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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Construction of Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm Again



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 again on the spot the construction of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm in its final stage on October 17.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Pak Jong Chon, Kim Tok Hun, No Kwang Chol, Kim Jae Ryong, Kim Yong Su and other leading officials.

He was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the units of the Korean People's Army and officials of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade and design and relevant institutions, which are involved in the construction project.

True to the on-site instructions given by Kim Jong Un on September 18, the KPA units and members of the youth shock brigade were pushing ahead with the last stage after mainly completing the construction project covering a vast area.

At present, nearly 90 percent of the total workload of the project has been carried out.

Kim Jong Un went round the section of edaphic glasshouses, the vegetable science research centre, Soho Branch Farm and other places of the construction site to learn in detail about the equipment assembly and site clearing.

He said that construction of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm is another gigantic creative undertaking for promoting the independent and diversified development of the regional economy and proving the validity and vitality of the Party's policy on regional development in the new era and, therefore, it is necessary to open up a new path of rural civilization not only in architecture but also in environmental arrangement and landscaping.

Placing a particular emphasis on the task of creating a distinctive landscape by making effective use of the natural environment while preserving the characteristics of the island area, he gave instructions on directing all efforts and means to dynamically pushing ahead with





site clearing, landscaping and creation of windbreak forest in the vast area of the greenhouse farm.

He pointed out some deviations revealed in designing and paving roads in the area of the farm.

He set forth a series of important tasks arising in the last stage of construction, the operation of the farm and the conservation and administration of land and river, including those of making good preparations for the management of the farm, mobilizing machinery in a concentrated way to qualitatively complete the environmental

arrangement of the surroundings of the construction site and taking measures for raising the level of specialization in environmental protection and management.

He expressed belief that all the soldier-builders and members of the youth shock brigade would perfectly complete the large-scale greenhouse farm without fail by redoubling their efforts and displaying dauntless courage, always bearing in mind the trust and expectation of the Party and the people, and thus present it to the glorious Party congress.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Kangdong County Hospital Nearing Completion



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 Kangdong County Hospital, which is nearing completion, on October 30.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Going round various places of the hospital including the underground parking lot, inpatient ward, operating theatre and doctors' room, he learned in detail about the construction.

As he instructed officials to assemble and install in a responsible manner the medical equipment within November as the overall construction of the hospital has been completed at a highly qualitative level, he set forth various tasks for the preparations for operating the

hospital.

He underlined the need to promptly disseminate the excellent experience gained in the construction of the hospital and exemplary creative spirit displayed in it to the regional construction units at all levels in order to implement the project of public health modernization across the country on a full scale and at the highest qualitative level.

As the construction of hospital, an ensemble of the latest medical technology and architectural techniques, requires a higher level of functionality and specialization than any other construction projects, it presents itself as a primary task to build up the regional construction forces capable of carrying out the huge projects for public health development in order to accelerate their implementation on a

scientific basis and in a far-sighted way, he said.

Protecting the lives and safety of all citizens and promoting their health is one of the most important state affairs and, therefore, the WPK's policy on the public health revolution should be steadily expanded and intensified, he stressed.

Our important goal in modernizing the public health sector from now on is to build without fail such modern hospitals as the Kangdong County Hospital in 20 cities and counties every year, he said, adding that a decisive measure should be adopted to expand the country's forces for building public health facilities.

He continued that the forthcoming plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee will examine the issue of building such modern hospitals in the districts of Pyongyang Municipality.

He set forth a series of important tasks for the expansion and development of the public health revolution, which included standardizing and optimizing the designs of general, special and other hospitals according to their classes and categories in architectural and health and hygienic aspects in the construction of hospitals, and making a foresighted calculation of the conditions for supplying various kinds of materials as medical service facilities will be densely distributed across the country. Pointing out the backwardness and irrationality of the current national system of training experts in the public health sector, he also underlined the need to re-examine the matter of training experts in the medical sector and take realistic, substantial and effective steps for readjusting it.

The construction of the Kangdong County Hospital, the starting



point of the development of the public health sector in this year's struggle for regional development, will be completed with success before long, he said, adding that the present reality in which groundbreaking and inauguration take place in the same year is

clear proof of the validity and vitality of the Party's policy and an epitome showing the remarkable speed of advance of socialist Korea.

He assigned tasks for the inauguration of the hospital.





Groundbreaking Ceremony for Building Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at Overseas Military Operations Solemnly Takes Place

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Attends the Groundbreaking Ceremony



A memorial museum of combat feats will be built in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to pray for the immortality of the admirable war heroes of the DPRK who performed undying feats in the overseas military operations with the ideological and moral superiority, mass heroism, matchless bravery and stamina peculiar to the army of the DPRK absolutely

loyal to the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The combatants of the armed forces of the DPRK made remarkable military achievements and rendered distinguished services in the military operations to liberate Kursk Region of the fraternal Russian Federation at the cost of their blood and lives. These constitute a legendary victory to be specially recorded in the history

of the Juche-oriented army building and the history of the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle, a great feat which demonstrated the invincibility of the DPRK-Russia relations that were forged and have further been consolidated at the cost of blood and a cornerstone for the existence, development and eternal prosperity of the two countries.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un put the combatants of the overseas operations units, who had demonstrated the great prestige of strong men and glory of victors, on the peak of the times as heroes of heroes and representatives of the honour of the country. And he initiated the construction of the memorial museum of combat feats that will hand down to posterity the noble self-sacrificing spirit and legendary combat feats of the brave soldiers, personally chose its site in the Hwasong area symbolic of modern Pyongyang, and took special measures to form elite construction units.

The start of the construction of the sacred sanctuary, a grand monument of the times to add honour to the noble soul of the heroic soldiers who dedicated their lives without hesitation for the immortality and eternal prosperity of their great state, is a vivid expression of the boundless gratitude and noble moral obligation of the Party, the state and the people to the brave soldiers and serves as a significant political occasion for raising the heroic spirit of the present times to a higher plane.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the building of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations took place solemnly on October 23.

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.

Present there were Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, participants in the overseas military operations, bereaved families of the martyrs, senior officials of ministries and national agencies, commanding officers of large and other combined units at all levels of the Korean People's Army, soldier-builders and youth and students.

Also present there were Aleksandr Matsegora, Russian



ambassador to the DPRK, and the Russian embassy staff.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted by the commanding officers of construction units at all levels.

He made a meaningful speech.

Today we are holding the groundbreaking ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats that will hand down forever the

shining life of the heroes and fallen soldiers of the overseas operations units, excellent sons of the Korean people and defenders of justice, he said, referring to the historic significance of the erection of the museum and the great victory and legendary combat feats which the soldiers have achieved for the past one year since they took the vigorous steps towards the battlefield in the alien land, expecting no

reward or send-off.

With this project, two museums representing victories in the wars, the past one and the present one, will be sited in the capital city of our state, he said, adding that this proves in practice that the spirit of defending the country and indomitable heroism of the victorious wartime generation, whom we have put forward on the platform of

dignity and always pay reverence to, were not confined to any special period, but have been carried forward stoutly for more than 70 years, and developed onto a higher level to be respected by the great years and the heroic generation.

The testimony by history to our state's powerfulness never to be changed forever—this is the indelible meaning of this museum,

he noted, stressing that the years of militant fraternity, in which a guarantee has been provided for the eternal development of the friendship between the DPRK and Russia at the cost of precious blood, will advance non-stop with the ennobling soul of the great heroes, and more honourable pages of strength and victory will be added to the great chronicles of ties between the two countries, both just and powerful.

After he finished his speech, the national anthems of the DPRK and the Russian Federation were solemnly played.

He dug the first spadeful of earth in commemoration of the start of the construction of the museum together with leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs.

He met and hugged the soldiers who had participated in the overseas military operations and warmly encouraged those who had recovered their health.

He expressed deep respect to the bereaved families of the fallen soldiers, who were bursting into tears with boundless gratitude.

He saw the formation plans for the museum and met the





commanding officers of construction units at all levels.

He expressed his belief and expectation that the officers and men of the construction units will successfully build the museum, which will help the army and people of the DPRK cultivate heroism and patriotism, with the comradely obligation and the pride and honour of taking part in the sacred project to hand down to posterity the feats performed by the brave soldiers who created a new great history of

the KPA and wrote another glorious page in the history of war victory of the country.

The noble life of the war heroes in the great Kim Jong Un's era, who devoted their youth and lives to the immortal dignity and eternal prosperity of their powerful state, to the precious glory of their people and to the happiness of all generations to come, will shine forever as an ever-shining star of the country.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Cemetery of CPV Fallen Soldiers on Occasion of 75th Anniversary of Entry of CPV into Korean Front



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 Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County of South Phyongan Province, and paid high tribute to them on October 24 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the entry of the CPV into the Korean front.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Pak Jong Chon and Kim Tok Hun, secretaries of the

Central Committee of the WPK, and Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK.

A guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the cemetery.

The national anthems of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were played.

A flower basket in the name of Kim Jong Un and flower baskets in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK and the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK were laid before

the cemetery.

Kim Jong Un paid silent tribute in memory of the CPV fallen soldiers.

Then, he visited the grave of Mao Anying at the cemetery.

He placed a flower before the grave and paid homage.

The images of the CPV fallen soldiers, who assisted the Korean people in their revolutionary war at the cost of their blood in the spirit of internationalism and with fraternal feelings, remain deep in the hearts of the peoples of the two countries as a precious symbol of

the DPRK-China friendship.

The Korean people will never forget the blood shed by the excellent sons and daughters of the Chinese people and their immortal feats even though time passes and one generation is replaced by another.

The DPRK-China friendship forged at the cost of blood will powerfully demonstrate its inexhaustible vitality in the sacred struggle to accomplish the cause of independence against imperialism and the socialist cause, in the future, too.



a delegation of Korean social scientists in Japan.

Also present there were Thae Hyong Chol, president of the Academy of Social Sciences who doubles as first vice-chairman of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, and scientists in the field of social sciences.

Harish Gupta made an opening address at the seminar to be followed by a congratulatory speech by Thae Hyong Chol.

Matteo Carbonelli made a keynote report.

Speeches were made on the titles, "Let's March Forward Towards a Rosier, Stronger and More Prosperous Future Under the Leadership of the Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un," "The 80-year History of the Workers' Party of Korea Is a People-first History," "The Workers' Party of Korea Is the Beacon of Revolutionaries Throughout

the World," "On the Experience of Struggle of the Workers' Party of Korea with the Longest History as a Socialist Ruling Party," "The Great Juche Idea and the Challenges in the 21st Century," "The Juche Idea Is the Banner of Struggle of the People Who Aspire After Independence," "Embodiment of the Juche Idea in the Development of South Africa," and "Let's Consolidate Solidarity with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

A letter to Kim Jong Un was adopted at the seminar.

Held amid great expectations and interest of the followers of the Juche idea throughout the world, the seminar served as a significant occasion for consolidating international solidarity of all countries and peoples that aspire after independence and justice and injecting fresh vitality into the struggle for the cause of independence of mankind.

International Seminar on Juche Idea Held

An international seminar on the Juche idea concerning the immortal banner for building a just and peaceful world was held in Pyongyang on October 8-9 under the co-sponsorship of the International

Institute of the Juche Idea and the Korean Association of Social Scientists on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were Harish Gupta and

Matteo Carbonelli, vice-directors general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, and delegations and delegates of organizations for the study of the Juche idea from different countries and regions and





SCULPTURE DEPICTING KOREAN ANTI-JAPANESE GUERRILLAS ERECTED IN PATRIOT PARK, RUSSIA



A sculpture depicting the Korean anti-Japanese guerrillas was erected at Patriot Park in a suburb of Moscow, Russia.

An unveiling ceremony of the sculpture took place on the spot on October 1.

Present there were No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation.

At the ceremony, there was an introduction to the monument, and the defence ministers of the two countries cut the ribbon amid the

music playing.

Speeches were made, and then flowers and floral baskets were laid before the sculpture.

Written on the ribbon of a floral basket laid in the name of the military delegation of the DPRK were the letters, reading "The anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs will be immortal."

The participants paid high tribute to the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs.

Russian Schoolchildren Float Paper Lanterns on Taedong River in Pyongyang

Schoolchildren in Kursk of Russia made many paper lanterns and sent them to the DPRK as a token of their gratitude and respect for the soldiers of the Korean People’s Army who had displayed unparalleled bravery, heroism and self-sacrificing spirit in the battles to liberate their native city. There took place a ceremony of floating those lanterns on the Taedong River in the capital city of Pyongyang on October 21.

Children of the Russian embassy school floated the lanterns on the river, praying for the immortality of the heroes, who had fought the battles, with precious memories of them. Written on the paper lanterns were the Korean and Russian letters reading “Thank You,” “We Will Win” and “Eternal Friendship.”

Present at the ceremony were Aleksandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and the Russian embassy staff members.



Visit of Russian Youth Friendship Group to DPRK



Joint friendship gathering of young people of the DPRK and Russia



The members of the Russian youth friendship group visit the Liberation Tower to lay flowers and bouquets.

The Russian youth friendship group led by the chairperson of the National Council of the Russian Association of Youth and Children visited the DPRK on October 17-24.

A joint friendship gathering of young people of the DPRK and Russia took place at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on October 21.

At the gathering speeches were made and a performance was given by the artistic information team of the youth league central committee.

The young people of the two countries deepened friendship, playing colourful sports and amusement games together.

The members of the Russian youth friendship group visited the Youth Movement Museum, Kim Il Sung University, Arch of Triumph, Tower of the Juche Idea, Mangyongdae Schoolchildren’s Palace, Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, Liberation Tower, etc.



Light Industry Development - 2025

Light industrial goods exhibition *Light Industry Development-2025* was held in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK.

The venue for the exhibition was crowded with people as quality goods were on display in a distinctive way, instilling into them pride in light industry of the country and conviction of their rosier future.

Presented to the exhibition were more than 68 000 items of over 600 kinds such as shoes, cosmetics, foodstuffs, household goods and sanitary goods produced by 580-odd units across the country.

Visitors showed close interest in the exhibits from Sukchon County Garment Factory, Songchon County Foodstuff Factory, Ichon County Daily Necessities Factory and other regional-industry factories, which had been built in a modern fashion as intended by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to improve the local people's material and cultural standards of living.

As a major milestone in accelerating the comprehensive and sustained development of light industry, the exhibition testified to the viability of the Party's policy on the seed and main direction of the light industry revolution—ensuring good quality of consumer goods.



17th Pyongyang Autumn International Trade Fair



The 17th Pyongyang Autumn International Trade Fair was held, in which companies and enterprises of the DPRK, Russia, China and other countries participated.

Presented there were more than 1 400 kinds of goods, numbering tens of thousands of items, including electronic goods, machinery, building materials, foodstuffs and others in public health and light industry.

The trade fair served as an important occasion for promoting friendship and developing economic and trade transactions and sci-tech exchanges among countries.

18th Pyongyang International Film Festival



The 18th Pyongyang International Film Festival was held in the capital city of Pyongyang between October 22 and 27.

The films presented to the festival from the DPRK and other countries were screened at the People's Palace of Culture, Pyongyang International Cinema House, Taedongmun Cinema, Ryomyonggori Cinema and other cinemas.

At the closing ceremony were awarded the grand prix, special

jury award, special award of the festival organizing committee, best screenplay, best direction, best photography, best art, best music and other prizes.

The festival served as a significant occasion in deepening the good-neighbourly relations among the world progressive countries and the friendly ties among film artistes under the ideals of independence, peace and friendship.

Sportspeople Bring Honour to Their Motherland

The DPRK won 74 medals, including 46 golds, and a trophy and came first in the country rankings at the 23rd ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships.

The championships brought together over 1 180 contenders from more than 70 countries and regions including the DPRK, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Greece, Canada and Argentina.

The DPRK took the first place in the men's and women's team pattern competitions in the senior, youth and juvenile categories, women's team sparring competition in the senior category, men's team sparring competition in the youth category, men's and women's self-defence competitions in the senior, youth and juvenile categories, and women's team power demonstration competition in the senior category.

The DPRK topped the country and regional medal tallies at the 2025 IWF World Championships.

The championships, held in Norway, drew more than 470 weightlifters from over 80 countries and regions including the DPRK, China, Bulgaria, Canada and Egypt.

The DPRK's weightlifters won 23 medals in total—17 golds, five silvers and a bronze—and set ten new world records.





**Han Chong Song
from the April 25 Combat Sports Team**

Han Chong Song won gold at the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships and the 2025 World Wrestling Championships this year.

At the latter championships the contenders in his category totaled 30 or so, many of whom had won gold at continental championships or distinguished themselves at the 33rd Olympic Games.

Gold Medallists at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships

**Won Myong Gyong
from the Jangsan Sports Team**

Won Myong Gyong took the first place in the women's 50kg category at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships.

Back in 2016, she won gold in the 40kg category at the Asian youth wrestling championships.

She is the first world champion produced by the Jangsan Sports Team.



**O Kyong Ryong
from the Pyongyang Sports Club**

O Kyong Ryong won gold in the women's 55kg category at the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships; her match with a Japanese rival, who was a two-time world champion, was quite impressive.

She also came first in the 55kg category at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships.



**AFC Coach of Year (Men)
Awarded to DPRK Coach**

Ri Song Ho

Ri Song Ho was awarded the AFC Coach of the Year (Men) at the AFC Awards Riyadh 2025.

He is the third winner of this award in the DPRK.

He was the DPRK team's coach at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.



**AFC Youth Player of Year (Women)
Awarded to DPRK Player**



Choe Il Son

Choe Il Son was awarded the AFC Youth Player of the Year (Women) at the AFC Awards Riyadh 2025.

She proved herself to be outstanding in physical, technical and scoring abilities at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

She is the fourth winner of this award in the DPRK.

**Gold Medal and New Record
at the Third Asian Youth Games**

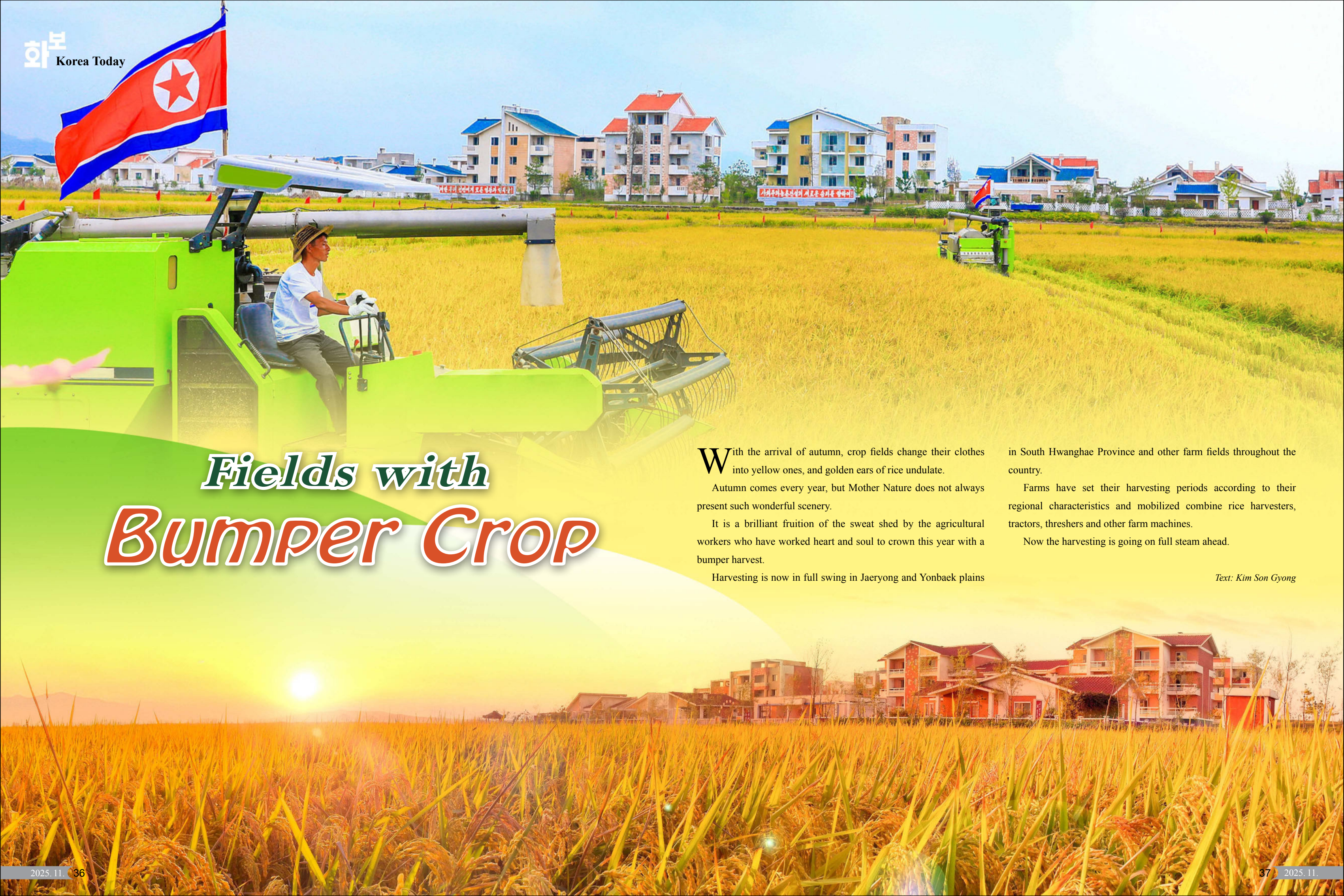
Kang Ryon Hui

Kang Ryon Hui won gold at the Third Asian Youth Games held in Bahrain.

The games brought together more than 4 000 athletes from over 40 countries and regions including the DPRK, China, Mongolia and Thailand.

On October 24 (local time), Kang took the first place in the women's 2 000m hurdle race with a record of 6 minutes and 37.88 seconds, setting a new record of the games.





Fields with Bumper Crop

With the arrival of autumn, crop fields change their clothes into yellow ones, and golden ears of rice undulate.

Autumn comes every year, but Mother Nature does not always present such wonderful scenery.

It is a brilliant fruition of the sweat shed by the agricultural workers who have worked heart and soul to crown this year with a bumper harvest.

Harvesting is now in full swing in Jaeryong and Yonbaek plains

in South Hwanghae Province and other farm fields throughout the country.

Farms have set their harvesting periods according to their regional characteristics and mobilized combine rice harvesters, tractors, threshers and other farm machines.

Now the harvesting is going on full steam ahead.

Text: Kim Son Gyong



Unsan County is located in an eastern part of North Phyongan Province.

It is characteristic with many mountains, rivers and streams and frequent rain. Because of these natural and geographical features, it was prone to disasters by rain.

Now it has undergone a sea change.

Hundreds of houses were built at state

expense, and recently administration and production buildings, hall of culture, clinic, ten-day kindergarten and nursery have sprung up in Tapsang-ri, preserving the characteristics of the rural community.

The new regional-industry factories, which belong to the first entities of the Workers' Party of Korea's policy of

regional rejuvenation, produce goods including soybean paste and sauce, various drinks, pine nut biscuits, plastic goods of diversified shapes and with beautiful patterns and mugwort-flavoured soaps.

It is a source of pride for the local people that all products of their foodstuff factory are made with the raw materials available



Transformed Mountainous Region

Visit to Unsan County, North Phyongan Province



in their county.
The county has effectively conducted forest and water conservation, increasing the area of forests of trees of economic value

and building embankments along the rivers and streams. In the course of this, new crop fields have been obtained, and those that suffered damage from cold weather have

been improved, yielding bumper crops.
The locals are striving to further transform their land.

*Photo: Choe Won Chol, Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyong*



Kangwon

Provincial Tree Nursery



The Kangwon Provincial Tree Nursery produces over 20 million saplings a year.

Saplings growing in wide outdoor cultivation grounds, plastic panel greenhouses neatly arranged, houses and leisure complex that go in good harmony—the scenery resembles a beautiful park.

Saplings are produced in plastic panel greenhouses, circular cutting beds and outdoor cultivation grounds, controlled by an integrated system regulating the conditions and environment suitable for growing the saplings, and the production of saplings is put on a scientific, industrial and intensive footing.

Officials of the nursery, regarding science and technology as the key to increased production, encourage the employees to make effective use of the sci-tech learning space so as to improve their technical skills.

They work hard to improve cultivation methods so as to supply sufficient numbers of saplings of good species to the raw-materials bases of the regional-industry factories and other units.

Photo: Choe Won Chol
Text: Pak Kyong Chol



Chollima General Building-Materials Factory

The Chollima General Building-Materials Factory, located in Rangnang District, Pyongyang, came into existence thanks to the far-reaching plan of Chairman Kim Jong Il to provide the people with the most civilized and happiest living conditions in the world. It has now developed into a large-capacity production base under the wise guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The factory with fully-automated production lines turns out different kinds of blocks, sheet-metal roofing, plastic windows of

various types, sizes and colours, multi-purpose iron fences, insulated plywood and other building materials.

A lot of products from the factory found their way to the construction sites of Wisong Scientists Residential District, Mirae Scientists Street, Ryomyong Street, Sci-Tech Complex and other monumental structures, where they enjoyed high praise.

Not content with such a laurel, officials and workers have put great emphasis on laying modern lines additionally and developing

ceaselessly products of high practical value, thus diversifying their products in terms of kind, shape and colour.

Technicians and skilled workers came up with effective technical schemes to improve the quality of products and increase their output.

At present the factory supplies various kinds of quality building

materials sufficiently for major construction projects throughout the country including those of building 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area, regional industry factories and rural dwelling houses.

*Photo: Choe Won Chol
Text: Kim Son Gyong*





Covering a total floor space of thousands of square metres, the experimental hall for education of Kim Chaek University of Technology has scores of laboratories equipped with latest experimental facilities.

Kim Chaek University of Technology, a “pedigree farm” for training sci-tech talents for the country, has set up a comprehensive experimental hall for education.

The hall offers the students opportunities for experimenting the whole line of producing finished goods, ranging from surveying and exploiting underground or undersea resources, dressing, melting, moulding, forging and rolling the materials to turning out goods from them through a flexible manufacturing system.

The students can also simulate generation of thermal, hydraulic, composite-gas and other types of energy, and practice IoT, production line management, cloud computing and other information



EXPERIMENTAL HALL FOR EDUCATION

Visit to the comprehensive experimental hall for education of Kim Chaek University of Technology



Experiments in geological prospecting, metallurgy, chemistry, materials engineering, machine-building, IT, telecommunications and other branches of science help students enlarge their knowledge of production lines and other economic fields and increase their practical abilities.

technologies, production of raw materials, mechanical test and development of cutting-edge products.

An online system has been set up for the students to practice in the classroom, dormitory and other places in the university.

The hall is conducive to helping the students consolidate and deepen what they have learned during lectures.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Pak Ui Chol





Happy Children

Visit to Kim Jong Suk Nursery

Kim Jong Suk Nursery was inaugurated on February 15, 1948, as the first of its kind in the country to take care of children at state expense.

It is a weekly nursery for the children between the ages of two and a half years and four years. Their mothers are teachers,

doctors, researchers, artistes and other women who are always busy with social activities.

Equipped with all conditions for the children's healthy growth and intellectual development, the nursery pays primary attention to arranging their life, supplying



nutritional foods and organizing play according to their ages and aptitudes. The nursery ensures that the children's daily life flows with songs, and that they are accustomed to acting politely and living in



a cultured and hygienic way. Efforts are directed to developing their intelligence and cultivating their thinking and observation. In the course of this, teachers have



discovered the children's potential aptitudes that even their parents failed to do. This is why, whenever they see their children grow healthier and stronger, the mothers extend gratitude to the nursery.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin
Text: Kim Son Gyong



Pyonggyang Optical

Technology Company

Over the past nearly 40 years the Pyonggyang Optical Technology Company has contributed to improving the people's health with its specialized and comprehensive services.



Established as a small optician's nearly 40 years ago, the Pyonggyang Optical Technology Company has now developed into a specialized and comprehensive glasses service base.

So far it has served hundreds of thousands of people with its scientific and kindly service.

All employees with a rich stock of knowledge in the field of glasses help the customers choose glasses suitable for their gender, age, taste and hobby, and such services in technology as eyesight test, correction, processing of lens and glasses assembly are conducted promptly.

This is much attributable to Kim Sang Ju, managing director of the company.

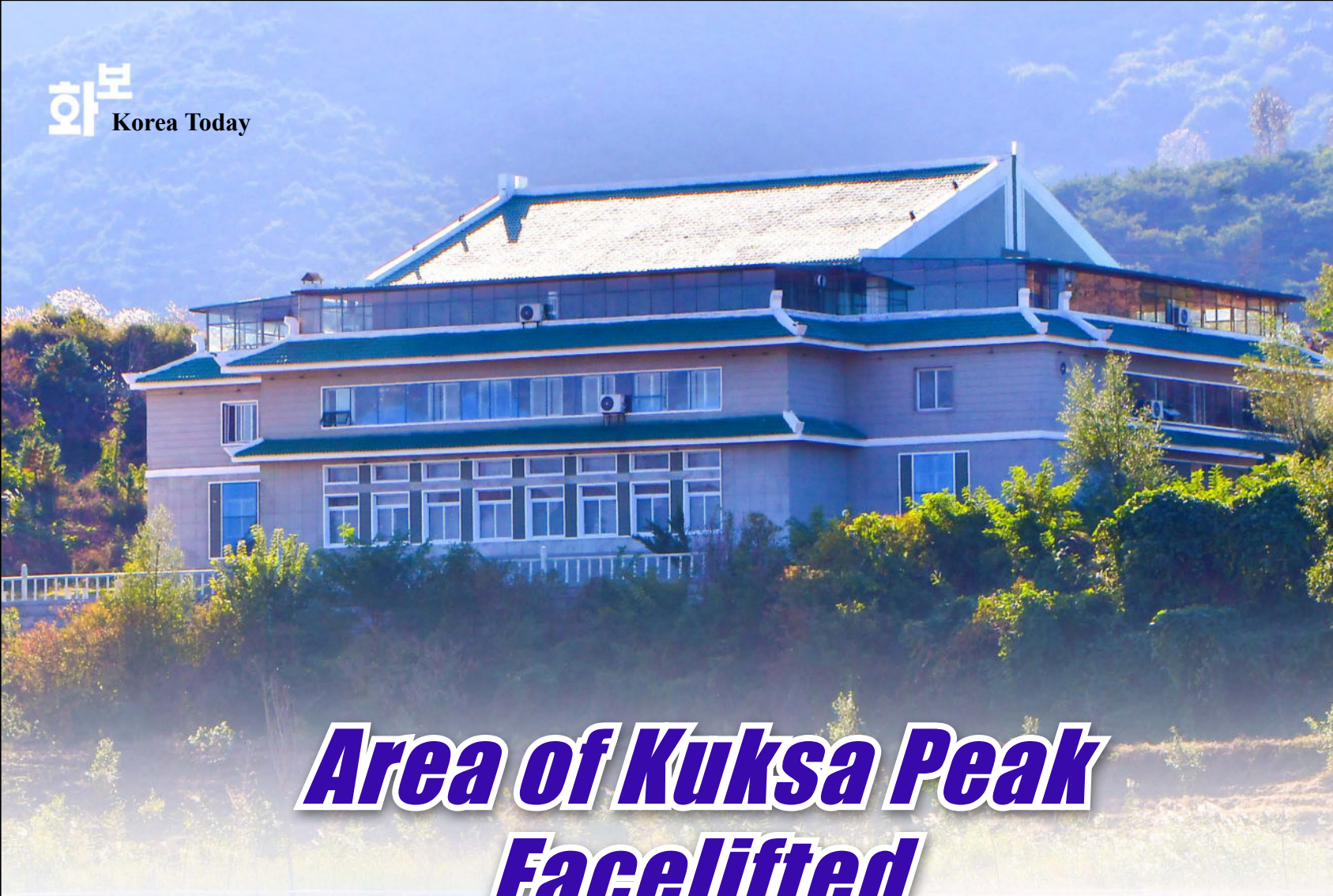


He learned a lot of professional and common knowledge in the field of glasses and has given lectures on glasses service

and latest optical technical data to the employees to improve the level of their service.

Now the company is frequented by many people.

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Text: Kim Son Gyong



Area of Kuksa Peak Facelifted



The area of Kuksa Peak in Nampho Municipality was transformed into a cultural and leisure base of the people.

What attracts the visitors' attention first is the riding club.

They are unanimous, after riding along the course, in saying that they feel refreshed and relieved of the accumulated fatigue.

Seeing others on the horses trotting or cantering, one feels an urge to jump into the world of riding, but after the first try, they say that seeing others riding is one thing and riding on their own is another.



At the bowling alley there can be seen a girl shouting with joy of strike and a boy feeling regret for failing to knock down the

last pin.

Another attraction is mountain biking, a sort of mountain tour.

Bikers use various types of bicycles, including one- or two-saddle ones.

Spring sites and pavilions are laid out





along the course.

A hotel furnished in a distinctive way accommodates the visitors' convenience.

On holidays and off-days, it is crowded with those who are desirous of training themselves physically and mentally.

The area is a favourite haunt for many working people and youth and students.

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Text: Pak Kyong Chol



Hwasong Kumgang House

Not so long after its inauguration, the Hwasong Kumgang House already ranks among the popular commercial outlets in the capital city.



The restaurant of the house serves traditional dishes as well as foreign delicacies.

The Hwasong Kumgang House is located in a newly-built urban section of the Hwasong area in Pyongyang.

Not so long after its inauguration, the house already ranks among the popular commercial outlets in the capital city.

Built in the shape of a bridge, it is a structure symbolic of the new urban section. Noted for its unique architectural style, it attracts an increasing number of citizens from different parts of the city.

The outlet houses a restaurant and a gift shop.

Covered with glass panels on two sides, the restaurant can





accommodate more than a hundred people every day, and it serves such traditional dishes as Pyongyang cold noodles and wrapped-up kimchi, foreign delicacies, and soft drinks.

In the evening the diners can enjoy the splendid illuminations of the modern structures in the residential area.

Photo: Ri Jin Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyong



Hwasong Video Game Centre, Distinctive Service Facility

The Hwasong Video Game Centre is situated at the third-stage section of the Hwasong area in Pyongyang.

The centre has been crowded with people since the day of its opening in August.

In the centre equipped with up-to-date

computers and other equipment, they play popular video games.

The centre can accommodate 300 persons at a time, and has three video game halls, where visitors can play various video games alone or online or by using VR

equipment.

There is also a billiard hall.

The shop in the centre sells a variety of goods including computer parts for video games, joysticks and minigame equipment, as well as luxury goods and gifts.



The number of visitors to the centre is increasing as the days go by.

Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol
Text: Kim Son Gyong



PAGYON FALLS

Pagyon Falls, one of the three major waterfalls of Korea, is in Pagyon-ri in Kaesong.

There is a singular pond, called Pagyon, originally a broad and flat rock which was dug in the shape of a gourd.

The speed of water falling down is faster than that of other waterfalls, and the falling water produces a rumbling sound.

The misty fog formed by the falling water adds more to the landscape.



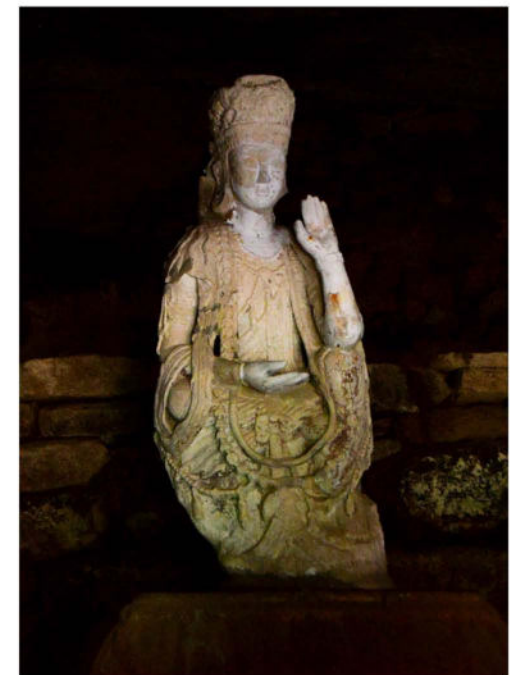
Under the waterfall is Komo Pond, 120m in circumference and 40m in diameter. On one side of the pond is a round rock, called Ryong, whose most part is submerged in water.

The steep cliff on the southern side and craggy precipices soaring high around add much to the beauty of the waterfall.

In the resort there are historical remains including Kwanum Temple and Taehungsan Fort.

As the area presents different natural scenery by season, it attracts many tourists.

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Text: Pak Ui Chol*





Mausoleum of King Tongmyong

The Mausoleum of King Tongmyong, the founder king of Koguryo, is a valuable historical relic; as the first feudal state in the history of the Korean nation, Koguryo was noted for its great strength. The mausoleum was inscribed on the world heritage list in 2004.

The Mausoleum of King Tongmyong, the founder king of Koguryo (277 BC-AD 668) which was the first feudal state in the history of the Korean nation, is situated in Ryokpho District, Pyongyang.

It was renovated in May 1993 under the wise leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

There is a pine forest of nearly 40 hectares on the hill around it. The forest, hundreds of years old, was created particularly for

the mausoleum.

The pine trees add more to the picturesque scenery of the mausoleum.

The Mausoleum of King Tongmyong district, including the pine forest, covers 170 hectares.

The mausoleum, a stone-chambered earth tomb, faces the south. The lower part of the mausoleum, which is 11.5m high, is a square-shaped plinth of stones, each side of which is 34m long.





The interior of the tomb is composed of inner chamber, front compartment and grave passage, and lotus flowers are painted on the walls and ceiling of the inner chamber.

In front of the tomb are a stone altar and stone lantern and on both sides of the tomb are stone posts, stone tigers and stone incense burners. Stone statues of civilian and military officers, who contributed to the founding and development of Koguryo, stand on both sides.

The Jongnung Temple from the Koguryo period, unearthed in the course of discovering the relics around the mausoleum, is situated 120m south of the mausoleum.

The mausoleum was inscribed on the world heritage list in 2004. Associated with the long history and culture of the nation, it is under protection.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin
Text: Kim Son Gyong





SPECIALTY OF KOREA

Kaesong Koryo Insam

As a traditional medicinal herb of Korea, insam has widely been used in treating and preventing diseases for thousands of years.

Kaesong Koryo insam is noted for its unique medicinal qualities, and the demand for it is growing higher and higher.





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