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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Completed Pyongyang General Hospital



Thanks to the steadfast will and energetic guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to develop the public health of the DPRK into the most advantageous and advanced socialist one so that the people can fully enjoy the benefits of modern medicine and lead a happy life in good health, a world-class medical service base has been wonderfully built in the capital city of Pyongyang as a perfect embodiment of the Workers' Party of Korea's plan for modernizing public health and its idea on Juche-oriented architectural beauty.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the completed Pyongyang General Hospital on February 27.

He was accompanied by Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and officials of the Party Central Committee, public health and other sectors concerned.

He was greeted on the spot by senior officials of the hospital and construction and design units.

Guided by the officials, he went round such parts of the hospital as emergency department, specialized treatment departments, general



operating theatre, conference hall, service facilities and helipad to learn in detail about its overall construction.

Saying that all demands of advanced architecture were thoroughly embodied in every element of the hospital and building work was done perfectly in conformity with the public health policy of the WPK, which gives precedence to the promotion of the people's health and regards their lives as the most precious ones, and with the construction policy for its implementation and that the specialized facilities of all systems including outpatient and inpatient wards were furnished on a high quality level, he added that this is attributable to the substantial three-party agreement of design, building work and

operation the relevant units made as intended by the Party.

He noted with high appreciation that in particular, the general operating theatre with 30 modern operating rooms was well furnished to ensure best public health and sanitary conditions and scientific accuracy and smoothness of treatment, as befitting the most important core facility of the hospital.

He also toured a restaurant and other service facilities on the top floor of the building. He said that he was very pleased to think that our people can completely recover from diseases and promote their health while enjoying the most advanced medical service as well as civilized and excellent convenience, adding that the hospital

is another proud asset of our state which absolutely subordinates everything to promoting the people's wellbeing.

He expressed great satisfaction, saying that he felt really proud to have the world-level modern medical service base and medical science research centre capable of more reliably protecting the people's health and wellbeing, that we can see our great strength rapidly growing, overcoming ordeals, and that a solid springboard has been laid for restoring and radically developing the country's public health sector on an advanced basis.

He highly praised the ardent patriotism, loyalty and devotion displayed by all the builders who contributed to the successful

construction of another monumental edifice representing the era, upholding the WPK's policy with heroic creative practice.

Saying that there should be no slightest weak points in making preparations for the hospital's operation so that it can fulfill, after its opening, its inherent mission and role in curing people of illness and helping them recover completely, he stressed the need to reinforce its emergency system, which can be called the first gateway to it and its face, in aspects of practical utility, rationality and efficiency so as to ensure the promptness and mobility of emergency treatment more thoroughly.

To develop the overall public health of the country on the basis



of the completion of this hospital as a model medical centre is an important revolutionary undertaking to defend and develop the advantages and original feature of Korean-style socialism centred on the masses, he said, setting forth important tasks arising in building modern new hospitals that will appear not only in Pyongyang but also in cities and counties across the country in the future. He continued:

What is most important in building a hospital is to design all elements, ranging from site selection to building layout and arrangement of the line of flow, in conformity with the specialized technical requirements on the principle of guaranteeing the level of specialization and functional qualities peculiar to the public health facilities so as to make it convenient for medical service activities including diagnosis and treatment of patients.

The design sector should lead other sectors at the present time when the scope of construction is steadily expanding and the struggle for achieving comprehensive national rejuvenation is being accelerated. The design of an architectural structure to be built by our socialist ruling Party for the people should properly combine modern character with national identity while prioritizing the defending of people's life and safety and the promotion of their wellbeing, and reflect the great ideology and ennobling political creed of our times that aspire after higher ideals and civilization. In this sense, it can

be said that designers are "political artists" who draw the ideas and policies of the WPK in reality.

He gave instructions to be regarded as guidelines in architectural design, adding:

In particular, continuous education, internship, experience-sharing workshop, sci-tech achievements presentation and others, aimed at broadening the regional medical workers' horizons and improving their medical skills, should be organized and conducted with a correct methodology in line with the full-scale construction of hospitals going on in cities and counties under the WPK's new regional development policy. The central-level hospitals should dispatch guidance and assistance forces to regional hospitals and introduce telemedicine and other systems and methods for giving more reasonable and effective medical service conducive to diagnosis, treatment and health promotion and provide necessary conditions, so as to contribute to making everyone enjoy substantial benefits and protection from the advantageous socialist public health system wherever they live.

Enjoying a panoramic view of the modern medical service centre on the bank of the picturesque Taedong River for a long time, he said with pride that the hospital is, indeed, a symbol of socialist public health in our era when we aspire after the building of a highly civilized state, and a monumental entity as well.



Saying that public health is a criterion for evaluating the political climate of a country, the level of its civilization and the quality of the life of its citizens, the soil growing the strength of life and an important index in evaluating its national power, he stressed once again that it is the firm determination of our Party to bring about a revolution in public health in the new era and thus turn our public health into the most advanced, modern and world-class one.

It is necessary to perfect the Pyongyang General Hospital, to be

opened this significant year set by the WPK as the first year of the public health revolution, as the best medical service centre without any slightest defect and present it to the people, he said, laying out the detailed tasks to this end.

The Pyongyang General Hospital is expected to be inaugurated in October this year marking the 80th birthday of the WPK after undergoing the process of assembly of medical equipment and facilities and their trial operation.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Construction Site of 10 000 Flats at Third Stage in Hwasong Area Nearing Completion



Thanks to the capital city construction strategy set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the scientific and energetic leadership of the Party Central Committee, Pyongyang, the capital city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is turning into a world-class civilized city, taking on a majestic appearance peculiar to it.

Another large and splendid architectural group of 10 000 flats has been successfully built in the Hwasong area and is nearing completion, demonstrating a new era of prosperity of Pyongyang.

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, gave field guidance at the construction site of 10 000 flats at the third stage in the Hwasong area on March 15.

Accompanying him were Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, Ri Hi Yong and Kim Tok Hun, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and other major senior Party and government officials and officials concerned of design institutions.

With a great ambition to turn the Hwasong area into a model in the layout of urban formation elements, a functional prototype of administrative district and a beautiful and modern urban quarter





The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said: When the fourth-stage construction in the Hwasong area is completed, ours will become a country, which has perfectly resolved the housing problem of the capital city, and we can be proud of this before the world. The construction in the Hwasong area, conducted vigorously year after year, has verified the development-oriented principles to be observed in opening up a new era of the capital city construction.

embodying a harmony of architectural formative and artistic beauty and advanced civilization, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clearly indicated the orientation and ways for building its third-stage district into a quarter with another feature different from the first- and second-stage districts, and energetically led the work of drawing up the construction plan, giving personal guidance to a huge amount of draft formation plans.

Thanks to the strenuous efforts of the soldier-builders and civilian builders, who upheld with their death-defying executive abilities the ennobling intentions of the Party Central Committee to build all the creations on this land into the entities embodying the people-first principle to be found only in the great people's country and into the innovative ones with marked individuality, another cradle of the people with skyscrapers, high-rise apartment houses and public buildings including educational, commercial and service facilities in ideal harmony has been magnificently built in a matter of one year.

Saying with pleasure that another new, large architectural group symbolic of the dynamic trend of the Korean-style change and

development has appeared in a dignified way to add to the scenery of the Hwasong area which has undergone a dramatic change, Kim Jong Un expressed his great satisfaction over the fact that a higher level of material and cultural wellbeing can be provided to the people.

He learned in detail about the overall situation of the housing construction at the third stage in the Hwasong area nearing completion.

Going round the houses, he highly appreciated the quality of the overall building work, which made a stride forward in the housing construction at the third stage in the Hwasong area, and enjoyed a bird's-eye view of the changed appearance of the Hwasong area unfolding scenic beauty of the socialist cultural efflorescence. He continued to say:

With the start of the significant groundbreaking ceremony in the spring of 2021 when I personally gave the flag of the headquarters for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang to its commanding officers, a loud sound of blasting has resounded on this land every year to





hasten the days of rejuvenation and the capital city of Pyongyang was enveloped in joy of the people moving into new houses every April. This is truly a worthwhile struggle and pride in realizing our Party's long-cherished desire.

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Ryomyong, Mirae Scientists and other new streets sprang up year after year, renewing the appearance of the capital city, but there has never been an urban section like the Hwasong area which has been erected on a large scale with perfect functionality in a short span of time. This is of great experimental significance in putting the new era of prosperity of Pyongyang on a higher level.

He then clarified all the tasks arising in achieving clear changes and progress suited to the new era by meeting the requirements of the Party's policy and sustaining the modern character of our own style in construction, which is an epitome of national strength and civilization, and went on:

The Hwasong area has attained the political, economic and cultural functions as a full-fledged urban administrative district and turned into a centre and standard capable of leading the areas existing in the capital city to civilization and efflorescence. This is



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a significant development for enhancing the strategic functions and position of the capital city.

The precious experience gained in the construction of the Hwasong area, which proved the validity of our Party's policy on the capital city construction and set an example in the layout of urban formation elements, should be applied proactively to the capital city construction field. In this way, we can accelerate the modernization of our style suited to the political character of the capital city of our state and the world trend of architectural development.

What is particularly important in pushing forward the construction is to conduct the work of steadily regulating and renewing the legal guarantee for the urban formation and development in the capital city and regional areas and wage the nationwide construction strictly in accordance with the construction law of a new standard. It is necessary to readjust and reinforce the well-regulated system of working out plans for such urban formation elements as industrial buildings and sci-tech, educational and public health facilities in a

logical, scientific and planned way in conformity with the population density and characteristics of relevant regions and then strictly deliberating them before they are applied to the construction.

Specially underlining the importance of the issues of successfully drawing up and giving precedence to the scientific and future-oriented design of urban infrastructure, realizing the modernization of this work and radically improving the level of urban management, he advanced important principles and tasks that should be regarded as guidelines in implementing the policy on developing the capital city.

Expressing his deep emotion over the fact that our Party, whose desire gets intenser whenever grave difficulties stand in its way and which dynamically works to attain it, is to see another splendid fruition—completion of the third-stage construction in the Hwasong area—he assigned the task for holding its inauguration ceremony with splendour in the lead-up to the Day of the Sun, the greatest auspicious holiday of the nation.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Preparations for Operating Major Neighbourhood-serving Amenities Built in Third-stage Section of Hwasong Area



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, gave field guidance on April 3 over the preparations for operating the major neighbourhood-serving amenities built in the third-stage section of the Hwasong area nearing completion.

The far-reaching policy-oriented plan and energetic leadership of the WPK to provide the citizens of the capital city with more wonderful material and cultural well-being are ushering in a new heyday of Pyongyang construction and the efflorescence of Pyongyang culture.

In the third-stage section of the Hwasong area, where another new

large architectural group has been built in ideal harmony, different kinds of modern neighbourhood-serving networks like commercial, public catering, technical and recreation service facilities with strong symbolic and specific characters are arranged according to the direct instructions of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, sustaining the conspicuous and developing features of the section.

Kim Jong Un went round the Hwasong Vehicle Service Centre.

Learning in detail about the preparations for operating the service centre wonderfully furnished with modern equipment and means necessary for technical service of vehicles, he spoke highly of the fact that all the processes are ready to be fully convenient for satisfying

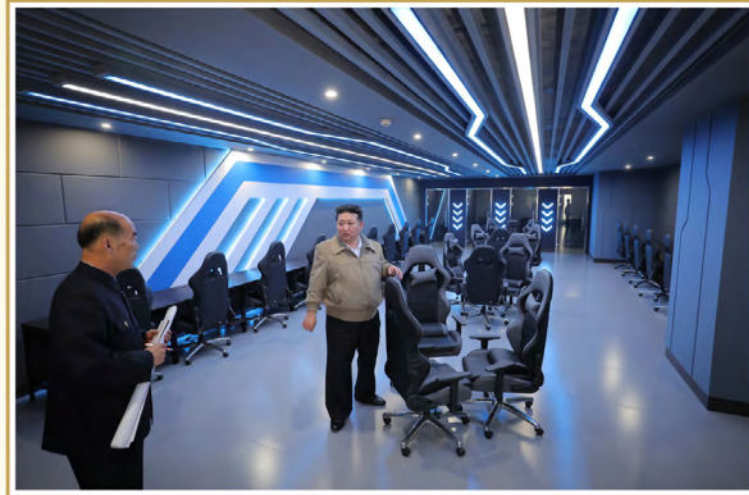
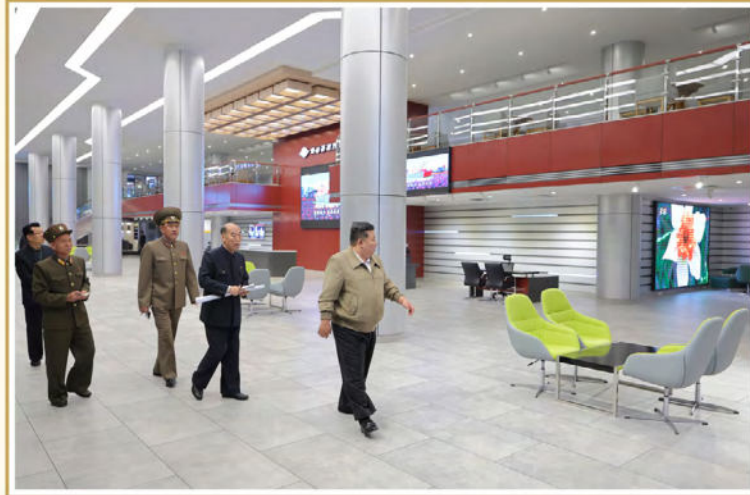
the customers' demands, saying:

This new specialized centre for technical service for various kinds of vehicles in the Hwasong area will serve as a new base for improving the quality of technical service for vehicles and meeting the demand for it. When another larger-scale similar technical service centre is built in the fourth-stage section, the Hwasong area will become a centre for serving vehicles. This constitutes an important progress in improving the functions and appearance of the capital city and the service for the people's convenience.

He went round a 300-seat video game house built in a characteristic style.

He was pleased to hear that the game house to be furnished with various kinds of facilities is expected to be very popular among young people including children when it is opened. He said that special attention should be paid to the establishment of its operation system and order and the preparations for service as this new space specializing in service for video games is a base of the service field to be opened for the first time in the country.

Learning about the preparations for operating various commercial and public catering service bases, he highly appreciated that the service amenities chain built on an overpass have a strong symbolic and peculiar character and that its design and construction were on a



high level as desired by the Party.

Noting that to steadily explore and expand new service field in fresh forms and ways takes an important place in carrying out the policy of the Party to radically improve the material and cultural well-being of the people across the country as well as the citizens of the capital city, he set forth the tasks to this end and gave instructions

on the regular maintenance and operation of the service bases.

He repeatedly requested the relevant units to make effective preparations for the operation of the service facilities built in the third-stage section of the Hwasong area as each of them is a structure planned and provided with much effort by the Party for the people including the coming generations.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp under Construction



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, gave field guidance over the project for newly building the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp under the Recreation Management Bureau of the Ministry of Labour.

The project is for building a recreation and recuperation centre, which is under way in accordance with the on-site instructions given by Kim Jong Un during his field guidance over various sectors of North Hamgyong Province in July 2018. At that time, he stressed the need to newly build the Onpho Holiday Camp in Kyongsong County, a famous hot-spring area of the country, into a comprehensive cultural recreation and medical service base so that the people can

receive hot-spring therapy while enjoying highly-civilized cultural and leisure activities.

Kim Jong Un met senior cadres and working-level officials at the construction site and learned in detail about the progress in the construction project.

He said that the construction of the holiday camp and the preparations for its operation should be done without any slightest defect in order to complete it as another distinctive base for cultural life and an advanced recreation and recuperation facility for the people to enjoy spa culture to their heart's content, and referred to a series of deviations being revealed in the ongoing project and to the measures for overcoming them.



He set forth important tasks to be tackled in the construction of the holiday camp and its future management and operation, including those of further improving the service conditions and the treatment environment level so that the hot-spring therapy, a specific feature of the camp and the main category of its service work, can contribute to the promotion of the people's health and their enjoyment of civilization, of expanding the sphere and space of diverse cultural life by actively making the most of the topographical features of the picturesque mountainous area and of making full preparations so that it can start its operation at the same time as the completion of the project.

When the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp is built as a

comprehensive cultural recreation and health service centre in this mountainous area, which fully meets all the requirements of modern architecture while preserving well the charms and features unique to the region, it will be another worthwhile achievement of ours in pioneering really diverse fields and diverse realms of life, he said, proposing that the camp be successfully built in this significant year of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK and presented to the people.

Kim Jong Un also indicated important tasks related to the construction of the Yombunjin Haeyang Hostel in North Hamgyong Province.





Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with Participants in Third National Meeting of Active Neighbourhood Unit Leaders



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, met and had a photo session with the participants in the third national meeting of active neighbourhood unit leaders on March 20.

Kim Jong Un warmly encouraged the exemplary neighbourhood unit leaders from across the country, expressing deep gratitude to them for devoting themselves to the work of the neighbourhood units, finding exceptional honour and pride and worth of living in consolidating the basic units of the people's government and taking warm care of the convenience of inhabitants in their living.

Saying that there are many jobs for serving the people in our society but rare is the appellation *neighbourhood unit leader*, most closely and intimately linked to the people, he highly appreciated the lofty spiritual world and unknown efforts of the neighbourhood unit leaders, who are showing their sincerity for the inhabitants and turning their units into groups of patriots without claiming any honour or reward.

He said that dong and neighbourhood units constitute a cornerstone supporting our people-centred state and social system and the base of the inhabitants' living, and that the functions and roles of dong and neighbourhood units serve as a motive force dynamically propelling the advance of our state towards its comprehensive development. He

stressed that to strengthen dong and neighbourhood units precisely means consolidating the mass foundation of the people's government and the harmony and unity in the neighbourhood units precisely means the single-minded unity of our society firmly united with affection and tender feeling.

Noting that the duties of the secretaries of dong offices and leaders of neighbourhood units are very important in making sure that the efforts our Party and government make for improving the people's living standards lead to the people's bright laughter, he said that they should become possessors of beautiful virtue and traits and genuine householders and kind-hearted eldest daughters-in-law, who are welcomed and visited first by everyone, in line with the characteristics of their work—working directly with the inhabitants—to make beautiful human relations and noble moral ethics pervade the whole villages and neighbourhood units like the air.

Expressing expectation and belief that the third national meeting of active neighbourhood unit leaders would serve as an important milestone for all the secretaries of dong offices and leaders of neighbourhood units to turn dong and neighbourhood units into a great single-minded family strong with patriotism and establish a noble and civilized socialist way of life throughout the whole society as genuine servants enjoying respect, trust and love from inhabitants, he had a photo session with them.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Major Shipyards to Learn about Warship Building and Advance Strategic Policy for Epochal Development of Shipbuilding Industry

At a time when the struggle for attaining the important goals for realizing the grandiose plan of the Workers' Party of Korea for building the country into an advanced maritime power is powerfully being pushed ahead with under the schedule set by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, there took place the guidance work of the Party Central Committee, which is of remarkable significance in defending the maritime sovereignty of the DPRK and in developing its shipbuilding industry.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited major shipyards to give field guidance over warship building.

He acquainted himself with the ongoing work for attaining the goal of building warships, set forth by the Party Congress, and the technical equipment level of the shipyards and the progress of their modernization projects.

He expressed great satisfaction over the soaring spirit and labour feats of the workers who are registering signal successes in the implementation of the militant task for radically improving the modernity of our navy in the shortest span of time in line with the prerequisite requirement for the security of the state and the world development trend of naval forces.

He gave a high appreciation of the fact that a bright prospect has been opened for introducing into the operations in the shortest possible time the most powerful warships capable of establishing the core of our Juche-oriented naval forces and meeting all the requirements of the national defence strategy, true to the strategic line of our Party on building up the national defences.

He said that the modernization of the shipyards, which should play an important role in the revolution in the new era for bolstering up the naval forces, should not be conducted in a passive way of filling up the missing processes of the existing foundations, but in the way of boldly and perfectly creating new and hi-tech bases suited to the prestige and status of a powerful nation. And he clarified the strategic plan of the WPK to this end.

Noting that the justness to put the country's naval forces' war posture and capability to fight a war on the most powerful and perfect level is increasing our will and desire for the rejuvenation of the warship-building industry, he affirmed that the sea defence capability of the DPRK, which is in a responsible and key position for defending peace on the Korean peninsula and the region, will be fully displayed in any necessary waters without limitation.

He expressed expectation and belief that all the officials and





workers in the warship-building industry would further consolidate the arsenal for defending the country's maritime sovereignty through a courageous struggle, mindful of their sacred honour and important mission as revolutionary industrial soldiers of the WPK, who have shouldered the state affair decisive of the future of the country's navy and the defence of the territorial integrity and peace of the country.

The basic orientation for radically bolstering up the navy's combat power considered important by the Party is to simultaneously push forward with modernization of surface and underwater warships and

further improvement of their operations capabilities, he said. And he advanced the essential long-term plan and stage-by-stage goals for the possession of the warships to substantially guarantee the mission of our armed forces to defend the maritime sovereignty, as well as the future direction of the defence economic work and all the tasks to this end.

He also learned about the building of a nuclear-powered strategic guided missile submarine, which is being pushed forward according to the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Nampho Dockyard

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, gave field guidance at the Nampho Dockyard on March 20.

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

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un went round various production lines of the dockyard.

True to his on-site instructions, the workers, technicians and officials of the dockyard are pushing ahead with the work for modernizing production lines and expanding their production capacity in an all-out effort to implement the policy of the WPK on developing the shipbuilding industry in the new era.

While learning in detail about the rebuilding of the dockyard and expansion of its production capacity, he said it is a primary and important task for developing the national economy and bolstering the Juche-oriented naval forces for our state to accelerate the modernization of the shipbuilding industry and radically increase the overall shipbuilding capacity. He noted that we should open up a new era, when the shipbuilding industry undergoes a rapid change, and guarantee its change without fail.

He stressed again that, to this end, it is necessary to give top priority to the work of rapidly raising the level of modernization of the shipbuilding industry as a whole, while efficiently perfecting the structure of the industry and intensifying policy-oriented and technical guidance, and ensure a nationwide and full support to it in a sustainable way.

He set forth major targets to be attained in the technical updating and modernization of dockyards.

He repeatedly stressed that this dockyard, which is a reliable, large-scale shipbuilding base of the country and boasts a wonderful history and tradition of self-reliance, ought to become a core and engine also in the ongoing struggle to usher in a new era of development of the shipbuilding industry, and made relevant conclusions on the important issues arising in carrying out the huge plan for strengthening the material and technical foundations of the dockyard.



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Strategic Cruise Missile Launching Drill Conducted

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, oversaw the launching drill.

A relevant sub-unit of the Korean People's Army's combined missile unit in the western area conducted a strategic cruise missile launching drill on the West Sea of Korea on the morning of February 26.

The purpose of the launching drill was to let the enemies, who are fostering and escalating the confrontation environment while seriously violating the security environment of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, know the KPA's counterattack capability in any space and the readiness of its various nuke operation means, to demonstrate the reliability of the state nuclear deterrent and to make the strategic cruise missile sub-units get adept in fulfilling their sudden firing mission.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, oversaw the launching drill.

He was accompanied by Full General Kim Jong Sik, member of

the Central Military Commission of the WPK, and Full General Jang Chang Ha, general director of the DPRK Missile Administration.

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Expressing satisfaction over the result of the launching drill, Kim Jong Un said that continuously testing the reliability and operability of the components of nuclear deterrent of the DPRK and demonstrating their power is itself a responsible exercise of its war deterrent.

What is guaranteed by a powerful striking ability is the most perfect deterrent and defence capability, he said, stressing that it is the responsible mission and duty of the DPRK's nuclear forces to durably defend the national sovereignty and security with the reliable nuclear shield by making them more thoroughly ready for combat and fully prepared for its use.

DPRK Missile Administration Conducts Test-fire of Latest Anti-aircraft Missile System



The Missile Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted a test-fire of the latest anti-aircraft missile system on March 20 to examine the comprehensive performance of the system, which was put into full-scale production at a relevant munitions industry enterprise.

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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, oversaw the test-fire together with major members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

The test-fire proved that the combat quick response of the latest

anti-aircraft missile system is advantageous and that the overall weapon system is highly reliable.

Saying that the Korean People's Army will be equipped with another major defence weapon system with laudable combat performance, Kim Jong Un extended thanks to the anti-aircraft

weapon system research group and the relevant munitions industry enterprise for greatly contributing to bolstering up the national defence capabilities.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Defence Science Research Work



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 defence science research work of the Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Complex and the detective electronic warfare research group on March 25-26.

Accompanying him were Pak Jong Chon and Jo Chun Ryong, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Pyong Chol, general advisor for the munitions policy of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences, and other senior officials of the WPK Central Committee and defence science research institutes.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un learned about various

kinds of reconnaissance and suicide attack drones, newly developed and being produced by an institute and enterprises under the Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Complex, and oversaw their performance test.

The test confirmed the innovative performance of a new-type strategic reconnaissance drone with the detective ability to track and monitor different strategic targets and enemy troops' activities in the land and sea. And it fully demonstrated the striking capability of suicide drones to be used for various tactical attack missions.

Kim Jong Un made an important assessment of the military effectiveness and strategic value of the strategic reconnaissance drone with improving performance and of the suicide attack drones

to which new artificial intelligence was applied.

Expressing his active support for the new plans of the complex, he agreed on its proposal for expanding the production capacity.

Saying that the field of unmanned equipment and artificial intelligence should be top-prioritized and developed in modernizing the armed forces, he stressed that it is important to work out a correct long-term national plan for promoting the rapid development of the work to use intelligent drones and perseveringly and dynamically propel it as a medium- and long-term project, in keeping with the trend of modern warfare in which the competition for using intelligent drones as a major means of military power is being accelerated and the range of their use is steadily expanding in military activities.

As already stated, a lot of objective changes that come with the rapid sci-tech development call for updating a large part of our military theory, practice and education, he said, adding that it is an important task facing our Party at present to adopt a correct, appropriate line and solution.

Saying that the WPK has advanced a clear line for perfectly combining unmanned weapon and equipment systems with operational plans and fundamentals of battle, regarding it as one of the important components of the armed forces modernization programme to put weapons and equipment on an unmanned basis, he reiterated the scientific and practical orientation and ways for accelerating the continuous qualitative and quantitative and technical



The test confirmed the innovative performance of a new-type strategic reconnaissance drone with the detective ability to track and monitor different strategic targets and enemy troops' activities in the land and sea. And it fully demonstrated the striking capability of suicide drones to be used for various tactical attack missions.



transformation in the development and production of unmanned weapons and equipment and for putting operational ability on a highly-developed basis.

He learned about the performances of reconnaissance and intelligence gathering means and electronic jamming and attack systems newly developed by the detective electronic warfare research group and its long-term plan.

He said that our special means with the application of up-to-date technology would play a big role in monitoring potential threats and collecting vital intelligence and that they would give full play to their might in enhancing our army's capability of conducting various kinds of intelligence-gathering operations and neutralizing the enemy's combat means of various missions.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that new electronic jamming and attack weapon systems have been developed and gone into production, he spoke highly of the fact that the stages of the WPK's line of modernizing the army are being qualitatively attained thanks to the clear brains of our younger-generation defence science research group.

Saying that the Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Complex and the detective electronic warfare research group have a very important role to play in coping with the development in modern warfare of today characterized by confrontation between intelligent hi-tech weapon systems, he gave an important task related to the immediate duty and the long-term goals to be attained by this sector.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Training Base of KPA Special Operations Units and Guides General Training

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the training base of the special operations units of the Korean People's Army and guided the general training on April 4.

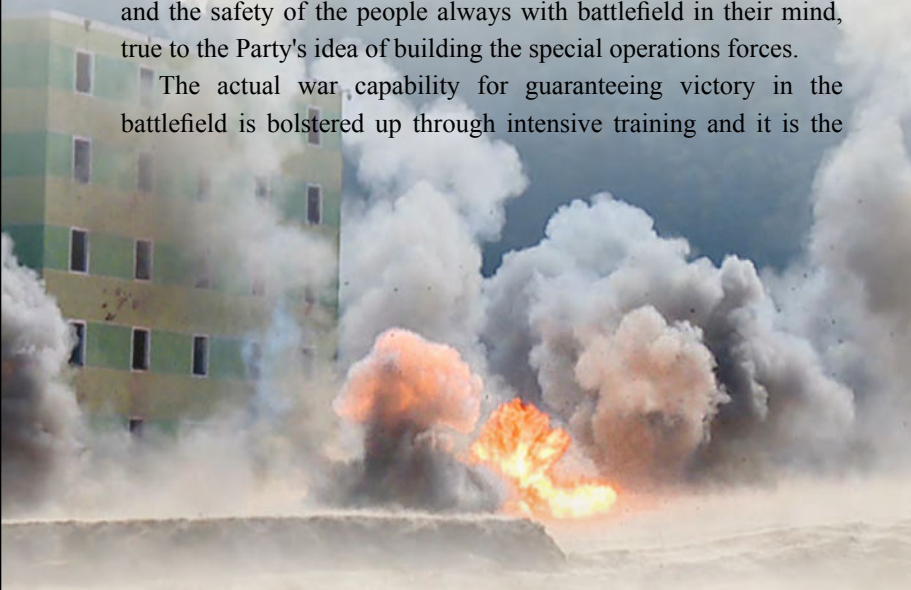
After receiving a salute from commanding officers of the KPA, he mounted the observation post to watch the general tactical training and small-arms shooting contest conducted and held by combatants of various special operations units according to the training programme.

The training was aimed at steadily exploring and applying new military tactics and methodologies of Korean style for bolstering up the special operations forces in keeping with the developing aspects and changing trend of modern warfare and mastering them through practical training for real war so as to prepare all combatants more thoroughly to reliably and skilfully carry out their special operations tasks under any combat situation.

The brave combatants, who have grown up to be the strongest combat group and the core vanguard of the armed forces of the DPRK while cultivating matchless strength and courage under the outstanding guidance of the great brilliant commander, fully demonstrated the strong independent operations capability and the fighting spirit and crack-shot marksmanship of our invincible army in all drills.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the lofty ideological and spiritual world of the combatants who are devoting themselves to their noble mission and duty for defending the security of the state and the safety of the people always with battlefield in their mind, true to the Party's idea of building the special operations forces.

The actual war capability for guaranteeing victory in the battlefield is bolstered up through intensive training and it is the







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most vivid expression of patriotism and loyalty to the country and the people and the first revolutionary duty for the soldiers with arms to complete the combat preparations, he said, calling for taking it as the core goal of army building to turn the army into a strong one in which all the officers and men fight shoulder to shoulder, in one body and with one idea and one intention.

The strengthening of the special operations forces constitutes a major component of our army building strategy at present, he

said, indicating important tasks to take a series of crucial measures for putting the special operations capability on a highly-developed basis.

He guided an automatic rifle firing drill and a sniper rifle firing drill of the combatants.

He personally conducted the test-fire of a sniper rifle to be newly supplied to special operations units and learned about its results, expressing great satisfaction over the performance and power of the

sniper rifle developed in our own way.

Then he watched general special physical exercises of special operations unit combatants.

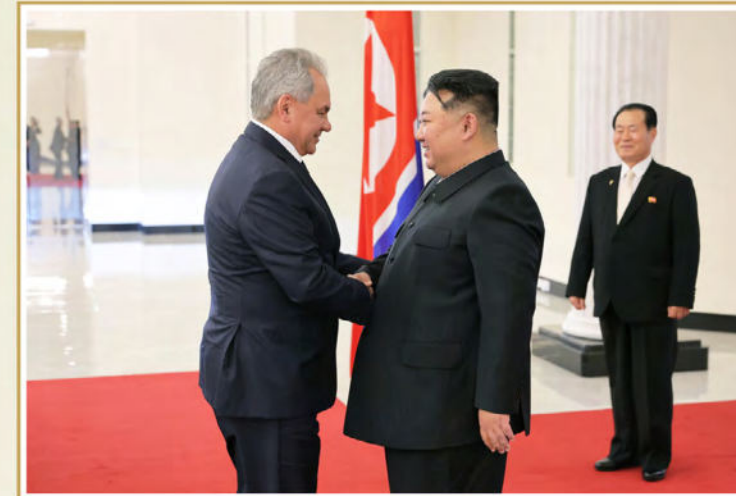
Watching the exercises pulsating with the fighting spirit to annihilate the enemy and the heroic mettle, he warmly encouraged the officers and men of the special operations forces filled with patriotic enthusiasm and militant courage.

He had a photo session with the reliable officers and men who

are further improving the strongest capability for an actual war in the training with courage, pluck and towering self-confidence to counter any war and crisis without hesitation.

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets Secretary of Russian Security Council



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on March 21 met Sergei Shoigu, secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, on a visit to the DPRK leading a Security Council delegation of the Russian Federation.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gladly received Sergei Shoigu visiting Pyongyang again in six months and had a talk with him in a trustworthy and warm atmosphere.

Sergei Shoigu courteously conveyed the friendly greetings and an important personal letter from Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin,

president of the Russian Federation, to the DPRK leader.

Kim Jong Un expressed his deep thanks for it, and asked the Russian guest to convey his militant greetings to the respected Russian president.

At the talk, there was a wide-ranging exchange of views and opinions of the leaderships of the DPRK and Russia on the important issues for defending the security interests of the two countries and international justice and on the regional and international situation. The talk confirmed the consensus of stand of the two sides.

Noting that the special military operations conducted by the

Russian army and people serve as a demonstration of their indomitable strength, patriotism and just cause, Kim Jong Un stated that it is the steadfast option and resolute will of the DPRK government to invariably support Russia in the struggle for defending its national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests in the future, too.

The talk expressed the willingness of the leaderships of the two countries to unconditionally implement the provisions of the treaty on the comprehensive strategic partnership.

Kim Jong Un had an important and useful conversation with

Sergei Shoigu on the prospective undertakings for further expanding and boosting exchanges and cooperation in security and many other fields.

Hoping that victory, prosperity, happiness and fortune are always in store for the Russian people, he asked the Russian guest to convey his warm wishes to the respected Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, and to its government, army and people.



President Kim Il Sung, the benevolent father of all children in the country

Benevolent Father of All Children in the Country

Prepared by the Editorial Board on the occasion of the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, this special article contains photos illustrating the benevolence of the great leader who regarded children as kings and queens of the country and devoted all his life to their wellbeing.

President Kim Il Sung was the benevolent father of all children in the country, who loved them most and showed great care for them throughout his life.

In his memoirs *With the Century*, he wrote:

By loving the children we immediately mean that we love the future. Thanks to the efforts of these children, our country will be built into a garden, which is bright with flowers. Let us take better care of the younger generation and train them for the bright future of our country and humanity. I can say that this is my view on the younger generation, a view I have maintained throughout my 80 years.

With such an ennobling view on the rising generation, he bestowed unsparing affection on children.

Among many stories about his warm care for the rising generation is the following one.

During the anti-Japanese armed struggle to liberate Korea from the Japanese imperialists' military occupation Kim Il Sung happened to see dozens of raggedly dressed children suffering from hunger at Maanshan. At that time he had 20 *yuan* with him, the money his mother had earned penny by penny and bequeathed to him.

Though he wanted to keep the money indicative of his mother's love, he gave it up to make clothes for the poor children at Maanshan.



President Kim Il Sung among the pupils of Tongju Middle School in Pyoktong County in October 1957



President Kim Il Sung among the pupils of Taephyong Primary School in Taedong County in August 1957



President Kim Il Sung together with the children of revolutionary martyrs in May 1961



President Kim Il Sung on his field guidance tour of Taedongmun Primary School in Pyongyang in September 1972

President Kim Il Sung, saying that the children are the kings and queens of the country, gave top priority to the work related to the rising generation over all other affairs of the Party and state. He noted: For whom are we working? We are working for the rising generation. We should spare nothing for them. Children's palace should be built at the best place.

Accordingly, the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace was built in 1963, followed by the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace in 1989, and schoolchildren's palaces, halls of schoolchildren, children's camps and other structures sprang up in all parts of the country.

He said: If anyone asks me when I feel the happiest I will say it gives me special pleasure or happiness when I am among the children we call the flower buds of the country. I can say that this is my lifelong view of happiness.

There is a picture enshrined in the heart of the Korean people. It is the oil painting *The Fatherly Leader among the Children*.

It portrays President Kim Il Sung on a balmy spring day, wearing a beaming smile and sitting on a bench in a park, among the children. One boy, with the President's hat on his head, rides a tricycle; another one, shouldering a wooden rifle and climbing up the bench mischievously behind the President, whispers something in



President Kim Il Sung together with the students and other young people on a visit to their homeland from Japan in August 1972



President Kim Il Sung after taking photos of students in new school uniforms during his visit to Yonphung Senior Middle School in April 1977

the President's ear, the boy's hand on the President's shoulder; and a little boy tries to climb up the bench, not knowing his shoe is slipping off. It vividly shows how much the President loved children.

Thanks to his affection for and devotion to the future of the country, a free compulsory education system, the first of its kind in the East, was enforced in the DPRK and schools were built splendidly

in urban and rural areas. And branch schools were set up even for two or three children in far-flung islands and mountain villages, thus unfolding a dreamlike reality that schools are found wherever there are children.

One year, when all the children across the country were provided with new clothes and school things at state expense, the President



President Kim Il Sung attending the New Year celebration of schoolchildren in December 1986

personally took photos of children in new school uniforms and said he felt happy as never before in his life.

Busy as he was with state affairs, he never missed the schoolchildren's New Year performances, greeting the New Year's Day while singing and dancing with them.

President Kim Il Sung dedicated his all to the happiness of the

people and the bright future of all the children in the country. His image will be remembered down through generations by the Korean people.

Text: Kim Son Gyeong



Birth of First Revolutionary Armed Forces of Juche Type

April 25, 1932



In the early years of last century Korea turned into a veritable hell owing to the colonial rule (1905-1945) by the Japanese imperialists. Claiming that the Koreans must either obey the Japanese law or die, the Japanese imperialists forced the Koreans to live under unbearable colonial slavery.

It was in those grim days of national suffering that the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was born.

Having experienced the miserable life of the people, he embarked on the road of revolution in his teens with an ambition to liberate Korea. He advanced the idea that the only way to defeat an armed

enemy and liberate the country was to wage an armed struggle, and founded the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army (it was reorganized into the Korean People's Revolutionary Army later) on April 25, 1932.

It was a historic event, heralding the birth of Juche-type revolutionary armed forces that would shape the destiny of the country and nation on the strength of arms.

That day Kim Il Sung delivered a historic speech *On the Occasion of the Founding of the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army*.

This put the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle of the Korean people on a new high level, and the struggle began to make progress with the armed struggle as the mainstream.

Under the wise leadership of its Commander Kim Il Sung, the KPRA defeated the Japanese imperialists who were pursuing the ambition of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, and achieved the historic cause of national liberation.

Later Kim Il Sung founded the Korean People's Army on February 8, 1948, regular revolutionary armed forces, with the veterans, who had been tempered in the flames of the anti-Japanese

armed struggle, as its backbone, and with fine sons and daughters of the working people including workers and farmers.

In the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953), under the wise leadership of Kim Il Sung, the KPA defeated the imperialist allied forces and honourably defended the sovereignty and dignity of the country. Since the war it has demonstrated to the world its might as an invincible army, smashing the hostile forces' military threats and provocative moves for war at every step.

Text: Pak Kyong Chol



Commander Kim Il Sung in the days of founding the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army



Commander Kim Il Sung among the soldiers of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army (centre in the last row)



Flag of the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army used on its founding day



Mutiaotun, Xiaoshah in Antu County, where Commander Kim Il Sung founded the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army



Data on the fact that Commander Kim Il Sung founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army

New Fronts for Regional Development Seething with Spirit of Transformation

Groundbreaking ceremonies of regional-industry factories and grain storage station in Hwangju County, regional-industry factories in Pukchang, Yomju, Paechon, Janggang, Cholwon, Kilju, Kangdong, Jangyon, Puryong and Kim Jong Suk counties, paper mill in Unsan County and regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kaepung District for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy took place with splendour.



Regional-industry factories and grain storage station in Hwangju County



Regional-industry factories in Yomju County



Regional-industry factories in Pukchang County



Regional-industry factories in Paechon County



Regional-industry factories in Kilju County



Regional-industry factories in Janggang County



Regional-industry factories in Cholwon County



Regional-industry factories in Kangdong County



Unsan Paper Mill



Regional-industry factories in Kim Jong Suk County



Regional-industry factories in Jangyon County



Regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kaepung District



Regional-industry factories in Puryong County



March 8 International Women's Day Celebrated



National meeting held to mark the 115th International Women's Day

The 115th International Women's Day was celebrated throughout the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

People visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche, with boundless yearnings and reverence for President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

A lot of people visited the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and mosaics of their portraits, including those on Mansu Hill and in other parts of the country, to lay

flower baskets, bouquets and flowers and make a deep bow to them.

Amid the nationwide atmosphere of care, respect and warm blessings for the women, a national meeting was held at the People's Palace of Culture on March 8 to mark the 115th International Women's Day.

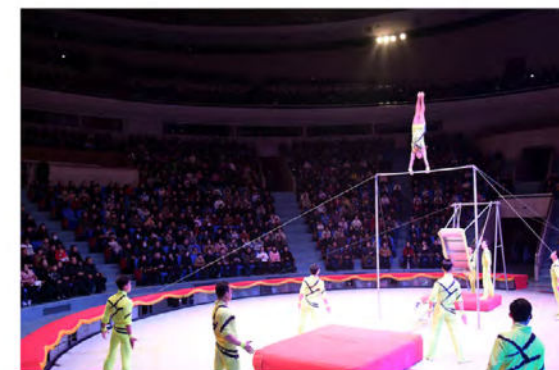
Marking the day, officials of provinces, cities, counties, institutions, industrial establishments and farms met and congratulated women scientists, teachers and exemplary workers.

Colourful congratulatory performances were given at theatres and open-air stages in Pyongyang and local areas.

Public catering amenities throughout the country provided special services.

Souvenir shops, flower shops and counters were bustling with people buying beautiful flower bouquets, flowers, greetings cards and souvenirs for their wives and mothers who take care of their families and devote their all to society and the collective.

Under the warm care of the Workers'



Colourful congratulatory performances and meetings were held on the occasion of the International Women's Day.

Party of Korea all the women in the country enjoy a worthwhile life as the flower of the country, life and family.

Celebrating the holiday they renewed their determination to give full play to the mettle and indomitable mental strength, as befits the Korean women, in the struggle for comprehensive rejuvenation and development of their country true to the leadership of the Party Central Committee.

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Text: Pak Kyong Chol



AFC Women's Football Day commemorated



On Occasion of Tree-planting Day

Large numbers of trees were planted across the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the occasion of Tree-planting Day.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and officials of the SPA Standing Committee planted trees at the Songmun Revolutionary Site.

Vice-Premier Kim Jong Gwan, officials of the construction headquarters of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, soldier-builders and civilian builders planted trees of good species in the Hwasong area, with a firm determination to turn the area into the land in which people lead a happy and civilized

life.

The students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School went to the Hwasong area to plant trees out of their patriotism.

Officials and working people in Pyongyang planted more than 1 500 trees in the special forest reserve of the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Site, as part of the effort to make theirs a garden city in thick woods.

Those in other parts of the country turned out in the effort to turn the mountains in their areas into golden and treasure ones.

With ardent yearning for President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who devoted their all to prosperity of the socialist motherland on their lifelong journey of devoted efforts for the country and the people, officials, working people,

youth and students in North Phyongan, South Hwanghae, Kangwon and North Hamgyong provinces and Kaesong planted trees around the statues of the peerlessly great men, and at revolutionary sites, revolutionary battle sites and the cemeteries of fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army in their areas.

Working people in South Phyongan and North Hwanghae provinces and Nampho worked devotedly to create forests of economic value necessary for supplying raw materials to regional-industry factories.

Officials, working people and inhabitants of different regions took an active part in the work to landscape their residential quarters with good species of trees and flowering shrubs.

*Photo: By courtesy of KCNA
Text: Kim Son Gyong*



Officials and working people planted trees with enthusiasm to cover the whole country with forests.

New School Year Starts in DPRK



The opening ceremonies of new school year were held significantly at all educational institutions in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on April 1.

That morning the whole nation saw the

children in new uniforms and shoes and with *Sonamu*-brand bags on their backs going to school happily.

At such unusual sights unfolded across the country from the capital city of

Pyongyang to mountain and island villages, officials and working people including parents of those children felt truly grateful to the great Workers' Party of Korea that finds the worth of revolution and struggle

in working for the good of the younger generations.

Meetings for opening the new school year were held at all universities and colleges as well as schools across the country.

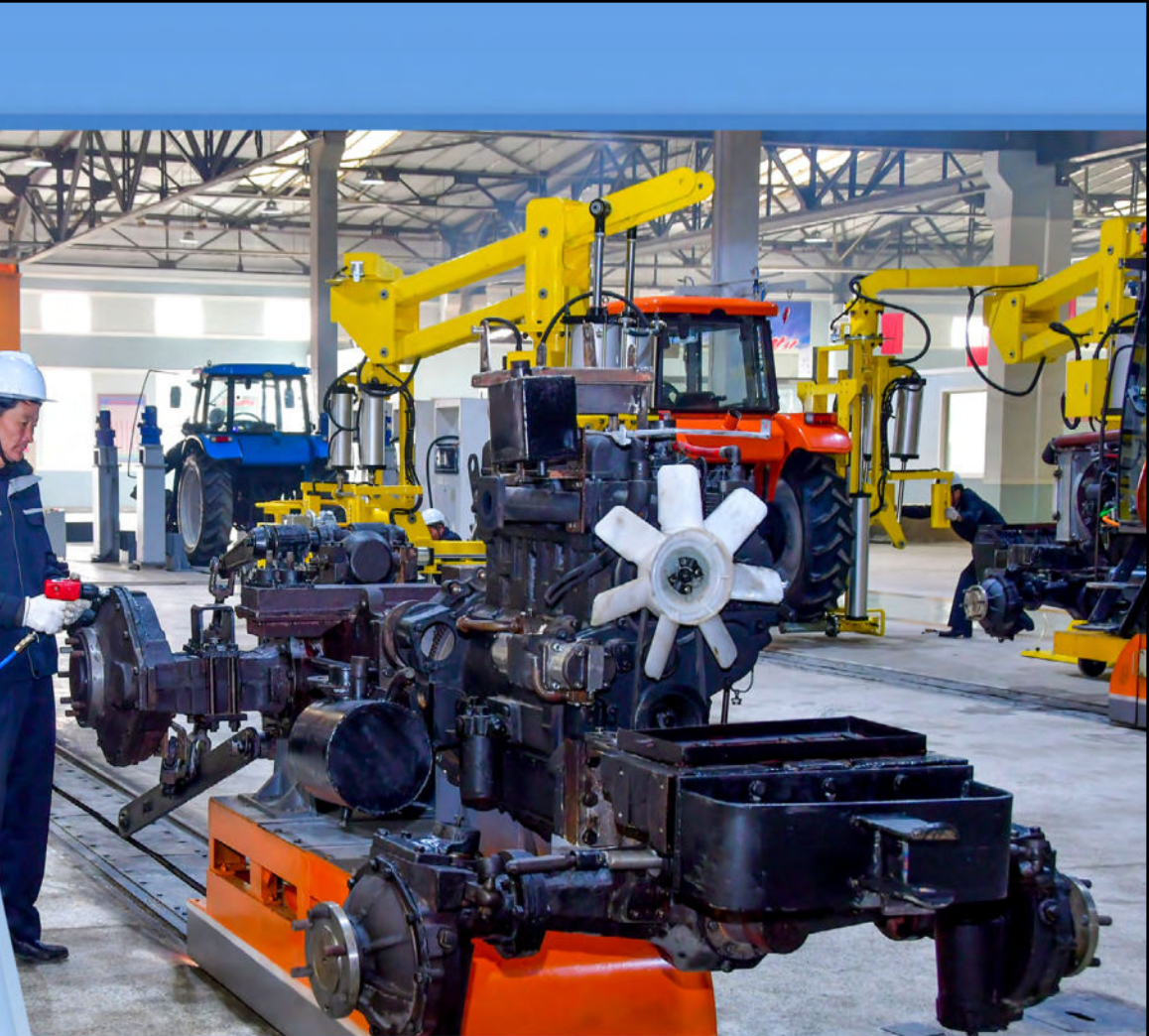
A national flag-hoisting ceremony was held before the meetings.

Officials of the Party, government and other relevant organs, teaching staffs and students gave bouquets to and congratulated new students who were filled with beautiful hopes and high ambitions.

The ceremonies were followed by first lessons of the new school year.

Photo: Ri Myong Guk, Ri Chol Jin, Hwang Jong Hyok, Ri Jin Hyok
Text: Pak Kyong Chol





Kumsong Tractor Factory ***Operating at Full Throttle***

The Kumsong Tractor Factory, an engine leading the development of the country's farm machine industry, is moving up a gear to boost production by drawing on the successes and experience it achieved last year.

In response to the decisions adopted at the 11th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth

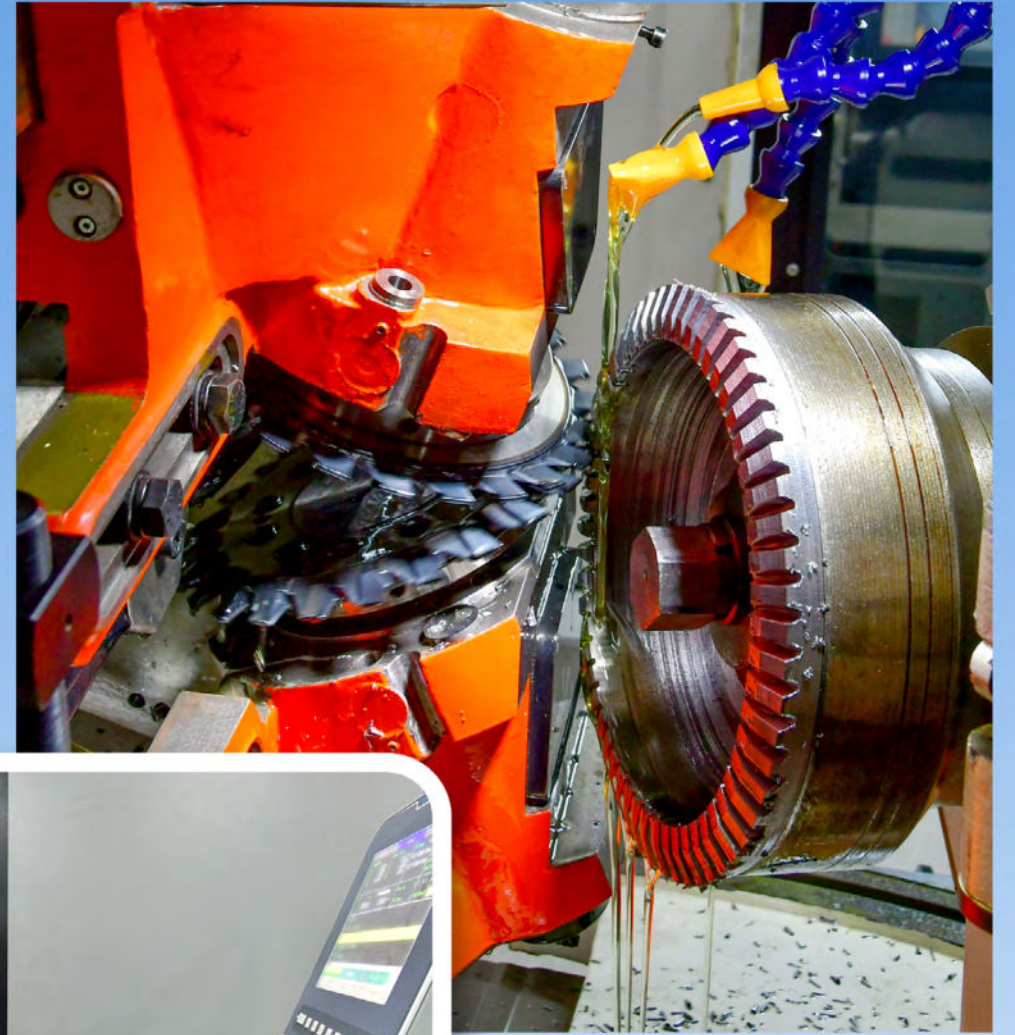
Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the management and employees set themselves an ambitious goal for this year.

Under stage-by-stage plans the management prioritizes the production of feed materials and makes careful arrangements for obtaining enough materials.

All the employees of the casting and forging workshops, conscious of the importance of feed materials supply, are making collective innovations to ensure better quality and sufficient quantity of feed materials.

The technicians have maintained close ties with the scientists at the State Academy





of Sciences, Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering and Pyongyang University of Transport, with an objective of providing a technical guarantee for the operation of the factory; their focus has been on improving the performance of CNC machines.

The production lines are in full operation for making 80hp tractors, new-model tractors, rice-seedling transplanters, etc., and the workers are seeing in their mind's eye their farm machines rumbling on across the countryside.

Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol, Ri Myong Guk
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DPRK's Scientists of International Renown

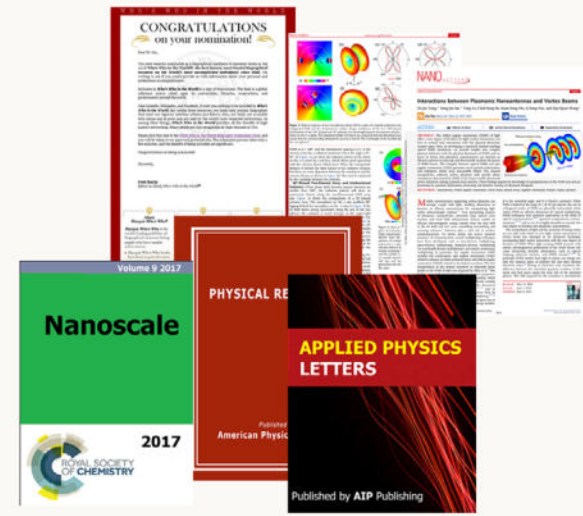


Im Song Jin, candidate academician, Prof., PhD, section chief of the Institute of Optics, School of Physics, Kim Il Sung University

As a postgraduate at Kim Il Sung University, Im Song Jin presented a paper on nonlinear optic phenomena for realizing ultrafast optical communications and obtained a doctor's degree in his twenties. After graduation he achieved international-level successes in his research

projects on the interactions between light and materials. He has so far published over 100 papers on nonlinear optics, more than 50 of which were printed in science journals issued by the Optical Society and others. He was nominated as a biographical

candidate to represent the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the 2018 and 2019 Who's Who in the World. Now, he is a reviewer of a prestigious international science journal as well as the Optical Society and some other academic associations.

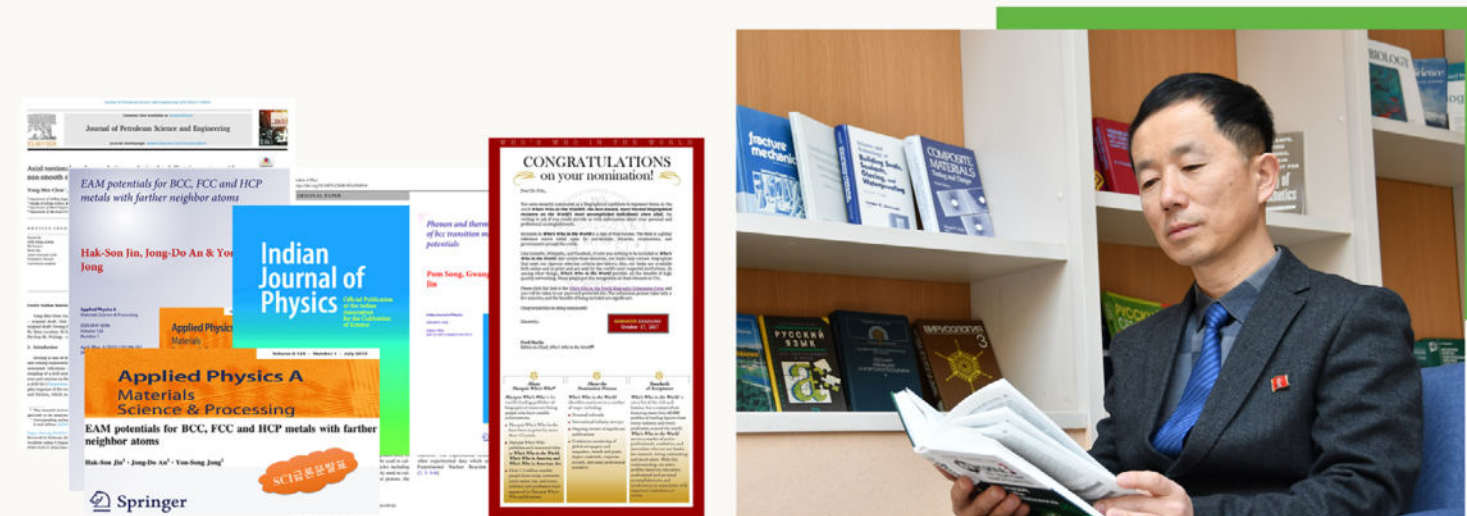


Kim Nam Chol, Prof., PhD, section chief of the Institute of Optics, School of Physics, Kim Il Sung University

Kim Nam Chol is among the outstanding scientists who pioneered quantum informatics in the DPRK and developed it onto an international level.

Over 40 of his papers have been made public in such international science journals as *Quantum Information Processing*, *Nanotechnology* and *Plasmonics*.

He was included in the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Who's Who in the World. Now, he is a reviewer and editor of several international science journals.

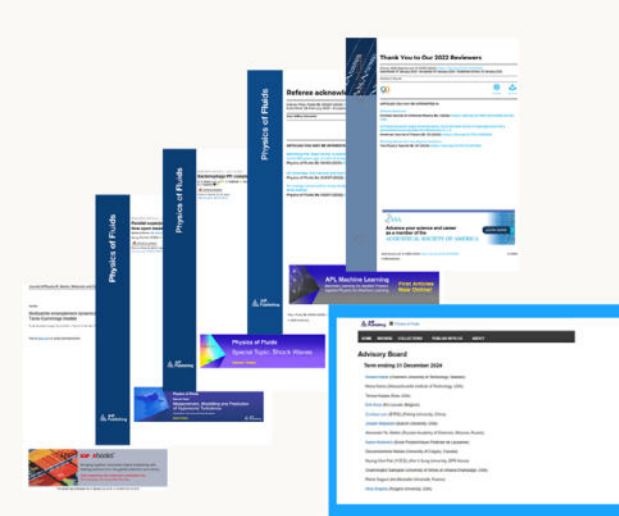


Jin Hak Son, PhD, associate Prof., lecturer at the School of Energy Science, Kim Il Sung University

As a young boy, Jin Hak Son dreamed of becoming a world-famous scientist like Kim Hui In, a physicist who discovered a new particle in the 1960s. More than 30 of his papers were

published in the SCI- and EI-level journals, which attracted international attention as they suggested solutions to the problems that had remained unresolved in the theory of atomic interaction.

In appreciation of these research findings, he was included in the 2017 and 2018 Who's Who in the World.



Pak Myong Chol, PhD, researcher of the Institute of Theoretical Physics, School of Physics, Kim Il Sung University

As a postgraduate at Kim Il Sung University, Pak Myong Chol grabbed national attention by writing several essays that were conducive to the development of the country's science and technology. Later, he was involved in some joint research projects with many prestigious

universities in other countries, which helped him broaden his academic horizons and find good solutions to several of the problems that had remained unresolved in physics. Having published more than 40 of his papers in reputable international science journals, he was listed in the International

Scientist Acknowledgement in 2023 and 2024. He is now a reviewer of more than ten reputable journals including *Physics of Fluids*, and, from March 2023, an advisory board member at one of the international associations of physicists.



New Player

Wins Top Football Awards



A girl player captured the attention of football experts and spectators at the 2024 FIFA U-20 and U-17 women's World Cups held in Colombia and Dominica. She was Choe Il Son, forward No. 15 of the DPRK team.

Choe won the most valuable player and top scorer awards by scoring six goals in

total at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

She hails from Kwail County in South Hwanghae Province. In her childhood she was good at running, which caught the attention of the experts, and she began to play football and later was admitted to Pyongyang International Football School.



The systematic and specialized education at the school solidly supported her natural aptitude and forte.

Playing for the April 25 Sports Club she was acknowledged as scoring star and promising player at different matches.

FIFA proclaimed new stars regarded as promising players in the senior women's football team of the DPRK, and Choe Il Son was the first nominee with excellent talent

and a threatening forward.

She was selected as one of the top ten players of the DPRK for 2024.

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