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The year 2025 was a historic year, when a heyday of great events and transformations was ushered in on the road of steady development of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and all its people, single-mindedly supporting the leadership of Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, devoted their patriotic enthusiasm and wisdom to bringing earlier a brighter future of their country.

A phase was opened, in which the civilization of the capital city transforms the regions and the transformation of the regions promotes the development of the capital city, and all the regions, sectors and units of the country make progress in a competitive, balanced and simultaneous way; it was a year of victory and glory to be added to the historic cause of the state aspiring after the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

Through energetic guidance over the whole year, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un indicated clear-cut ways for the people to follow and led them to display loyalty and patriotism in the struggle to achieve the country's prosperity, thus turning the year into a pivotal year, when they crossed the finish line of their efforts for carrying out the five-year plan and provided a springboard for confidently switching over to a new stage.

All the successes the Korean people achieved with a strong wish and strenuous efforts are the fruition of their unshakable faith, ideals and fortitude, heralding greater victories and happier future for them.

On the strength of the will to live and achieve prosperity on their own terms and the struggle mettle and creative abilities they have cultivated while overcoming trials and difficulties, the Korean people are now advancing forward more vigorously and courageously towards the new goals set forth at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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Indicating the Action Programme for Successful Implementation of the Five-Year Plan

At the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, held in late December 2024, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set it as the general orientation of the work for 2025 to push forward with the preparations for the next stage of development in a substantial way while successfully completing the five-year plan, and clarified the policy-oriented tasks for its implementation.

On his initiative, the meeting adopted a resolution on building advanced public health facilities, leisure complexes and grain storage facilities in addition to modern regional-industry factories in the cities and counties across the country by expanding the Party's new regional-development policy, and took relevant measures to achieve comprehensive prosperity of the nation.

Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK Held in December 2024

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The meeting had two-day panel study and consultative meetings to work out a thoroughgoing and correct plan for implementing the struggle tasks for 2025 on the basis of the ideas and spirit of his instructions during the discussion of the agenda items and his concluding speeches.

It adopted with unanimous approval the decisions *On carrying out the tasks for 2025 of the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Party Congress*, *On hastening the comprehensive rejuvenation of the state by vigorously pushing ahead with the implementation of the new regional development strategy* and *On taking a series of measures for strengthening the educational foundations of the country*.

Enlarged Meeting of the Twelfth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK Held in June 2025

The meeting conducted an interim review of the implementation of the major Party and state policies for 2025, which had been assigned by the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, reconfirmed the central tasks of the work and the orientation of the struggle for the second half of the year, and discussed and decided on the issues arising in the course of expanding and deepening the short-, intermediate- and long-term plans for economic construction.

It examined and approved strategic adjustment of a series of the policy-oriented tasks of the Party and the state and proposals for their timely implementation on the principle of positively promoting successes and experiences and steadily drawing lessons and solutions in keeping with the features of the times, in which a gigantic struggle, unprecedented in terms of the width and depth of the development of the state and the immensity of its goal, is being waged, and with the changing objective situations.

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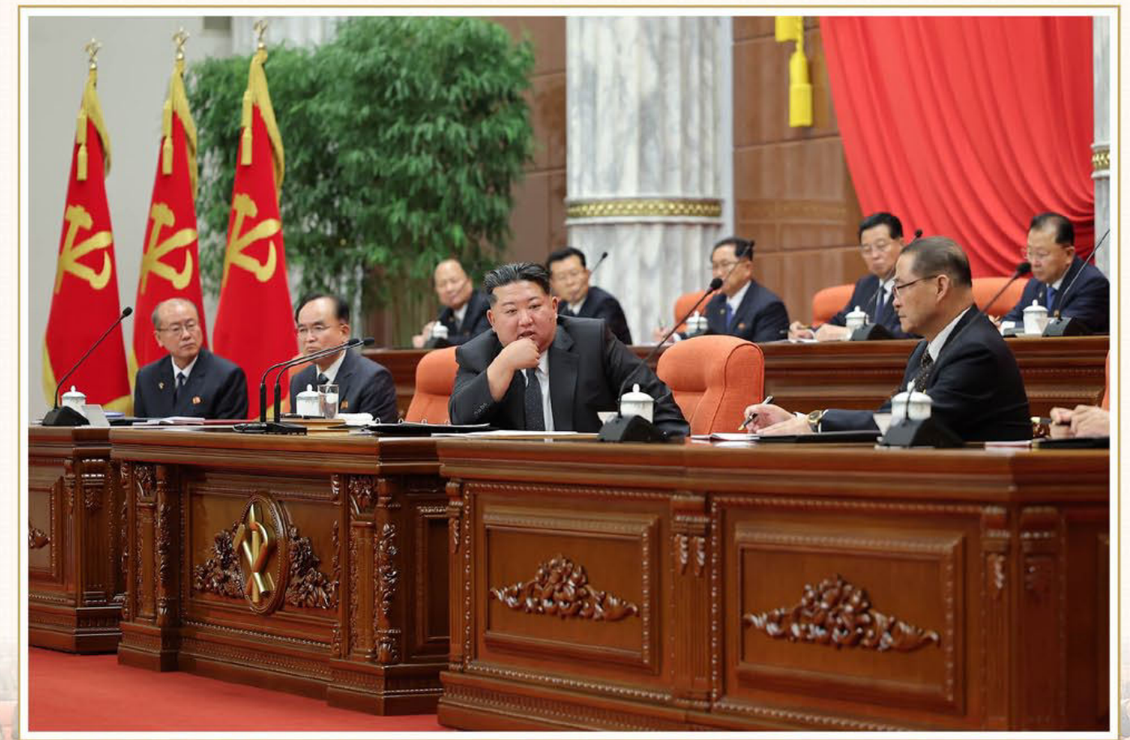
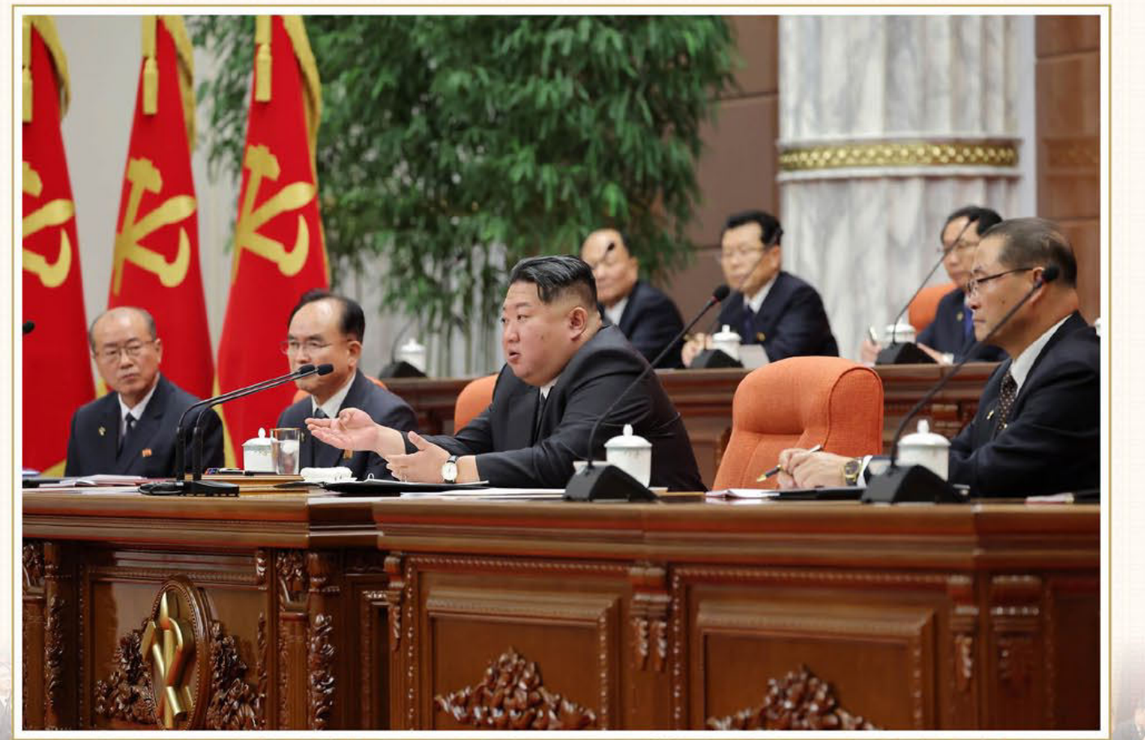
13th Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK Held in September 2025

In his speech at the session, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed thanks to the Supreme People's Assembly for doing its work in a responsible manner based on the mission and authority granted by the Constitution, outlined the qualitative development successes made in the overall national economy in the nine months of the year, made a strict analysis of the trend of the situation on and around the Korean peninsula and clarified the principled stand of the DPRK government towards the US and the ROK.

Enlarged Meeting of the 13th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK Held in December 2025

The meeting dealt with five agenda items including the review of the implementation of the policies of the Party and the state and the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2025 and the important issues related to the preparations for the Ninth Congress of the Party, and held a discussion on the relevant agenda items.





Following the Road of Devoted Service for the Promotion of the People's Wellbeing

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was on the road of on-site guidance all year round, leading the struggle for promoting the wellbeing of the people, whose living was demanding a higher level of quality.

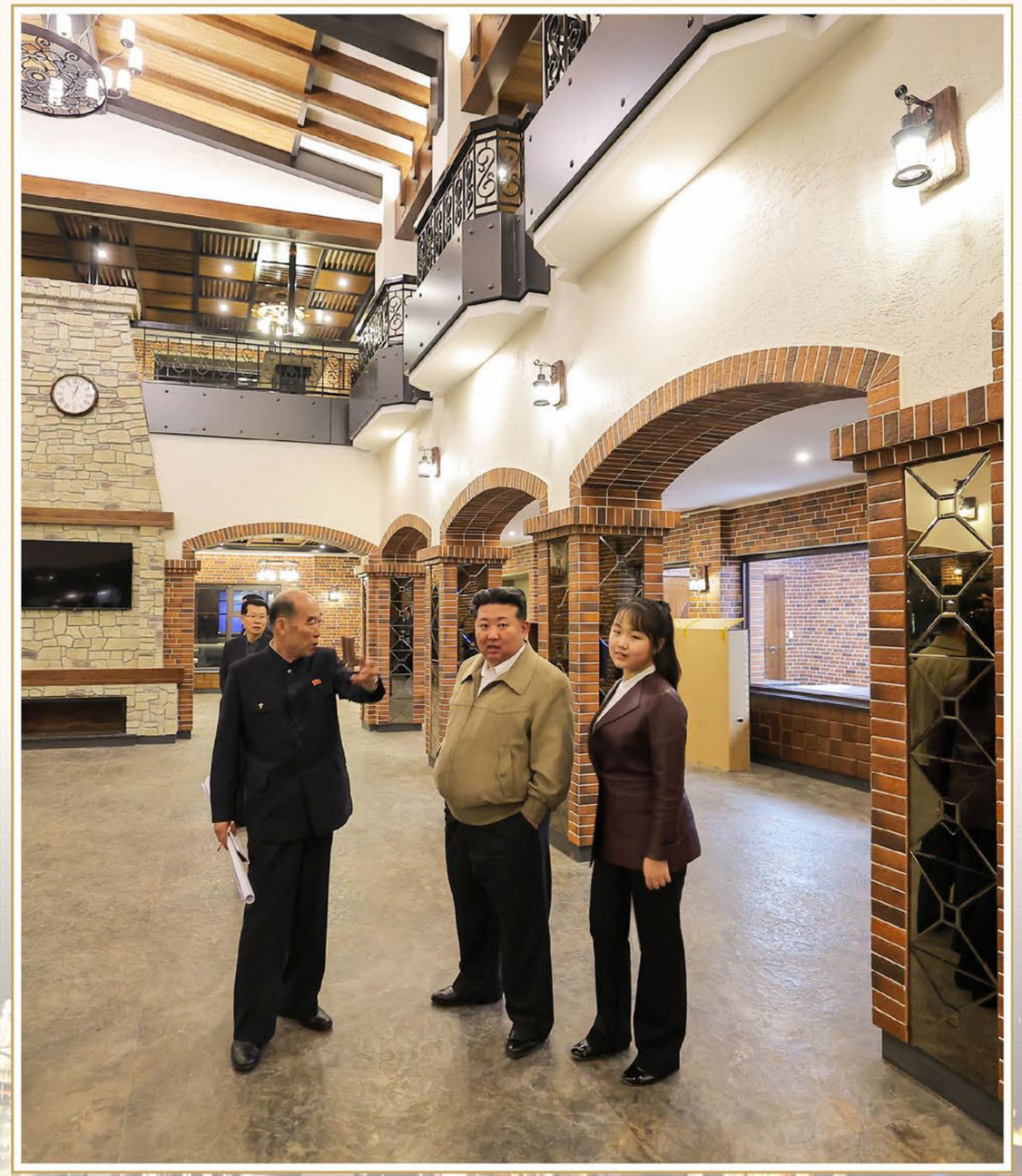
This encouraged the people in their struggle to attain the comprehensive development of their country and injected greater patriotic strength and wisdom into them.

Thanks to his tireless guidance, remarkable successes were gained in achieving the ideals of the people and promoting their wellbeing, and the feature of simultaneous development was witnessed in different parts of the country.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends in February 2025
the groundbreaking ceremony for the fourth-stage project
to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance in March 2025 at the construction site of 10 000 flats at the third stage in the Hwasong area nearing completion

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides in April 2025 preparations for operating major neighbourhood-serving amenities built in the third-stage section of the Hwasong area



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends
the inauguration ceremony of 10 000 flats at the third stage
in the Hwasong area in April 2025

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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits the completed Pyongyang General Hospital in February 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits in September 2025 Pyongyang General Hospital nearing inauguration

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of Pyongyang General Hospital in October 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the groundbreaking ceremony of the largest-ever greenhouse farm and vegetable science research centre in February 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction sites of the combined greenhouse farm and permanent embankments on Wihwa Island in August 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance over the construction of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and the work for local development in September 2025

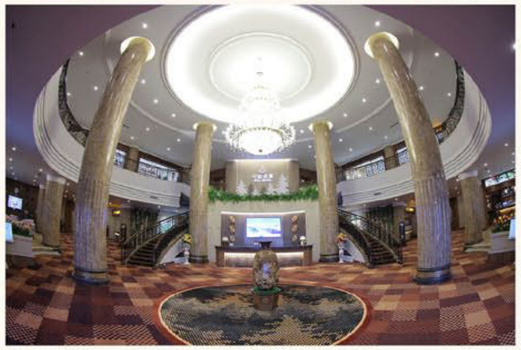
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm again in October 2025

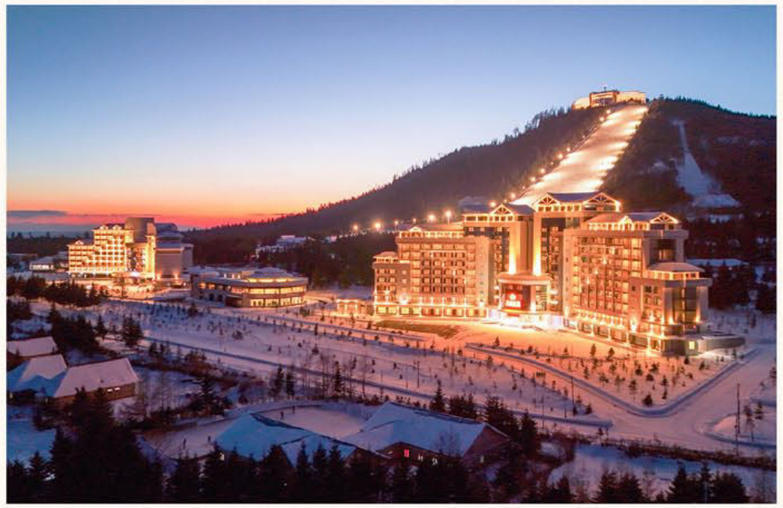
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance in November 2025 at the construction site of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm nearing completion

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp under construction in March 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area in June 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends in December 2025 the inauguration ceremony of the Ikal and Milyong hotels newly built in the Samjiyon Tourist Resource





The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the School Things Factory and School Fixtures Factory under construction in November 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the Hoeyang Army-People Power Station in November 2025

Expanded Regional Development 20×10 Policy

In 2025, in view of the long-term requirements for putting the regions on a track of multifaceted and sustained development, the Regional Development 20×10 Policy entered a new stage of being implemented in an expansive way. This led to the building of advanced hospitals and leisure complexes as well as factories in the regions.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Jaeryong County in January 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the groundbreaking ceremony of a hospital and leisure complex in Kangdong County for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy in February 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction sites of a hospital and leisure complex in Kangdong County in June 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits in October 2025 Kangdong County Hospital nearing completion

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of Kangdong County Hospital for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy in November 2025

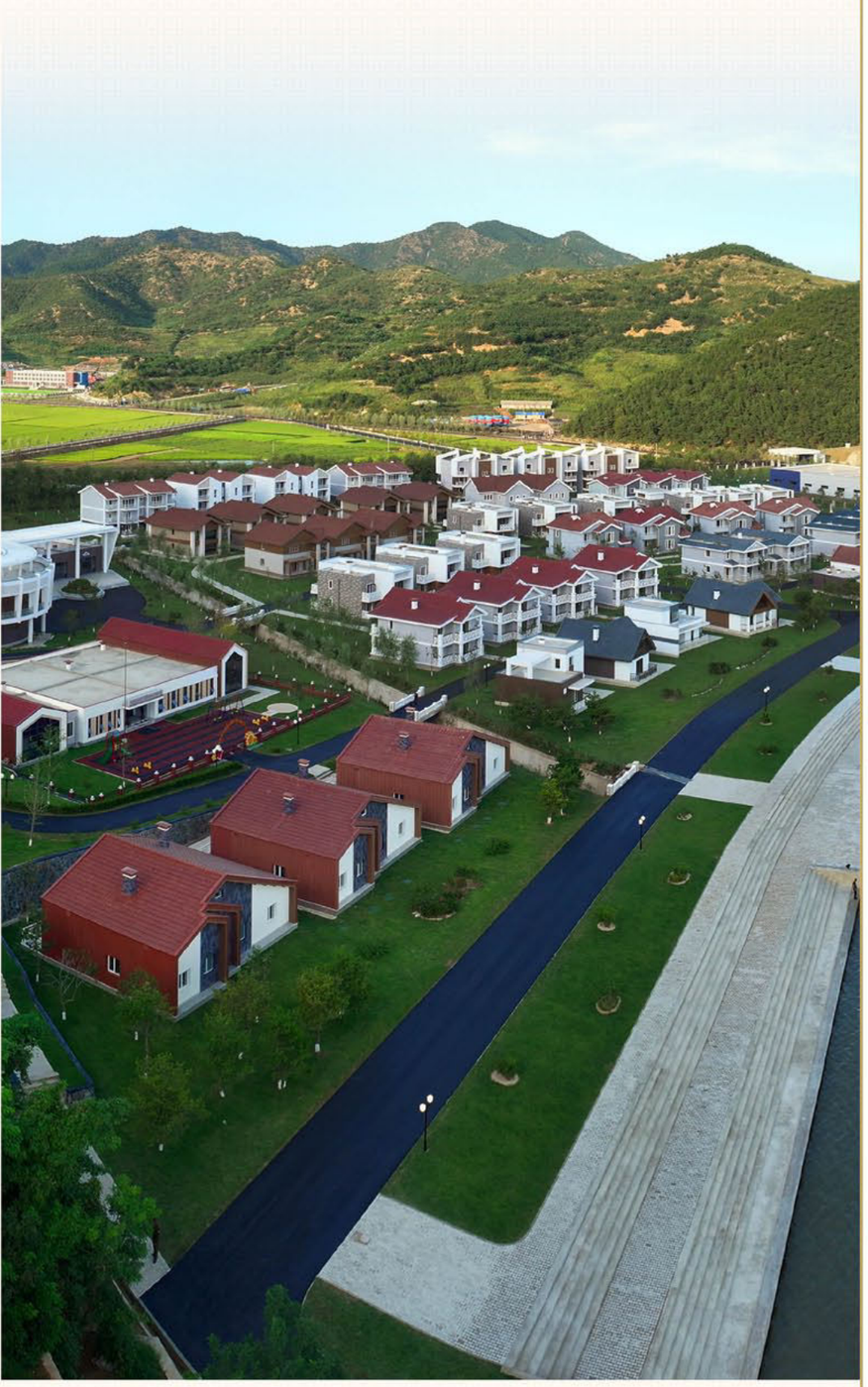
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kangdong County for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy in December 2025

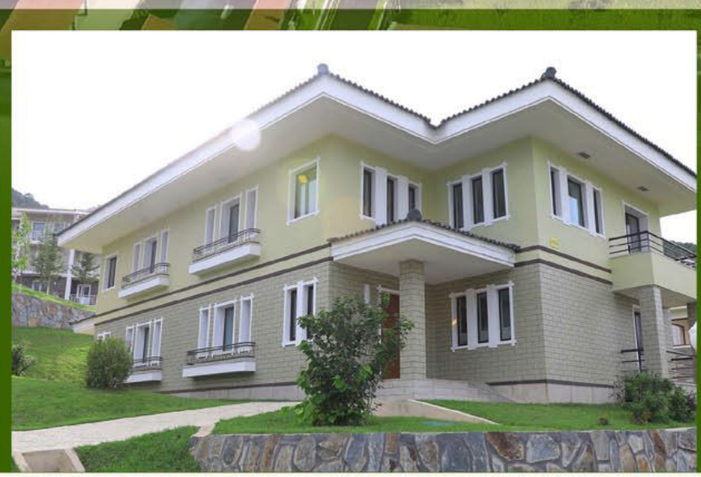
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm in February 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm in July 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un looks round the newly-built Ragwon County Offshore Farm and a modern housing district for its employees in August 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm in August 2025





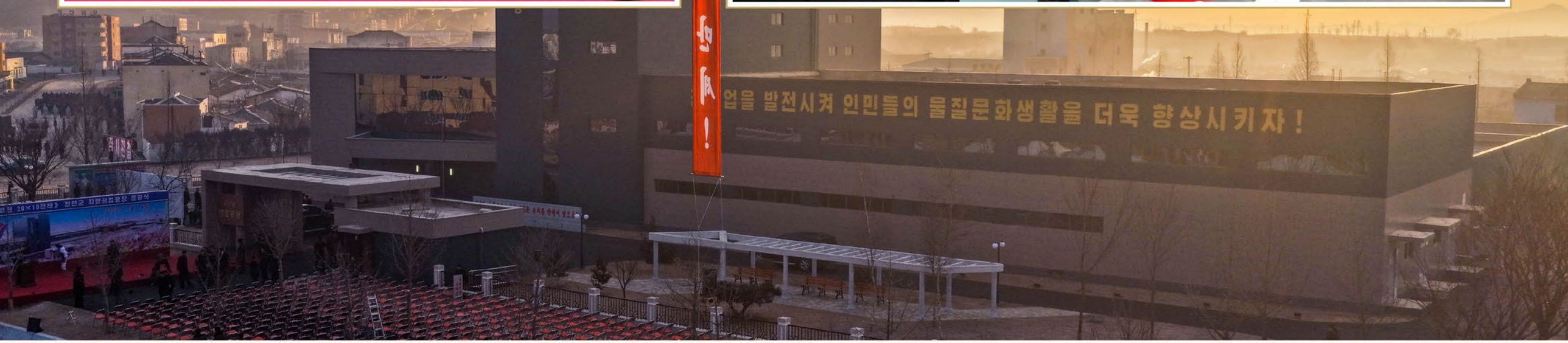
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of Kusong City Hospital in June 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of Kusong City Hospital in September 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of Kusong City Hospital for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy in December 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects in December 2025 the regional-industry factories nearing inauguration

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in Jangyon County in December 2025



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in the city of Sinpho in December 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Jongphyong County in December 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the Unsan Paper Mill in South Phyongan Province in December 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County, Nampho, in December 2025

Regional-industry factories newly-built in different parts of the country were inaugurated

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Sinyang County on December 15, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Rangnim County on December 15, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Taegwan County on December 15, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Puryong County on December 15, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Hwangju County on December 16, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Pukchang County on December 18, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Janggang County on December 18, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Cholwon County on December 18, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Paechon County on December 20, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Koksan County on December 20, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Sepho County on December 20, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Kim Jong Suk County on December 20, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Kilju County on December 23, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kaephung District on December 26, 2025

Inauguration of the regional-industry factories in Yomju County on December 26, 2025

Over 32 000 houses were built in the rural communities.

For Strengthening National Defence Capabilities

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set forth the strategic and tactical policies for bolstering war deterrent for self-defence through radical development of defence science and technology and the defence industry to cope with the ever-worsening military provocations of the hostile forces against the DPRK, and made strenuous efforts for their implementation.

Significant achievements were made in accordance with the WPK's policy on modernizing overall components of the national defence capabilities, and good achievements in defence science research were attained that would greatly contribute to boosting the country's military muscle more radically. These resolved many issues effectively and correctly to ensure the security and defence of the state and protect its interests in the face of the global geopolitical and technological changes.

Eighth Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Central Military Commission of the WPK Held in May 2025

The meeting discussed the important issues of exercising tight control and guidance so that all the military and political activities of the country's armed forces are thoroughly conducted in line with the Party's military lines and policies by further strengthening the functions and roles of the political organs at all levels in the armed forces organs as required by the new stage of the developing revolution, and of establishing more firmly the revolutionary command system and steel-strong discipline system in the Korean People's Army.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un pays a congratulatory visit to the Ministry of National Defence on the founding day of the Korean People's Army in February 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kim Il Sung University of Politics, the supreme military and political institution of the Juche-oriented revolutionary armed forces, in February 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects Kang Kon Military Academy in February 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits a training base of the special operations units of the KPA and guides their general training in April 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the combined tactical drill of different arms conducted under the training course of the Conference of Training Officers of the Korean People's Army in May 2025

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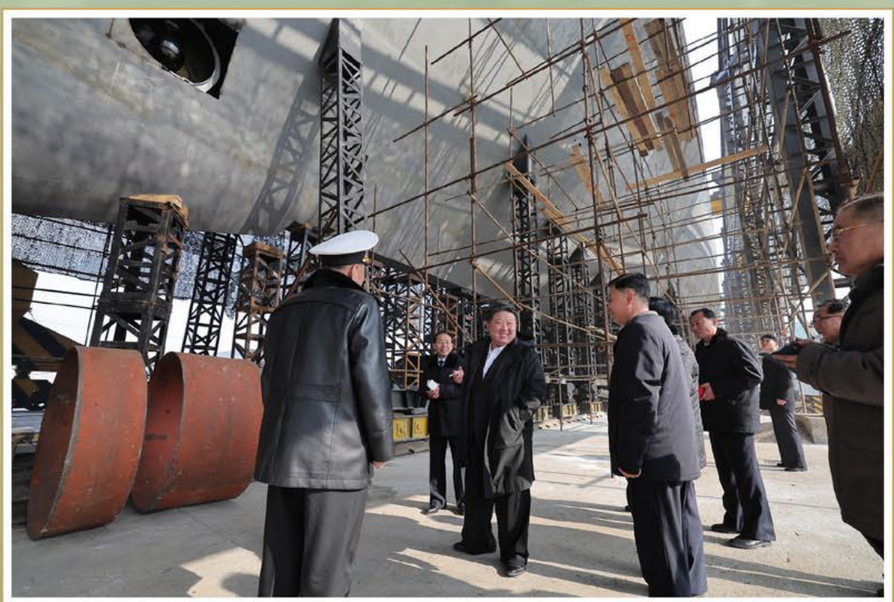
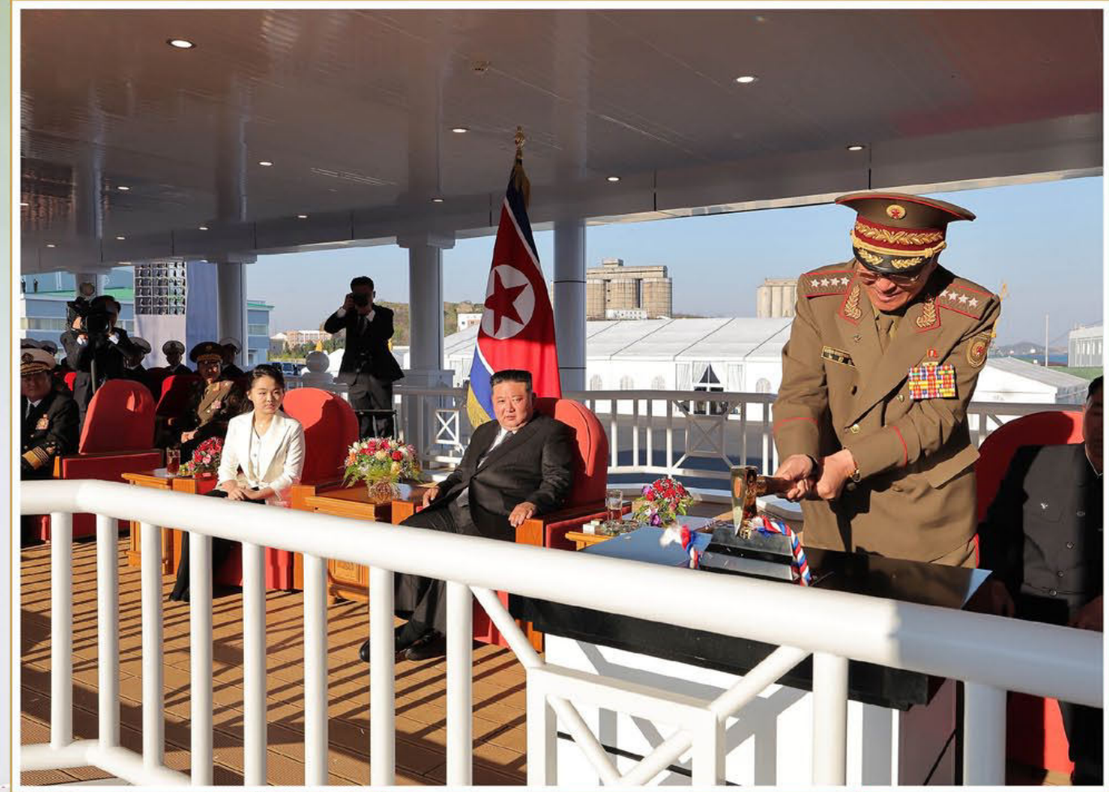
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits the special operations training base under the direct control of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army and learns about the training of the soldiers in August 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects the headquarters of the 11th Corps of the KPA in November 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects major shipyards in March 2025 to learn about warship building



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the ceremony of launching the new-type multi-mission destroyer *Choe Hyon* in April 2025



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sees
the combat application test of the weapon systems
of the multi-mission destroyer *Choe Hyon* in April 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un
attends the ceremony of launching the new-type
multi-mission destroyer *Kang Kon* in June 2025

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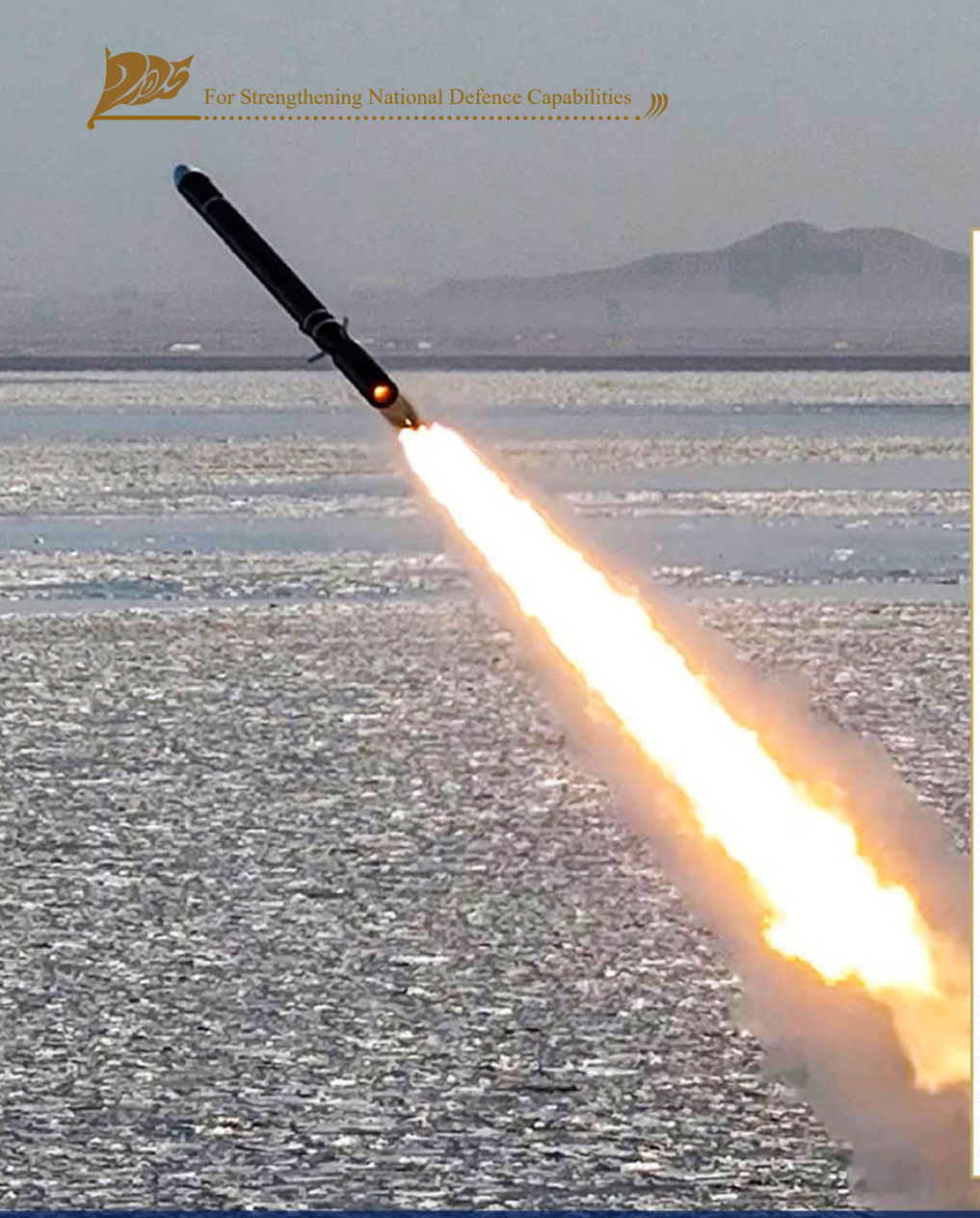
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits destroyer *Choe Hyon* and learns about the process of the integrated operation test of its weapon systems and the training and life of its sailors in August 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits a flying group of the Guards 1st Air Wing of the KPA and guides its drills in May 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the KPA Air Force in November 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees through a monitoring system the test fire of a new-type intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile in January 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the test fire of an important weapon system in January 2025



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees
a strategic cruise missile launching drill in February 2025

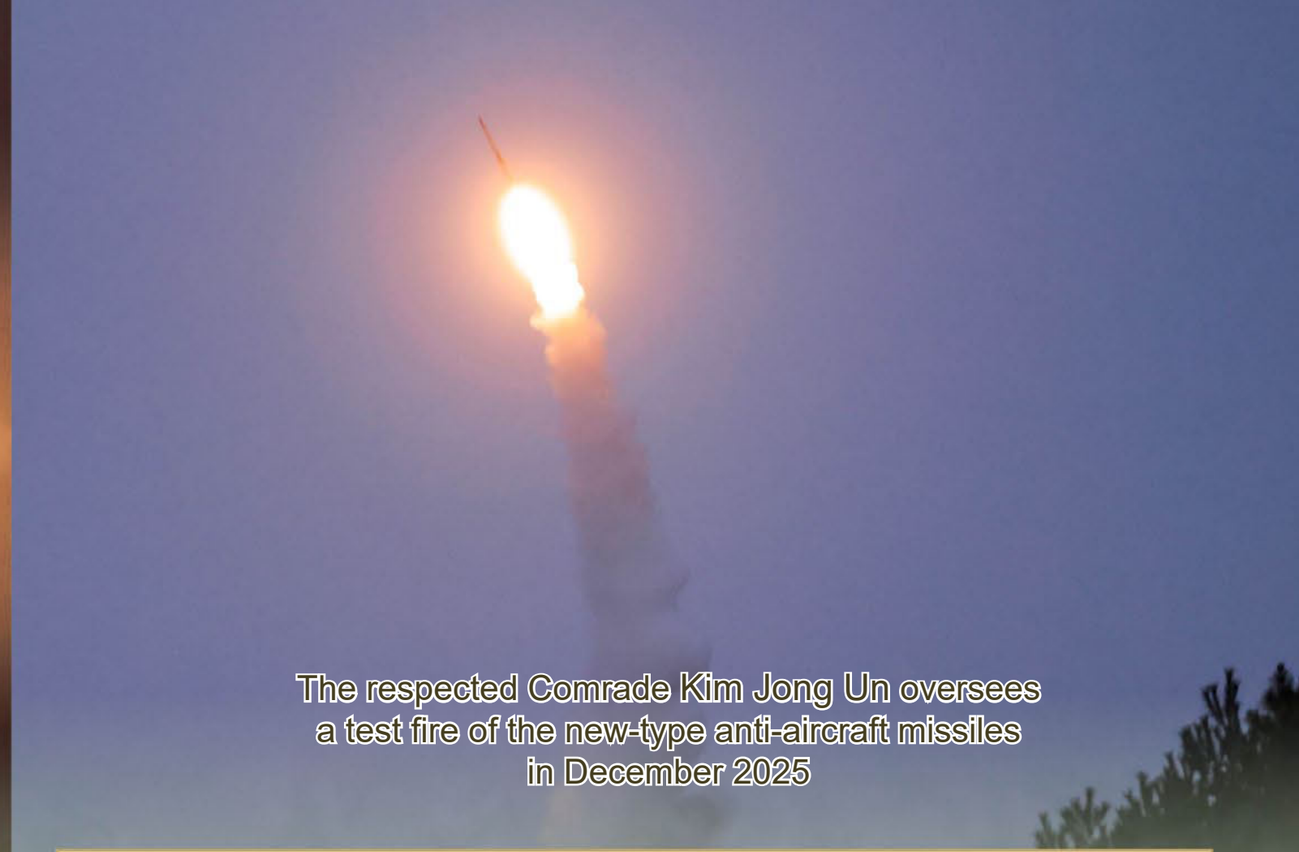
The DPRK Missile Administration conducts in March 2025
the test fire of a latest anti-aircraft missile system to examine
its comprehensive combat performance

Sub-units of the KPA on the eastern front conduct a joint striking drill of the long-range artillery and missile systems in May 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the firing contest of the artillery sub-units of the large combined units of the KPA in May 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the firing practice contest of the artillery sub-units of the large combined units of the KPA in July 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees
the static firing test of the carbon fibre solid-fuelled motor
in September 2025



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees
a test fire of the new-type anti-aircraft missiles
in December 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides the defence science research work of the Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Complex and the detective electronic warfare research group in March 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides the work of the Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Complex in September 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives
on-site guidance at a major tank factory in May 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at a major munitions enterprise under the Commission of Second Economy in May 2025

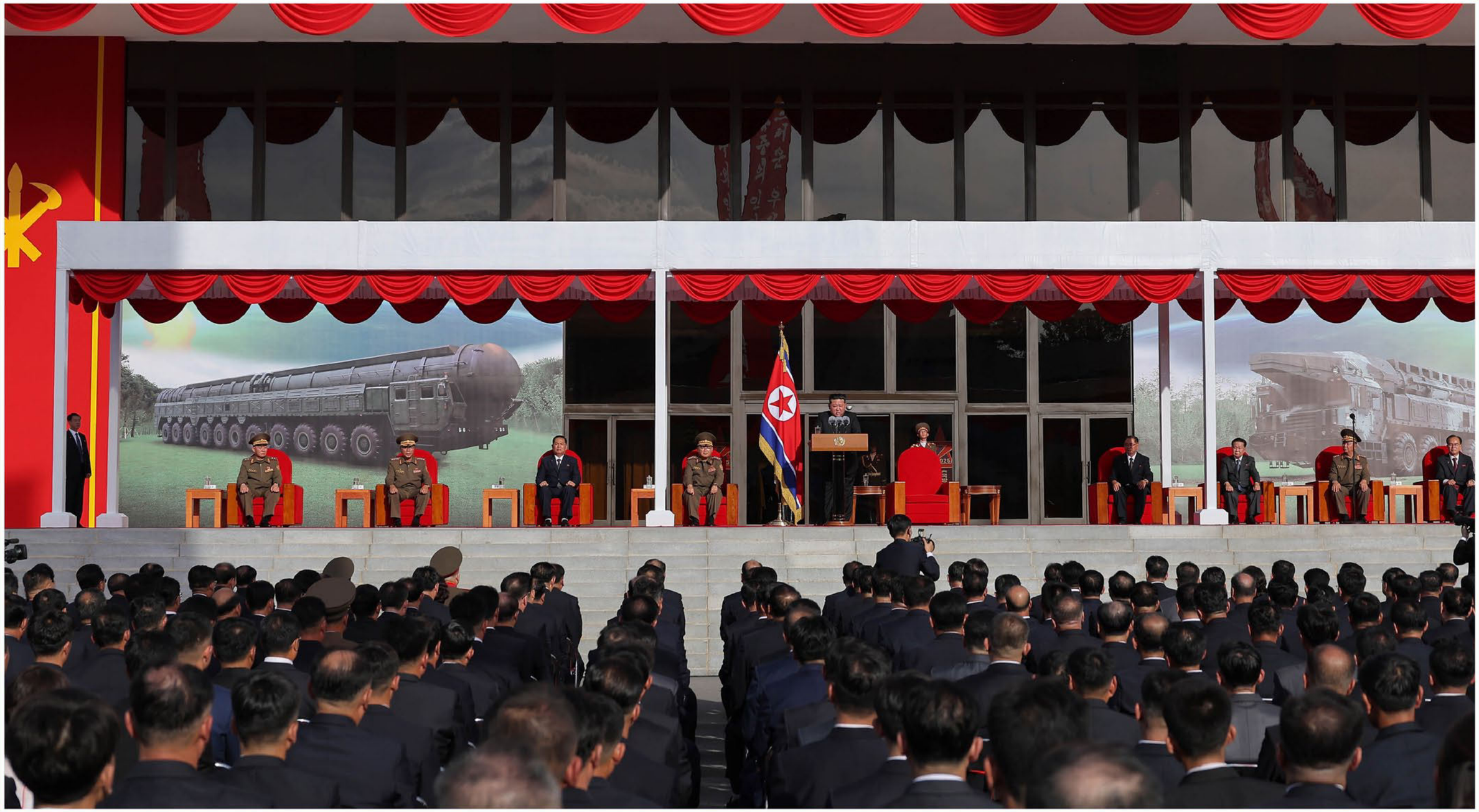
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at a major munitions-industry enterprise in June 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets scientists and technicians in the nuclear field and guides an important consultative meeting in September 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance over the building of a nuclear-powered strategic guided missile submarine in December 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance
at major munitions-industry enterprises in December 2025

Military Hardware Exhibition *Defence Development-2025* in October 2025



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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits, together with the participants in the opening ceremony of the military hardware exhibition, destroyer *Choe Hyon* according to the second-day schedule of the exhibition in October 2025

Glorifying the Feats Performed by the Combatants in the Overseas Military Operations

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un brought all the glory of the times to the combatants of the special operations units of the KPA, who performed undying feats in the overseas military operations.

Thanks to the ennobling moral obligation of the WPK to ensure that the precious spirit, matchless bravery and invaluable sacrifice of the combatants of the overseas operations units, who have demonstrated the fame of the KPA on the battlefields in the limelight of the world, are remembered by their country and fellow people forever and to hand down to posterity the feats performed by them, the martyrs of the overseas operations units are bright as the ever-shining stars of the country.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets
in August 2025 the major commanding officers of the overseas
operations units of the KPA who returned home to participate
in the ceremony of awarding state commendations

The ceremony of awarding state commendations to the commanding officers and combatants of the KPA overseas operations units takes place in August 2025

An artistic performance is given in honour of the commanding officers and combatants of overseas operation units of the KPA in August 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets
in August 2025 the bereaved families of martyrs who performed
distinguished feats in the overseas military operations
and sincerely consoles them

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends
the groundbreaking ceremony of building the Memorial Museum
of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations in October 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends in December 2025 the ceremony of welcoming the KPA unit of engineers, which returned home after carrying out the combat order of the Party in the overseas operations areas

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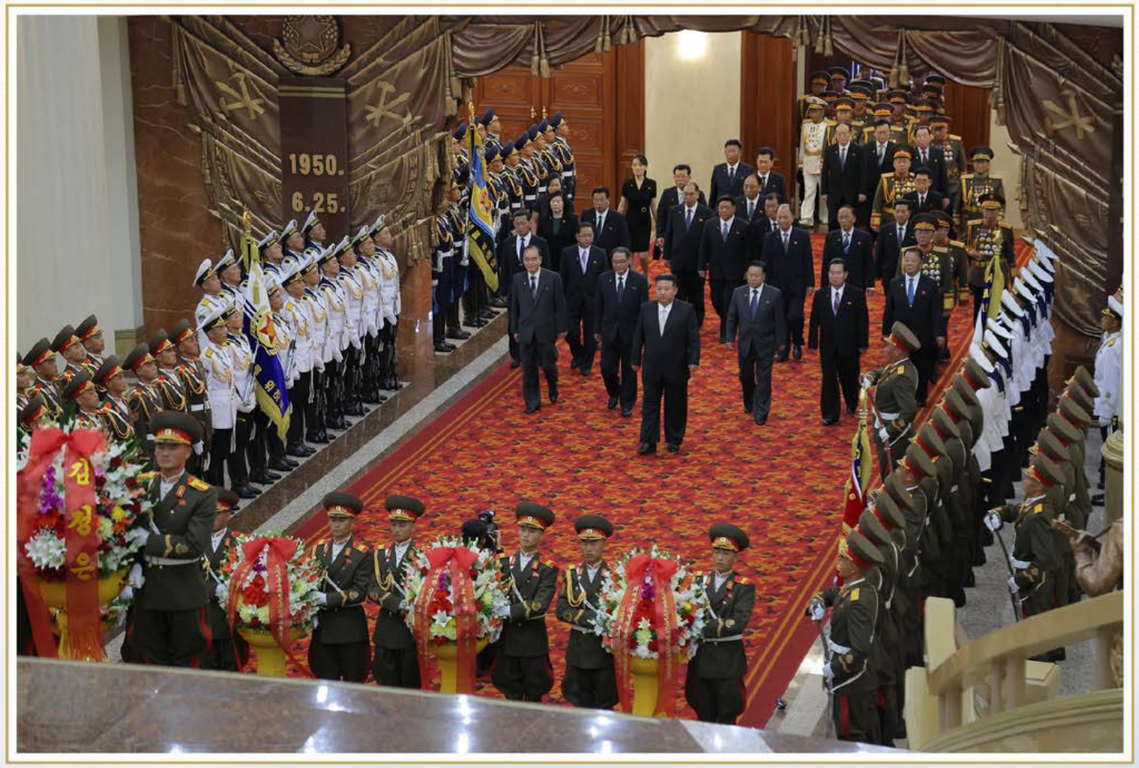
Political and Cultural Events Demonstrating the Dignity of the State and the People

The grand celebrations held in splendour to mark the significant anniversaries in 2025 proved to be political events adding more pride and dignity to the people in being Koreans and demonstrating their soaring mettle to continue to advance towards prosperity undauntedly braving challenges and trials by carrying forward the soul of the forerunners.

The celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, in particular, were a historic event that demonstrated to the world the exploits performed by the Party in its proud history of 80 years, and redoubled the firm will of all the Korean people to build socialism on the strength of their own wisdom and efforts and in their own way.

Celebrations of the 72nd Anniversary
of the Great Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits
the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum
on the occasion of V-Day in July 2025



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, in July 2025,
meets and has a photo taken with the soldiers of an artillery sub-unit
under the 4th Corps of the KPA, who were invited as special guests
to the celebrations of V-Day

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits in July 2025 the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of victory in the war

A grand march of the columns symbolic of units in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War held in July 2025 on the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of victory in the war

A meeting with the victorious wartime generation held and an artistic performance given in July 2025 on the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War

Celebrations of the 80th Anniversary of Korea's Liberation

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation in August 2025

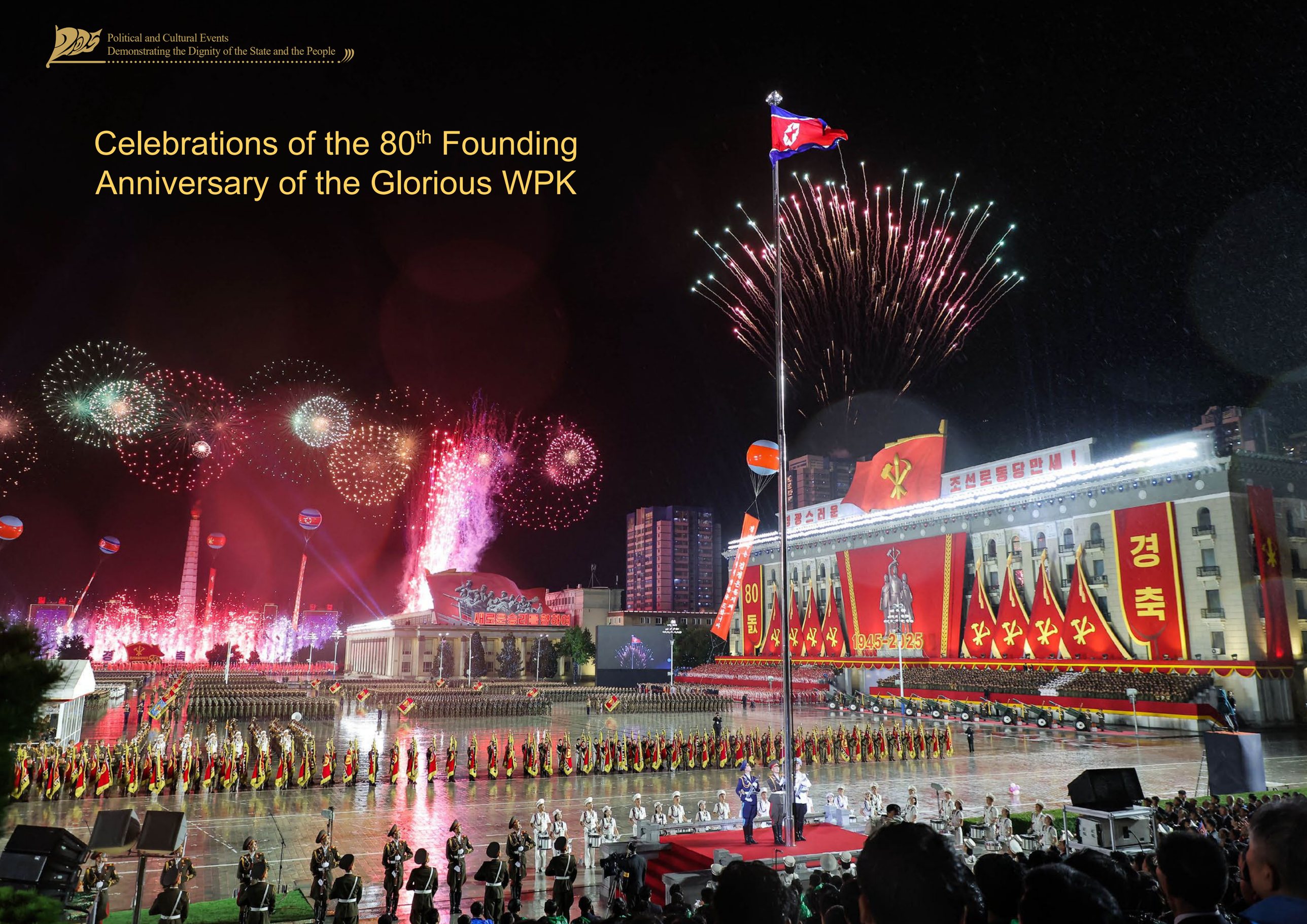
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoys in August 2025 an artistic performance given in celebration of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong in August 2025 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoys in August 2025 an artistic performance given by the Russian artistes on their visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation

National flag-raising and national oath-taking ceremony held to the mark the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK in September 2025

Celebrations of the 80th Founding Anniversary of the Glorious WPK



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits in October 2025 the Party Founding Museum on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, and delivers a significant speech

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends the celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the glorious WPK in October 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoys the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea* in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK in October 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoys the performance given by the Russian artistes to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK in October 2025

Military parade held to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK in October 2025

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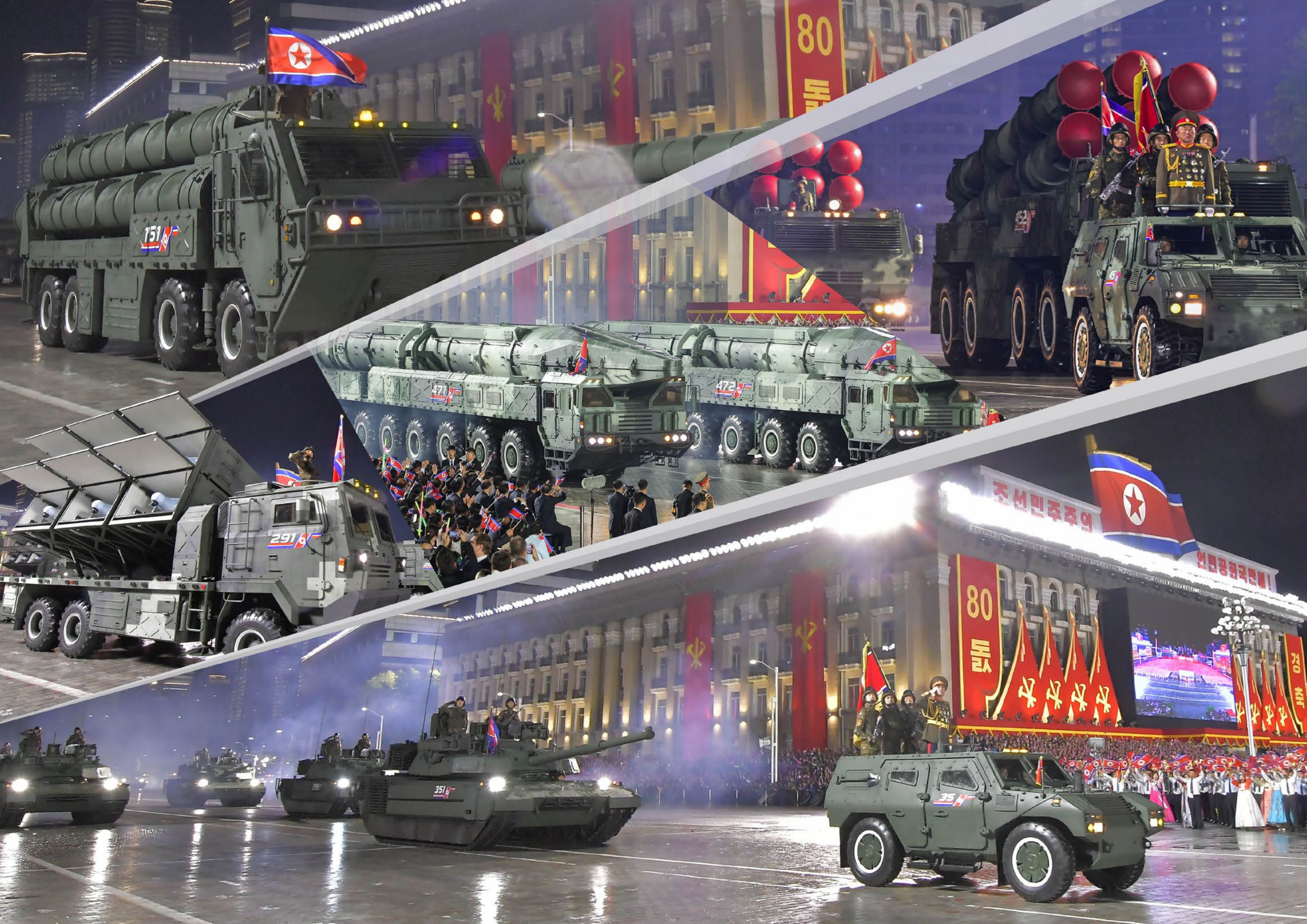
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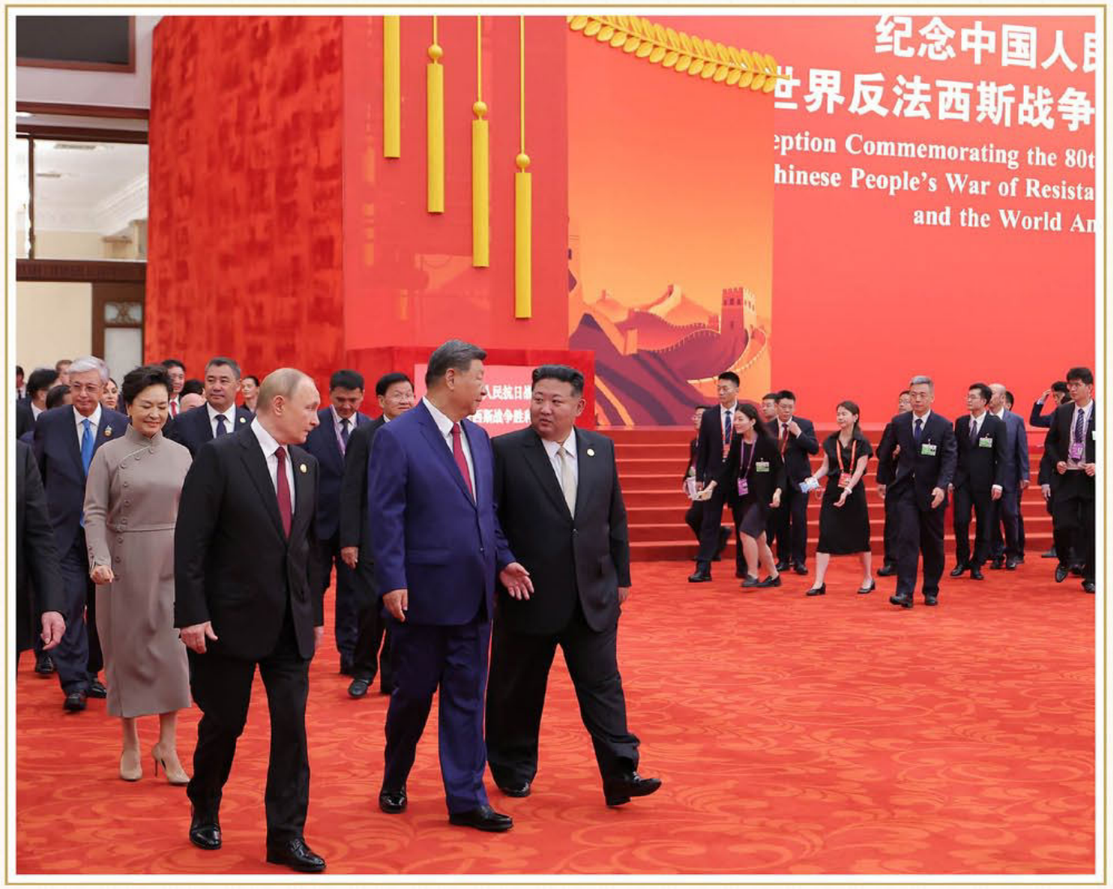
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un congratulates the participants in the celebrations and members of support teams, who made a contribution to splendidly celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, and sees the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance together with them in October 2025

For Developing Traditional Relations of Friendship

In 2025 the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un conducted energetic external activities.

On the occasion of the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK and the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, he met the heads of state of Russia, China and Laos and the general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam. This marked a significant occasion in further expanding and developing traditional relations of friendship with these countries.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attends in September 2025 the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War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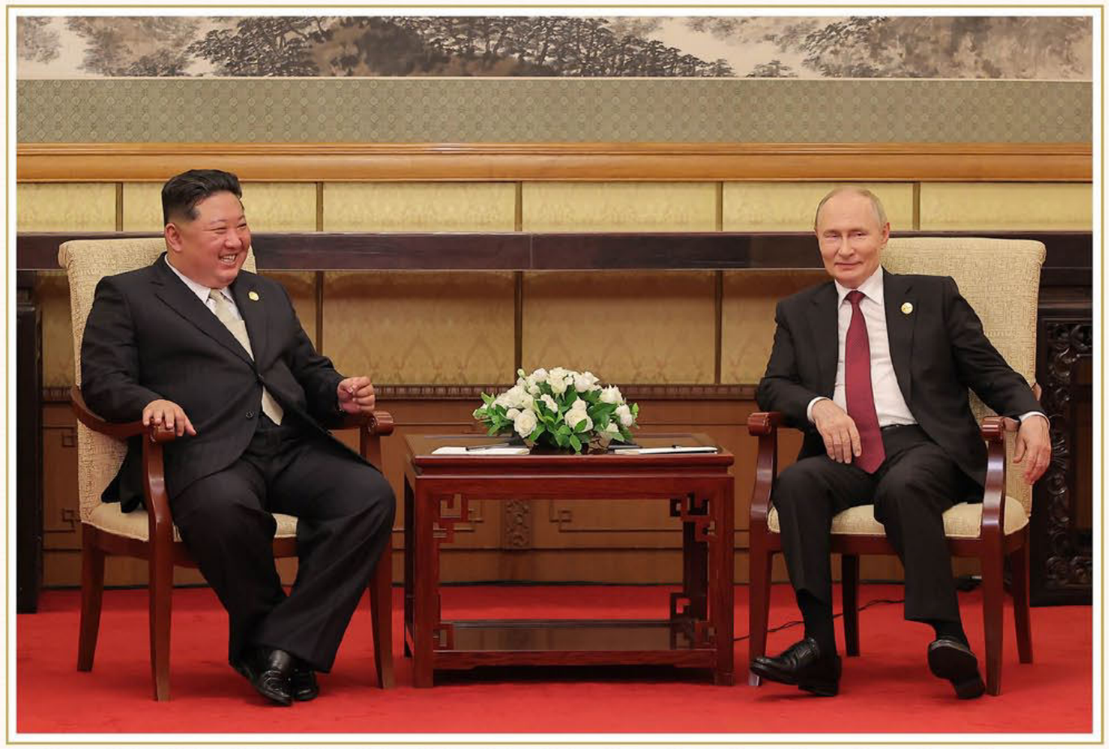
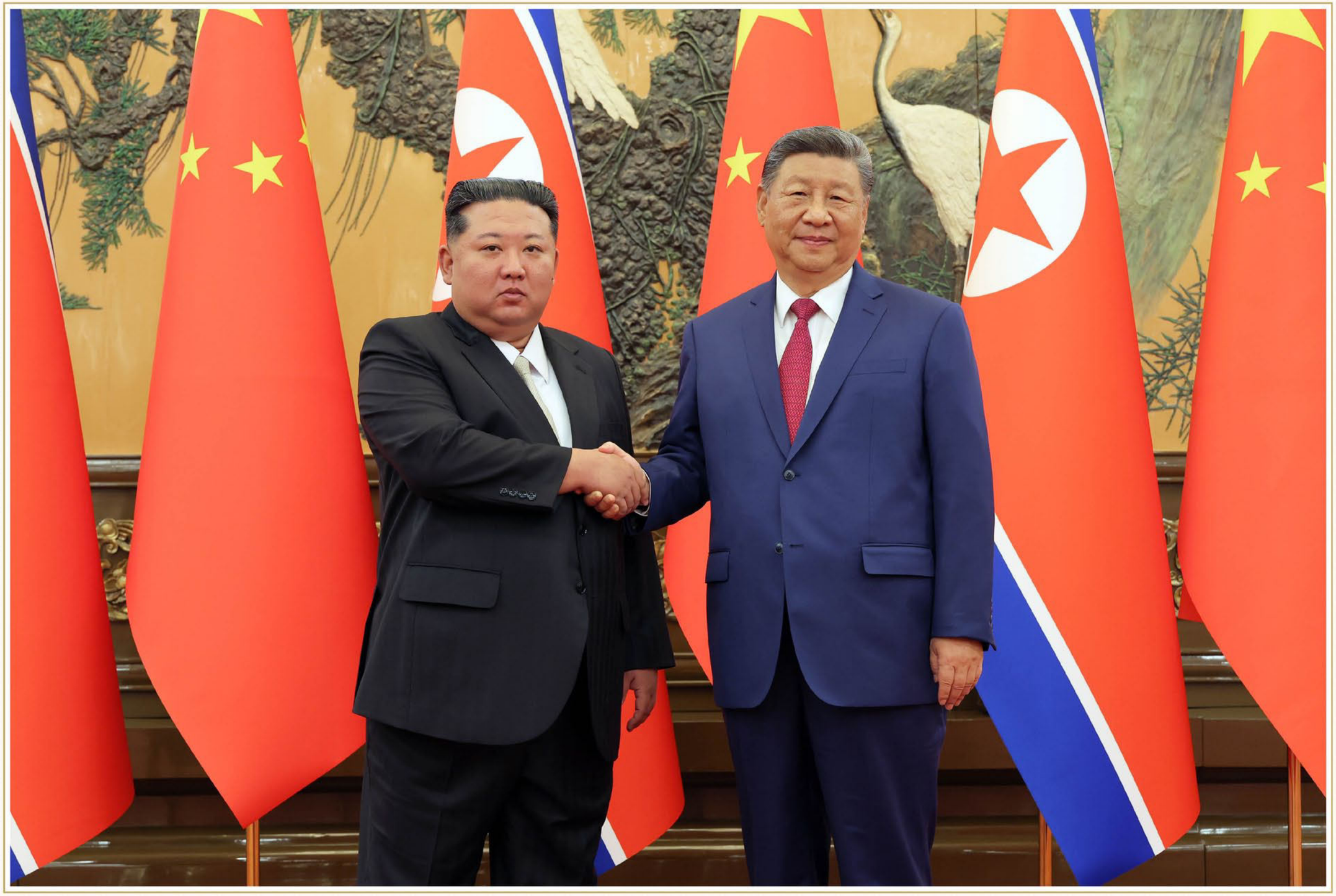
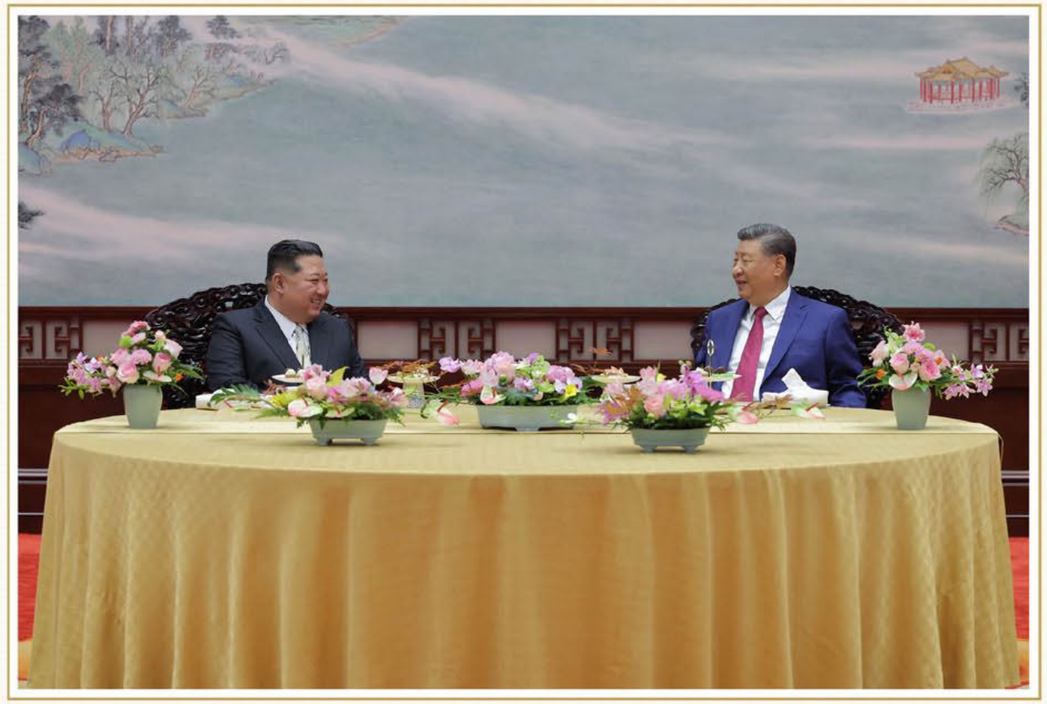
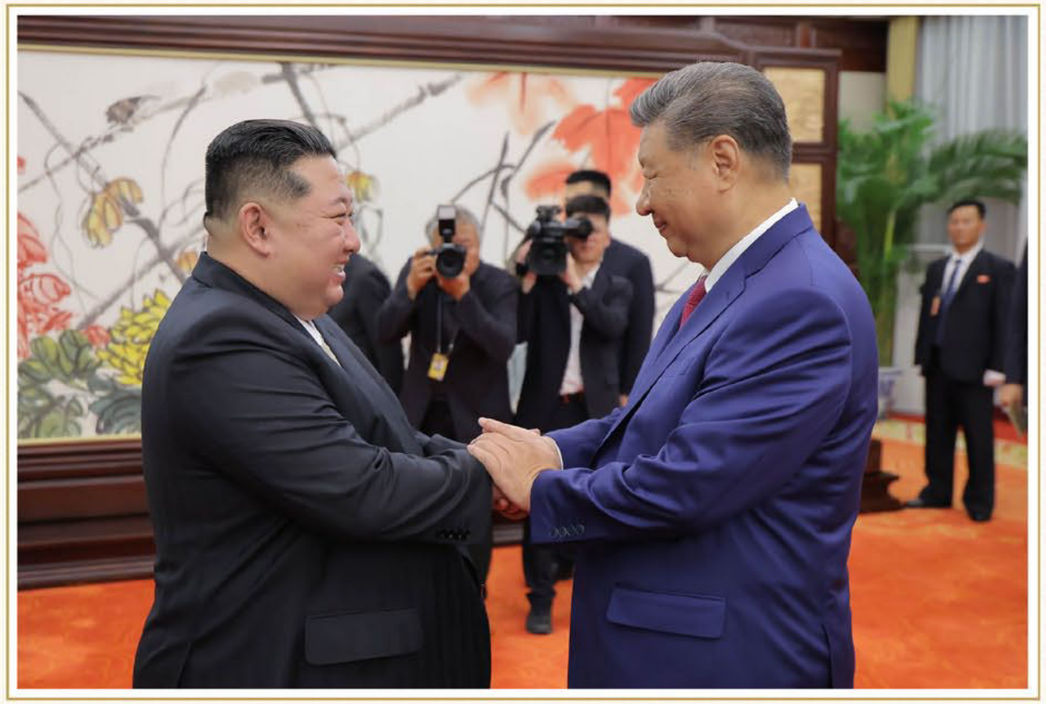


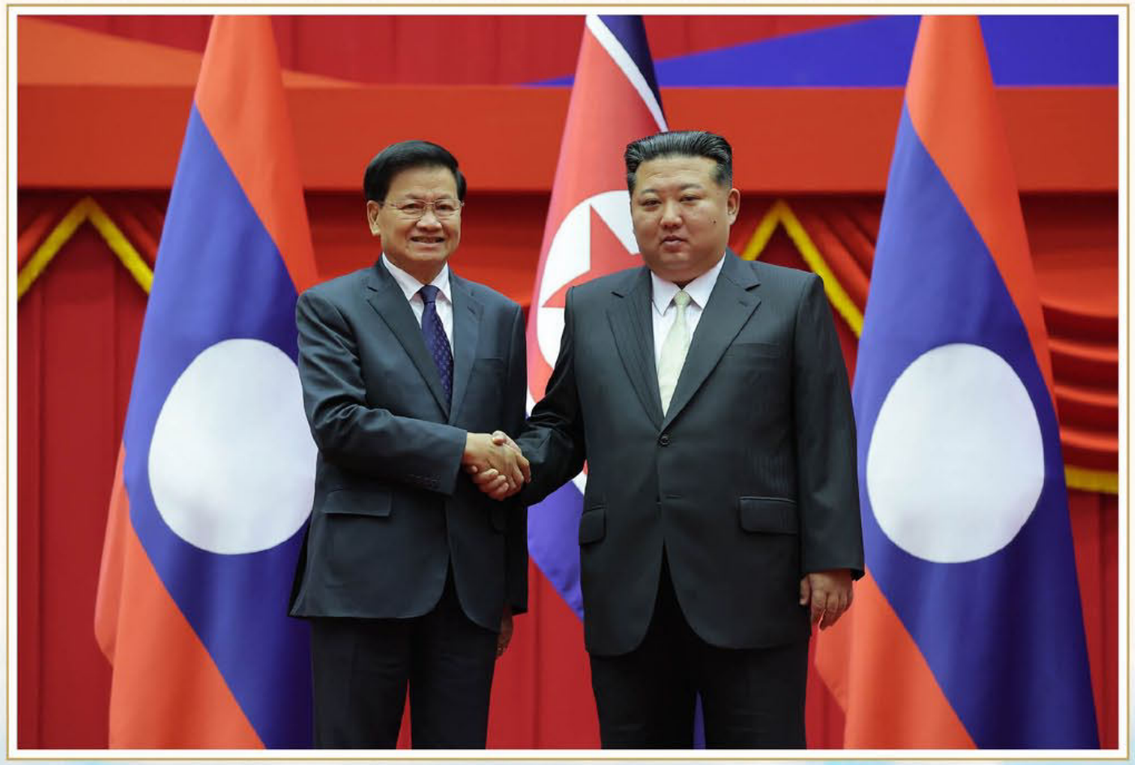
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, has talks with Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, in September 2025



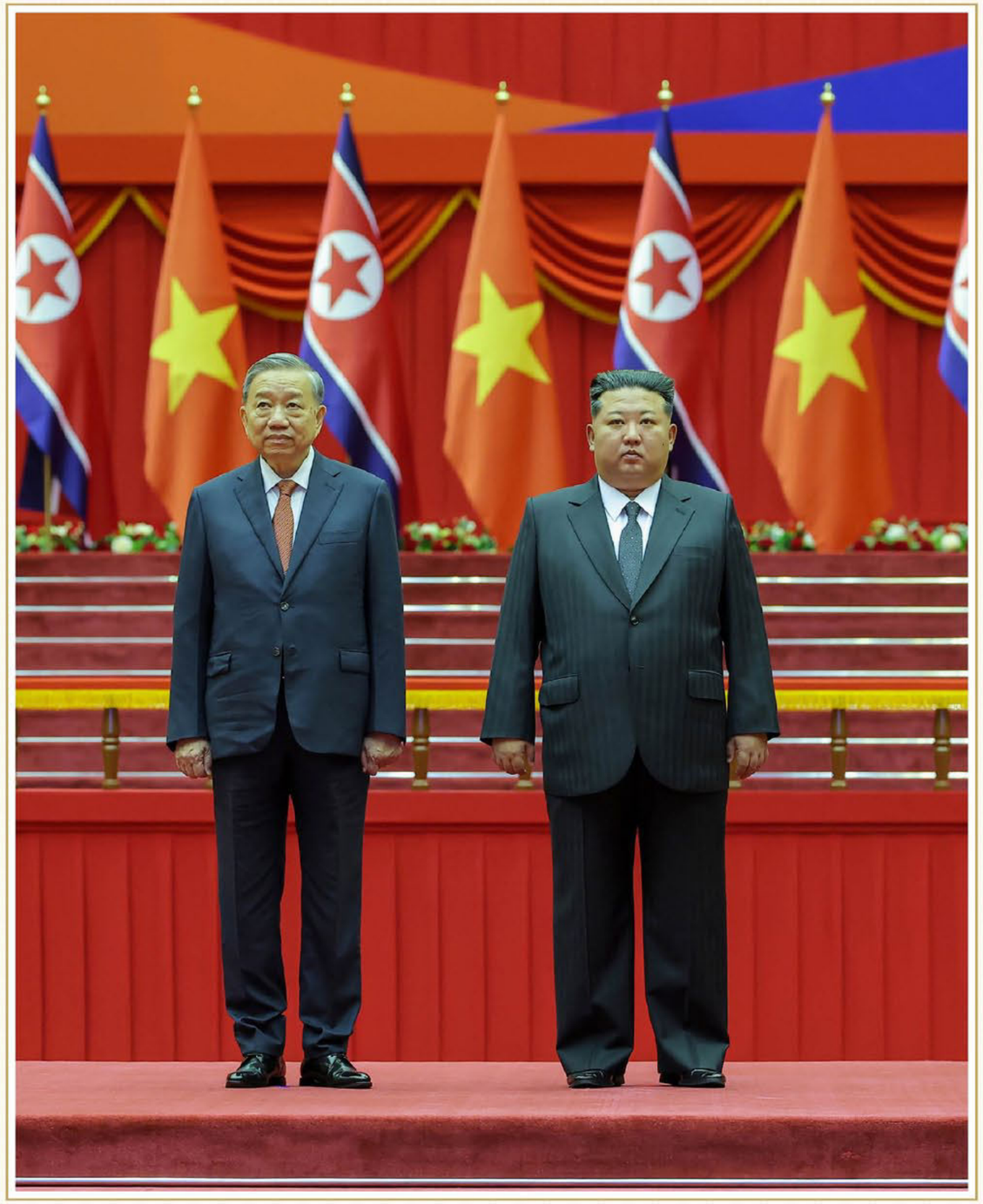


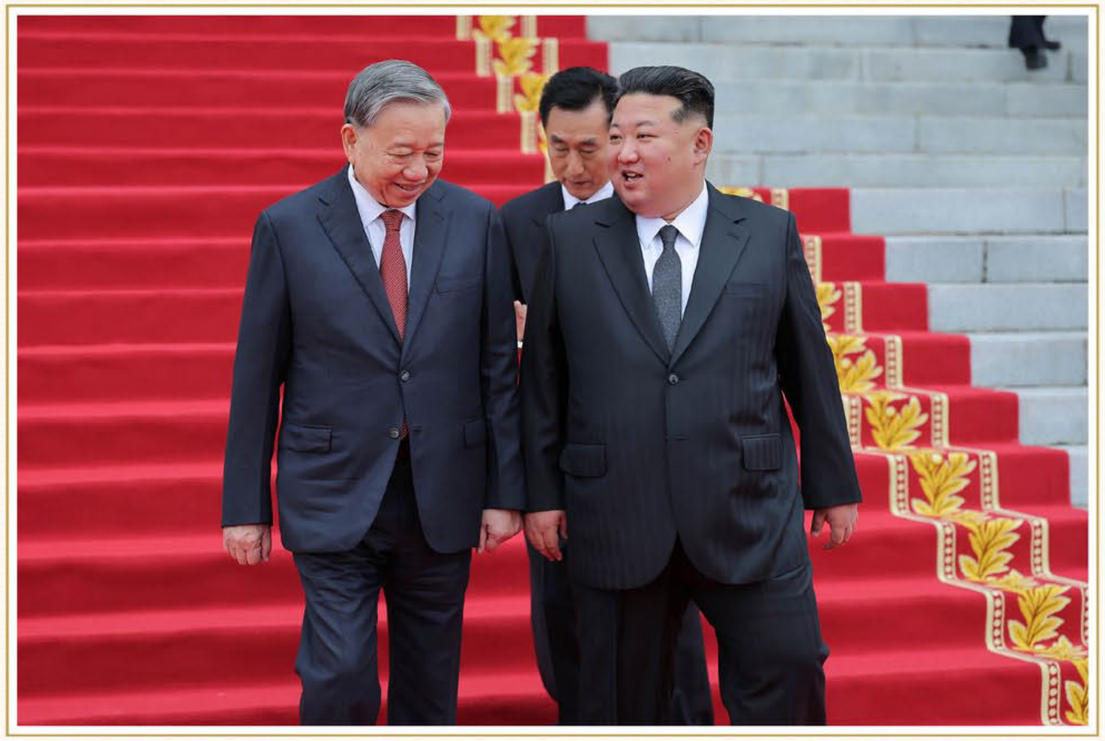


Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, meets Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and president of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on the latter's congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK in October 2025



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, meets To Lam, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on the latter's state visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK in October 2025





Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, meets Li Qiang, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, in October 2025

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, meets Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, in October 2025

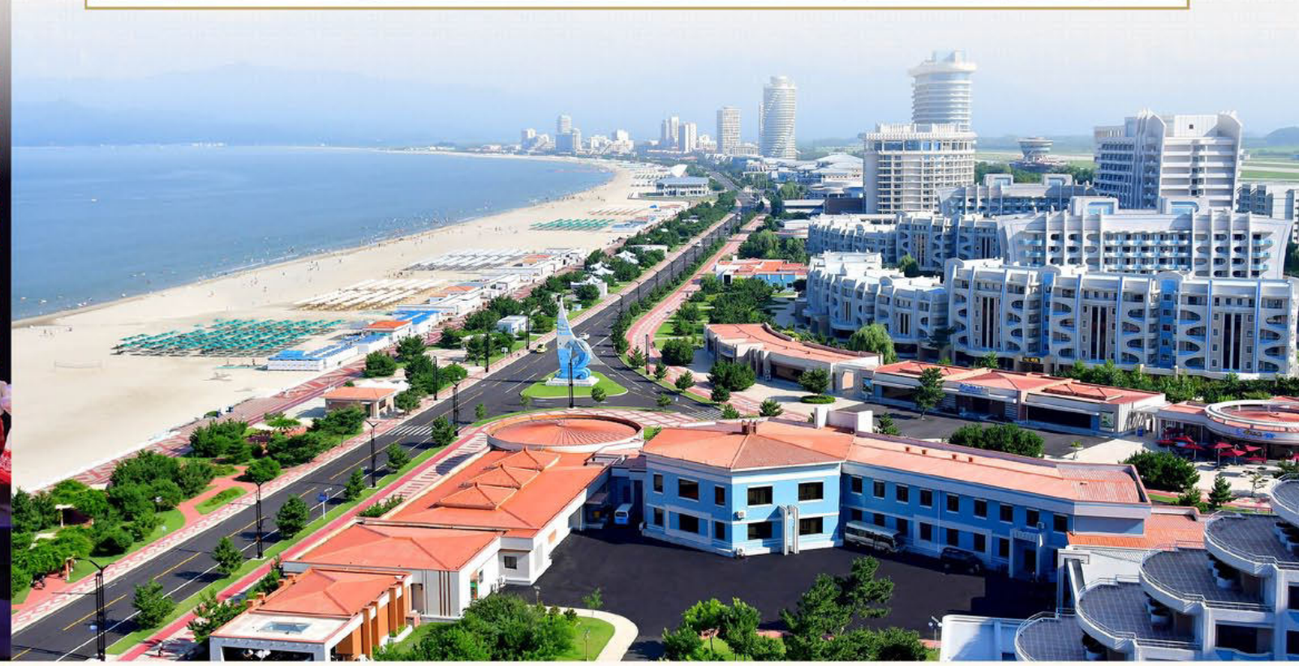
Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, holds a phone conversation with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, in August 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets Sergei Shoigu, secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, in March and June 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un pays a congratulatory visit in May 2025 to the Russian embassy in Pyongyang to mark Russia's Great V-Day

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets the Russian Minister of Culture on her visit to the DPRK in June 2025

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets the Russian Foreign Minister in July 2025



Towards New Prospects to Be Indicated by the Ninth Congress of the WPK

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a significant speech at the celebration of New Year 2026.

In the speech he referred to the valuable successes and great transformations achieved in 2025, a year when the Korean people, with so fervent hopes and dear efforts, boosted the strength and dignity of the country. And he continued:

Certainly, this is an honour that has resulted from our ideals and faith, our strength and strenuous efforts, and at the same time, it is clear proof that we are following the right path. 2025 was a year in which we saw in our mind's eye the future of our state that will grow more powerful and beautiful thanks to our people's affection, wisdom and sweat.

Then he called on all the people to unite more firmly on the strength of patriotism and advance more vigorously and courageously towards the new future to be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party.

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