

★ Commissioning Ceremony of Kangdong Greenhouse Complex Held

★ Training Match between Large Combined Tankmen's Units of KPA Conducted



DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF

KOREA

JUCHE 113
(2024)

4

(822)





Pictorial Korea
founded in April 1956

CONTENTS

Special Report

- 2 Great Socialist Wealth Born of Devoted Service for People's Wellbeing
Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Attends Commissioning Ceremony of Kangdong Greenhouse Complex
- 12 Kim Jong Un Guides Training Match between Large Combined Tankmen's Units
- 20 Kim Jong Un Guides Training of KPA Paratroopers
- 30 Kim Jong Un Guides Firing Drill of Artillery Unit in Western Area
- 38 Kim Jong Un Guides Ground Jet Test of Solid-fueled Engine for New-type Intermediate-range Hypersonic Missile
- 40 Kim Jong Un Inspects Headquarters of Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of KPA and 1st Tank and Armoured Infantry Regiment under Its Direct Control

Special Article

- 50 President Kim Il Sung's Birthplace at Mangyongdae
- 54 Always Among People
- 62 Founding of Korean People's Revolutionary Army

News

- 64 Ground-breaking Ceremonies for Construction of Regional-industry Factories Held in Counties
- 68 DPRK Footballers Win AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup
- 70 Commemorative Tree Planting Takes Place
- 72 WPK Delegation Visits PRC
- 74 Russian Delegations Visit DPRK

Korea Today

- 76 Factory Seethes with Increased Production

FRONT COVER: Training match conducted between large combined tankmen's units of the KPA

BACK COVER: Newly inaugurated Kangdong Greenhouse Complex

Editors: Kim Kyu Song, Sung Ryong, Jo Chol Ju



2



30



38



50



64



70

Great Socialist Wealth Born of Devoted Service for People's Wellbeing

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Attends Commissioning Ceremony of Kangdong Greenhouse Complex

A world-leading vegetable production complex has been successfully built and inaugurated in the Kangdong area of Pyongyang, the capital city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un unveiled a far-reaching plan for building a number of modern greenhouse farms in different parts of the country, even made sure that important military bases were dismantled for greenhouse farms, and has put his heart and soul into their construction. He unfolded a blueprint for building a large-scale greenhouse farm in the Kangdong area at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and energetically guided the whole process of the building project.

The service personnel of the Korean People's Army, who responded with single-minded loyalty to the special order of the Party Central Committee, successfully built a new-generation greenhouse complex whose size and production capacity are much bigger than the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, public buildings and terraced dwelling houses harmonizing with the surrounding natural landscape in a matter of one year with their strong offensive spirit and mettle of Korean-style creation, thus presenting a fairyland-like "greenhouse town", "farm town" in a suburb of the capital.

A commissioning ceremony of the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex was held with splendour on March 15.

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, attended the ceremony together with leading cadres of the Party and the government.

When Kim Jong Un and his beloved daughter arrived at the venue of the ceremony amid the playing of welcome music, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

Present at the ceremony were Premier Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of armed forces organs, ministries, national agencies and Pyongyang Municipality, soldier-builders and officials and employees of the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex and Pyongyangites.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a commissioning speech.





Upon authorization by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the speaker extended warm thanks and congratulations to the service personnel and all other builders who successfully built the greenhouse complex as a people's asset and fully demonstrated the absolute advantages and inexhaustible vitality of Korean-style creation with the steadfast spirit of devotedly implementing the Party's resolutions and through indomitable and strenuous struggle.

He said that our own way and strength are a fundamental guarantee for building structures, rare to be found in other parts of the world,

at will and that when all the people work hard in the high spirit displayed in this greenhouse complex construction, the day when the whole country prospers and the people enjoy an affluent and civilized life would be brought earlier. He ardently called upon all the people to make firm and courageous advance toward a new great victory in 2024 that will witness another change and progress and toward eternal prosperity of the beloved country.

Kim Jong Un made a speech encouraging the service personnel of the KPA who successfully built the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex



to realize another cherished desire of the Party.

The following is the speech:

"Comrades,

"Dear officers and men of the air force units,

"Teaching staff and cadets of military academies at different levels,

"You have taken much trouble indeed.

"As we see today, you have built in a matter of a year this advanced and splendid asset at a miraculous speed. I cannot find

enough words to express my gratitude to you and my happiness.

"The traces of your hard-fought struggle in this transformed Kangdong area have already disappeared.

"However, your staunch revolutionary spirit, outstanding wisdom and strenuous efforts buried under this creation will live as a model for the coming generations, I believe.

"Seeing it, everyone will say that something has been created from nothing.

"You have set up a large creation as a present for the people





in the place that bears the imprints of your military service and militant feats.

“Whereas all the challenges and difficulties facing the state are our army’s primary targets for annihilation, the accomplishing of the cherished desires of our Party and people is its first goal to attain.

“This is the invariable essential nature of our army.

“Heroic officers and men of our army who are always thoroughgoing and powerful in defending the state and the people and legendary and almighty in creating the wealth of the country and the happiness of the people,

“As it has always been with you, you are just given the priceless

honour of leading the effort to effect a world of transformation in the coming years, a world which our ideals and our style of creative struggle will surely lead to.

“Officers and men,

“Let us continue to advance and achieve victory, singing the song of creators under the uplifted banner of defenders.

“Availing myself of this opportunity, I, on behalf of our Party and government, once again extend thanks to our laudable and heroic army.

“Thank you.”

When he finished the speech, stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” raised by all the participants resounded across the sky of March.





Kim Jong Un cut the tape for commissioning of the complex and waved back to the soldier-builders and other people.

He looked round the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex together with senior officials of the Party, the government and the military.

He visited greenhouses of different types to learn in detail about the advanced technical devices for cultivating greenhouse vegetables introduced for the first time in the country, their economic efficiency and technical features.

He expressed great satisfaction over the highly intensive, optimized and intelligent production processes to be operated by our own efforts and technology with an eye to the world.

He said that a new sphere and realm of greenhouse vegetable production has been pioneered thanks to the completion of the land- and labour-saving greenhouse complex which guarantees radical increase in productivity in comparison with the conventional cultivation method while providing the growth environment of



various kinds of tasty and nutritious vegetables in a scientific and balanced way. He added that the eye-opening transformation in the Kangdong area is an epitome of the worthwhile struggle of creation of our own style getting intense in the spirit of self-reliance and self-existence.

To expand the proud successes and experience gained in the construction of the greenhouse complex, which will serve as another great engine for improving the people's living standards, is a

sacred undertaking for further enriching and beautifully cultivating the new socialist life, he said, giving instructions on accelerating large-scale modern greenhouse farm construction on a nationwide scale and surely turning vegetable production into an innovative industry.

He looked round the houses built for the working people who would enjoy a worthwhile working life at the complex, and wished them happy future.



Kim Jong Un Guides Training Match between Large Combined Tankmen's Units



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, guided a training match between the large combined tankmen's units of the Korean People's Army on March 13.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

He was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the KPA. Commanding officers of the tank and mechanized units at all levels of the KPA watched the match.

The training match was aimed at strictly inspecting tankmen's actual combat capabilities and making them get familiar with combat action methods on different tactical missions, and tank crews selected from the combined units competed in the match.

Kim Jong Un mounted the observation post, where he received a report on the plan for the match.

Watching with satisfaction the fierce advance of the tanks dashing ahead like wind, Kim Jong Un said with pleasure that it was quite spectacular and the grandiose looks of tanks seemed to mirror the bravery and audacity peculiar to the KPA.

The Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division won the match with its overwhelming fighting efficiency.

Congratulating the division on its success, Kim Jong Un said with great satisfaction that the tankmen of the division are really well prepared, adding that he has so far guided the training of units of different services, arms and corps and sub-units of the KPA many times but none of them satisfied him more than the tankmen's preparedness displayed at the match. He repeatedly expressed his great satisfaction, saying that if all the units and sub-units of the entire army are well prepared like the sub-units of the 105th Tank



Watching with satisfaction the fierce advance of the tanks dashing ahead like wind, Kim Jong Un says with pleasure that it is quite spectacular and the grandiose looks of tanks seem to mirror the bravery and audacity peculiar to the KPA.



Division which participated in the match, he would never worry about the preparations for war.

Recalling that the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division is a unit with the proud history and tradition of having

occupied the enemy capital, he highly praised the brave tankmen of the division, adding that he was really happy to see the indomitable soul and heroic mettle of the wartime guard tankmen still pulsate in the fighting spirit of the tankmen of the new generation.





He highly appreciated once again the untiring efforts the officers and men of the combined units have made to gird themselves for war while keeping highly alert, and set forth important tasks for making leaps forward in rounding off the preparations for war by giving fuller play to the elated fighting spirit.

He expressed expectation and belief that the brave tankmen of the KPA would always remain loyal to the struggle to prepare themselves to be one-match-for-a-hundred iron fists with a firm will to annihilate the enemy and thus fully demonstrate as ever the valiant spirit of the powerful iron-clad ranks.





After reviewing the tank crews, Kim Jong Un mounts a new-type main battle tank, takes the control lever and drives the tank himself, adding to the high militant spirit of the tankmen and instilling in them thoroughgoing outlooks on the enemy and war.

He reviewed the tank crews involved in the match and encouraged them.

After reviewing the tank crews, he mounted a new-type main battle tank, took the control lever and drove the tank himself, adding

to the high militant spirit of the tankmen and instilling in them thoroughgoing outlooks on the enemy and war.

Then he had a photo session with the tankmen of the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division who won the match.

Kim Jong Un Guides Training of KPA Paratroopers

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, guided training of air-borne units of the Korean People's Army on March 15.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by leading commanding officers of the KPA.

The training was aimed at inspecting the paratroopers' readiness to be mobilized for any operational plan in surprise wartime circumstances and judging their real war capabilities adapted to different combat action procedures.

Kim Jong Un received a report on the plan for training and guided the drill at an observation post.



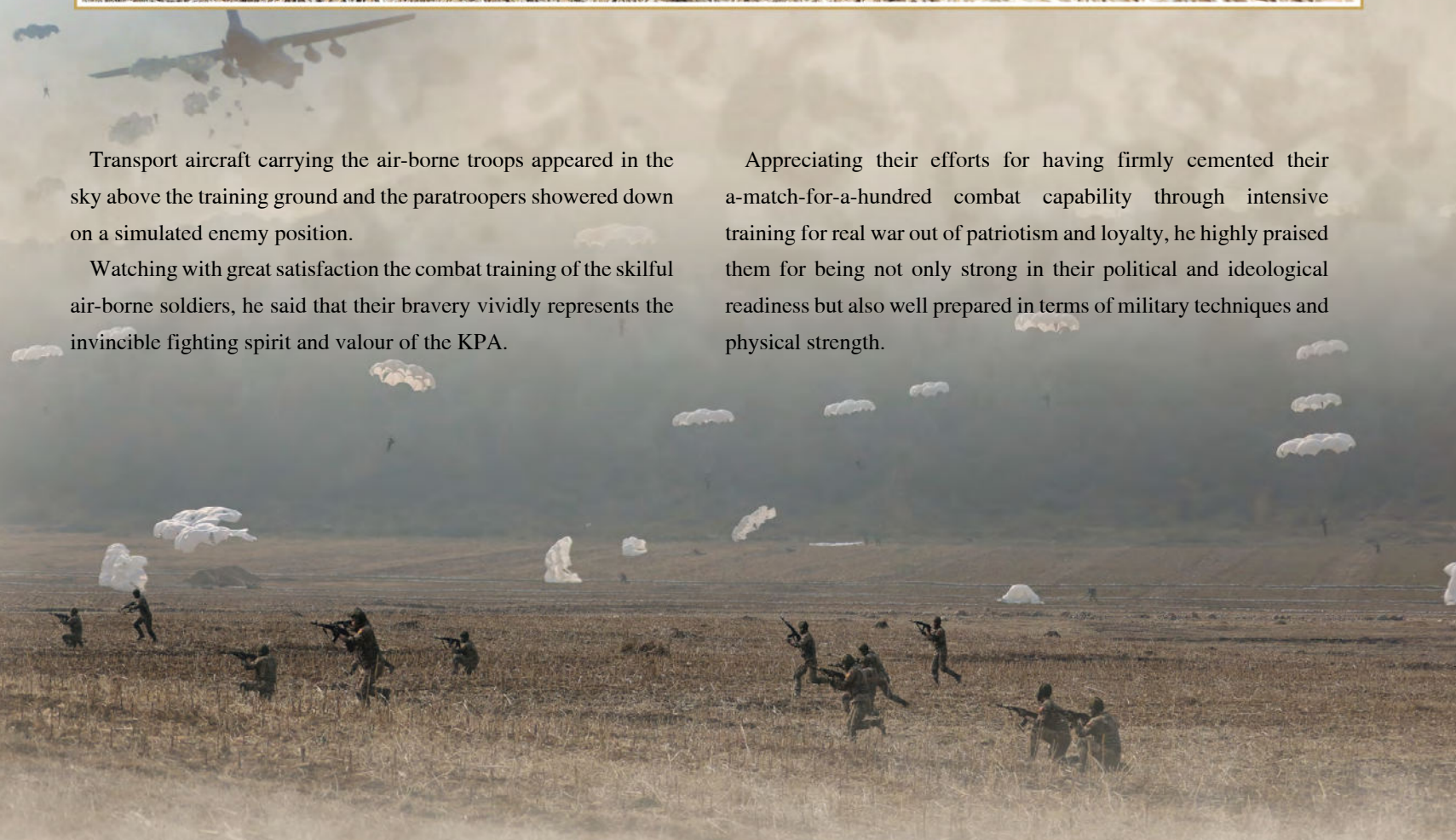
Watching with great satisfaction the combat training of the skilful air-borne soldiers showering down on a simulated enemy position, Kim Jong Un says that their bravery vividly represents the invincible fighting spirit and valour of the KPA.



Transport aircraft carrying the air-borne troops appeared in the sky above the training ground and the paratroopers showered down on a simulated enemy position.

Watching with great satisfaction the combat training of the skilful air-borne soldiers, he said that their bravery vividly represents the invincible fighting spirit and valour of the KPA.

Appreciating their efforts for having firmly cemented their a-match-for-a-hundred combat capability through intensive training for real war out of patriotism and loyalty, he highly praised them for being not only strong in their political and ideological readiness but also well prepared in terms of military techniques and physical strength.





Appreciating their efforts for having firmly cemented their a-match-for-a-hundred combat capability through intensive training for real war out of patriotism and loyalty, Kim Jong Un highly praises the combatants for being not only strong in their political and ideological readiness but also well prepared in terms of military techniques and physical strength.

Noting that he could personally confirm through the recent major drills that the KPA, the main force for national defence in direct charge of fighting a war, is fully prepared for war in all aspects and firmly maintains perfect combat readiness with a clear outlook on the

archenemy, he said that he was very satisfied with this.

He set forth important tasks for the entire army to enhance its militant might in every way by conducting training more intensively with the main emphasis placed on steadily studying and applying





realistic and scientific training methods for achieving maximum fighting efficiency on actual battlefields as required by modern warfare.

Underlining the need for the KPA to conduct every round of training under the simulated conditions of real war in order to prepare the soldiers to be stalwart fighters capable of fighting and surely winning the life-and-death decisive battles in contingency, he called for organizing in a methodological way scientific combat training to proactively cope with various topographical, meteorological and round-the-clock conditions and intensive exercises to make them get familiar with the action procedures under the most extreme conditions and unexpected combat circumstances in order to train brave and able future combat heroes on every training ground.

Emphasizing that officers in direct charge of training should fulfil their duty, he said that as their high ability is just a basic factor of guaranteeing the results of effective training, they should steadily



Kim Jong Un encourages the KPA, strong in idea and faith, invincible for self-defence and ambitious for eternal victory, and has a photo taken with the air-borne combatants who successfully carried out their combat training.



enhance their qualifications amid a fierce competition for improving practical ability, continuously explore new and valuable training forms and methods, remain strict in making demands on trainees, and thus contribute to increasing the combat capability of their units and sub-units by attaining marked results in training.

Stressing once again that it is the primary duty of the KPA to make full preparations for war, he underlined the need for all the service personnel to firmly arm themselves with the strong will to fight the enemy and thoroughgoing outlook on war that they will change the course of history without fail if a war breaks out, and continue to spur war preparations by adding to their current fervent training enthusiasm.

Encouraging the KPA, strong in idea and faith, invincible for self-defence and ambitious for eternal victory, he had a photo taken with the air-borne combatants who successfully carried out their combat training.

Kim Jong Un Guides Firing Drill of Artillery Unit in Western Area

In the stirring period when trainings for strengthening the combat capability to bolster up the national defence capability in every way are being staged one after another across the entire army in the flames of effecting a revolution in training kindled by the Party Central Committee, there was a firing drill of the artillery unit in the western area, which is in charge of an important firing assignment and equipped with super-large multiple rocket launchers, part of a new generation of core striking means of the Korean People's Army.





There was a firing drill of the artillery unit in the western area, which is in charge of an important firing assignment and equipped with super-large multiple rocket launchers, part of a new generation of core striking means of the Korean People's Army.

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, guided the salvo drill of a sub-unit under the relevant unit on March 18.

Kim Jong Sik, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Jang Chang Ha, general director of the DPRK Missile Administration, reviewed the drill.

The drill was aimed at proving the might and real war capabilities of the weapon system through sudden manoeuvres and salvos of the sub-units armed with 600mm multiple rocket launchers, raising the combat morale of the artillerymen and checking and enhancing their readiness posture.

Going round the firing positions, Kim Jong Un acquainted himself with the automatic fire control system and the combat deployment time and tactical specifications of the transporter-erector-launchers, and watched the artillerymen's handling of equipment.





Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that the artillerymen displayed high manoeuvrability and accurate and strong striking power in carrying out their sudden combat mission, Kim Jong Un highly appreciates that all the service

After being briefed on the firing drill plan of the super-large multiple rocket launcher batteries at an observation post, he gave an instruction to conduct the drill.

When the order to fire was issued from the central observation post, the combatants of the batteries simultaneously opened fire with the confidence of a-match-for-a-hundred artillerymen.

The artillerymen who took part in the drill have strengthened their combat capability in every way in the crucible of rounding off the artillery war preparations during the days of preparing themselves as master gunners possessed of extraordinary real war capabilities.

They fully demonstrated their excellent crack-shot marksmanship and prompt and thoroughgoing combat readiness.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that the artillerymen displayed high manoeuvrability and accurate and strong striking power in carrying out their sudden combat mission, he highly appreciated that all the service personnel are fully versed in the Korean-style super-large multiple rocket launcher system which is the strongest in the world and are remarkably increasing the militant might with full combat readiness.

After the salvos of the batteries, a test was conducted to simulate

personnel are fully versed in the Korean-style super-large multiple rocket launcher system which is the strongest in the world and are remarkably increasing the militant might with full combat readiness.

an air explosion by a super-large multiple rocket at a preset altitude above the target.

Expressing the strong will to completely remove the risks of armed conflict and war and firmly defend peace, stability and sovereignty of the country with the overwhelming military muscles as a deterrent, Kim Jong Un set forth important strategic tasks for bolstering up the artillery forces and rounding off the artillery war preparations.

Stressing that the position and role of the newly-equipped super-large multiple rocket launchers in war preparations are very important, he said that as 600mm super-large multiple rocket launchers would

perform their strategic duties as part of the core central striking means of our armed forces, together with other effective and destructive offensive means, the modernization of the artillery forces should continue to be stepped up on the basis of them.

He said that it is necessary to further impress upon the enemies that if an armed conflict and a war break out, they can never avoid disastrous consequences, adding that in the future the destructive offensive means possessed by our army should more thoroughly fulfil their missions to block and deter the risks of war with the constant perfect preparedness to destroy the capital of the enemy and



Expressing the strong will to completely remove the risks of armed conflict and war and firmly defend peace, stability and sovereignty of the country with the overwhelming military muscles as a deterrent, Kim Jong Un sets forth important strategic tasks for bolstering up the artillery forces and rounding off the artillery war preparations.

the structure of its military forces.

He stressed the need to continuously increase the number of batteries of super-large multiple rocket launchers and indicated the tasks and ways for it, referring to the principled issues that serve as guidelines in their operational deployment and operation.

He called for fully preparing long-range artillerymen as the main combatants and the mainstay of war to annihilate the enemy without hesitation according to their assignments in contingency.

He expressed expectation and belief that all the artillerymen of the entire army would always and strictly keep their perfect war posture and high alert, make a great innovation in rounding off war preparations and thus fully prepare themselves to be heroic artillerymen who would take the lead in making a breakthrough in victory of battle with the most powerful and merciless shellfire of justice in a grim moment.



Kim Jong Un Guides Ground Jet Test of Solid-fueled Engine for New-type Intermediate-range Hypersonic Missile



A ground jet test of a solid-fueled engine for a new-type intermediate-range hypersonic missile, which is of another strategic value, was successfully conducted in the era when eye-opening sci-tech achievements have been successively made in the course of the steady development of the national defence capability.

The DPRK Missile Administration and its affiliated engine institute conducted the ground jet test of a multistage solid-fueled engine for intermediate-range hypersonic missiles at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground on the morning and afternoon of March 19, according to the schedule of a new-type weapon system programme.

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, guided the test on the spot together with leading officials of the missile development sector.

A timetable for completing the development of the new-type intermediate-range hypersonic missile weapon system was set through the great success in the important test.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the military strategic value of this weapon system is appreciated as importantly as ICBM in view of the security environment of our state and the operational needs of the People's Army and that enemies know better about it.

He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the strategic weapons programmes of the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK have been successfully completed.

Kim Jong Un Inspects Headquarters of Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of KPA and 1st Tank and Armoured Infantry Regiment under Its Direct Control



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, inspects the headquarters of the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People's Army and the 1st Tank and

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, inspected the headquarters of the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People's Army and the 1st Tank and Armoured Infantry Regiment under the direct

control of the division on March 24.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff.



Armoured Infantry Regiment under the direct control of the division on March 24.

After receiving a salute from the commander of the tank division, he reviews the military colours of the division and its combined units and the ranks of commanding officers.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the headquarters of the division, all the service personnel raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" looking up to the iron-willed commander who has developed the KPA into an invincible elite revolutionary army while dynamically guiding it only to victory with his outstanding

ideas and leadership and energetic devotion.

After receiving a salute from the commander of the tank division, he reviewed the military colours of the division and its combined units and the ranks of commanding officers.

Kim Jong Un looked round the revolutionary museum, guided by



Saying that the 105th Tank Division, symbolic of the heroic and brave spirit of the KPA, should hold high the banner as befitting a model of the entire army in the ongoing intensive training for finishing war preparations, Kim Jong Un sets forth important tasks for strengthening in every way the combat preparations and combat efficiency of the unit including that of arming the tank crews with overwhelming ideological and moral strength and thoroughly training them in the military, technical and physical aspects and getting combat technical equipment always ready for action.

the commanding officers of the division.

The unit, which was formed as the first tank unit of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK in August 1948 on the initiative of President Kim Il Sung and under his meticulous care and earned fame as a steel-strong elite division, is associated with the undying leadership exploits of the peerlessly great men and has performed lots of militant feats.

Looking round the precious historical relics and data associated with the immortal devoted efforts of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il for the development of the sacred and proud unit, Kim Jong Un recollected with deep emotion the proud course of the guards tank unit that has followed the road of loyalty as invincible iron-clad ranks shining with victory and glory.

Noting that recorded in the history of the division are the glorious



tradition of defending the Party and the leader unto death and a number of combat feats performed by it in every grim period of the revolution, he stressed that the noble tradition of loyalty of the guards unit and its tradition of great victory should be carried forward generation after generation forever.

He called for conducting efficient ideological education among the soldiers to make them steadfastly preserve and add brilliance to



the immortal achievements of the President and the Chairman with proud successes in rounding off war preparations and beefing up combat capability with the unique pride and honour of serving in the glorious unit associated with the guidance of the great leaders.

After being briefed on the division's plan for offensive and defensive operations by its commander, Kim Jong Un examined combat documents and indicated the operational combat tasks and



Kim Jong Un guides tank crews' hurdle-overcoming and high-speed breakthrough drill at the training ground of the regiment, and expresses great satisfaction over the fact that the tankmen involved in the drill are fully prepared as a-match-for-a-hundred versatile crews capable of carrying out any combat mission.





orientation of combat training of the combined units under the division.

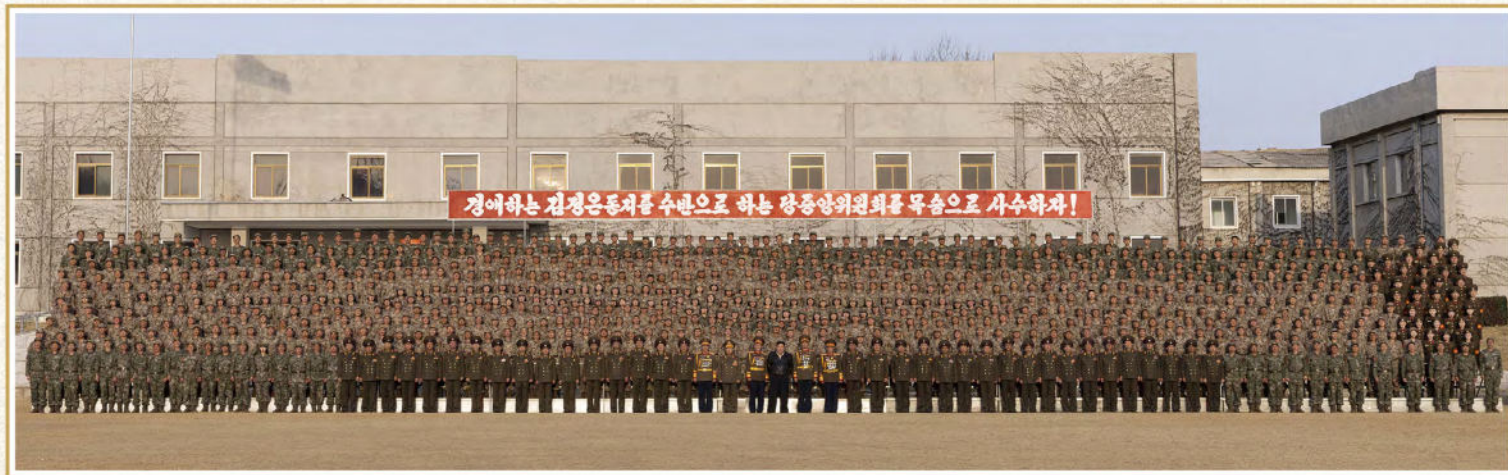
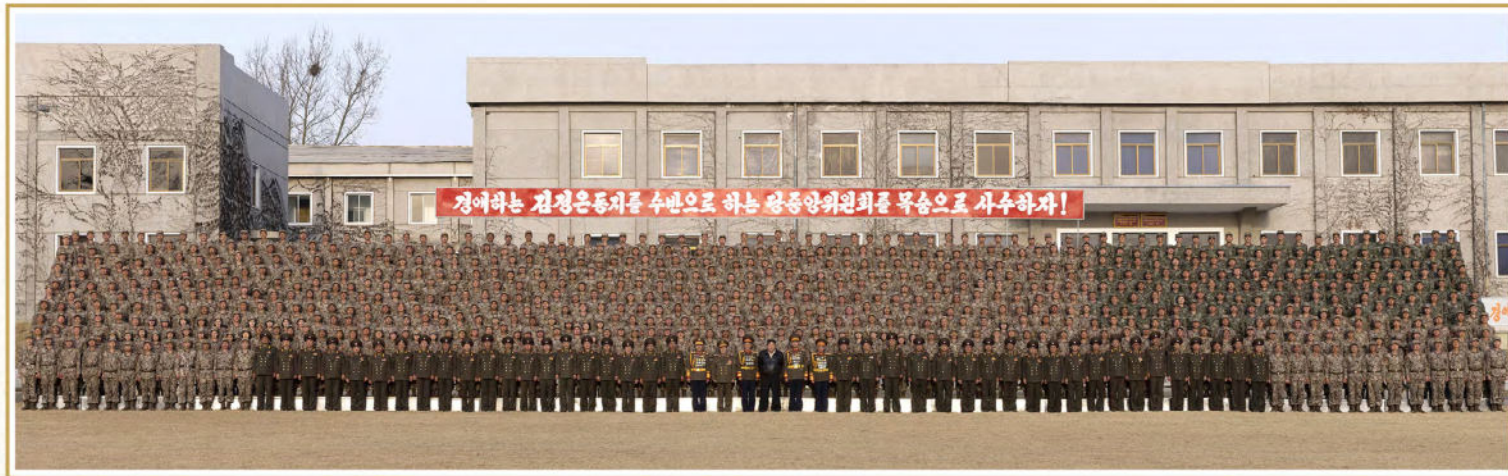
He said that the 105th Tank Division, symbolic of the heroic and brave spirit of the KPA, should hold high the banner as befitting a model of the entire army in the ongoing intensive training for finishing war preparations. He set forth important tasks for strengthening in every way the combat preparations and combat efficiency of the unit including that of arming the tank crews with overwhelming ideological and moral strength and thoroughly training them in the military, technical and physical aspects and getting combat technical

equipment always ready for action.

Kim Jong Un enjoyed a performance given by the art squad of the division at the servicepersons' hall.

He expressed expectation and belief that all the service personnel of the division would give fuller play to the stamina of the guards unit in today's struggle for defending the country and the revolution by carrying forward the indomitable fighting spirit displayed by the tank crews in the Fatherland Liberation War, and had a photo session with the service personnel of the headquarters.

Kim Jong Un inspected the 1st Tank and Armoured Infantry



Kim Jong Un expresses expectation and belief that all the service personnel of the division would give fuller play to the stamina of the guards unit in today's struggle for defending the country and the revolution by carrying forward the indomitable fighting spirit displayed by the tank crews in the Fatherland Liberation War, and has photo sessions with the service personnel of the headquarters and the tankmen and soldiers of the regiment involved in the drill.

Regiment under the direct control of the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division.

He met again the tank crews of the regiment, who proved successful in the recent training match among the large combined tankmen's units of the KPA, and warmly encouraged them.

He had a talk with the commanding officers of the regiment at the building of its command and looked round the barracks of a sub-unit.

He guided tank crews' hurdle-overcoming and high-speed breakthrough drill at the training ground of the regiment.

Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the tankmen involved in the drill are fully prepared as a-match-for-a-

hundred versatile crews capable of carrying out any combat mission.

He had a photo session with the tankmen and soldiers of the regiment involved in the drill.

Going round a mess hall of the sub-unit, he took warm care of the living of the servicepersons with paternal affection.

Seeing with satisfaction the servicepersons at table, he said that the commanding officers should always pay close attention to further improving the servicepersons' diet, ensure a regular supply of meat, vegetables and various other subsidiary foodstuffs in good time and make sincere efforts to provide them with good living conditions.

President Kim Il Sung's Birthplace at Mangyongdae

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was born into a patriotic and revolutionary family at Mangyongdae on April 15, Juche 1 (1912).

On the bank of the Taedong River meandering through Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, is Mangyongdae whose name derives from picturesque scenery of hills and rivers.

Here at Mangyongdae President Kim Il Sung was born on April 15, Juche 1 (1912).

His native home is a humble straw-thatched house common in the

rural villages of Korea when it was going through the bitter period of its national tragedy forced by the military occupation of Japanese imperialists.

His family members had lived as tenant farmers from generation to generation. Though poor, his family made ardent patriotism the family tradition, which meant dedicating their lives without hesitation

for the country and the people.

His father Kim Hyong Jik was an outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national liberation movement in Korea, who fought throughout his life, regarding the idea of "Aim High" as his motto, to achieve the independence of the country by fighting generation after generation.

His mother Kang Pan Sok dedicated her all to the struggle for the country's independence and social emancipation of women while vigorously supporting her husband in revolutionary activities.

Indeed, the family of President Kim Il Sung was a patriotic and revolutionary one where his traits as a great man sprouted and developed.





Kim Il Sung meeting his grandmother after 20 years in October Juche 34 (1945)



Kim Il Sung with his family members in October Juche 34 (1945)

Kim Il Sung grew up, being educated in patriotism by his parents, and left his birthplace in Juche 14 (1925) with a firm determination to liberate the country.

Shouldering the responsibility for the country and the nation, he organized and led the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, achieved the historic cause of national liberation, and returned home after 20

years to meet his grandparents.

The Korean people constantly visit Mangyongdae, the birthplace of the President who won back the lost country and established a dignified socialist state of Juche.

Text: Pak Ui Chol



Kim Il Sung among working people in April Juche 50 (1961)

Always Among People

When April comes, the Korean people feel greater yearning for President Kim Il Sung who built a garden of love and benevolence on this land.

He spent his whole life in successfully implementing the lofty idea “The people are my God.”

Regarding hardships for the good of the people as pleasure, the President made painstaking efforts.

After Korea’s liberation he entered a rice paddy field to transplant rice seedlings, saying that it was his first rice transplanting in the liberated country. From that day the President continuously visited farms across the country with a single desire to feed his people well and make them well-off.

He walked along the ankle-high muddy path on Pidan Island in the northwestern tip of the country in the torrential rain in order to solve



Kim Il Sung having a heart-to-heart talk with a peasant in Kosanjin, Manpho County, in August Juche 47 (1958)



Kim Il Sung meeting young builders at the Haeju-Hasong railway construction site in June Juche 47 (1958)



Kim Il Sung discussing farm work with peasants in Chongsan-ri, Kangso County, in October Juche 47 (1958)

the problem of clothing for the people. Saying that he should go wherever the people lived, he pushed the car, not minding a sloppy road on the bank of the Tuman River. And one pitch-dark night he climbed up the slope, holding a torch, to choose the site of a reservoir.

His journey of on-site guidance to every nook and corner of the country, rain or shine, in sultry or biting cold weather, continued on Sundays and holidays, and even his birthday.

Burying his toils deep in the heart, he always wore a bright smile before people and went on his visits to factories and farms even in the last period of his life, leaving his walking stick in the car, lest the people would shed tears to see him with the help of the stick.

Once he told the officials in the following vein: You say that I am meeting the people freely. People want to see me and I want to have a talk with them. I feel happy to meet the people and they regard seeing



Kim Il Sung talking with farmers at the Sangphyong Agricultural Cooperative in Kim Chaek County in March Juche 48 (1959)



Kim Il Sung among students of Tongju Middle School in Pyoktong County in October Juche 46 (1957)



Kim Il Sung with a woman tractor driver at Oeso Cooperative Farm in Kaechon County in November Juche 62 (1973)

me as their happiness.

Indeed, the President went to the people throughout his life to share joy and sorrow with them and bestow only happiness on them, himself traversing difficult and rough paths with the genuine fatherly

affection for the people.

President Kim Il Sung started the revolution by going among the people, and in the period of nearly half a century from his triumphal return home after liberating Korea (August 15, 1945) to the last days



Kim Il Sung acquainting himself with the living of a farmer at Hyangha-ri, Janggang County, in July Juche 58 (1969)



Kim Il Sung visiting a new house built at South Chongjin in July Juche 69 (1980)



Kim Il Sung visiting the Junggu Greengrocer's in Central District in October Juche 58 (1969)



Kim Il Sung taking photographs of students in new uniform at the Yonphung Senior Middle School in April Juche 66 (1977)



Kim Il Sung visiting Kumdang Cooperative Farm in Onchon County in June Juche 83 (1994)

of his life he gave on-spot guidance at over 20 600 units, travelling more than 578 000km, 14.5 times of the distance round the earth.

The Korean people, as they did in the past, will in the future, too, admire Kim Il Sung who was endowed with love for the people and devoted his all to the good of the people. And they are hardening

their determination to uphold him for ever down through generations and realize his wish without fail under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

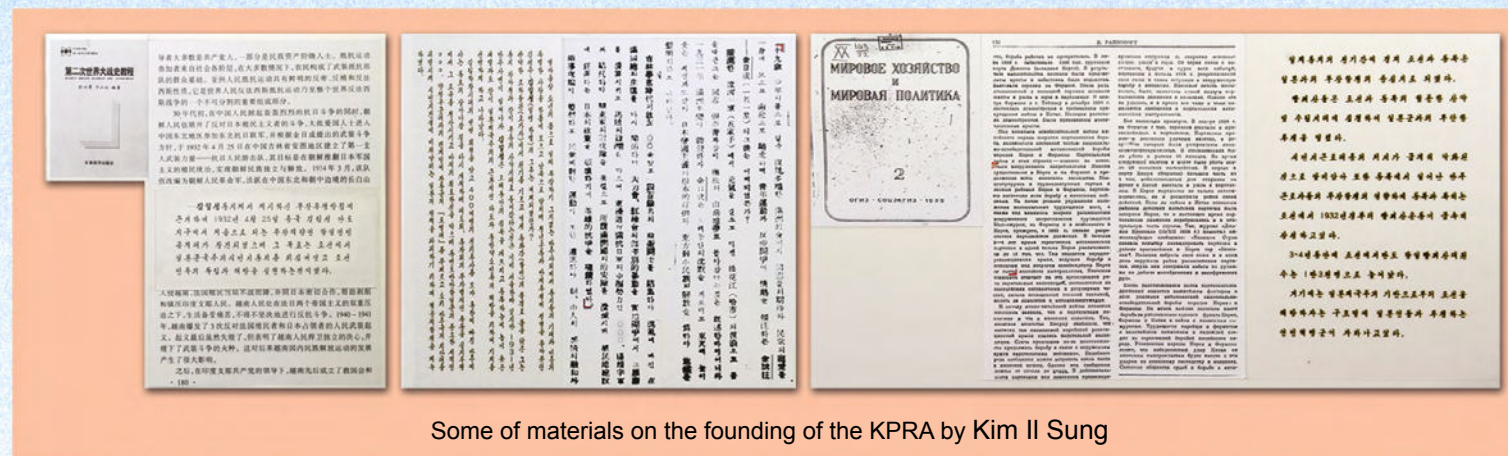
Text: Pak Ui Chol

Founding of Korean People's Revolutionary Army



April 25
1932

Kim Il Sung founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army on April 25, Juche 21 (1932).



Some of materials on the founding of the KPRF by Kim Il Sung



Kim Il Sung (middle) with commanding officers of the KPRF

On April 25, 92 years ago, the Korean People's Revolutionary Army (KPRF) was founded.

Every year the Korean people significantly celebrate the day with great dignity and infinite pride in the armed forces of the DPRK that are reliably defending peace of the country and wellbeing of the people.

The Korean People's Revolutionary Army, the first armed unit of the Korean revolutionaries led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, declared an all-people resistance to liberate the country.

The true significance of the event is not confined only to the fact that the Korean people, who had been subjected to the misery of colonial slavery forced by the military occupation of villainous Japanese imperialism, had their own national army and hope for their revival.

The fine sons and daughters of Korea, by holding their weapons aloft in the forests of Paektu, expressed the soaring spirit of the independence of the nation, and those weapons were a force that instilled the mettle of self-dependence and tremendous strength in the people.

The founding of the KPRF was an event of historic significance that declared the steadfast, anti-imperialist revolutionary commitment of the Korean revolutionaries to settle accounts once and for all by force of arms with those who infringed upon the dignity and sovereignty of the nation as well as their unyielding determination to win the freedom and liberation of the people by their own efforts.

The KPRF's uniforms were made from cotton fabric dyed in the water and oak-tree bark and some 100 rifles captured from the enemy were all what it had. Such a young army had to fight against Japanese

imperialism which was boasting of being a world big power and trying to dominate Asia.

However, history clearly proved that the commitment and determination of the Korean revolutionaries were absolutely correct.

For over a decade since its founding, assuming a heavy historic mission, the KPRF waged the bloody anti-Japanese war, closely rallied behind Kim Il Sung, a peerless patriot and legendary hero, and achieved the national liberation.

Text: Kim Son Gyong

Ground-breaking Ceremonies for Construction of Regional-industry Factories Held in Counties



With the advent of spring, ground-breaking ceremonies for the construction of regional-industry factories took place in several counties in the DPRK one after another to implement the Regional Development 20x10 Policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

They were attended by secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of the Party and power organs

in the relevant provinces and counties, members of the non-permanent committees for promoting the Regional Development 20x10 Policy, soldier-builders and working people.

At the ceremonies speakers noted that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set the great change for regional development as an epochal undertaking to be surely carried out by the Party and state and unfolded

a gigantic revolutionary strategy for completely renovating the regional-industry factories across the country.

They stressed that the Regional Development 20x10 Policy is the driving force for comprehensive national rejuvenation and growth that boosts the faith and optimism about the strength and future ideal and ambition, and it is another great revolution that can be made only by





the WPK which regards it as its political ideal and political philosophy to believe in the people as in Heaven and devote itself to them.

Saying that solid foundations for regional rejuvenation would be laid and epochal changes be brought about in the material and cultural life of the people in the forthcoming ten years under the leadership of the respected General Secretary, they called for thoroughly implementing the Party's regional-industry development policy by the concerted efforts of servicepersons and civilians.

The speakers noted that the Regional Development 20x10 Policy encapsulates the sacred political ideal and fighting goal of the WPK, a genuine people's party,

and extended the warmest greetings to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un out of the unanimous wish of the entire people.

They emphasized that they would achieve the unity of the army and people in ideology and fighting spirit and respond with patriotism to the general onward march of the People's Army for the regional industry revolution.

The speeches expressed the firm will of soldier-builders to fully display the indomitable mettle of the revolutionary army in the van of the regional industry revolution, cherishing the absolute loyalty to the cause of the WPK and devoted service for the good of the people as the solemn duty.

Text: Choe Kwang Ho



DPRK Footballers Win AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup



DPRK women footballers took the first place in the 2024 AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup held in Uzbekistan last March and qualified for the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.



Chae Un Yong was awarded the best player prize and Chae Un Gyong the best goalkeeper prize.



Commemorative Tree Planting Takes Place

On the occasion of Tree-planting Day (March 14), there took place commemorative tree planting all across the country.

Officials of commissions, ministries and national agencies planted good species of trees in different places in the capital city of Pyongyang, including the areas around the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Central Botanical Garden and the Monument to Party Founding.

Officials, working people, youth and students in Pyongyang and

all provinces took an active part in landscaping with an ardent love for their native places to add more to the scenery of the regions and units.

The Central Tree Nursery under the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection and other nurseries across the country produced enough saplings to successfully ensure tree planting.

Photo: Ra Phyong Ryol, Ri Chol Jin
Text: Choe Kwang Ho

WPK Delegation Visits PRC



The director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea meets the chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Kim Song Nam, alternate member of the Political Bureau and director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea who visited the People's Republic of China as head of the WPK delegation, met Wang Huning, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), on March 21.

Kim Song Nam courteously conveyed the warm greetings from Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, to Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Wang Huning.

Wang Huning expressed deep thanks for the greetings and asked for conveying General Secretary Xi Jinping's and his heartfelt, warm greetings to WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

Kim Song Nam referred to the fact that the DPRK-China relations have been steadily developing into genuine and solid comradely relations with socialism as their core under the direct concern of the leaders of the two parties of the DPRK and China.

He appreciated the epoch-making progress made by the CPC and the Chinese people in their efforts to implement the decisions of

the 20th Party Congress under the leadership of General Secretary Xi Jinping this year marking the 75th founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

Wang Huning said that no matter how the international situation may change, the China-DPRK friendship, the strategic option of both sides, will never be shaken and that China, which regards the DPRK as a good comrade, good friend and good neighbour, will translate the important agreements between the top leaders of the two parties into practical action and thus provide the peoples of the two countries with greater happiness and contribute to regional peace and stability.

Wishing the WPK great success in its activities and socialist construction under the wise leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, he affirmed that the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference would make a positive contribution to writing a new chapter of the China-DPRK friendship and developing socialism in the two countries.

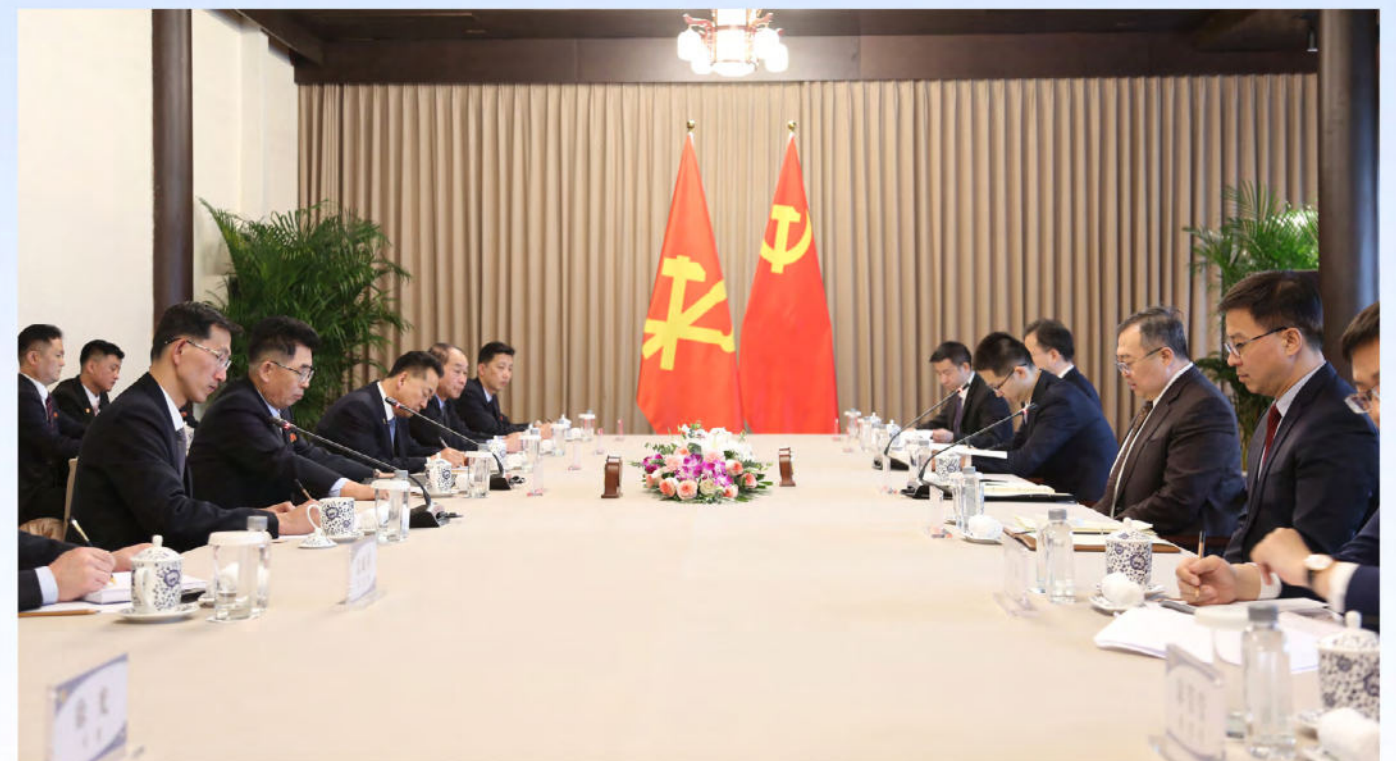
Talks between Kim Song Nam, director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and Liu Jianchao, head of the International Liaison Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, were held in Beijing on March 21.

Liu Jianchao asked the head of the WPK delegation to convey the warm greetings and best wishes of General Secretary Xi Jinping of the CPC Central Committee to General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the WPK.

Kim Song Nam introduced the successes being made in Party building and the accomplishment of the cause for the overall development of socialism under the wise leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un and referred to the line and policy of the WPK on the struggle against the US and enemies.

Noting that General Secretary Xi Jinping and the CPC Central Committee warmly welcome and highly prize the WPK delegation's visit to China in the year of China-DPRK friendship, Liu Jianchao said that during its visit the delegation would feel the will of the CPC to steadily develop the traditional China-DPRK friendly relations.

At the talks both sides reaffirmed their mutual support for the policies being adopted by the two parties and the two countries in socialist construction and the field of external relations and expressed their stand to expand cooperation between the sectors of external affairs of the parties in order to boost the bilateral relationship in an all-round way with a long-term and long-range view on the firm basis of the development of the friendly relations provided by the top leaders of the two parties.



Talks are held between the director of the International Department of the WPK Central Committee and the head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee.

Russian Delegations Visit DPRK



Talks are held between the minister of External Economic Relations of the DPRK and the governor of the Maritime Territory Administration of the Russian Federation.



The delegation of the Russian Maritime Territory lays a wreath at the Liberation Tower.

Last March Russian delegations visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

A delegation of the Maritime Territory of the Russian Federation led by Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory Administration of the Russian Federation, paid a courtesy call on Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, on March 21 and had talks in a friendly atmosphere.

Talks between Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations of the DPRK, and Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory Administration of the Russian Federation, took place to discuss the issues for revitalizing the inter-regional economic cooperation between the two countries on a higher stage.

The delegation visited various places in Pyongyang, including the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex.

A delegation of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation headed by Vice-Minister Andrei Maluishev visited the DPRK at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture of the DPRK on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of the agreement on economic and cultural cooperation between the DPRK and Russia.

The delegation included an art troupe of the Maritime Territory Branch of the Mariinsky Theatre.

The Russian art troupe staged a ballet "Sleeping Beauty" at the Mansudae Art Theatre in Pyongyang on March 20.



The Russian delegation visits the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex and other places.



Russian ballet "Sleeping Beauty" is staged.

Factory Seethes with Increased Production

- Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326 -

Workers of the Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326 have begun the onward march for the year Juche 113 (2024), true to the spirit of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In recent years the factory made remarkable successes in consolidating the foundation for production by relying on science and technology.

It directed considerable efforts to introducing into production profitable scientific and technical innovation plans and inventions achieved in the course of brisk mass technological innovation drive and also raising the level of technical knowledge and skills of the workers. As a result, notable successes were made in increasing the productivity and improving the quality of products.

Thanks to the soaring creative enthusiasm of the workers, who successfully carried out the quotas under the national economic plan for the last year, good results are being achieved in the production of various cables.

Officials of the factory are giving prompt solutions to the problems arising in production while ensuring close collaboration between workshops and dovetailing the processes. In particular, they are enlisting broad masses

in the work to establish a thorough quality management system and making scrupulous arrangements for economic planning and guidance to improve the quality of products.

All the workers, workteams and workshops of the factory are fulfilling their daily assignments without fail by competing and collaborating each other amid a vigorous socialist emulation drive.

The wire-reeling and drawing workshops have identified the management of equipment and technology as the main link in the whole chain of ensuring the quality of the products and are strictly observing technical requirements.

The cable workshop is overfulfilling its production assignments by working out definite weekly and monthly plans in line with the level of technical equipment.

The workers are briskly conducting the campaign to overtake and learn from others and swap experience with them while applying profitable technical plans and rational working methods in cooperation with technicians, thereby normalizing the production at a high level.

The technical staff of the factory are giving a powerful boost to the production by offering satisfactory solutions to the scientific and technical problems arising in economizing raw and other materials to the maximum and, at the same time, ensuring the quality and quantity of products.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok, Ri Jin Hyok
Text: Kang Su Jong





© 2024 Korea Pictorial
Pictorial *Korea* is available in English, Korean, Chinese,
Russian and French on www.korean-books.com.kp.
Add: Sochon-dong, Sosong District, Pyongyang
E-mail: flph@star-co.net.kp

