushed forward to expand the territory of the country.

Many consumer goods production bases were newly built, and stock-breeding, fruit and fish farms put their production on a scientific, modern and intensive footing. And streets and villages in the country were turned into a socialist paradise.

Thanks to energetic guidance of the Chairman who ceaselessly visited every part of the country to encourage his people to make fresh leaps forward and kindle the flames of new revolutionary upsurges, solid foundations for the building of a powerful country with self-supporting economy were provided and the overall national strength of the country was radically increased.

His immortal exploits in providing a lasting cornerstone for a thriving country are shining brilliantly along with the dynamic advance of the Korean people towards the fresh victory of the socialist construction under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Text: Kang Su Jong



Kim Jong Il seeing the new-type CNC machine tools in December 2010





Gravity-fed waterways for irrigation have been built across the country

Kim Jong Il giving on-site guidance to the land realignment project in Kangwon Province in March 1999





Kim Jong Il looking round the medium- and small-size power stations built in Jagang Province in January 1998



Kim Jong Il visiting the reclaimed Taegyedo Tideland in July 2010





Kim Jong Il giving on-site guidance to the agricultural work in September 2004



Kim Jong Il at Kwail County in South Hwanghae Province in September 2001



Kim Jong Il learning about the potato crop at Taehongdan County in October 2002



Kim Jong Il at the Pyongyang Textile Mill in July 2009



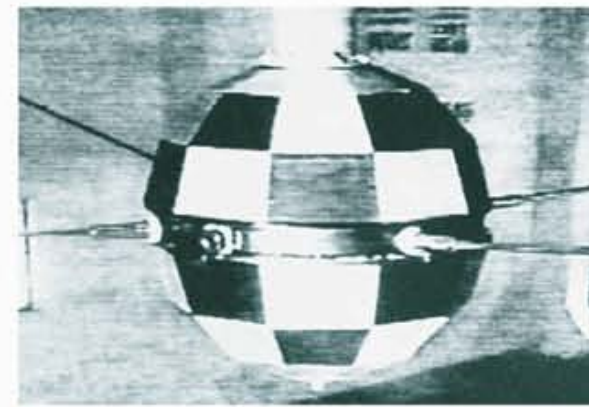
Kim Jong Il at the Sinuiju Cosmetics Factory in January 2001



Kim Jong Il at the Ryongyang Mine in October 2011



Kim Jong Il at the State Academy of Sciences in January 1999



Launch of the artificial earth satellite Kwangmyongsong 1

Scientists and technicians of the DPRK succeeded in inserting the artificial earth satellite Kwangmyongsong 2 into its orbit in April 2009 after the successful launch of the indigenous artificial earth satellite Kwangmyongsong 1 in August 1998.



Launch of the artificial earth satellite Kwangmyongsong 2



Always among People

Marking the greatest national holiday, the Day of the Shining Star, the Korean people are filled with boundless yearning and admiration for Chairman Kim Jong Il who took care of them with warm affection and trust.

Brilliantly carrying forward the politics of respecting and loving the people President Kim Il Sung administered for the first time in the political history of mankind, Chairman Kim Jong Il organized and led the revolution and construction throughout his career with absolute trust in the people and by dint of their strength.

Regarding people as the most precious beings in the world and as his mentors, he always visited his people, busy as he was with Party and state affairs, listened to their opinions and found pleasure in caring for them.

To ensure the well-being and security of the beloved people he ceaselessly visited various parts of the country.

During the Arduous March and forced march in the 1990s, when the country had to suffer the grimmest trials, he continued his Songun-based revolutionary leadership for the country and people, inspecting the posts of national defence on Chol Pass, Mt Osong, Cho Island, Mt Jihye and Height 1211, and at Panmunjom.

All his thinking and activities were geared to safeguarding the people's interests and providing them with greater happiness.

When he visited new service establishments and examined new products, his first question was whether



Kim Jong Il waving back to the cheering people in July 1995



Kim Jong Il meeting a woman worker in January 2000



Kim Jong Il with old professors at Kim Il Sung University in April 2010

people liked them, and when he saw anything good during his visit to a foreign country, he thought first of his people.

Endowed with modest and unceremonious traits, he made selfless devotion for the people.

When he visited the Komdok Mine in July 1975, the accompanying officials asked him to change his attire,

saying the clothes he was wearing were wrinkled and shrunk a little.

But he said: What is the use for a working man to be dressed splendidly? I am going to meet the workers and I have to wear ordinary clothes if I am to get along with them.

And he visited the mine in his vinalon mixture

clothes and went down deep underground in an ordinary helmet made of bush-clover.

Though he always wore casual clothes and ate rice-balls, he paid close attention to making his people well-off and cultured.

Just as a mother never abandons her mischievous child, he was more anxious and concerned about those who made mistakes and took care of them with warm heart, even shedding tears for them.

There is an episode showing his warm affection for the people.

One day he visited a family of newly-wed couple in Taehongdan County, Ryanggang Province, and acquainted himself with their living conditions.

The wife of the ex-soldier felt as if he were her own father and asked him without reserve to name the baby she was expecting.

It shows that the Chairman formed blood-sealed ties with his people and the country became one large, harmonious family.

There are many moving stories about warm and great affection the Chairman bestowed on his people on his ceaseless journey of devotion.

The whole career of Chairman Kim Jong Il was that of the benevolent father of the people, who sacrificed all entitled to a leader and also a human for the sake of the people.

Recollecting his immortal exploits, the Korean people reaffirm their determination to hold up President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il as their eternal leaders.

Text: Kang Su Jong



Kim Jong Il seeing kindergarten children and students in sample clothes in April 1992



Kim Jong Il with the newly-married couple of discharged soldiers who moved to a new home in January 2009



Kim Jong Il with a farmer's family at Poman Cooperative Farm in Sohung County in July 2001



Under Unfurled Banner of Songun

Chairman Kim Jong Il performed undying exploits for the country and people, the times and history by dint of his outstanding Songun revolutionary leadership.

Many prominent military strategists and commanders existed in human history, but none of them was such a brilliant commander as Chairman Kim Jong Il, who built invincible revolutionary armed forces by advancing outstanding and original army-building idea and giving energetic leadership, and thus reliably defended the national sovereignty and destiny of people and demonstrated the dignity and mettle of the nation.

The history of the DPRK is adorned with brilliant successes the Chairman achieved in defending socialism and building a thriving country by developing the Korean People's Army into an ever-victorious revolutionary army and raising the country's military strength onto a remarkably high level.

Since he started his leadership over the revolutionary armed forces with his inspection of Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the KPA on August 25, 1960, Kim Jong Il channelled great efforts and concern into the development of the KPA.

The imperialist forces persisted in their attempts to unleash a war



Kim Jong Il inspecting the Dwarf Pine Company on the first morning of the New Year 1995

on the Korean peninsula decade after decade, provoking a series of incidents targeted at the DPRK. However, such reckless attempts as the incidents of the armed spy ship *Pueblo* and spy plane EC-121, Panmunjom incident and Team Spirit joint war exercises, were frustrated by the KPA, which developed into an invincible army fighting death-defyingly for the Party and the leader and was equipped with modern means of both attack and defence.

In particular, during the Arduous March and forced march in the 1990s the socialist Korea advanced vigorously to open up a broad avenue for building a thriving country, overcoming harsh trials and difficulties. The credit goes to the Chairman's Songun politics.

Songun is the word that comprehensively embodies undying exploits of the Chairman, who not only saved the destiny of the country and people in the face of manifold hardship and ordeals beyond human imagination but also inspired all the people to bring about a new era of national prosperity.

It was his faith and will that it is only by dint of Songun that the unprecedented trials can be overcome and a heyday of a great leap forward in building a thriving country be ushered in.

When the DPRK was experiencing trials, which would decide its destiny, Chairman Kim Jong Il clearly manifested his iron will to firmly defend socialism and bring about a new era of prosperity by dint of Songun.

Saying that he would become a supreme commander sharing life and death with his soldiers, he continued his Songun-based revolutionary leadership, inspecting army units all across the country. He visited an island-defending unit across a rough sea and unhesitatingly went to a post in Panmunjom along the Military Demarcation Line. He also climbed Chol Pass and Mt Osong with steep cliffs, pushing up the vehicles skidding downward, to see his soldiers. All those places are witnesses to the patriotic devotion he displayed on the road of Songun-based revolutionary leadership.

One year the Chairman, looking back with deep emotion on the days of the trying ordeals, referred to the parka he was wearing. He said that he wore it at the onset of the Arduous March after President Kim Il Sung had passed away, and that he kept wearing it because he could not forget those trials. And he earnestly said that the parka was a symbol of the Songun-based revolution. Though the icy wind penetrated the old, thin parka that he held on to for more than ten



Kim Jong Il at a military command post in April 1997



Kim Jong Il inspecting an air force unit of the Korean People's Army in December 2008



Kim Jong Il seeing books of Hero Kil Yong Jo at an air force unit in February 1996

years, he burnt his heart with a sense of responsibility for defending his country and continued with his inspection of army units to inspire the soldiers to become match-for-a-hundred combatants.

Regarding all the soldiers as his own sons and daughters, he bestowed warm affection on them. Whenever he visited the army units, he always looked round barracks, mess halls, bathrooms, storehouses and kitchen gardens and even tasted the dishes prepared for the soldiers. Every unit he visited, whether it is on the frontline, in a remote mountain or on a far-flung island, is associated with the stories of parental love he showed for the soldiers.



Kim Jong Il inspecting a KPA naval unit in November 1996



Kim Jong Il posing for a photograph with a KPA soldier on duty on Chol Pass in March 1996



Kim Jong Il acknowledging cheering soldiers at Panmunjom in November 1996





Kim Jong Il awarding a rifle at a naval unit of the KPA in June 1997

As he spared nothing for the soldiers and bestowed warm affection on them, the integral whole formed between them was further consolidated, and the KPA strengthened into an invincible revolutionary force based on the revolutionary comradeship and all its service personnel prepared into match-for-a-hundred combatants.

Therefore, the Korean people always remember the Songun-based revolutionary leadership and long journey of Songun of the

Chairman to safeguard his country and people and provide a strong springboard for building a thriving country.

And, cherishing his fervent spirit of ennobling love for the country, nation and people and upholding his lofty intention, they are striving to build a thriving socialist country on this land without fail.

Text: Pak Pyong Hun



Kim Jong Il congratulating the soldiers on their success in training in January 1998



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park in December 2011

Always Together on Road for People

If it is the wish of the people, I will pluck a star from the heavens or grow flowers even on a rock—this was a noble view on people cherished by Chairman Kim Jong Il, who, regarding every manner of toil for the people as his greatest happiness and pleasure, continued to follow the road of devotion for his people until the last moment of his life.

And the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was always together with the Chairman on the road of devotion for the country and people.

They together visited factories, enterprises, construction sites, posts of national defence and even ordinary people's families.

Among them were Ryongyon Offshore Fish Farm, Ryongjong Fish Farm, Mansudae Art Studio, Central Zoo, Taedonggang Combined

Fruit Farm, Central Tree Nursery, Hana Music Information Centre and Kwangbok Area Supermarket.

Chairman Kim Jong Il was always pleased to be with Kim Jong Un and placed absolute confidence in him.

Seeing the leaders together on the road of field guidance, the Korean people were filled with immense happiness and courage.

Chairman Kim Jong Il paid close attention to the continuity of the revolutionary cause and presented the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who enjoyed boundless reverence and absolute trust of the people, as the leader of the Juche revolution, thus entrusting him with the future of socialist Korea and his beloved people.

On the very day in December when the whole country was





Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at the Pothongmun Street Fish and Meat Shop in September 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at the Kwangbok Area Supermarket in December 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at the Pyongyang Floriculture Institute in March 2011

in the bitterest grief over the sudden demise of the Chairman, Kim Jong Un made a firm pledge that he would translate into reality the Chairman's patriotic wish of building a powerful country without fail and held all the people in his embrace.

Seeing the benevolent image of Kim Jong Un continuously following his field guidance tours and witnessing the miraculous reality in which monumental edifices sprang up in all parts of the country, the Korean people cherished an unshakable faith that

Chairman Kim Jong Il will always be with them and his wish of building a thriving socialist country will be realized without fail by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Thanks to the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un who is bringing into brilliant fruition the ardent wish of the Chairman to turn theirs into a thriving socialist country, the history of love for the people continues invariably in the DPRK.

Text: Pak Ui Chol



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at the February 8 Vinalon Complex in October 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at a machine factory in October 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un inspecting a KPA unit in November 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un learning about the state of supply service at a KPA unit in October 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un acknowledging parading columns in October 2010



Boundless Reverence of Mankind

Heads of party, state and government, social organizations and prominent persons in the world presented Kim Jong Il with over 40 000 gifts in recognition of immortal exploits he performed for the Korean revolution and the implementation of the cause of global independence



Not only the Korean people but the progressive peoples of the world admired unexcelled ideological and theoretical wisdom, uncommon leadership ability and noble virtue of Kim Jong Il, eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The DPRK Chairman received gifts of sincerity from heads of party, state and government and personages from all walks of life in over 170 countries the world over.

Party and state leaders of China presented him, who performed undying exploits in strengthening DPRK-China friendship, with gifts, including a lacquer tapestry inlaid with mother-of-pearl, a large double-faced embroidery "Heralding Spring," a textilework "Cranes and a Pine Tree," and a lacquered folding screen. And Russian presidents sent the Orlov trotters, hunting rifle, dagger and other gifts to the DPRK Chairman, representing their admiration for his

political ability of leading socialist Korea to victory.

The Cuban leaders presented him with a crocodile-skin bag, automatic rifle, marble table-lamp, and pokerwork "Attack on Moncada Military Base."

Gifts were also presented by Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia and one of founders of the non-aligned movement, Choummaly Saygnasone, president of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Andre Kolingba, president of the Central African Republic, and Gnassingbé Eyadéma, president of the Republic of Togo.

Norodom Sihanouk, king of Cambodia, presented a metalwork depicting the flags of the DPRK and Cambodia to the DPRK Chairman for the first time in 1973 out of his gratitude to the latter who gave unstinted support and assistance to the just cause of the Cambodian people. Since then, he presented him with more than 70 pieces of gift.

Giancarlo Elia Valori, chairman of the Italian General Investment Group, highly praising Chairman Kim Jong Il as an outstanding ideologist and theoretician, great man of action, and benevolent father, sent precious gifts. And many prominent figures of foreign countries prepared gifts with sincerity, reflecting their boundless admiration for the DPRK Chairman.

Chairman Kim Jong Il has been awarded over 180 orders and medals by many countries and international organizations in recognition of his contributions to ensuring peace and independent development of the world.

Highest orders awarded by Senegal, Laos, Palestine, Egypt and other countries reflect infinite reverence and admiration for the Chairman, who rendered active support and assistance to their struggle to build a new society and made immortal achievements in strengthening unity and cohesion of the forces of independence.

Order of Solidarity of Cuba, Order of Stalin of former Soviet Union, and Silver Medallion of Karl Marx show high praise from the world progressive peoples for the Chairman's exploits performed for the victory in the cause of independence.

Chairman Kim Jong Il has also been awarded honorary titles on over 210 occasions by heads of state, party leaders, political parties, prestigious academies, universities, international organizations, social organizations and cities across the world. Katmandu City Council of Kingdom of Nepal and many cities, universities, political parties and social organizations elected him as their honorary citizen, academician, professor, doctor, chairman and leader.

Boundless reverence for Chairman Kim Jong Il never fades with the passage of time.

Text: Kim Son Gyong



Large double-faced embroidery "Heralding Spring"
Jiang Zemin, president of the People's Republic of China
(May 2000)



Silver vase
V. V. Putin, president of the Russian Federation
(February 2007)



Marble vessels
King Norodom Sihamoni of the Kingdom of Cambodia
(April 2006)



Ceramic pot
Zhambyn Batmonkh, general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Revolutionary Party of Mongolia and chairman of the Presidium of the Great People's Hural of the People's Republic of Mongolia
(February 1987)



Silver tea service
K. R. Narayanan, president of the Republic of India
(September 2001)



Crocodile-skin bag
Fidel Castro Ruz, president of the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba
(February 1997)

Butterfly-wing mosaic "Sun"

Andre Kolingba, president of the Military Committee of National Redressment and head of state of the Central African Republic (May 1983)



Silver cups and saucers on a silver tray

Hafez al-Assad, president of the Syrian Arab Republic (December 1994)



Natural crystal and glass globe

Didier Ratsiraka, president of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar (October 1990)



Table clock

Levy Patrick Mwanawasa, president of the Republic of Zambia (October 2007)

Flower vase made of silk
Mahmud Ahmadinejad, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran (February 2008)



Wooden treasure box
Salmin Amour, president of Zanzibar of the United Republic of Tanzania (November 1996)





Kim Jong Il received over 400 orders, medals and diplomas, and honorary titles from many governments, political parties, social organizations, enterprises, cities, universities, scientific research institutes, regional and international organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations.



Central Africa
Grand Cross Order of Merit and Certificate
(July 1983)



Cuba
Order of Solidarity and Certificate
(January 1992)



Cambodia
Order of Grand Collar of National Independence
and Decree
(May 2004)



Mongolia
Gold Star of Friendship Order and Certificate
(February 2007)



Russia
Order of "Justice and Peace Defender" and Certificate
(February 2010)





Portugal
Medallion of Setubal
(April 1982)



France
Medallion of the International Relations
Development Institute
au Maréchal KIM JONG IL
(March 1993)



International Federation of Red
Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Founding Commemorative
Medallion
(November 1994)



Russia
"Man of 1994" Medallion and Certificate
(December 1994)



Bulgaria
Medallion of the Anti-Fascism Union and Diploma
(February 2002)



Nepal
Diploma of Peace Award 2009
(January 2010)



Eternal Praise for Great Man



Dmitri Yazov visited the DPRK in July 1998 and met Chairman Kim Jong Il. They had talks for nearly five hours, mainly about military affairs.

During the meeting Yazov was completely fascinated by the Chairman's wide-ranging and profound military knowledge, which involved all the arms and services, cutting-edge technologies and state-of-the-art equipment in modern military science, strategies and tactics of modern warfare and even detailed combat techniques.

Out of his admiration, he said:

"Your Excellency Comrade Kim Jong Il is a great statesman and also an outstanding military commander. I will become your disciple."

It was the genuine feeling of the prominent military commander.

Later, he wrote in his memoirs:

"Comrade Kim Jong Il is, indeed, a genuine 'God' in military affairs."

"I have never known such a great leader as Comrade Kim Jong Il who is possessed of all the qualities befitting a brilliant military commander as well as an outstanding political leader."

Dmitri Yazov, former Soviet Defence Minister and Marshal



"Kim Jong Il is the greatest of great men who possesses mysterious wisdom and courage and the benevolence of the sun, as well as a noble sense of moral obligation that no one has ever had."

"His Excellency Kim Jong Il cleared the last shade of gloom settled in my mind with his warm affection. Once he established a rapport with anybody, he would place his trust and love in him or her to the end."

Giancarlo Elia Valori, Chairman of the Italian General Investment Group

Highly praising the immortal work of Chairman Kim Jong Il, titled, *Socialism Is a Science*, Vishwanath said:

"Many political figures in the world regard this work as 'a great manifesto of independent mankind in the 20th century' and also 'a guide to human future' sent from the heaven. For this work alone, Kim Jong Il would have to be recognized as a highly gifted ideologist and theoretician standing at the apex of the human history of ideology, and as a spiritual leader of the present era."

Vishwanath, former Director General of the International Institute of the Juche Idea



"I have the honour to write this letter with a feeling of respect for the great leader Your Excellency Kim Jong Il.

I respectfully present you with a tuberous begonia I have bred with sincerity, congratulating Your Excellency on your 46th birthday and hoping for the friendly relations between Japan and the DPRK.

...

I hardly venture to name my immature plant after the august name of Your Excellency, but I dared to denominate it Kimjongilia, wishing you longevity and the prosperity and development of the bright future.

If you allow me to present this plant to Your Excellency, it will be an honour greater than I deserve.

I sincerely wish Your Excellency Kim Jong Il long life in good health.

February 13, 1988"

Kamo Mototeru, Japanese floriculturist



"It is our pride to have such a great leader as Comrade Kim Jong Il."

"Though I am an atheist, I don't hesitate to say that I revere Comrade Kim Jong Il as divine existence. If we are to build a genuine socialism, we must learn after the Kim Il Sung-style socialism led by Comrade Kim Jong Il."

S. J. Umalatova, Chairwoman of the Party for Peace and Unity of Russia

Railway-borne Missile Regiment Stages Firing Drill

A firing drill for checking and judging the actual war capacity of the mobile railway missile regiment of North Phyongan Province took place on January 14, 2022. The regiment received a firepower mission at short notice from the General Staff before swiftly moving to the specified firing ground, and precisely struck the set target in the East Sea of Korea with two tactical guided missiles.

Tactical Guided Missiles Test-fired for Check

Tactical guided missiles were test-fired for verification on January 17, 2022 under a plan of the Academy of Defence Science, the Second Economy Commission and other institutions concerned.

It was aimed at selectively evaluating tactical guided missiles being produced and deployed and verifying the accuracy of the weapon system.

The two tactical guided missiles launched in the western area of the DPRK precisely hit an island target in the East Sea of Korea.

The Academy of Defence Science confirmed the accuracy, safety and operational efficiency of the weapon system in production.

Academy of Defence Science Conducts Important Weapons Tests

The Academy of Defence Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted the test fires of important weapons on January 25 and 27 respectively.

On January 25 the test fire for updating the long-range cruise missile system was conducted.

Two long-range cruise missiles flew for 9 137s along the flight trajectory over the East Sea of Korea to hit the target island 1 800 km away from the launch site.

The long-range cruise missile system with the practical combat performance would hold a reliable share in boosting the war deterrent of the country.

On January 27 the test fire for confirming the power of conventional warhead for the surface-to-surface tactical guided missile was conducted

Two tactical guided missiles precisely hit the target island, proving that the explosive power of the conventional warhead complies with the design requirements.

The Academy of Defence Science clarified that the missile warhead institute under it will keep developing powerful warheads capable of performing different combat functions and missions.



Hwasong 12 Test-fired for Evaluation



An evaluation test fire of *Hwasong 12* ground-to-ground intermediate-range ballistic missile was conducted on January 30 under a plan of the Academy of Defence Science, the Second Economy Commission and other institutions concerned.

It was aimed at selectively evaluating the missile being produced and deployed and verifying the overall accuracy of the weapon system.

It was conducted by the highest-angle launch system from the northwestern part of the country toward the waters of the East Sea of Korea in consideration of the security of neighbouring countries.

The Academy of Defence Science made public the earth image data taken from space by a camera installed at the missile warhead.

It confirmed the accuracy, safety and operational effectiveness of the *Hwasong 12* weapon system under production.





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