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Inauguration Ceremony of Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at Overseas Military Operations Solemnly Held

A magnificent memorial museum of combat feats was erected on a prime site in the capital city in praise of the great heroic spirit of the brave Korean People's Army soldiers who participated in the overseas military operations and created an unheard-of legendary tale of miraculous victory with ardent patriotism and loyalty to defend the sacred prestige and dignity of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.



The inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations was solemnly held on April 26 on the occasion of the first anniversary of the conclusion of the operations to liberate Kursk of the Russian Federation.

Pervading the ceremony venue were deep respect for and remembrance of the heroic combatants who had been absolutely faithful to the orders of the country and dedicated their lives without hesitation for the dignity and honour of their great state.

The respected Comrade 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 Jo Yong Won, Jo Chun Ryong, No Kwang Chol and other senior Party, government and military officials, commanders of the KPA large combined units, officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units and the unit of engineers, the bereaved families of the fallen fighters, leading officials of ministries and national agencies, the soldier-builders and creative artists who contributed to the construction of the museum, students of revolutionary schools, youth and students and citizens of Pyongyang.

Attending the ceremony were also Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma, Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence, and other members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation and staff members of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue, all the participants broke into cheers of deep emotion, looking up to him, a peerlessly illustrious commander and great father who has trained the KPA into a politically and ideologically strong army without parallel in the world and into an invincible revolutionary army winning every battle and gives immortality to the heroic soldiers with his noblest love and sense of obligation.



He met brigade and battalion commanders of the overseas military operations units who participated in the inauguration ceremony of the museum.

He gave warm militant encouragement to all the commanding officers of the overseas operations units who fully demonstrated an outstanding fighting spirit and bravery peculiar to the KPA through skilful command of battles and made a contribution to glorifying the mightiness and inviolable authority of our state.

Looking up to him embracing each of the reliable commanding officers who braved the raging flames of fierce battles in the vanguard and giving them warm paternal affection, the participants raised

enthusiastic cheers.

The national anthems of the Russian Federation and the DPRK were played.

Comrade Kim Jong Un made a significant speech in commemoration of the inauguration.

Expressing the deep emotion he felt at the inauguration ceremony of the museum which was erected according to the wish of all the KPA service personnel and the ardent desire and sincerity of the people across the country, he extended heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Party and the government to the officers and soldiers of the construction units at all levels, officials and creative workers of the

relevant units who devoted unsparing efforts and wisdom for the construction of the museum.

He referred to the strategic significance of the operations for liberating Kursk, in which the armies of the DPRK and Russia faithful to the ideal of justice fought shoulder to shoulder in the same trench for peace and sovereignty, and to the matchless bravery, mass heroism, indomitable fighting spirit and noble self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the Korean people's fine sons in the bloody battles to set examples of militant friendship.

He said that the overseas military operations of the KPA were unheard-of activities conducted by the service personnel who upheld

the order of the Party and the country with their voluntary conscience and moral rights, the most sincere and beautiful men who burned their hearts with pure, strong loyalty and overcame the extreme limits with its infinite viability, adding that the day's inauguration ceremony would be recorded in a page of history as the one that injected absolute immutability into our state's inviolable dignity and prestige.

He affirmed that the museum would shine in the world and the martyrs would live forever in those brilliant rays along with the history of defence written with the sacred sense of mission and fortitude. Sincerely hoping that the precious lives of the great soldiers



would shine forever, he declared the museum open.

All the participants kept in mind with great emotion that the noble spirit and mettle of the martyrs would be immortal enjoying the respect of all the generations to come, thanks to the benevolent care of the great leader ensuring that the images and names of the martyrs, who dedicated their lives to the sacred war of justice, are

etched in golden letters on the immortal monument.

Then, Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, read out a letter sent by Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation, to the participants in the inauguration ceremony.

In the letter, President Putin extended congratulations on the



inauguration of the memorial museum in Pyongyang on the occasion of the first anniversary of the liberation of Kursk and expressed his sincere gratitude and high respect to those who participated in the operations to liberate Kursk and the fallen heroes, saying that the unparalleled feats of the KPA service personnel who achieved immortal glory by displaying outstanding bravery and genuine self-sacrificing spirit while fighting shoulder to shoulder with their

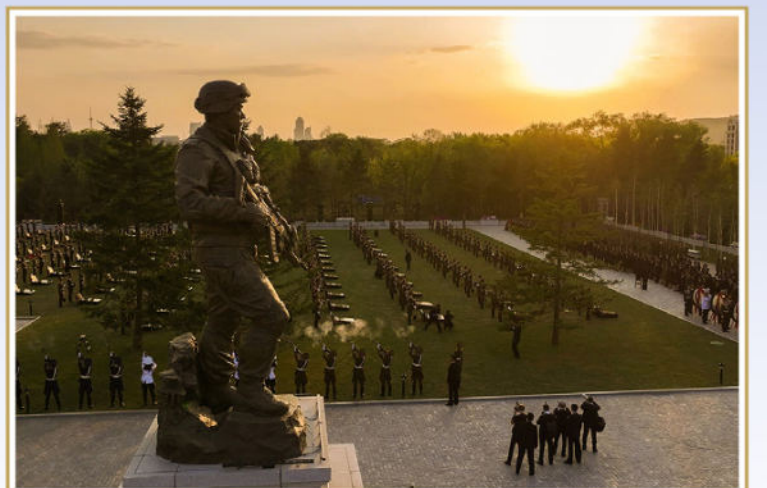


Russian comrades-in-arms, would live forever in the hearts of all the Russian citizens.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, cut the inauguration tape.

A large number of white balloons flew up, reflecting the noble reverence for the heroic self-sacrifice and great feats of the fine sons







of the Korean people.

A ceremony of burying the remains of the fallen fighters in the overseas military operations was solemnly held.

Our precious officers and soldiers, whom we did not want to part with and moreover lose, finally came into the warm embrace of the motherland they had so longed for and wanted to return to even at their last moments, No Kwang Chol said, adding that their noble desires and trust as well as their undying feats would be preserved forever by the unanimous will and steady struggle of all the service personnel and people.

Comrade Kim Jong Un covered with earth the remains of martyr

Kim Son Chol, repressing his pain of loss and regret of not being able to bring back to life the genuine patriots and brave and passionate revolutionary soldiers who had sacrificed themselves unhesitatingly upon the call of their motherland.

The guard of honour of the KPA covered the remains of the martyrs with earth, praying for the repose of the departed spirit of the great sons of the Korean people and for the immortality of the most genuine soldiers and human beings.

Comrade Kim Jong Un recollected with reverence the heroic deaths of the brave soldiers who had dedicated their precious lives to the dignity and honour of their great motherland in the overseas

military operations.

Amid the playing of music of *Song about the Motherland*, the historic moments passed conveying the world of ennobling affection and sense of obligation of the great father who, as the heaven of destiny embracing the stars of loyalty, gives the everlasting pulse of life to the martyrs who failed to return and even takes care of the destiny and future of their bereaved families.

The bereaved families shed tears of deep emotion, looking up to Comrade Kim Jong Un who was deeply grieving over the loss of young heroes, who dedicated their lives expecting no compensation or reward but only wishing for the prosperity of their homeland,

though he ensured that the house of immortality pulsating with their soul and breath, which cannot be faded even with the passage of time, was erected beside the homes where the bereaved families had just started to lead a happy life amid the respect and blessing of the whole country.

Comrade Kim Jong Un paid once again high respect to the bereaved families who were strongly overcoming the sorrow over the loss of their dearest ones, regarding the noble lives and honourable deaths of their beloved sons and husbands as admirable and glorious ones.

A volley of rifles was fired for the dead, in reflection of the noble



respect for the brave soldiers who showed through their admirable patriotic deeds how the KPA soldiers should live for the Party and the country and what they should leave for the country and put invincibility of heroic Korea onto a higher level.

A wreath in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the Monument to the Korean People's Army Martyrs in the Special Military Operations.

Wreaths were laid in the name of the speaker of the State Duma and the minister of Defence of the Russian Federation.

Also placed were wreaths in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK and the Central Military Commission of the WPK, the

State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, the Cabinet of the DPRK, the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and the three services of the KPA.

All the participants observed a moment's silence in memory of the martyrs, the proud sons of the Korean people who created a new history of great victory and a legend of indomitable heroic feats, to be immortal along with the country, the revolution and all the generations to come, in the sacred war for defending justice, dignity and peace.

Comrade Kim Jong Un went round the museum together with

major members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation, and senior Party, government and military officials.

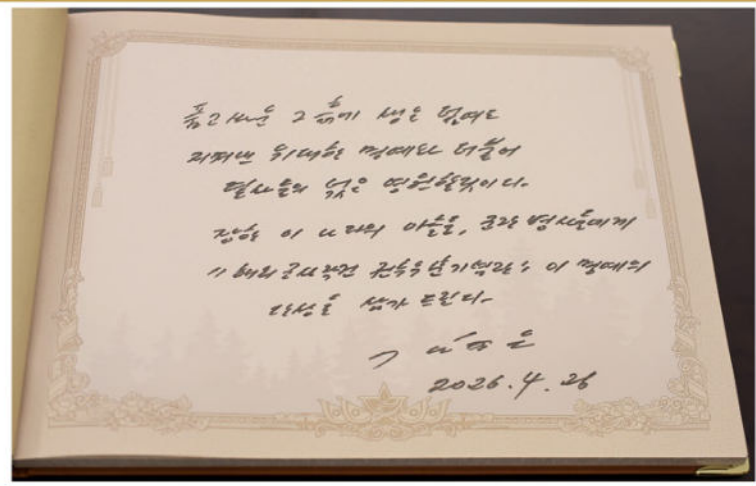
He laid a flower before the memorial wall where the martyrs, who demonstrated the great appellation of the strong and the glory of victors with their loyalty to the Party and the country, ardent patriotism and mass heroism peculiar to the KPA, are shining as immortal stars, and paid high tribute to them.

Also laid there were flowers presented by members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation, senior Party, government and military officials, the bereaved families of the fallen fighters and other participants in the ceremony.

Comrade Kim Jong Un looked round with deep emotion the photos and exhibits showing the boundless loyalty to the order of the country, the spirit of ardent patriotism and the indomitable mettle with which the martyrs braved even death, regarding it as glory, to defend the honour of the strong, which all the generations of the DPRK should keep forever and carry forward.

He visited rooms where the remains are enshrined, and laid flowers before them.

He affirmed that although the dignified figures of the martyrs reliably standing in the front ranks of the KPA cannot be seen again, the soul and spirit of the defenders of the high and noble honour



of the country would serve as a symbol of heroism of the Korean people and a banner of the mightiness of the KPA and powerfully encourage the victorious advance of the peoples of the DPRK and Russia struggling for the common cause of independence and justice.

He went to the room of visitors' book and wrote:

The soul of the martyrs will be eternal along with the great honour they defended although their lives are buried with the

earth with which they fought in their chests.

The Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations is dedicated to the admirable sons—officers and soldiers of this country—as the platform of honour.

Kim Jong Un

April 26, 2026

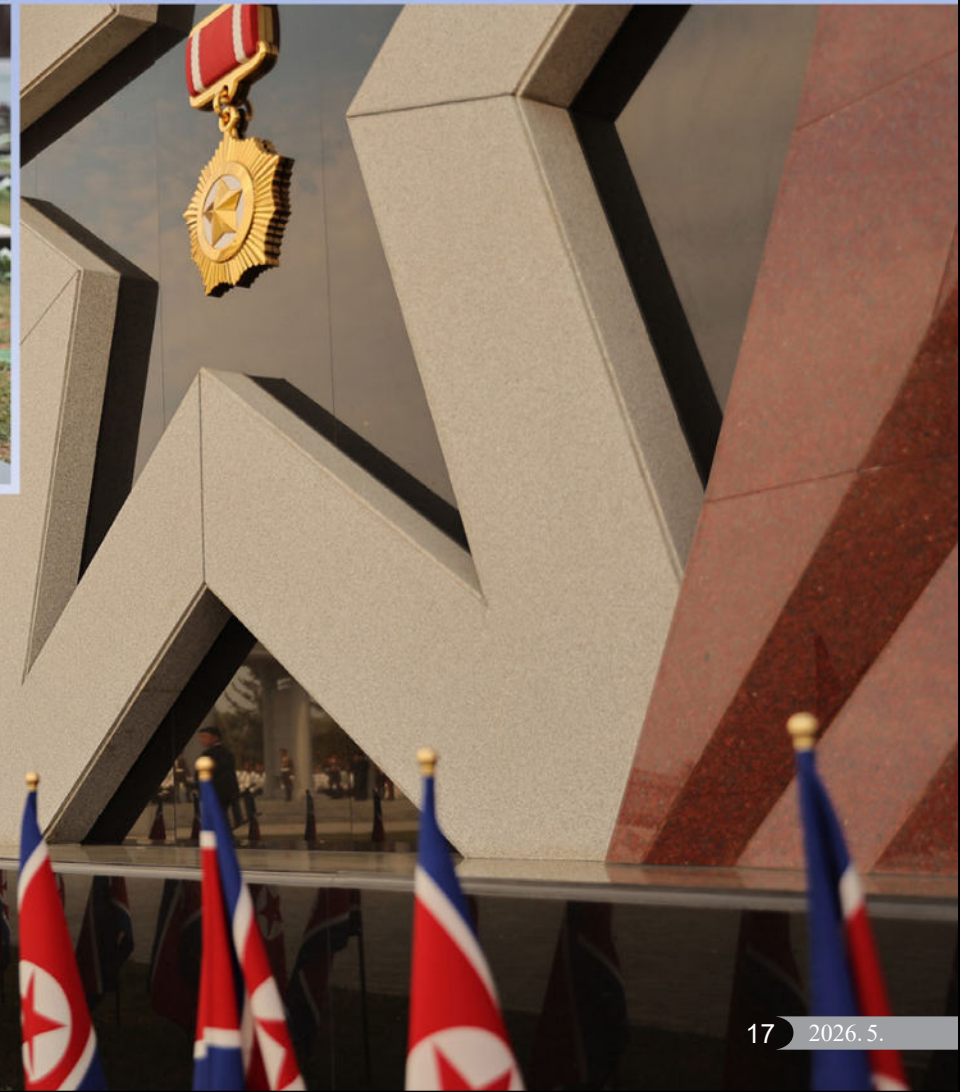
Speaker of the State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin and Minister of

Defence Andrei Belousov of the Russian Federation made entries in the visitors' book.

Comrade Kim Jong Un looked round the exhibition hall of captured weapons at the memorial museum.

He expressed belief that the museum wishing for the immortality of the martyrs, who defended the dignity and safety of the fraternal people at the cost of their precious blood, proved the solidity of the

militant friendship between the DPRK and Russia and the fraternal relations of alliance between their peoples and exalted the dignity, honour, pride and glory of the present generation to be admired by all the generations to come, would shine forever as a house of national treasure of Juche Korea and a monument to the great alliance embodying the ardent will and great strength of the peoples of the two countries aspiring after justice and peace.



Looking round the sanctuary of education in patriotism that tells the feats of the heroes who made a dash in response to the order of the country and resounds with the echo of the beautiful life left by them at their last moments, all the participants hardened their firm will to build a prosperous country, the most powerful country in the world, which the martyrs desired so ardently, always remembering their noble soul and ambition.

The burning soul of the martyrs will be immortal with the

prestige and eternal prosperity of our state, to be strong for all ages, along with the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations symbolic of the greatness of the Korean people and bearing witness to the era of Kim Jong Un, the most heroic era of the DPRK.

Memorial Concert Given for Martyrs in Overseas Military Operations



A memorial concert *Stars of the Motherland* for the war martyrs, fine sons of the glorious Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was held outside the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations, built as a monumental edifice in the great era, on the evening of April 26.

The respected Comrade 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 memorial concert, together with leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officers and men of the overseas operations units, bereaved families of the martyrs and other participants in the inauguration ceremony.

Present there were Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma, Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence, and other members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation and staff members of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

Put on the stage of the concert, which began with orchestral music *Morning Star* and narrative poem *Immortality*, were hymns depicting deep respect for and recollection of the combatants in the overseas military operations and famous songs on patriotism.

Also put on the stage were Russian famous songs.

The concert ended with the playing of national anthems of the DPRK and the Russian Federation.

Flights of the KPA Air Force flew over Saeppyo Street, setting off fireworks out of respect for the representatives of the precious honour of the country.

The memorial concert wishing that the passionate pulse and spirit of the great heroic soldiers, who defended the dignity and honour of the motherland at the cost of their lives, embodying the absolute strength of Korea and symbolizing its people's mightiness and justice, would be eternal as the breath of the country and its army and people, left a lingering effect on the audience.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets Speaker of State Duma of Russian Federation



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets Defence Minister of Russian Federation



The respected Comrade 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 April 26 met Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, on a visit to the DPRK to attend the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

Warmly welcoming the official delegation of the Russian Federation to the DPRK, he highly appreciated that it was an expression of the stand and will of the Russian leadership to attach importance to and consolidate the relations of alliance between the two countries that Comrade President Putin sent a high-level delegation led by Vyacheslav Volodin to the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

The respected Comrade 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 April 26 met Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, on a visit to the DPRK to attend the inauguration ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

The DPRK government will as ever fully support the policy of the Russian Federation to defend the national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests, Comrade Kim Jong Un said, expressing the belief that the Russian army and people would surely win the just sacred war.

Dinner Given for Official Delegation of Russian Federation



The State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea hosted a dinner on April 26 in welcome of Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma, Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence, and other members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation who participated in the inauguration

ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

The respected Comrade 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, was present at the dinner.

Present there at invitation were members of the official delegation of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Topeha, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang, Alexei Bartusov, defence attaché, and other staff members of the embassy.

Leading officials of the WPK Central Committee and members of

the DPRK State Affairs Commission were on hand.

At the dinner, Jo Yong Won made an important speech in welcome of the official delegation of the Russian Federation.

The dinner proceeded in a friendly and cordial atmosphere.

State Commendations of Russian Federation Awarded to Officers and Soldiers of KPA Overseas Operations Units



According to a presidential decree of the Russian Federation, Order of Bravery is conferred on the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army, who have made a distinguished contribution to liberating a region of the Russian Federation from the military occupation by the Ukrainian neo-Nazi forces.

Ministry of National Defence of DPRK Arranges Banquet for Bereaved Family Members of KPA Martyrs in Special Military Operations



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Oversees the Training of Special Operations Sub-units at All Levels of KPA



The respected Comrade 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 special operations training base directly under the authority of the Operations Bureau of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army to acquaint himself with the training of special operations sub-units at all levels.

The training base overflowed with the high spirit of combatants of special operations sub-units, full of a burning desire to give pleasure and satisfaction to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who steadily continues to visit the frontline posts for bolstering up the military capabilities for defending the security of the country and the people, through demonstration of their greatest fighting efficiency.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff, Kim Song Gi, director of the KPA General Political Bureau, and other military and political commanding officers of the headquarters of the Ministry of National Defence and services and large combined units.

The training of the day was aimed at assessing the capabilities of physical and military actions of the combatants of special operations sub-units at all levels.

The special operations sub-units of services and large combined units at all levels, which had substantially boosted their matchless combat efficiency, leaving vivid footprints of loyalty and patriotism

in the difficult and arduous training courses, true to the Party's training-first policy, fully displayed their excellent marksmanship and military technical and physical abilities in a competitive way.

Our army units at all levels should get perfectly prepared in conformity with the trend of modern warfare by thoroughly implementing and applying the Juche-oriented policy of bringing about a radical turn in training, mindful of the iron truth that sweating more in training in peacetime can result in bleeding less in the battlefield, Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed.

He expressed his views on the direction of the reorganization of the special operations forces of the army, to be implemented in the future, and the relevant measures.

That day, there was a power demonstration by ace combatants of special operations sub-units.

The demonstrators powerfully showed the physical and technical abilities they had cultivated to be a-match-for-a-hundred combatants with iron fists, to be unrivalled warriors.

Watching with pleasure the special warfare women soldiers under training filled with self-confidence, Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly encouraged them.

The leading officials extended warm applause and unstinting praise to the soldiers, watching their training pulsating with the heroic stamina and fighting spirit to surely annihilate the enemy and emerge victorious, once they fight.



Expressing great satisfaction at the absolute might and matchless courage of the special operations forces, the pivotal component of the KPA reliably defending the sovereignty of the country and the wellbeing of its people, Comrade Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with the reliable and admirable officers and soldiers.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed belief that the units at all

levels of the KPA, the main force for national defence in direct charge of fighting a war, would as ever remain faithful to the sacred mission of defending the country, the revolution and the people and reliably guarantee the victorious advance of the country and its cause with powerful military strength.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Oversees Test Organized by Armoured Weapons Institute of Academy of Defence Sciences



The respected Comrade 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 a test of assessing the tank performance organized by the Armoured Weapons Institute of the Academy of Defence Sciences.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the test, saying that it served as an occasion for showing well through practical action, not by words, how excellent our new-type main battle tank is and what dependable combat means it is.

Today's test, he said, proved that the functions of our new-type MBT's interceptor system are fully equipped with a capability for

thoroughly destroying almost all existing anti-tank means.

It has been confirmed again there is little doubt about our already declared view that no tank in the world would be comparable to this tank, he said, commenting on the new-type MBT which demonstrated remarkable combat performance.

The tests, conducted in various forms on the day to check the active self-defensive system of the new-type MBT, examined in detail the combat effectiveness of the self-defensive system against anti-tank means attacking from different directions and confirmed the perfect defensive functions with 100 percent probability.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Oversees Static Firing Test of High-thrust Carbon Fibre Solid-fuel Engine



The respected Comrade 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 a static firing test of high-thrust solid-fuel engine using the composite carbon fibre material.

The maximum thrust of the newly upgraded solid-fuel engine is 2 500kN, and the test was part of the national defence development plan in the new five-year period which set the steady upgrading of strategic strike means as a major goal.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK.

He referred to the strategic significance of the upgraded engine's test.

He said that the test of great significance in putting the country's strategic military muscle on the highest level would fully conform with the national strategy on the modernization of strategic forces

and the relevant military demands.

He affirmed that the development trend of the DPRK's defence capabilities, which has already entered a significant phase of change in the building of the strategic forces, would be further promoted and accelerated by the development and introduction of better components with superior economic and technical effectiveness like those proven in the test.

He referred to the major tasks for further stepping up the development of the national strategic forces both in scale and quality.

Present at the test were Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Jang Chang Ha, director general of the Missile Administration of the DPRK, officials of the Missile Administration and the missile research sector and scientists, technicians and officials of the relevant sector including the Solid-fuel Engine Institute and the missile engine factory.



Destroyer *Choe Hyon* Conducts Test-fire of Weapon Systems

A test-fire of strategic cruise missiles and anti-warship missiles was conducted again within the operational efficiency test system of destroyer *Choe Hyon* of the Navy of the Korean People's Army on April 12.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, together with leading officials in the field of national defence and commanding officers of the Navy, oversaw the test-fire.

The test-fire was aimed at checking the launch control system of the warship's integrated weapon command system, familiarizing the seamen with the missile firing action and confirming the accuracy and the rate of hits of the improved active anti-jamming navigation system.

Two strategic cruise missiles and three anti-warship missiles were test-fired.

That day, Comrade Kim Jong Un heard a report on the examined formation plan of weapon systems for destroyers Nos. 3 and 4 to be built, and made an important conclusion.

He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the preparedness of our army's strategic action has been intensified in a qualitative way thanks to the various achievements recently made in the field of defence science.

Saying that it is the Workers' Party of Korea's invariable national defence line and most important priority task to steadily and unlimitedly bolster up the powerful and reliable nuclear war deterrent, he clarified the important tasks to be tackled in further increasing the strategic and tactical attack capabilities, a key component of the nuclear war deterrent, and improving the rapid response posture and making it elaborate.





The strategic cruise missiles flew for between 7 869 seconds and 7 920 seconds and anti-warship missiles for between 1 960 seconds and 1 973 seconds along the trajectories set in the sky above the West Sea of Korea and hit the targets with ultra-precision accuracy.



Firing Contest of Artillery Sub-units Held on Day of Sun

The respected Comrade 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 a firing contest of artillery sub-units under the large combined units of the Korean People's Army in the western area organized on April 15, the Day of the Sun, birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

The artillery sub-unit of the Capital City Defence Corps won the first place in the contest.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed satisfaction over the fact that the contest, held to mark the greatest auspicious holiday of the nation, served as an important occasion in enhancing the training enthusiasm of the artillerymen and remarkably increasing their militant might, saying:

The proactive utilization of the artillery forces is the most important factor decisive of victory in an operation and battle and furthermore in war. The KPA should as ever put spurs to the artillery



combat readiness, true to the Party's policy of attaching importance to and strengthening the artillery, and the Party Central Committee's strategic plan for modernizing the artillery forces should be thoroughly implemented in the period of the new five-year plan for the development of national defence.

It would be a good idea for army units at all levels to frequently organize training contests on national holidays like today and other major occasions. The KPA should be engrossed only in the training for rounding off its combat preparations. This is precisely the way for realizing the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's desire for building a powerful army, an expression of loyalty to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and the duty of the army.

The sub-unit which won the contest was awarded a diploma, medal and badge.

That day, Comrade Kim Jong Un met the soldiers of the successful artillery sub-unit and appreciated their great combat capability before having a photo taken with its officers and soldiers.



Five tactical ballistic missiles, launched towards the target area centring on an islet about 136km away, struck the area of 12.5-13 hectares with a very high density, fully displaying their combat might.

DPRK Missile Administration

Test-fires Tactical Ballistic Missiles

The Missile Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted a test-fire on April 19 to evaluate the power of warhead of the improved surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile *Hwasongpho-11 Ra*.

The respected Comrade 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, supervised the test-fire.

Among the viewers were Kim Jong Sik, member of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Full General



Jang Chang Ha, director general of the Missile Administration, Lieutenant General An Yong Hwan, commander of the 1st Corps of the Korean People's Army, Lieutenant General Ju Song Nam, commander of the 2nd Corps of the KPA, Lieutenant General Jong Myong Nam, commander of the 4th Corps of the KPA, and Lieutenant General Ri Jong Guk, commander of the 5th Corps of the KPA.

The purpose of the test-fire was to verify the characteristics and power of cluster bomb warhead and fragmentation mine warhead applied to the tactical ballistic missile.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the test results, saying that the development and introduction of cluster bomb warheads of different uses has made it possible to meet the

operational demand of the KPA in a more satisfactory and effective way and that it is of weighty significance in practical military actions to boost the high-density striking capability to crush a specific target area as well as the high-precision striking capability.

The current technology and records we have acquired and updated are a valuable result clearly proving that the organization of

a group specializing in research into missile warheads and the five years' efforts were not in vain, he appreciated.

He encouraged the defence science research groups, hoping that they would continuously make successes in the important undertakings to acquire and boost various ultra-modern technical capabilities necessary for the combat preparedness of the KPA.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to Combined Unit under KPA Mechanized Infantry Division in Western Area



The respected Comrade 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, paid a congratulatory visit to a combined unit under a KPA mechanized infantry division in a western area on April 25, the founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, and encouraged its officers and soldiers.

The service personnel were full of deep emotion and joy as they would have at their unit Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un, whom

they had been eager to see even in their dreams in the days of the honourable military service, on the significant day when the DPRK's revolutionary armed forces made the first historic stride by taking up arms of self-reliance.

When he arrived at the headquarters of the combined unit, all its officers and soldiers broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" with the highest respect for him, an iron-willed brilliant commander who is ushering in a new era of building a rich country with a strong army in which the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered with arms and

its steady advance are reliably guaranteed by the greatest military strength.

Comrade Kim Jong Un laid a bouquet at the monument to field guidance of President Kim Il Sung in the unit and paid tribute to him.

He visited the revolutionary museum after looking round with deep emotion the monument to the sacred exploits the peerlessly great men had performed while leading the army and the monument inscribed with a poem dedicated to their exploits.

He said that the mechanized group with a sacred name and its subordinate units are the glorious ranks that were organized thanks to the deep trust of President Kim Il Sung who hoped that they would lead the whole army in reliably defending the Party and the revolution, the country and the people by carrying forward the brilliant traditions of the anti-Japanese war. The proud history of the anti-Japanese guerrillas who won only victories is reflected in the names of the units, he added.

The combined unit is situated in the historic place where the



slogan of defending the Party Central Committee unto death was put up for the first time in the entire army and the Red Flag Company Movement started, he noted, saying this is the first place where the faith of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK to preserve and carry forward the ideological lineage took roots.

It is our treasured sword for invincibility to make our soldiers ideologically elite, and this is our Party's invariable idea of building a strong army and its outlook on war, he said, stating that only the

army strong in ideology, always mindful of its lineage and origin, can resolutely contain and crush any formidable enemy.

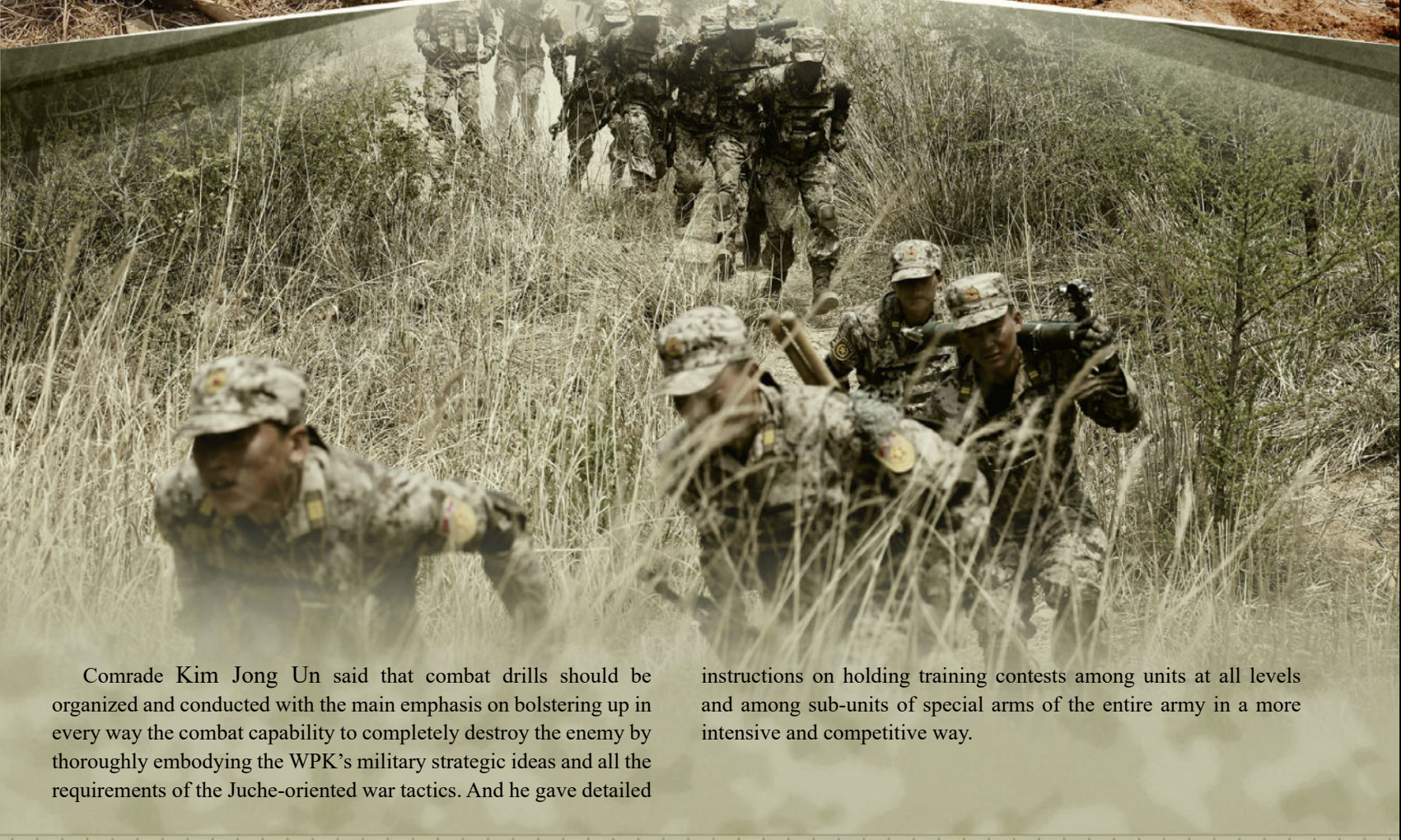
He stressed that the combined unit, closely associated with the immortal history of guidance of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il over the Party's army, should be a model of the entire army in conducting the political and ideological work for soldiers and perfecting combat preparedness in conformity with its characteristics and position, and clarified the tasks to this end.

Comrade Kim Jong Un had a photograph, to be recorded forever in the army-building history, taken with all the officers and soldiers of the brigade significantly greeting the founding anniversary of the KPRA.

That day, he saw sports games with the service personnel of the unit.

All the officers and soldiers, who had the highest honour of meeting Comrade Kim Jong Un at their unit and receiving his great

affection on the significant day when the DPRK's revolutionary armed forces took historic root, made a vow of conviction to creditably carry forward the sacred mission, ideals and indomitable fighting spirit of the army-founding generation and thus add brilliance to the KPA's glorious history of invincibility.



Firing Contest of Mortarmen under KPA Large Combined Units Held to Mark Significant April 25

A firing contest of mortarmen of light infantry units under the large combined units at all levels of the Korean People's Army took place on April 25, the 94th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

The respected Comrade 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 firing contest.

The firing contest was conducted in the way of judging the combat methods for the sub-units to rapidly conquer the natural and artificial interception lines, manoeuvre and fan out to destroy different targets within a set time and then hide and get away from the place according to their tactical missions.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the results of the contest.

He extended warm encouragement to the units participating in the contest, which commemorated the birthday of the KPRA, an especially significant holiday for the DPRK and its revolutionary armed forces, with the proud success in the training for perfecting their combat preparedness, and to other officers and men of the entire army. He highly appreciated that nowadays the enthusiasm for effecting a revolution in training to enhance the combat efficiency is growing stronger in the army units at all levels.

The mortar sub-unit under a combined unit of the 11th Corps of the KPA won the first place in the firing contest.

Comrade Kim Jong Un said that combat drills should be organized and conducted with the main emphasis on bolstering up in every way the combat capability to completely destroy the enemy by thoroughly embodying the WPK's military strategic ideas and all the requirements of the Juche-oriented war tactics. And he gave detailed

instructions on holding training contests among units at all levels and among sub-units of special arms of the entire army in a more intensive and competitive way.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Enjoys Concert Marking 80th Anniversary of Central Military Band of Ministry of National Defence



The respected Comrade 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, enjoyed a concert in commemoration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence on April 28.

He congratulated the performers on their successful performance, expressing his satisfaction with the excellent concert pulsating with the revolutionary character and militant spirit of the Korean

People's Army.

He said that the brilliant history of the KPA is clearly associated with the feats of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence, which displayed a tremendous might incomparable with any military hardware by encouraging the brave and heroic army by dint of revolutionary military music from one decade to the next and from one century to the next, continuing that he has always paid respect to the military band as a group of soldiers representing the

revolutionary army, rather than as an art troupe.

He highly appreciated that the Central Military Band is the face of our state and symbol of the KPA, noting that wherever its military music resounded, there were unfolded stirring scenes in which matchless valour was demonstrated and epoch-making changes were brought about.

He stressed that the creative workers and instrumentalists of the military band should cherish boundless loyalty to the Party, the

country and the people and acquire high artistic skills to encourage the advance of the KPA by dint of revolutionary military music.

And he had a photo taken with all the creative workers, instrumentalists and officials of the band, expressing his expectations and belief that the band will always remain faithful to its most honourable mission.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets Chinese Foreign Minister



The respected Comrade 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 Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and foreign minister of the People's Republic of

China who was on a visit to the DPRK, on April 10. Comrade Kim Jong Un gladly received and exchanged warm greetings with Wang Yi, before having talks with him in a comradely atmosphere. At the talks, Wang Yi courteously conveyed to Comrade

Kim Jong Un the warm greetings from Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and President of the PRC.

Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks for it, and asked the Chinese foreign minister to convey his greetings to Comrade Xi Jinping.

He said that it is important for the DPRK and China to further intensify visits and contacts at different levels and boost mutual support and cooperation for the protection of their common interests and the multi-faceted and sustainable development of the bilateral relations, in view of the present international geopolitical situation and the long-term strategic interests of the two countries. And he expressed the stand of the WPK and the DPRK government on the issues of regional and international situations of mutual concern.

Wang Yi expressed the steadfast stand of the Chinese party and government to wonderfully develop the China-DPRK friendly relations, which greeted a new phase of development in accordance with the important common understanding achieved at the summit

meeting and talks held between the top leaders of the two countries in Beijing in September last year, in keeping with the desires and interests of the peoples of the two countries, and the view on regional and international issues.

Affirming that it is the steadfast stand of the WPK and the DPRK government to place the greatest value on, give top priority to and further consolidate and develop the DPRK-China friendly relations with socialism as the core, Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the WPK and the DPRK government would fully support all the internal and external policies of the Chinese party and government for realizing the territorial integrity of the country on the basis of the "One China" principle and building a fair and just multipolar world.

He exchanged warm farewells with Wang Yi, hoping that the Chinese party, government and people would achieve a greater success in accomplishing the cause of socialist modernization and national rejuvenation under the outstanding leadership of Comrade Xi Jinping.

114th Birth Anniversary of President Kim Il Sung Celebrated in Splendour



Officials and other working people, service personnel of the Korean People's Army, youth and students visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill to lay floral baskets, bouquets and flowers.



Party and government cadres visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.





An evening gala of youth and students with a firework display in celebration of the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and other colourful ceremonies are held to mark the significant April spring holiday.



Songs in Praise of Great Men and of Friendship and Unity



Artists in many countries, who participated in the 34th April Spring Friendship Art Festival held to mark the 114th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, put on the stage songs in praise of the great men of the DPRK and many other works portraying their boundless reverence for the great men and friendly feelings with the Korean people.



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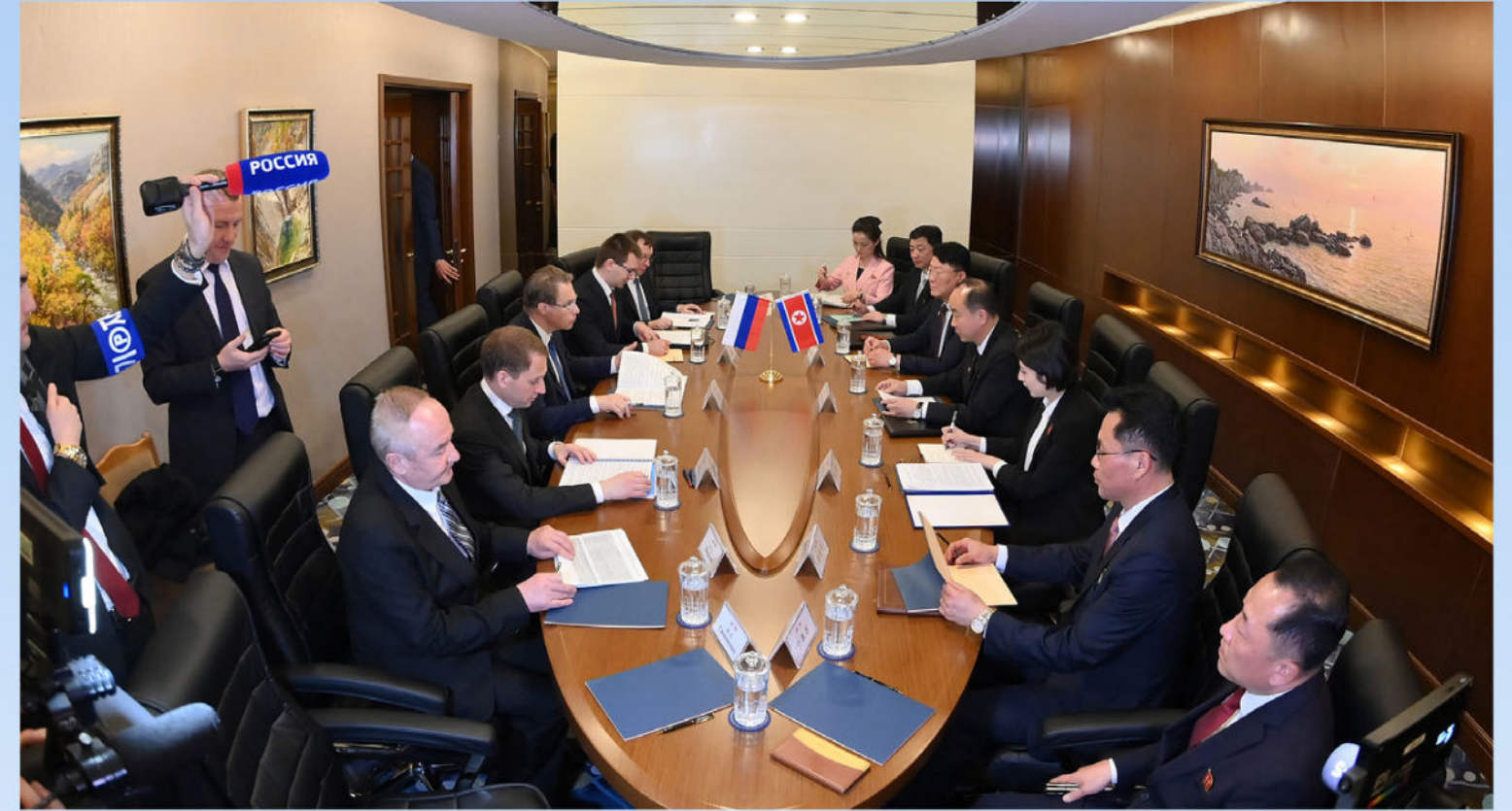
April Spring Friendship Art Festival



For Promotion of Cooperation and Exchanges Between DPRK and Russian Federation



Talks between the Minister of Public Security of the DPRK and the Minister of the Interior of the Russian Federation held



Sectoral working-level talks for further developing cooperation and exchanges between the DPRK and the Russian Federation held



Groundbreaking ceremony of DPRK-Russia Friendship Hospital held



Both sections of the DPRK-Russia border motor bridge connected



More Fertilizers

to the Countryside

Employees of the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex are making innovations in the production of fertilizers, true to the tasks the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea set forth for it.

Based on making detailed stage-by-

stage, line-by-line plans, the complex has set a higher goal than that of last year and is increasing its output.

Workers and technicians at the ammonia workshop are ensuring normal operation of the machines by handling and operating

them as required by the technical and other standard regulations.

The dressed coal supply workshop, drying workshop and other units in the initial stage of fertilizer production are actively introducing various new, valuable



The complex has introduced reasonable kiln operating methods while ensuring the stability and efficiency of the operation of the equipment and production lines to the maximum, and raised the efficiency of the vibration test and protection system in the synthesis gas compressors to increase the production of fertilizers.



techniques and working methods to lower the anthracite consumption standard to the minimum while increasing productivity.

Workers and technicians at the urea workshop are also decreasing per-unit consumption of materials, producing greater amounts of fertilizers every day than planned.

Recording a high production result every day, the officials and employees of the complex are full of enthusiasm to produce fertilizers and supply them to the countryside in time according to season.

Photo: Ri Myong Guk
Text: Pak Kyong Chol



Chollima TILE FACTORY

The factory has established an integrated production system to optimize its management and production activities with the main focus on steadily improving its production capacity and the quality of its products.

The Chollima Tile Factory, a leading building-materials producer in the country, is striving for increased production.

Having put its production lines on a Juche-oriented, modern and IT basis, the factory has laid solid material and technological foundations for mass-producing various kinds of tiles.

It made steady efforts to increase its production capacity over the last ten-odd years after its inauguration. However, it found it could not satisfy the increasing

demands for tiles with its production capacity.

The officials of the factory saw that the solution was in prioritizing talents and science and technology, selected talents in technology and management and skilled workers from among the employees and appointed them to posts appropriate to them. And they persistently conducted the work of developing science and technology.

In particular, they set stage-by-stage goals to build modern production lines of a

greater capacity and inspired the talents to play the leading role.

At the same time, they assigned the project of solving sci-tech problems arising in the present and future production of the factory to the technicians of its industrial laboratory, a team of competent forces, and also encouraged all its employees to participate in the project.

As a result, the factory has introduced into the calcination, painting and material treatment lines many pieces of equipment of





their own development like a fluidized-bed hot-blast stove, and succeeded in producing various materials such as fuel and glaze from materials abundant in the country.

The factory has doubled its production

capacity, and made a big stride in developing new products and improving their quality.

Today the tiles from the factory are highly praised at national sci-tech festivals and exhibitions of the finishing materials.

The factory set a higher production goal than last year, and is now making vigorous efforts to attain it.

*Photo: Choe Won Chol
Text: Kang Jin Song*



The factory satisfies in time the demands of the construction projects across the country for the building material.



Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm **In Country Town in Northwestern Part**

The Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm and the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre have been built in the area of Wihwa Island in a northwestern part of the country under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The island, which had been long regarded as a barren land owing to the flooding that hit it every year, has been

turned into a region that can promote the radical development of the local economy and improve the residents' standard of living.

The greenhouse farm is the greatest of its kind compared to other greenhouse farms, which have so far been built in the country, in terms of modernity, advanced character and practicality; and its architectural level

is higher than theirs.

The farm, covering an area of 450 hectares, is larger than all those greenhouses put together.

The greenhouses number over 1 000, and vary according to the plants under cultivation and their profitability, like semi-arched double vinyl-layer hydroponic greenhouse, arch-style inter-connected





The Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm produces tomato, chilli, cucumber, bok choy and other vegetables by regulating the temperature and humidity in conformity with their growth characteristics and conducting their nutritional management in a scientific and technical way.

vinyl soil greenhouse, double-slope inter-connected glass hydroponic greenhouse, double-slope inter-connected glass soil greenhouse and hemispheric glass hydroponic greenhouse.

What attracts attention is the double-slope inter-connected glass hydroponic greenhouse, as automatic control of a large area of cultivation ground has been introduced to put vegetable cultivation on

a scientific, intensive and industrial footing. The hemispheric glass hydroponic greenhouses are each equipped with vertical and revolving multi-layered apparatuses, vertical-flow multi-layered apparatuses and



The Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre specializes in putting vegetable production in greenhouses on a scientific, intensive and industrial footing.

horizontal-plate multi-layered apparatuses that are illuminated by LED lighting.

The solar-heated greenhouses combining vegetable and fish farming and vegetable and mushroom farming highlight the features of the greenhouse farm.

Through an intelligent integrated production system, the farm ensures maximum economic efficiency by organizing production on an IT and scientific basis and optimizing cultivation techniques.

Laid out in a harmonious way in the Wihwa Island area are the greenhouses, the vegetable science research centre, houses and facilities for diverse cultural and leisure activities.

Also seen there are a geothermal heat supply system, nutrient solution supply base and fertilizer and carbon dioxide production bases, all needed for the running of the greenhouses.

The vegetable fruits, leaf vegetables and functional vegetables like tomato, red pepper, cucumber and bok choy produced at the farm were supplied to the people of the city of Sinuiju.

Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol, Ri Chol Jin
Text: Kang Jin Song





The researchers of the Academy of Forestry Science are pooling their efforts and wisdom to turn all the mountains of the country into "gold mountains," "treasure mountains."

HUB OF FORESTRY RESEARCH

Visit to the Academy of Forestry Science

Last January, the Academy of Forestry Science was set up in the capital city of Pyongyang.

As another base for promoting afforestation more dynamically on a scientific footing, it has scores of research and experiment rooms, welfare facilities and auxiliary buildings.

There can be seen in the academy a pilot plant capable of researching and developing processed wild fruits, greenhouses for cultivating tree saplings and a library with a rich database.

The researchers are striving to achieve substantial successes in their work for turning all the mountains of the country into "gold mountains," "treasure mountains."

Putting the main emphasis on resolving the problems arising in afforestation and in preserving and managing the forests, they are working hard to breed more species of trees suitable for the climatic and soil





Officials and researchers of the academy put the main emphasis on resolving the problems arising in afforestation and in preserving and managing the forests.



conditions of the country and to perfect new tree-planting methods.

They are intensifying their research into establishing scientific and technical measures for creating forests of oil-bearing

trees and trees for paper production and into processing wild fruits, undertakings briskly conducted in cities and counties true to the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The academy has established a well-regulated system of collecting and diffusing advanced sci-tech knowledge of forestry science.

Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol
Text: Kim Son Gyong



Kindergarten in Hwasong Street

Kumnung Kindergarten No. 1 in Hwasong District opened with the inauguration of Hwasong Street three years ago.

It is equipped with all the conditions and environment for bringing up the children.

It applies various kinds of games in education so as to help the children comprehend theoretically what they have

learned at class.

It also makes steady efforts to create an environment conducive to education of the children according to their ages and psychological characters, like hanging dozens of visual aids on the corridor walls in order to turn all the spaces in the kindergarten into those for education and edification of children.





As the teachers devote their wisdom and enthusiasm to finding out the children's inborn talents and aptitudes and making them bloom, a number of talented children have been produced.

Last year Nam Tae Kwon won the Pyongyang Children's Paduk Tournament, and Kim Tae Kwon was highly appreciated for singing well at the national kindergarteners art festival.

The teachers are still devoting their efforts to bringing up the children to be excellent persons.

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