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Over the past dozen years, many modern houses have been built for the working people throughout the land of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea under the energetic guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, has undergone a great change through one construction project after another, including Changjon Street, Unha Scientists Street, Wisong Scientists Residential District, Mirae Scientists Street, Ryomyong Street, Pothonggang Riverside Terraced Houses District, Songhwa Street and the 10 000 flats in the first-stage project in the Hwasong area; and the city of Samjiyon in Ryanggang Province in the northernmost part of the country has developed into a model mountainous city encapsulating modern civilization.

In rural areas across the country houses have mushroomed retaining regional and local features, and ceremonies of moving to the new houses have taken place almost every day.

Housing construction in the country has never been all plain sailing.

The ever-intensifying moves of the forces hostile to the country to isolate and stifle it, the global public health crisis and repeated natural disasters have been a formidable challenge to the nation.

Moreover, as the country pursues the policy of building houses at state expense and giving them free to the people, the housing construction has demanded a huge economic investment by the state.

Against all these odds, the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government, regarding it as the most important of state's affairs and the mode of its existence to improve the people's standard of living and make selfless, devoted efforts for their good, have built many excellent streets and villages in the capital and regional areas, thus providing the working people with a cradle of happiness.

It is Kim Jong Un's steadfast will radically to change the living environment of the people across the country and build his country into a socialist ideal one admired by the whole world, a socialist paradise where the people live in comfort and harmony while enjoying the highest level of civilization.

The Korean people will lead a more and more civilized, happier life in the new streets and houses which are springing up one after another.

Devoted Efforts to Provide the People with Cradle of Happiness



Still Better Houses for Scientists and Educators

Saying that there is nothing to spare for scientists, Kim Jong Un selected the sites of streets and houses for scientists and educators in different parts of the capital city and visited their construction sites several times, indicating the orientation and ways for the projects.

Thanks to his devoted efforts, Unha Scientists Street, apartment houses for teachers of Kim Il Sung University and Kim Chaek University of Technology, Wisong Scientists Residential District and Mirae Scientists Street were flawlessly built and provided to scientists and educators free of charge.



Kim Jong Un visits the construction site of apartment houses for scientists in July Juche 102 (2013).



Kim Jong Un visits the construction site of apartment houses for scientists of Kim Il Sung University in August Juche 102 (2013).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of Wisong Scientists Street in June Juche 103 (2014).





Kim Jong Un visits the construction site of apartment houses for teachers of Kim Chaek University of Technology in May Juche 103 (2014).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of apartment houses for teachers of Kim Chaek University of Technology nearing completion in August Juche 103 (2014).



Kim Jong Un looks down over the construction site of Mirae Scientists Street in February Juche 104 (2015).



Kim Jong Un gave on-site guidance at the construction sites of apartment houses for scientists and teachers on several occasions

- ★ Construction site of apartment houses for scientists in July Juche 102 (2013)
- ★ Construction site of apartment houses for scientists of Kim Il Sung University in August Juche 102 (2013)
- ★ Unha Scientists Street in September Juche 102 (2013)
- ★ Apartment houses for teachers of Kim Il Sung University in October Juche 102 (2013)
- ★ Construction site of apartment houses for teachers of Kim Chaek University of Technology in May Juche 103 (2014)
- ★ Construction site of Wisong Scientists Street in June Juche 103 (2014)
- ★ Construction site of apartment houses for teachers of Kim Chaek University of Technology in August Juche 103 (2014)
- ★ Wisong Scientists Residential District in October Juche 103 (2014)
- ★ Apartment houses for teachers of Kim Chaek University of Technology in October Juche 103 (2014)
- ★ Construction site of Mirae Scientists Street in February Juche 104 (2015)
- ★ Mirae Scientists Street in October Juche 104 (2015)

Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of Mirae Scientists Street in February Juche 104 (2015).

Building Ryomyong Street as an Ideal Street for the People

Kim Jong Un proposed construction of Ryomyong Street, and indicated the specific orientation and ways for the construction, ranging from designing houses and public buildings to setting up the electric power grid and illuminations as well as landscaping. He gave field guidance at the construction site several times, energetically leading the whole course of its construction.

During the period he went over more than 1 390 artist's impressions of the street.



Kim Jong Un gives important tasks for the project after declaring to the public the construction of Ryomyong Street in March Juche 105 (2016).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of Ryomyong Street in January Juche 106 (2017).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of Ryomyong Street again in March Juche 106 (2017).



Developing Samjiyon as a Model Mountainous City

Kim Jong Un unfolded a far-reaching plan to turn Samjiyon in the Mt Paektu area, a sacred place where the Korean revolution started, into a model mountainous city encapsulating modern civilization, a paradise for the people.

He ensured that all problems arising in the project, including the supply of construction workforce, equipment, materials and funds, were solved. When the project was in full swing, he proposed making a huge investment to renovate everything there, and clarified important matters for the construction.

During the days of construction, he went over more than 11 360 artist's impressions.



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at construction sites in Samjiyon County in July Juche 107 (2018).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at construction sites in Samjiyon County again in August Juche 107 (2018).





Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at construction sites in Samjiyon County in August Juche 107 (2018).



Kim Jong Un acquaints himself with the construction of the Samjiyon County town in October Juche 107 (2018).



Kim Jong Un gave on-site guidance over the construction of the city of Samjiyon several times

- ★ November Juche 102 (2013)
- ★ November Juche 105 (2016)
- ★ December Juche 106 (2017)
- ★ July Juche 107 (2018)
- ★ August Juche 107 (2018)
- ★ October Juche 107 (2018)
- ★ April Juche 108 (2019)
- ★ October Juche 108 (2019)
- ★ December Juche 108 (2019)
- ★ November Juche 110 (2021)

Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance in Samjiyon County in April Juche 108 (2019).

Endeavouring to Provide New Houses to Victims of Natural Disasters



The DPRK suffered massive disasters in a number of cities and counties due to the consecutive typhoons and heavy rains in 2015, 2016 and 2020.

Kim Jong Un, cherishing the principle that there is no more serious emergency for the Workers' Party of Korea than the pain of the people and that no revolutionary work is as important as alleviating their misfortune, stood at the forefront of the reconstruction projects.

He visited the devastated areas several times to learn about the damage first-hand; he wrote and sent an open letter in a disaster-stricken area; he saw to it that the construction workforce, comprising a total number of 12 000 WPK members from the capital city of Pyongyang, was dispatched immediately to the devastated areas; he ensured that the Party adopted at its important meetings crucial decisions for rehabilitation of the affected areas.



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance for rehabilitation of the flood-hit city of Rason in September Juche 104 (2015).



Kim Jong Un visits the flood-hit Taechong-ri area, Unpha County, North Hwanghae Province, in August Juche 109 (2020).



Kim Jong Un visits the flood-hit Taechong-ri area, Unpha County, North Hwanghae Province, in August Juche 109 (2020).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance over construction in the flood-hit Taechong-ri area, Unpha County, North Hwanghae Province, in September Juche 109 (2020).



Kim Jong Un guides an enlarged meeting of the Executive Policy Council of the Central Committee of the WPK held in an affected area for the organization of the rehabilitation projects in the areas in North and South Hamgyong provinces hit by typhoon No. 9 in September Juche 109 (2020).



Kim Jong Un visits the typhoon-hit areas in South Hamgyong Province in September Juche 109 (2020).



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Kim Jong Un, in the typhoon-hit area in South Hamgyong Province, sent an open letter to all the WPK members in the capital city of Pyongyang in September Juche 109 (2020).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance over construction in the flood-hit Komdok area, South Hamgyong Province, in October Juche 109 (2020).





Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of the flood-hit Komdok area, South Hamgyong Province, in October Juche 109 (2020).

Kim Jong Un gave on-site guidance over construction of houses in the areas hit by natural disasters

- ★ Construction site in the city of Rason in September Juche 104 (2015)
- ★ Paekhak-dong, Sonbong District, Rason, in October Juche 104 (2015)
- ★ Flood-hit Taechong-ri area in Unpha County, North Hwanghae Province, in August Juche 109 (2020)
- ★ Typhoon-hit area in South Hamgyong Province in September Juche 109 (2020)
- ★ Construction site of the flood-hit Taechong-ri area in Unpha County, North Hwanghae Province, in September Juche 109 (2020)
- ★ Kangbuk-ri, Kumchon County, North Hwanghae Province, in September Juche 109 (2020)
- ★ Construction site in the flood-hit Komdok area in South Hamgyong Province in October Juche 109 (2020)
- ★ Construction site in the flood-hit Kimhwa County in October Juche 109 (2020)
- ★ Construction site in the flood-hit South Hamgyong Province in October Juche 109 (2020)

Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the reconstructed Kangbuk-ri, Kumchon County, North Hwanghae Province, in September Juche 109 (2020).



Unfolding a Grand Blueprint for Construction of 50 000 Flats in Pyongyang

At the Eighth Congress of the WPK held in January Juche 110 (2021), Kim Jong Un unfolded a grand blueprint for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang during the new five-year plan period (2021-2025) by building 10 000 flats every year.

He went over thousands of formation plans for houses, and attended the ground-breaking ceremonies for projects to build houses, pressing the button of blasting, breaking the ground for the start of construction or making a speech.

Under his wise guidance, Pyongyang saw Songhwa Street and the Pothonggang Riverside Terraced Houses District built in 2022, and 10 000 flats in the first-stage project in the Hwasong area and flats in the Taephyong area in 2023.



Kim Jong Un makes a speech at the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang in March Juche 110 (2021).



Kim Jong Un hands over the flag of the construction headquarters of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang at the ground-breaking ceremony for a project to build 10 000 flats in March Juche 110 (2021).





Kim Jong Un sets forth the task of renovating rural villages across the country as required by the new era of socialist rural development in December Juche 110 (2021).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa areas nearing completion in March Juche 111 (2022).





Kim Jong Un unfolds the plan of building a riverside terraced houses district near the Pothong Gate in March Juche 110 (2021).





Kim Jong Un visits the site for the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District again in March Juche 110 (2021).



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the construction site of the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in August Juche 110 (2021).



Kim Jong Un looks round the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in Kyongru-dong in April Juche 111 (2022).

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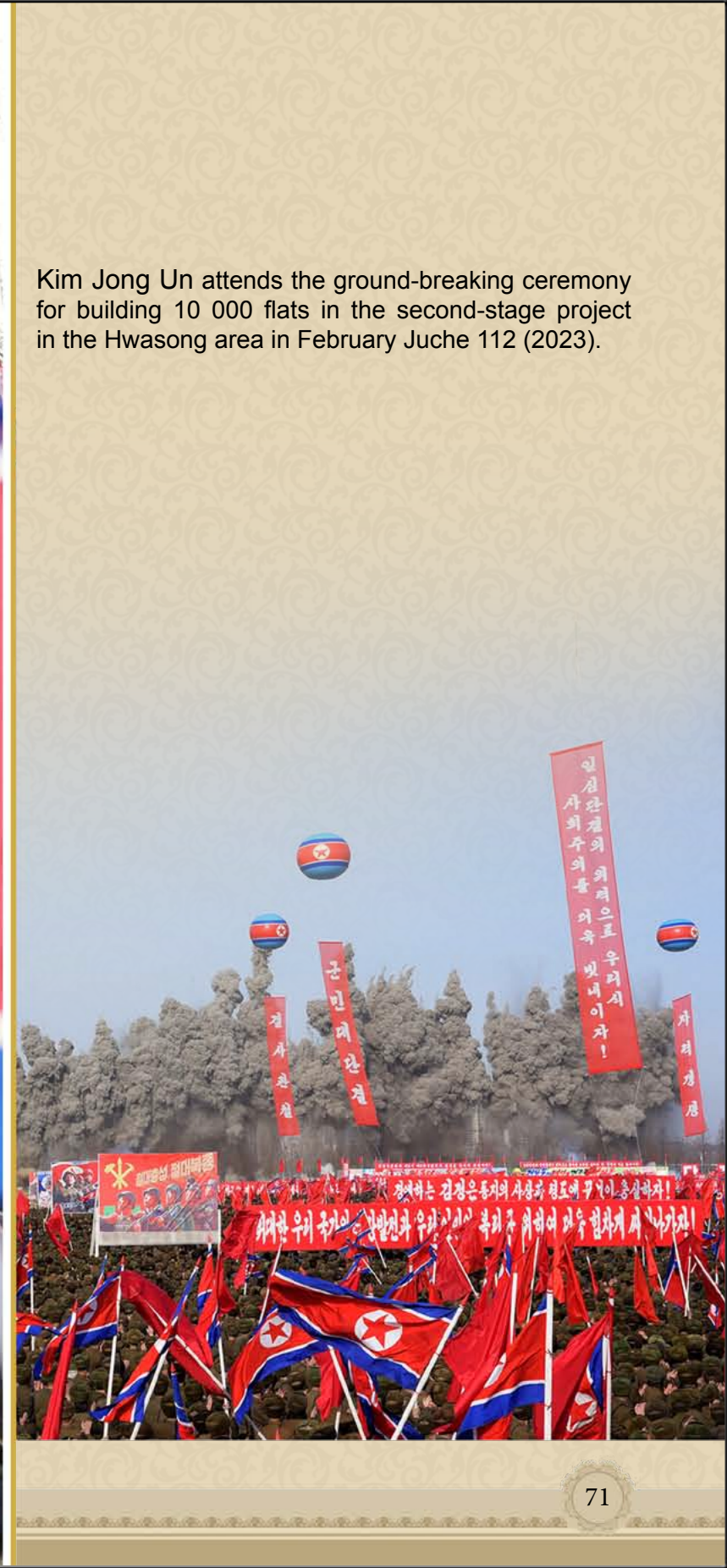
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Kim Jong Un attends the ground-breaking ceremony for a project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area in February Juche 111 (2022).



Kim Jong Un attends the ground-breaking ceremony for building 10 000 flats in the second-stage project in the Hwasong area in February Juche 112 (2023).





Kim Jong Un attends the ground-breaking ceremony for a project to build a new street in the Sopho area in Pyongyang in February Juche 112 (2023).





Kim Jong Un cuts the tape at the inauguration ceremony of Songhwa Street in April Juche 111 (2022).





Kim Jong Un, at the inauguration ceremony of the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in April Juche 111 (2022), meets and congratulates merited persons who are to move to the new houses.

Kim Jong Un cuts the tape at the inauguration ceremony of the first-stage project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area in April Juche 112 (2023).





New Streets and Houses Embodying the People's Ideals





Changjon Street completed in June Juche 101 (2012)

Changjon Street was built in the Mansudae area, the central part of the capital city of Pyongyang, thanks to the noble intention of Kim Jong Un to add eternal glory to the ideal of “The people are my God” cherished by President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) and Chairman Kim Jong Il (1942-2011), who had devoted their whole life for the good of the people.

There are high-rise and super-high-rise apartment blocks of thousands of flats, educational and public health institutions and various neighbourhood-serving amenities.

The construction was completed in a matter of one year, and the flats were provided free of charge to the local residents.









Unha Scientists Street completed in September Juche 102 (2013)

Built in a suburb of Pyongyang, Unha Scientists Street is a cradle of happiness for scientists, a fruition of the noble intention of Kim Jong Un to provide them with better housing conditions.

It has more than 1 000 flats and over 10 public buildings including schools, a hospital, nursery, kindergarten and shop and various other neighbourhood-serving amenities.

It was completed in less than a year.



Apartment houses for teachers of Kim Il Sung University completed in October Juche 102 (2013)

The 44-storeyed and 36-storeyed apartment houses were built in a unique way at the Ryonghung Crossroads in the capital city thanks to the noble intention of Kim Jong Un to provide teachers of Kim Il Sung University with more modern houses.

The well-furnished flats were provided free of charge to teachers and researchers of Kim Il Sung University.







Wisong Scientists Residential District completed in October Juche 103 (2014)

The Wisong Scientists Residential District is comprised of 24 multi-storeyed apartment houses, public buildings including schools, a hospital, nursery, kindergarten, various neighbourhood-serving amenities and parks. It was completed in a matter of seven months thanks to devotion of Kim Jong Un to provide scientists with better living conditions and environment.







Apartment houses for teachers of Kim Chaek University of Technology completed in October Juche 103 (2014)

The two 46-storeyed apartment houses of sailboat shape were built on the bank of the Taedong River in Pyongyang.

Kim Jong Un personally proposed the construction project, selected the prime site and solved all the problems regarding the project, including the mobilization of a construction workforce, designing, building work and supply of materials.







Mirae Scientists Street completed in October Juche 104 (2015)

Embodying the lofty ideals of Kim Jong Un of giving priority to science and talents, thousands of flats and 150-odd neighbourhood-serving amenities were built within just one year.

The flats are all well-furnished and various welfare service facilities are located in a harmonious way.

The iconic 53-storeyed skyscraper is of the shape of an orbit of an electron, making the people recognize the street even from afar.





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Ryomyong Street completed in April Juche 106 (2017)

The magnificent street built in the area of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun is a people's ideal street, reflecting the noble intention of Kim Jong Un to provide the people with more wonderful living conditions.

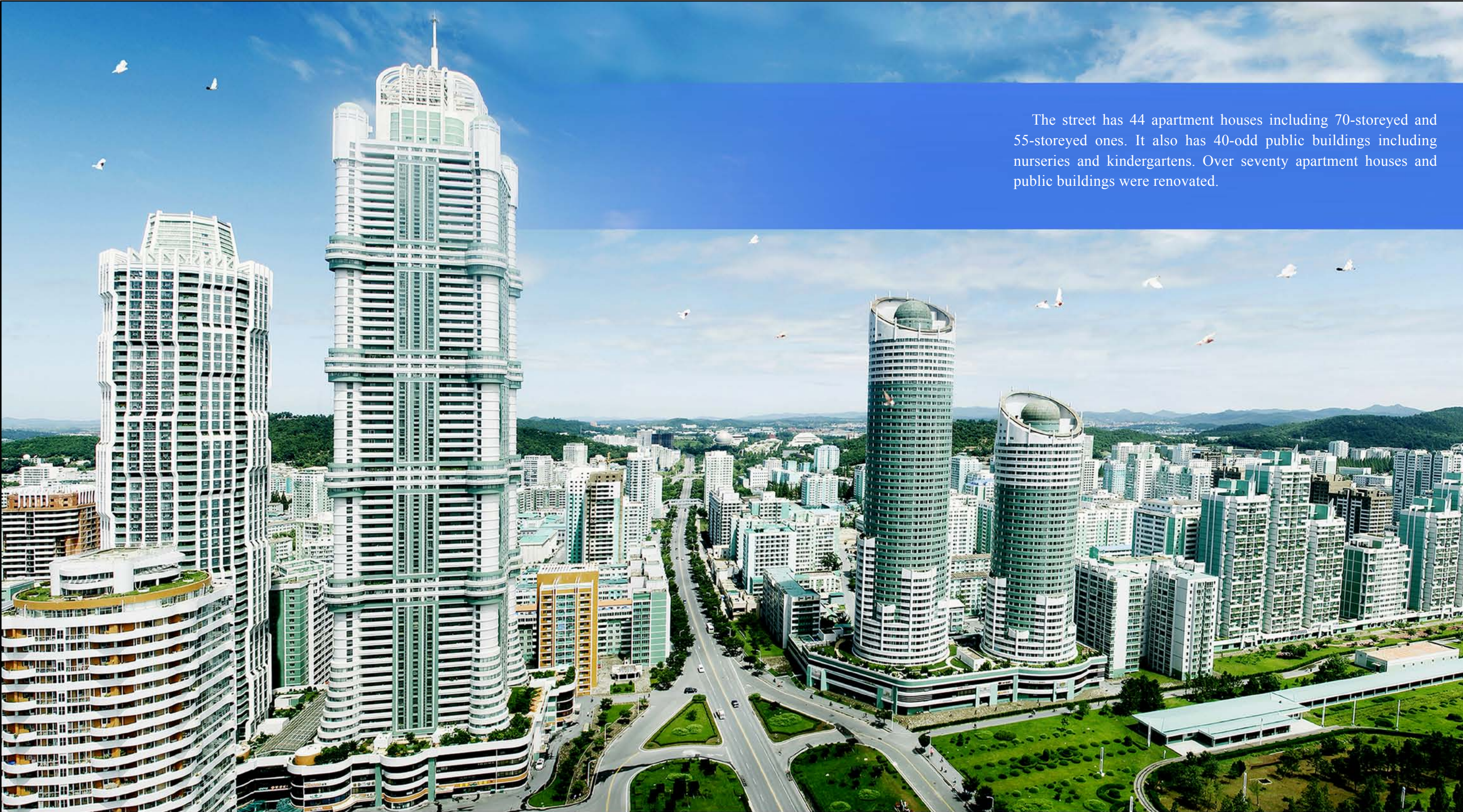
Latest architectural technologies were introduced for making effective use of renewable energy sources like solar and geothermal, and for greening the roofs and exterior walls while the landscaping was beautifully designed, thus making it an energy-saving, green street.

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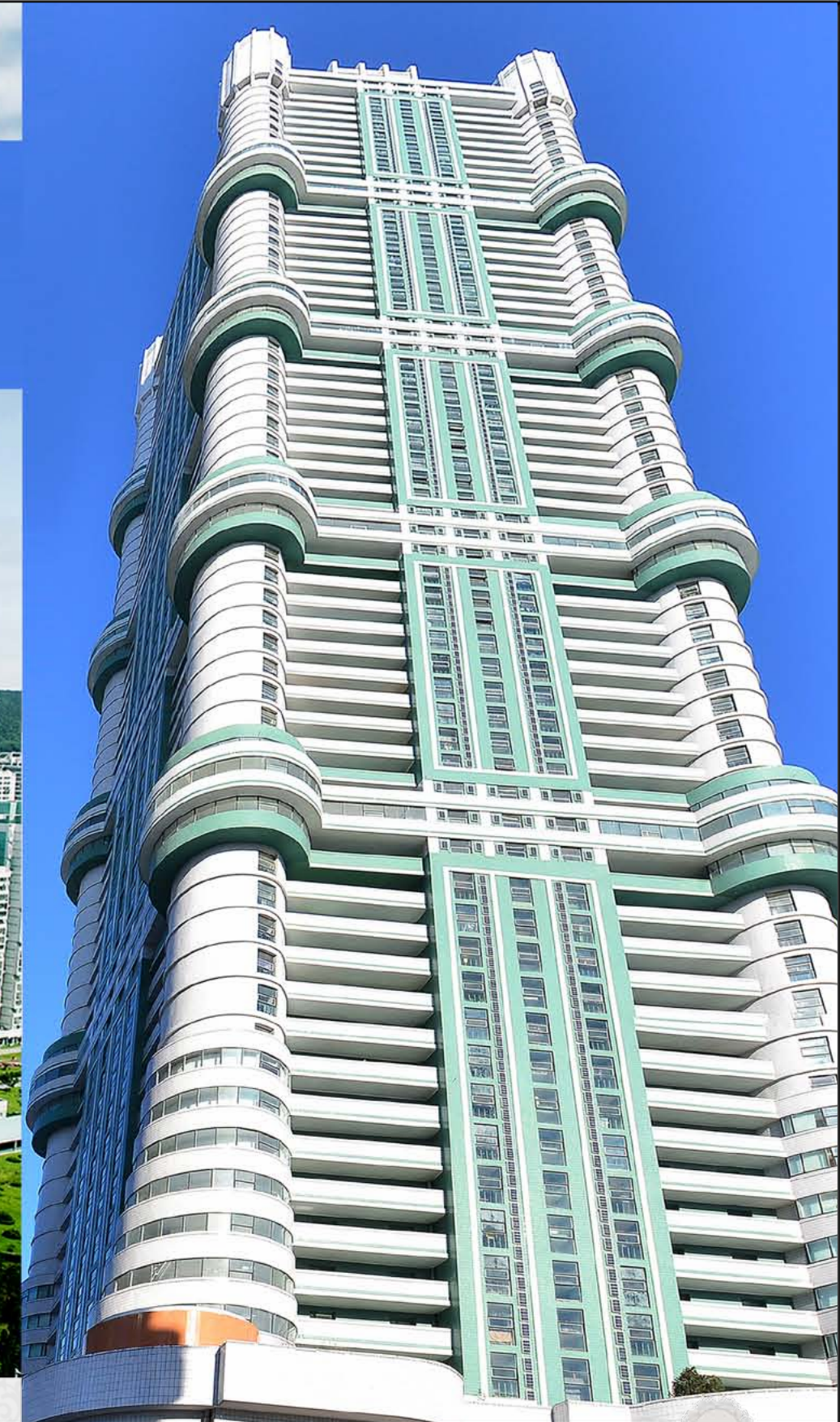


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The street has 44 apartment houses including 70-storeyed and 55-storeyed ones. It also has 40-odd public buildings including nurseries and kindergartens. Over seventy apartment houses and public buildings were renovated.

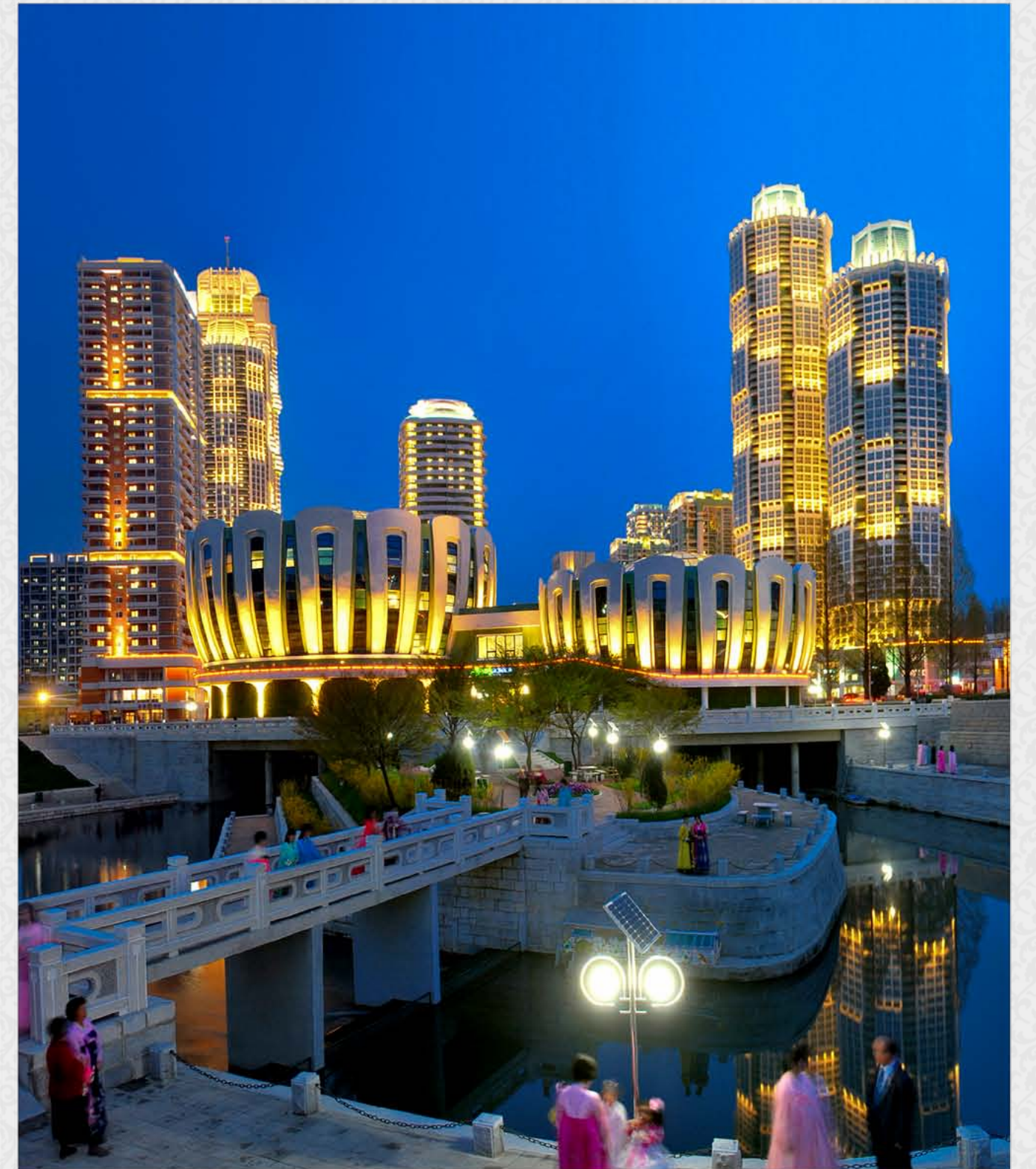


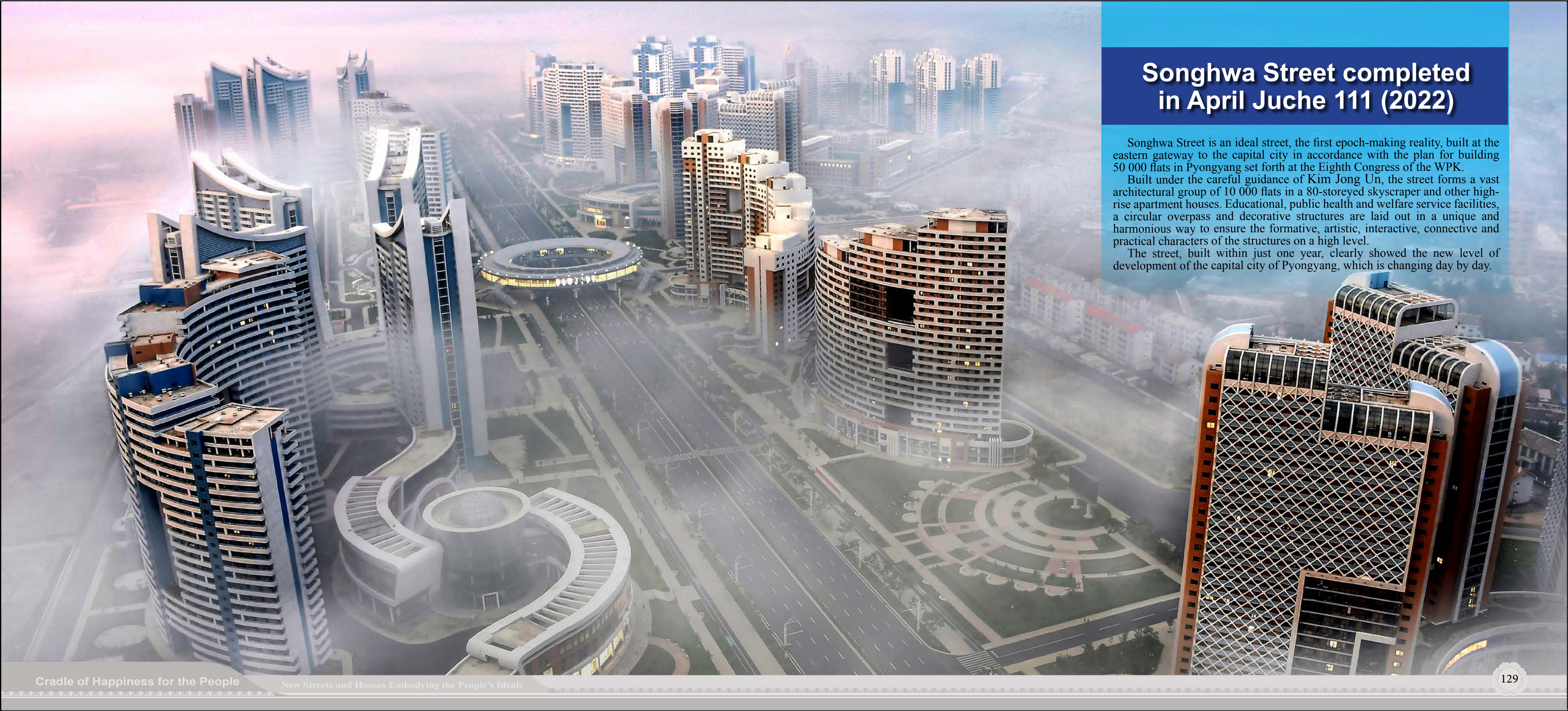




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Songhwa Street completed in April Juche 111 (2022)

Songhwa Street is an ideal street, the first epoch-making reality, built at the eastern gateway to the capital city in accordance with the plan for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Built under the careful guidance of Kim Jong Un, the street forms a vast architectural group of 10 000 flats in a 80-storeyed skyscraper and other high-rise apartment houses. Educational, public health and welfare service facilities, a circular overpass and decorative structures are laid out in a unique and harmonious way to ensure the formative, artistic, interactive, connective and practical characters of the structures on a high level.

The street, built within just one year, clearly showed the new level of development of the capital city of Pyongyang, which is changing day by day.

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Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District completed in April Juche 111 (2022)

It is a beautiful and luxurious residential district built on the bank of the picturesque Pothong River in the centre of the capital city. True to the grand plan of Kim Jong Un for housing construction, the project was carried out in addition to the construction of 10 000 flats in Songhwa Street.

Named Kyongru-dong, meaning a terrace of beautiful beads, the district is composed of low-rise and multi-storeyed apartment houses, which are laid out in a diverse manner to form an architectural group. The buildings are integrated with nature while living and ecological spaces are uniquely formed for the greatest convenience and hygienic and cultural environment.

Kim Jong Un saw to it that the luxury houses were given to the working people, including labour innovators, merited persons and scientists, who had devoted themselves for the Party and the state.

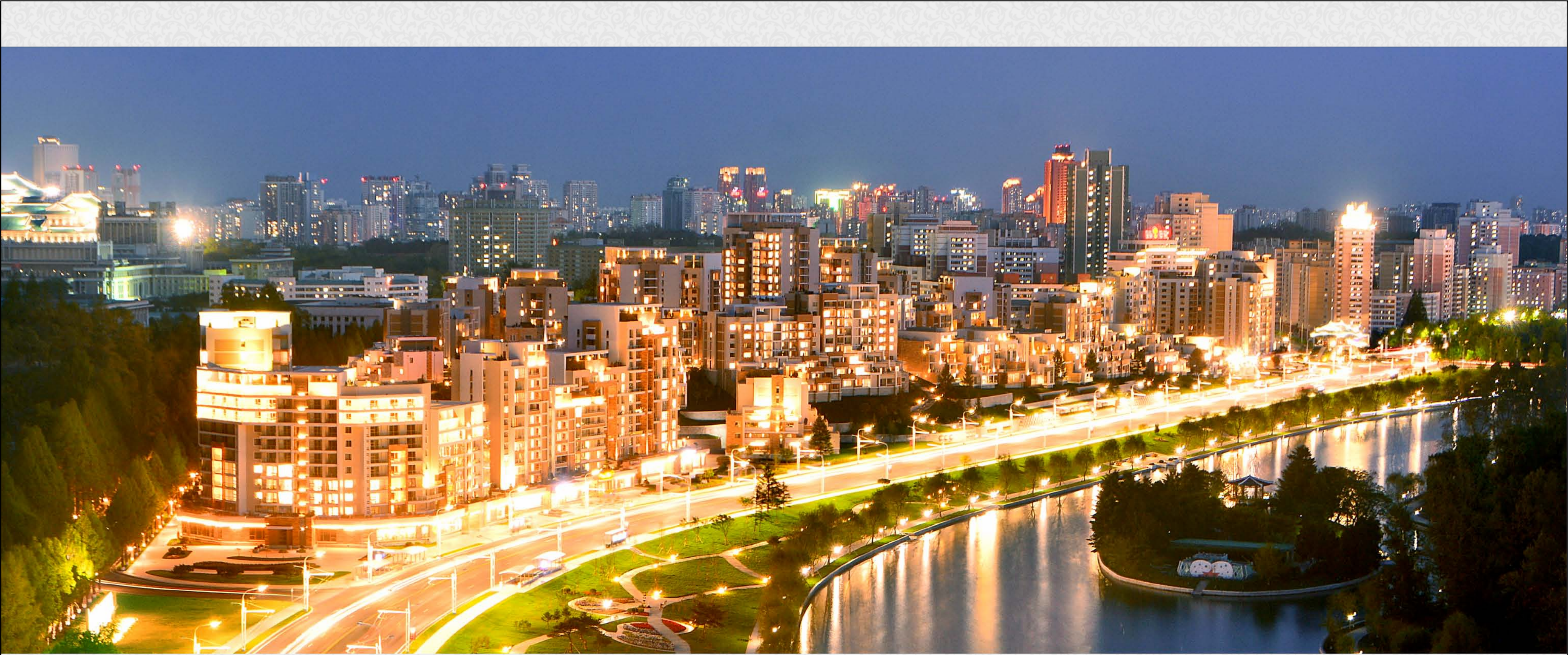
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Kim Yong Il, a Merited Engineer of the West Pyongyang Locomotive Corps of the Pyongyang Railway Bureau

“When passing its construction site, I thought that the country is building really good houses for the working people. But I have never dreamed that I would live here.”



Ri Myong Sun, a Merited Weaver of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill

“I am an ordinary weaver who operates looms. But the country has put me forward as a Merited Weaver and a merited socialist patriot, and has even provided me with such a fine house.”





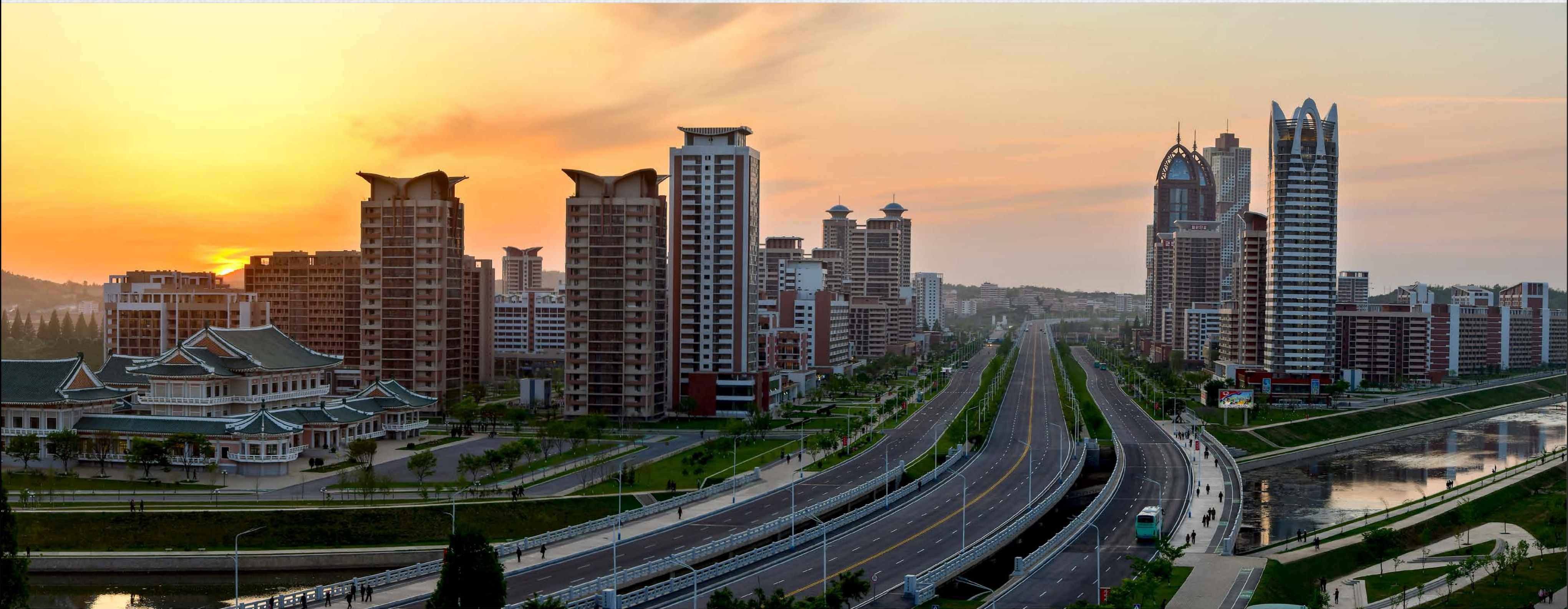
First-stage project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area completed in April Juche 112 (2023)

Hwasong Street near the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun is another flourishing urban quarter of socialism and a new street for the people built in a period of one year as the second-stage project for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang under the energetic guidance of Kim Jong Un.

Covering a large area of 150 hectares, nearly three times as large as Songhwa Street, it has diversely-shaped super-high-rise and multi-storeyed apartment blocks of 10 000 flats, public buildings and neighbourhood-serving amenities.

Ordinary working people were provided free of charge with the new houses in Hwasong Street.





Apartment houses in the Taephyong area completed in May Juche 112 (2023)

It is another modern residential district built in a suburb of Pyongyang true to Kim Jong Un's intention to provide new houses as early as possible to those people who had been evacuated for a state construction project.

Multi-storeyed apartment houses of different shapes are arranged in a harmonious way, and a school, kindergarten, nursery, clinic and other public buildings and various kinds of neighbourhood-serving amenities are laid out to ensure the convenience of the residents.



City of Samjiyon, a model of modern mountainous city, completed in December Juche 108 (2019)

The city of Samjiyon, located in the area of Mt Paektu in the northern part of the country, was turned into a model of modern mountainous city, an ideal town of the people, thanks to the grand construction plan and wise guidance of Kim Jong Un.

In the city seat alone, low-rise and multi-storeyed apartment houses of over 4 000 flats were built in a unique way in an area of hundreds of hectares and more than 380 public and industrial buildings were built.

In addition to this, thousands of houses, public and production buildings and educational facilities were built in more than ten administrative units including Paektusanmilyong-dong, Rimyongsu-dong and Sobaeksan-ri.











Houses built in disaster-stricken areas

In 2015, 2016 and 2020, typhoons and heavy rains devastated some parts of the country including Sonbong district in the city of Rason, northern parts of North Hamgyong Province, Kangbuk-ri in Kumchon County in North Hwanghae Province and Taechong-ri in Unpha County in North Hwanghae Province. Under the energetic guidance of Kim Jong Un, rehabilitation projects were completed in a short span of time and the local people moved to the modern houses furnished with even daily necessities.

Houses in the Sonbong district of the city of Rason



Houses in Kangbuk-ri, Kumchon County,
North Hwanghae Province



**Houses in Taechong-ri, Unpha County,
North Hwanghae Province**



**Houses in the Komdok area
of South Hamgyong Province**



Houses in Kimhwa County,
Kangwon Province



New Aspect of Rural Rejuvenation

According to the orientation of socialist rural construction set forth by Kim Jong Un, modern rural houses spring up all over the country and the local people are moving into the houses, which were built in a modern, cultured and diversified style, but which retain the regional features.















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