

Obituary for Kim Ki Nam

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Kim Ki Nam, former secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, died at the age of 94 at 10:00 of May 7 2024 while having been treated in sickbed for decrepitude and multiple organ dysfunction since April 2022.

An obituary of his death was announced on May 7 in the joint name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The obituary said that Kim Ki Nam was a veteran of the WPK and the revolution and a prominent political activist who devoted his all to the sacred struggle for defending and strengthening the ideological purity of our revolution and firmly guaranteeing the steady victory of the socialist cause politically.

Born into a stevedore's family in the late 1920s, he spent his childhood in hardships. After Korea's liberation he was trained into a reserve backbone of a new Korea under the deep trust of President Kim Il Sung and was engrossed in study abroad from the period of democratic construction to the days of the war.

When the fierce war was in full swing to defend the country from the invasion by the imperialist allied forces, he was engaged in educational work at Kim Il Sung University. He devoted himself to training competent talents who would contribute to the sacred cause of building a powerful socialist country on the debris of war as desired by the President.

He worked at the Central Committee of the WPK from May 1956 thanks to the great political trust of the President. For over 60 years he devoted his all to consolidating the ideological and theoretical foundation of the Party and victoriously advancing the Juche revolution.

In the 1960s when the work of establishing the monolithic ideological system in the whole Party and defending the Party Central Committee politically and ideologically from the moves of all counter-revolutionary trends that emerged in the international communist

movement became an urgent requirement, he made a great contribution to the Party's cause with high degree of political insight, theoretical level and mature writing.

In the 1970s, he made positive contributions to the Party's ideological building and strengthening of its leadership ability while working as a leading official in charge of editing and publishing the political and theoretical magazine *Kulloja* and the newspaper *Rodong Sinmun*, organs of the WPK Central Committee.

He displayed his transparent outlook on the leader, Party principle and high political and theoretical qualifications while consecutively holding important posts of the information and publicity field of the Party in the period of succession to the leadership of the WPK. He also performed distinguished feats in demonstrating in every way the prestige and militant might of the WPK, remaining loyal to the ideas and leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il in the van.

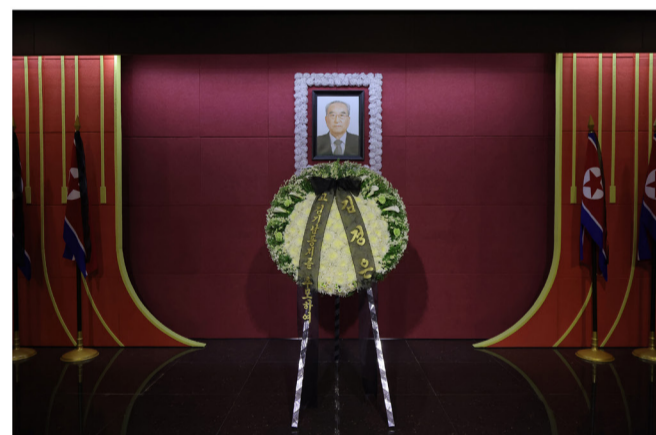
He played a distinguished role in thoroughly establishing the unified leadership system of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and steadily enhancing the political and ideological might of Korean-style socialism at a crucial period of historic turn in carrying forward the revolutionary cause of Juche.

He devoted himself to backing the victorious journey of building a powerful socialist country by maintaining the powerful offensive and fresh development in the new era in all spheres of the Party's ideological work always with sincere attitude and high sense of responsibility before the revolution and people.

Kim Ki Nam was awarded Order of Kim Il Sung and Order of Kim Jong Il, the highest order of the DPRK, watches bearing the august names of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and high-ranking Party and state commendations, including the title of Labour Hero, for his feats performed for the Party, the revolution, the country and the people.

Though he passed away, his feats for the Party, the revolution, the country and the people will always go down in the whole historic course of accomplishing the great cause of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism,

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits bier of Kim Ki Nam



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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, visited the bier of Kim Ki Nam, former secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK who was winner of the Order of Kim Il Sung and Order of Kim Jong Il and Labour Hero, at 02:00 of May 8 to express deep condolences over his death.

Accompanying him were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Amid the playing of dirge, the hall was wrapped in sorrow over

the loss of a veteran of our Party and the revolution, a prestigious theoretician and a prominent political activist who made great contributions to firmly defending and glorifying the revolutionary ideology and cause of Juche.

A wreath in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid before the bier of the deceased.

Kim Jong Un paid silent tribute to Kim Ki Nam who made contributions to the sacred struggle for the development of the WPK, modelling the revolutionary ranks on the one ideology and the victorious advance of the socialist cause with his thoroughgoing view on life, Party principle, high political and

theoretical qualifications and spirit of devoted service to the country and its people.

He looked round the bier of Kim Ki Nam with bitter grief over the loss of a veteran revolutionary who, as a competent official in the Party's ideological field, had remained boundlessly loyal to the cause of the WPK and devoted himself to consolidating the single-minded unity across the Party and society centred on the Party Central Committee in every way and to the Party's ideological building and strengthening of its leadership ability till the last moment of his life.

He expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members and consoled them.

the obituary said.

That day the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme

People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK announced that the late Kim Ki Nam will be accorded a state funeral and formed a state funeral committee with the respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un as its chairman and Kim Tok Hun and other 99 persons as its members.

The state funeral committee said that the bier of Kim Ki Nam is placed at the Sojang

Hall of Pothonggang District in Pyongyang and that the mourners to the deceased will be received from 09:00 to 20:00 of May 8 and the coffin of the deceased will be carried out at 09:00 of May 9.

Funeral of late Kim Ki Nam held

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A state funeral of Kim Ki Nam, former secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, winner of the Order of Kim Il Sung and Order of Kim Jong Il and Labour Hero, was solemnly held in the capital city of Pyongyang on May 9.

A flag was hoisted at half-mast at the Sojang Hall where the bier of the deceased was laid and the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up.

The hall of state funeral was wrapped in bitter grief over the loss of a precious veteran revolutionary and a prominent figure of the ideological front of the Party who devoted his all to the development of the glorious WPK and the prosperity of our dignified and powerful state.

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, came to the funeral hall.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and other members of the state funeral committee, officials of the Party Central Committee, provincial Party committees and armed forces organs and

the bereaved family members.

A ceremony of carrying out the coffin of the late Kim Ki Nam took place.

Amid the playing of dirge, Kim Jong Un, chairman of the state funeral committee, paid silent tribute to Kim Ki Nam, hardly repressing bitter sorrow at the loss of the genuine loyalist of the WPK, steadfast revolutionary and prominent political activist.

The coffin of the late Kim Ki Nam was carried out of the hall.

The guard of honour solemnly covered a red flag over the bier of the late Kim Ki Nam in reflection of the respect of all the Party members, people and service personnel across the country.

Kim Jong Un saw the bier off, expressing deep condolences again over his death.

The citizens in streets of the capital city expressed their condolences towards the funeral car out of the sorrow of bidding last farewell to the late Kim Ki Nam, who had remained boundlessly loyal to the cause of the Party and left a clear trace and strong impression in the prosperity of the country and the mental and cultural growth of the people throughout his life.

The funeral car passed through the buildings of the Central Committee of the WPK, the supreme headquarters of the revolution, where the Party flag of victory and glory is fluttering.

Officials of the WPK Central Committee paid their last respects towards the funeral car with the sorrow of parting from the loyal veteran of the WPK who made a great contribution to the historic cause of modelling the entire Party and

the whole society on the revolutionary ideology of the leader while working at an important post of the WPK Central Committee for over 60 years.

A ceremony of bidding farewell to the late Kim Ki Nam took place at the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri.

Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony.

The guard of honour of the KPA lined up there to greet the bier.

Kim Jong Un together with members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of

the WPK greeted the bier of the late Kim Ki Nam at the entrance to the cemetery.

With the remains of the deceased at the head, Kim Jong Un climbed the cemetery together with members of the state funeral committee and the bereaved family members.

The ceremony of bidding farewell to the late Kim Ki Nam was declared and the DPRK national anthem was played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a condolatory address.

A ceremony of burying the remains of the late Kim Ki Nam was held.

A volley of 180 rounds of ammunition was fired in reflection of the sorrow over

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the loss of a prominent political activist who performed distinguished feats before the Party and the country.

Kim Jong Un laid earth on the remains of the deceased, feeling bitter grief at the last parting with the precious veteran of the Party and the revolution.

Members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and the bereaved family members covered the remains of the deceased with earth.

Kim Jong Un expressed his grief, recollecting with deep emotion the noble

life of the veteran revolutionary who had reliably defended the validity of our ideology and cause.

A wreath bearing his name was laid at the grave amid the playing of the wreath-laying music.

Also placed there were wreaths in the names of the Central Committee of the WPK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un paid silent tribute to the memory of the late Kim Ki Nam, together with all the participants in the ceremony.

He said that thanks to the veterans of the revolution like Kim Ki Nam, who made



a positive contribution to consolidating the cornerstone for the existence and development of our Party and state and greatly encouraged all of us through their genuine revolutionary career and immortal exploits, the revolutionary cause of Juche could dynamically advance despite the tempest of history.

The noble traits of the veteran revolutionary serve as a model of life shining with loyalty and patriotism, he said, adding that such noble soul and spirit will be immortal along with the cause of the Party and the history of brilliant development of our great state.

He paid high tribute to all the martyrs who

glorified the annals of national liberation, national defence and national prosperity with their precious sacrificing and patriotic devotion on the long journey from the days of pioneering the revolution to the present.

The feats of the martyrs will be remembered by the country and the people forever and the victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche and the communist cause desired by them will be surely achieved, thanks to the noble sense of obligation of the great Party Central Committee which takes care of the lives of the revolutionary soldiers to the last and adds lustre to them with ardent love and trust.

Condolatory address made at ceremony of bidding farewell to late Kim Ki Nam



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Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made a condolatory address at the ceremony of bidding last farewell to the late Kim Ki Nam on May 9.

In the condolatory address Ri Il Hwan said that, though there were many veterans who left traces of loyalty in traversing the road of glory following our Party, it is hard to find such a veteran revolutionary

like Kim Ki Nam who defended the validity of our ideology and cause while playing a core role on the ideological front of the Party with invariable loyalty to it to preserve the lifeline of the Korean revolution and dynamically accelerate its accomplishment for more than 60 years.

Kim Ki Nam grew up to be an intellectual of a new Korea and a pillar of the Party under the care of President Kim Il Sung, said Ri Il Hwan, praising his fervent loyalty to the leader, which ran through his whole life.

He went on:

Kim Ki Nam came to have and glorify his political integrity and physical life under the care of the Party and the leader and dedicated himself to the accomplishment of the historic cause of modelling the whole Party and the whole society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Gifted with resolute and ardent mind, he performed distinguished feats with matchless qualifications and refined traits on the important ideological front, which others cannot defend easily.

His boundless loyalty to the ideology and cause of the Party was perfectly combined with his honesty and uprightness, which added brilliance to his career to make it a

to inject new vitality into his old-age life, sent a heart-warming autograph full of love and affection to him on his 85th birthday in praise of the exploits the veteran soldier performed by working for a long time in a responsible position for overseeing the ideological work of the whole Party, and made sure that the title of Labor Hero, the highest honour of the Korean people, was awarded to him on his 90th birthday, thus seeing to it that the old loyalist enjoyed the greatest glory and happiness.

As he was an honest man with his inmost heart burning with the will to repay the kindness of the benefactor of his life, he kept the writing brush in his hand even in his 90s to leave behind the truth of history, which he had witnessed and experienced, and even in sickbed, in agony with his failure to help the leader well, he repeatedly asked others to faithfully uphold the guidance of Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The red flag wrapping you is associated with the warm blood you dedicated all your life, and we will faithfully uphold the leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un for the brilliant accomplishment of the Juche revolution, to which you devoted your all, and console your spirit by remaining faithful to the mission and duty we have assumed before the Party and the revolution, the country and posterity.



mirror for posterity.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un climbed to the top of Mt Paektu with him

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees test-fire of controllable shells for multiple rocket launcher



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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, learned about

the technically updated version of the 240mm multiple rocket launcher system and oversaw on May 10 the test-fire of controllable shells for multiple rocket launcher produced at different national defence industrial enterprises.

The updated multiple rocket launcher with high mobility and concentration of fire has an automatic fire combined control system and will be deployed in units of the Korean People's Army as replacement equipment from 2024 to 2026.

The launched eight shells hit the target point, intensively proving the advantages and destructive power of the updated rocket launcher system and the controllable shells for multiple rocket launcher.

Kim Jong Un discussed the ways for putting greater spurs to the national defence economic work to raise to

the highest level the production of the technically updated multiple rocket launcher system and controllable shells for multiple rocket launcher, and set forth important tasks and orientations to this end.

A significant change will be soon made in increasing the artillery combat capability of our army.

Accompanying him were Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in Fifth National Conference of Heads of Public Security Substations

He set forth important guidelines for bringing about fresh changes and innovations in the overall public security work

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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, had a photo

session with the participants in the Fifth National Conference of Heads of Public Security Substations on May 5.

Present there were Ri Thae Sop, minister of Public Security, and Sim Hong Bin, director of the Political

Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security.

The venue of photo session was filled with deep emotion and joy of the participants who were to have a photo taken with the respected Comrade

Kim Jong Un whom they always wanted to see so much.

When Kim Jong Un appeared at the venue, all the participants broke into

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stormy cheers of “Hurrah!”

They paid highest tribute to Kim Jong Un who has led the public security organ to fulfil its important mission in every aspect of its work with his outstanding ideology and energetic leadership and provided them that day with the highest honour for which they wished so much.

Waving back, he warmly encouraged the heads of public security substations across the country who are devoting themselves to defending the revolution, social system and people.

Strengthening the public security substations means consolidating the public security organ and the vigorous activities of the heads of substations lead to the

fighting efficiency of the substations, he said, adding that the heads of the public security substations and security officers living nearest to the people should become faithful guardians who take loving care of the people while holding fast to high revolutionary principles and class principles, “family members” who always share joy and sorrow with them, sharp blades in resolutely struggling against all the elements that encroach upon the socialist country and competent political activists who redouble the confidence in the revolutionary cause cherished in the people’s minds.

Reiterating that all activities of the public security organ should be thoroughly oriented and subordinated to boundlessly respecting the people, prioritizing their interests and faithfully serving them, he

set forth important guidelines for bringing about fresh changes and innovations in the overall public security work.

When all the public security substations of the country, the direct executive units of our Party’s policy on public security and the main base for defending the people, become a fortress firmly defending the single-minded unity, the cornerstone of existence and development of our state, and a bulletproof wall protecting the people, our cause of building an ideal society of the people will advance more dynamically, he noted.

Expressing expectation and belief that all the heads of public security substations would discharge their important missions and duty before the Party and the revolution in the van

of the sacred struggle for defending the political security of the socialist country and happiness of the people, he had a significant photo session with them.

When the photo session was over, the participants raised stormy cheers of “Kim Jong Un” and “Death-defying defence.”

All the participants vowed to keep the great trust and love shown by Kim Jong Un as the most valuable asset in their life and thoroughly apply the Party’s outlook on the masses and people to the public security work so as to defend more firmly the politico-ideological position and class position of the country and provide solid legal guarantee for the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends greetings to Russian President

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Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on May 9.

In the message, he extended warm congratulations and comradely greetings, on behalf of the DPRK government and people, to President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and the friendly Russian government and people on the 79th anniversary of the victory

in the Great Patriotic War which holds the most brilliant place in the history of Russia.

In the decisive battles against the high-handed fascism cruelly trampling upon the destiny of mankind, the Russian people bravely overcame unimaginable trials and sufferings and displayed the matchless self-sacrificing spirit, heroism and noble internationalism and thus performed the historic exploits of defending the security of the country and saving the global peace at last, the message said, adding:

Through the Second World War, the

Russian people made the law of history that any aggression group attempting to dominate and subjugate the world can never escape destruction in the face of the strength of justice burning with patriotism and the will of annihilating the enemy. And Russia’s exploits for war victory are shining as an immutable truth despite all sorts of reactionaries’ distortion of history.

Today the Russian people under your leadership are successfully carrying forward the proud stamina of the victorious wartime generation by resolutely turning out in the righteous

struggle to defend the sovereignty of the country from the vicious challenges and threats of the hostile forces and ensure the regional peace and security.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I express firm support and solidarity with the sacred cause of Russia, hoping that you and the brave Russian army and people would win fresh victory in the struggle to defeat the imperialists’ hegemonic policy and high-handedness on the strength of a powerful country and build a fair and peaceful multi-polar world.

I extend my warm militant greetings.

Premier Kim inspects economic sectors

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected various sectors of the national economy.

Going round farms in South Phyongan, North Hwanghae and Jagang provinces, including those in Sukchon, Mundok, Koksan, Sohung and Songwon counties and Huichon City, he encouraged agricultural workers striving to uphold the Party's agricultural policy with high yield and learned about the present farming situation.

He urged the agricultural officials to take thorough measures to find out all the factors that have a negative effect on the growth of crops and give effective guidance to farming so that the earlier wheat and barley can be cultivated in a scientific and technological way in the latter half of their growth, so as to decisively increase the yield.

He called for paying attention to the nutrition care of rice seedlings, widely introducing excellent methods of cultivating seedlings and speeding up the irrigation project qualitatively so as to timely cope with abnormal climate including drought and high temperature.

At the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, he called on

officials to boldly conduct the technical updating for increasing the iron and steel production with a transparent viewpoint on the implementation of the Party's decisions and with high organizing ability, leadership and scientific and technological insight and thus finish the modernization project, including the construction of an energy-saving oxygen heat blast furnace, in a responsible manner in the planned period.

He called for thoroughly ensuring the quality of construction in updating the Jonchon Rock Drill Factory, pushing ahead with the project as scheduled and enhancing the role of scientists and technicians to perfect the production processes at a high level and

thus prove their practical effectiveness.

Meanwhile, the premier went round the construction sites for regional-industry factories in Sukchon and Tongsin counties and the Pyongyang Construction Machine Factory and underscored the need to push ahead with the establishment of raw material bases and the training of technicians and skilled workers in a far-sighted way and spur the production of custom-built equipment needed for the operation of regional-industry factories.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue for the agricultural guidance organs to map out detailed plans for increasing production by introducing advanced agricultural



Premier Kim Tok Hun (second from left) inspects the Jongbong Farm in Singye County.

technical achievements to suit the overall growth of the earlier crops, the issue of rationally building the rock drill production process from the viewpoint of ensuring profitability, the issue of

further strengthening the technical forces for updating the Juche-based iron production process and the issue of giving precedence to the supply of raw and other materials at relevant units.

Party and government officials mourn death of Kim Ki Nam

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Members of the state funeral committee and officials of Party, government and armed forces organs, ministries and national agencies visited the bier of Kim Ki Nam, former secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea who was winner of the Order of Kim Il Sung and Order of Kim Jong Il and Labour Hero on May 8 to express their

condolences over his death.

The callers for condolence entered the venue of the mourning ceremony with the grief over the loss of a veteran of the Party and the Korean revolution, a prestigious theoretician and a prominent political activist.

A wreath in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was standing before the bier of the deceased.

Amid the playing of dirge,

wreaths were laid in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK, the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, the DPRK Cabinet, the Ministry of National Defence, other ministries and national agencies.

The condolers observed a moment's silence in memory of the late Kim.

They expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Resident foreign diplomatic envoys mourn Kim Ki Nam

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Foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang visited the bier of Kim Ki Nam, former secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, in the Sojang Hall on May 8 to express condolences over his

death.

A wreath in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was seen before the bier of the deceased.

Amid the playing of dirge, a wreath was laid in the name of the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang.

The diplomatic envoys observed a moment's silence in memory of the deceased and wrote down on a book of condolence.

That day, home-visiting overseas Koreans visited the bier of the deceased to express their condolences over his death.

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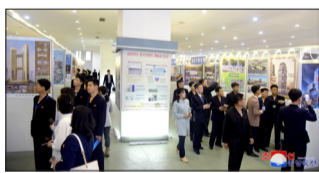
Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends birthday spreads to centenarians

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent birthday spreads to Rim Chang Ryong, a man centenarian living in neighbourhood unit No. 12 of Sonchang-dong, Waudu District of Nampho City, and Jo Kum Som, a woman centenarian living in neighbourhood unit No. 68 of Sangyang-ri of Pakchon County, North Phyongan Province, on their 100th birthdays.

After receiving birthday spreads amid the congratulations of officials of the Waudu District and the Pakchon County committees of the Workers' Party of Korea, families, relatives and neighbours, those centenarians expressed deep thanks to Kim Jong Un.

The centenarians with many children always ask the younger generations to do more work for the benevolent Party and country, saying that the socialist system in the DPRK is the best in the world.

May 21 architecture festival starts



The 21st May 21 architecture festival started under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the Architects Union of Korea.

The festival, which is held on the theme of "Overall rejuvenation and development of our country and Juche architecture", is aimed at transferring and sharing techniques and experience acquired in creating architecture and thus powerfully leading the great golden age of construction and the development of civilization of Korean-style socialism.

The festival, which has brought together over 400 architectural designs, dozens of piece of construction equipment and tools, programs for architectural information modelling and designs for ordered

structures rated excellent at architecture festivals held in all provinces (cities directly under the central authority), is held divided into shows of architectural designs, construction equipment and tools and architectural information modelling.

Its opening ceremony took place at the Sci-Tech Complex on May 7.

Present there were Pak Hun, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Kang Kwon Il, director general of the State General Designing Bureau, and officials, architects, designers, technicians, lecturers and researchers in the sectors of architectural design, building, scientific research and education.

Sim Yong Hak, chairman of the Central Committee of the Architects Union of Korea, delivered an opening address.

Symposium in field of land and environment protection held

The 2024 spring symposium on aesthetics in the field of land and environment protection took place at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on May 3 through videoconferencing.

Present at the symposium held on the theme of "River landscape and aesthetics"

were Kim Kyong Jun, minister of Land and Environment Protection, officials and scientists in relevant fields, including land and environment protection, design, industrial design and science and education.

A video on the successes made in river improvement was shown at the symposium to be followed by speeches.

Speakers said that the state crisis management system for coping with natural disasters has been orderly established under the wise guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and the work for preventing flood damage is being pushed in all provinces, cities and counties.

They called for introducing the three-dimensional designing method into river improvement and carrying out the project as specified in designs to ensure the durability of facilities, improve the ecological environment and create river landscape in a scientific way.

Workers, trade union members meet with heroes, meritorious persons

Workers and trade union members met with heroes and meritorious persons of socialist patriotism at the Central Hall of Workers in

Pyongyang on May 6.

At the meeting, speeches were made by Labor Hero Sin Chang Gyun, an ex-engineer of the West Pyongyang Locomotive Corps, and Ri Myong Sun, a weaver of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, Ri Ho Chol, a workshop manager of the Pyongyang Thermal Power Station, and Ri Yun Hui, a driver of the Pyongyang Construction Commission, who are meritorious persons of socialist patriotism.

They stressed that a life for the country is the most beautiful and worthwhile life, calling on the workers and trade union members to devote their patriotic mind to the journey for building a prosperous and powerful country and thus leave a clear trace of life remembered by the country.

The participants expressed their determination to become true patriots devoting themselves to the prosperity of the country like heroes and meritorious persons of socialist patriotism who have become the roots of a thriving power.

Present there were Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, trade union officials and workers and trade union

members in Pyongyang.

University graduates volunteer to work at faraway schools

At least 160 university graduates have volunteered to work at branch schools on islands and frontline and mountainous areas this year.

Their deeds are a manifestation of the loyalty and patriotism of rising generations educated under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Among them are graduates from Wonsan Ri Su Dok Teachers Training College, Songdo University of Education, Sariwon Teachers Training College, Haeju Kim Jong Thae University of Education, Hamhung University of Education, Chongjin O Jung Hup University of Education, Sinuiju Cha Kwang Su University of Education, Nampho Teachers Training College, Phyongsong University of Education, Sariwon Ri Kye Sun University of Education, Wonsan University of Education, Phyongsong Teachers Training College, Hamhung Choe Hui Suk Teachers Training College, and Hyesan Teachers Training College.

Large hydropower station celebrates diamond jubilee

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Kanggye Youth Power Station, which has greatly contributed to the development of the country's self-supporting economy and improvement of the people's livelihood, celebrated its 60th founding anniversary on April 29.

It was a very important issue to build Juche-oriented power production bases throughout the country in realizing socialist industrialization in the DPRK 60 years ago.

President Kim Il Sung saw the demand of the times and unveiled a far-reaching plan to solve the power shortage by building many large-scale hydropower stations relying on water resources abundant in the country. And

he assigned the construction of the Kanggye Youth Power Station to the youth at the national conference of young builders of socialism in March 1958.

At the time the power station construction was a huge project to build a reservoir by constructing a dam across the Jangjin River and create a hundreds-of-metre head of water by making the river water fall through a waterway tunnel.

The project was faced with a multitude of difficulties. The young builders had to work in the long spell of heavy rain and the sultry weather of the mountainous region in summer and the cold temperature falling to -40°C in winter in the Rangnim Mountains that are 2 000

metres above sea level. The transportation of materials was also a problem due to the unfavourable geographical conditions.

Some people worried about whether they could carry out the construction.

But young builders constructed the large hydropower station in a matter of six years by giving full play to the youthful resources and gallantry of levelling the mountain and filling the sea in hearty response to the call of the President.

On April 29 1964, President Kim Il Sung visited the completed Kanggye Youth Power Station. He pressed the starting button of the automatic switchboard of generator No. 2 and spoke highly of the young

builders. At the banquet held on May 1 to celebrate the inauguration of the power station he described it as another grand creation built by the self-sacrificing work of the working class and young builders who were boundlessly loyal to the Workers' Party of Korea.

Chairman Kim Jong Il visited the power station several times and said that the Kanggye Youth Power Station played an important part in defending and maintaining socialism, taking measures to normalize the production.

Over the past 60 years the workers, technicians and officials of the power station have increased power generation while operating the power generating

equipment at full capacity and introducing valuable technical innovation plans.

They introduced digital excitation devices and speed regulators into several generators to ensure the reliability of operation and power station Unit 3 made and introduced a new-type hydraulic turbine to boost the efficiency of generators much more than before and thus increase the power generation.

And they repaired generators, transformers, breakers and others without fail according to the annual plan to prolong the life of generating equipment and successfully completed the enormous task of dredging the intake, which arose as an important problem in

normalizing the production, to firmly ensure the safety of the hydraulic structure.

In the past 10 years alone, the power station invented and introduced more than 230 valuable technical innovation plans to generate over 174.3 million kwh of more electricity while bringing immense benefits to the country.

The Kanggye Youth Power Station received a citation of President Kim Il Sung, congratulatory letter and message of thanks of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Order of Kim Il Sung and generator No. 2 of power station Unit 3 won the title of Labour Hero of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

National industrial design exhibition draws great interest

By Kim Il Jin PT

The national industrial design exhibition in celebration of April 15, birthday of President Kim Il Sung, which opened on April 10 is running day after day.

The theme of the exhibition is "New era of comprehensive national rejuvenation and industrial design".

On display are more than 230 industrial designs guided by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un between March 2023 and January 2024.

"General Secretary Kim Jong Un examined the designs for bags which were varied in colour and style according to ages, likings, tastes and characteristics of boys and girls attending schools at all levels, ranging from primary school to university, and those for plastic vessels, mechanical pencils, notebooks, sportswear and padded clothes to be used by orphaned children. All

of them are associated with his affection for the rising generations and his will to raise the overall education of the country onto a new higher level," said Kim Song Il, staffer of the Central Industrial Design Bureau.

He added that the visitors can perceive the General Secretary's devotion and care from the trademark designs of the products of the Kwangchon Chicken Farm splendidly built as a new standard and model for the development of poultry farming of the country, the designs for signboards of public service facilities in the Komdok area undergoing a sea change as a mining town and mountain-gorge city and others representing the details of happy and civilized life the Korean people are enjoying.

On display at the exhibition are also 670-odd designs, models and products of all kinds presented by experts in the industrial design sector and amateurs.

Arranged on the first floor

are various kinds of designs and models according to each sector.

Visitors favour the designs for a drone for agricultural use, tractor, unmanned small combine harvester, hydraulic excavator, tree-planting robot, tram, high-speed electric car and battery bus as their main elements and parts are positioned in a harmonious way and their efficiency and practicality are shown in a formative way.

Designs for schoolbags, students' shoes, hairpins, brands and packaging of foodstuffs, Korean clothes and dresses are well liked by visitors as they were produced in distinctive ways and fresh styles according to different tastes and uses.

Even students of junior and senior middle schools presented unique designs and models including a multi-functional desk and instruments for measuring heights and weights of children.

Real products based on popular industrial designs are on sale on the second floor.

Typical eye-catchers are stylish and convenient trainers with the Ryuwon brand, Pomhyanggi- and Unhasu-brand cosmetics, Choljjuk-brand hosiery, bags in different shapes and colours, smartphones with Jindallae, Pyongyang and Madusan brands, TVs, computers and other electronic goods.

The exhibition will continue until May 15.

National festival of science and technology held

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The 37th National Festival of Science and Technology was held at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang between April 26 and May 9.

Held on the theme of "Sci-tech guarantee for attaining 12 major goals and implementing Regional Development 20x10 Policy", the festival brought together over 1 500 officials, scientists and technicians from commissions, ministries and national agencies and all provinces (cities under the direct control of the government).

On display at the festival divided into dozens of panels like metallurgical, chemical, electric power, coal and the machine-building industries, agriculture and light industry were sci-tech achievements made in the course of developing the national economy and proposals helpful to implementing the regional industry development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The exhibition venue was divided mainly into the halls for sectors of the national economy, each province and fields of science and education.

The Academy of Agricultural Science presented proposals conducive to putting agricultural production on a scientific, modern and IT basis, including active fertilizer for plants, composite microbial treatment agent, plant growth regulator, agricultural sci-tech diffusion system "Hwanggumpol (golden field)", agricultural sci-tech service system



Visitors show keen interest in the 37th National Festival of Science and Technology at Pyongyang's Sci-Tech Complex. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

"Hwanggumyolmae (golden fruit)" based on the mobile communications network.

The Kim Chack Iron and Steel Complex displayed a model of its already established production process of the energy-saving oxygen-blast furnace.

Nitrogenous fertilizer production through the enhancement of the capacity of the gas purification process at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex and production of large-sized parts by a combustion pattern moulding method at the Ryongsong Machine Complex also drew attention.

The festival venue drew an endless stream of visitors as different regions, including North Phyongan and North Hamgyong provinces, exhibited many proposals helpful to implementing the new regional development policy of the WPK.

Kim Chol Man, electric workteam leader of the Haeju Tractor Parts Factory, presented a proposal for

transforming a rhombic asynchronous motor for compressor drive into an electricity-saving high moment motor which aroused intense curiosity from the visitors as it costs less and makes it possible to raise power factor and reduce the consumption of copper wire. He was nominated as one of the top scientists and technicians of the DPRK in 2021.

During the festival, there were sci-tech achievement presentations, seminars and exchanges of science and technology including new technical products exchange service.

As an event for wide-ranging sci-tech exchanges and cooperation, the festival served as an important occasion for promoting social progress and the comprehensive rejuvenation of the country with the steady development of the sci-tech capability and practical vitality of the policy of attaching importance to science and technology.



Students look round the venue of the national industrial design exhibition. RYU KWAN HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Top inventors in 2023

By Kim Il Jin PT

High sense of responsibility the secret of success

Kim Song Chol, chief engineer of the Taedonggang Battery Factory, is a winner of the top inventor prize in 2023. He has worked at the factory for more than 40 years.

"Experience, technical knowledge and skills and terms of service are also important in coming up with inventions or new creative ideas. But more important is self-consciousness to remain responsible for your duty, always worry that if you fail to solve a problem, it may create an empty space in your work and, furthermore, lay an obstacle to the overall production of the factory, and work hard to fulfil it," he says.

Ardent patriotism to do something for the country and a high sense of responsibility for his work were the driving force behind his success as a top inventor of the country.

His unusual sense of responsibility is evidenced by the fact that he ensured the domestic production of separator, a main part indispensable for battery production.

At the time, the factory had not sufficient separators in stock, which might lead to a stop to production in a few months. And it had never



made such a part by itself before.

He took charge of the research project for the making of it and studied hard. In the course of this, he found a method of domestic production of it by using polypropylene plastic non-woven fabric produced in the country and purchased such non-woven fabric from different parts of the country.

During the repeated test production, he discovered that the non-woven fabric was helpful in ensuring the performance of separator as an insulant, but that there was a defect that foam leaks out of battery, and developed a technology for making a defoaming agent with locally available raw materials.

Finally, the factory succeeded in producing separators to meet the national standard by relying on locally available raw materials 100 percent and established its production process.

Developer of unique construction methods



Won Song Rim, department chief of the Architectural Science Institute of Pyongyang University of Architecture has outstanding architectural ability.

He has made remarkable achievements in laying and solidifying the grounds and foundations of buildings.

"I have chosen this field under the influence of my father who left indelible traces in the history of our country's architecture. He was an academician, professor, PhD and Merited Scientist. Pointing to high-rise apartment buildings,

he would tell me when I was young that they could stand solidly, thanks to their foundations," Won recalled.

With his father's help, he learned the fundamentals of architecture which should scientifically guarantee the reliability, safety and furthermore serviceable life of buildings by predicting and synthesizing the extent of damage, including corrosion, tilt and deformation, of dozens or hundreds of elements of each building. After enrolling at the university, he broadened his horizons.

After graduation, he became an architectural engineer and in the course of decades of search, he came up with his own bold ideas unrestricted by any existing construction methods.

A typical example is a construction method introduced at the construction site of a major unit.

At that time, builders were

laying the foundation by the existing mixing pile method, which required much more time than the completion date.

After a field survey, Won Song Rim suggested that it would be rational to lay the foundation by the membrane foundation method in view of the characteristics of the specific area. The introduction of the method

enabled them to finish the foundation work, which had been believed to take six months, in a couple of days.

Won has so far developed and introduced new and original foundation building plans for hundreds of projects to bring huge benefits to the state.

He was awarded the top inventor prize in 2023.

Technician ensures domestic production of childbirth monitoring device

Employees of the Pyongyang medical appliances technology company call their director Kim In Chol an official who deeply thinks at all times and finds new themes of research.

Since 2018, he has designed over ten valuable inventions.

Among them is the childbirth monitoring device, one of the essential testers needed before childbirth. He made it by using domestic materials. It can accurately evaluate the health of expectant and nursing mothers and unborn children in time.

Three years ago, he undertook the development project by himself.

He and his research team opted for the complete domestic production, that is, the modernization of the device at a higher level to meet the local situation, not copying any other's model.

In spite of repeated failures, they developed optimal designs and programs for a real-time display and analysis system by painstaking efforts and carried out the manufacture of moulds of different kinds of plastic parts and injection.

After presenting a trial product, he dedicated himself without hesitation to clinical experiment together with his research team members in order to confirm its accuracy and reliability.

As a result, they could make new advanced medical



appliance whose production cost is remarkably lower than imported one and some indexes and functions are superior. So, they consolidated sci-tech and production foundations to satisfy the demand on a nationwide scale.

He also developed a miniaturized mobile Roentgen camera device and Roentgen testing program technology and contributed to perfectly manufacturing and introducing different medical appliances and equipment of high level.

In the course of this, he became PhD and Merited Technician of the DPRK.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un took a measure to make the good deeds of the research team well known throughout the country. When the luxury houses were built in a modern style in Kyongru-dong of Pyongyang, he saw to it that Kim In Chol was provided with a new house.

Shortly ago, he became a winner of the top inventor prize of the DPRK in 2023.

Developer of combustion additive

Ri Myong Hwa, director of the Jangjagang fuel station, is one of the winners of the top inventor prize for 2023.

The station turns out a variety of coal fuel products that are high in combustion efficiency, low in harmful gas emission and convenient

to use.

The business success is attributable to the devoted effort of Ri.

In the past, the station made coal briquettes with inferior coal, which failed to win favour with customers.

So she buckled down to



research into ways to improve the combustion efficiency of briquettes.

In order to acquire knowledge and technologies related to combustion additives, she called on some scientists of the State Academy of Sciences, Kim Chaek University of Technology and other scientific and educational institutions and gained extensive experience while learning from them and conducting experiments by herself with the help of scientific literature.

The data she gathered in practice, combined

with profound knowledge of researchers, solved bottlenecks one by one and, finally, the excellent combustion additive was brought out. Since then, she has developed an upper combustion briquette effective in removing carbon dioxide while increasing combustion efficiency, a filling material for biomass combustion chamber, a fire box with heat storage capacity and a scavenger highly effective in removing carbon dioxide.

The station's coal products are enjoying an ever-increasing demand and supplied even to adjoining countries.

In particular, Ri has developed a new thermal hypocaust design and construction method that ensures sufficient heating with low fuel consumption, and applied it to modern rural houses being built in different parts of the country.

Young scientist selected as one of best inventors of 2023

Among the nominated top inventors of the country in 2023 is a scientist in his thirties.

He is Kim Hyok, director of the health improvement technology development company under Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences.

As he grew under the influence of his parents, both medical workers, he hoped to become a doctor from his childhood, he said.

After being enrolled at Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences, a "pedigree farm" for training medical science and technology personnel, Kim Hyok joined scientific research activities actively while studying hard.

During his university years he came up with two inventions including the "system of diagnosing diseases with painful points" to distinguish himself as a student inventor and in the postgraduate school years he designed four valuable inventions to attract attention of the academic circles.

Later, as he worked as a researcher at a research institute under the university, he scientifically revealed the pharmacological effect of selenium, an essential microelement in the human body, and developed medicines to which selenium is applied. He also invented the air anion-generating device and brain-activating glasses which are helpful in improving sports players'

adaptability to matches and combatting physical fatigue.

In recent years alone, he has invented an automatic diopsimeter, an advanced medical optical examination facility, and researched and developed modern medical instruments and highly efficacious medicines one after another.

His thinking and quest for knowledge are not limited to the realm of public health.

Kim has also come up with significant inventions for solving scientific and technological problems arising in major construction projects.

Regarding every element and detail of life as media for creation, Kim continues to come up with new valuable ideas.

In recognition of the tireless efforts of him who has achieved notable successes in his research which are of great practical significance with creative thinking and outstanding practical ability, the country conferred on him Kim Jong Il Youth Honour Prize and a doctorate.



Owners of new street and addresses

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Owners of a new street and addresses are on the increase amid the remarkable change of the Hwasong area in Pyongyang.

New street

On April 16, a ceremony took place to inaugurate 10 000 flats at the second stage in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang and thereby another new street came into being.

It is Rimhung Street and there are 10 000 original and smart flats lining a wide avenue.

The street forming a fascinating architectural group is a sight to behold. It preserves the specific features and magnificence of modern city blocks that are different from those at the first stage in the Hwasong area in style, and various forms of modern flats, public and service buildings and other facilities blend in well with one another.

The exteriors of overall buildings were finished with tiles of refined and mild colours to preserve classical and modern

Working people and their children are happy to move into new houses.

RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



beauty and their roofs were constructed in distinctive styles to enhance architectural beauty.

The street is decorated splendidly. The space composition of buildings is diverse and the landscape is beautiful, bedecked with good species of trees, various forms of flowerbeds and such detailed elements as illuminations.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guided nearly 1 000 miniatures for the construction of Rimhung Street.

New addresses

New addresses came into existence with the

construction of Rimhung Street.

Kim Chol Ung, an ordinary worker at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, moved into apartment 2 on the tenth floor, Building 11-13 in Hwawon-dong No. 1 which had been visited by General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

His wife is also a worker.

Saying his apartment was very nice, he said he could find no words to express his gratitude to the state that gave him free such an excellent new flat built with so much effort.

Such voice could also be heard from Won Kum Sok, a worker at the river

construction heavy machine company who lives in apartment 3 of the eighth floor.

He expressed his resolve to dedicate patriotic mind for the country which builds such nice dwelling houses and provides people with them gratis.

Jong Un Hyok, a worker at the Central Telematics Bureau living in Building 10-5, Hwawon-dong No. 1, said that such a good house has been provided to him thanks to the country.

When he knew that an apartment was allocated to him who had lived in the house of a relative shortly ago after losing his parents

early, he thought that there was some confusion about name. "How can I become the owner of a new house without paying even a penny? It is unthinkable apart from the socialist system. It is really dream-like happiness," he added.

Kang Jun Sop, a war veteran who was provided with a new flat in Building 10-9, Hwawon-dong No. 1, said that such rare event can happen only under the socialist system where the people are held in high esteem as God.

Choe Pyong Ju is the owner of apartment 3 on the fourth floor of Building 8-11, Hwawon-dong No. 2.

He lost his eyesight and is an honoured disabled worker and his wife Kim Sun Hui is an ordinary housewife. But the government provided them with an excellent home as they bring up many children.

A woman who moved into apartment 4 on the 12th floor, Building 7-23, Kumnung-dong No. 2, said that she wrote a letter to her son who is doing military service to tell him the news about the happy event immediately.

Happy stories continue to be heard on Rimhung Street where a lot of ordinary citizens moved into new flats at the same time.



Rural villages enlivened in 'season of moving into new houses'

By Ri Sang Il PT

Moving into new houses in farm villages which began in January this year again became increasingly frequent in April.

In April alone ceremonies of moving into new houses were held at over a dozen farms across the country.

House-moving took place on April 5 at the Changthae Livestock Farm in Hoeryong City, North Hamgyong Province, giving pleasure to famers. Hundreds of families moved into new houses in the seat village of the Kuso Farm under the Pyongyang Municipal Rural Economy Committee and villages of workteams Nos. 5 and 6 of the Taesong Vegetable Farm on April 12 and 14. Lively dance parties were held in the new villages where single- and low-storey houses were built cosily to suit the regional features.

A happy event of moving into new houses also took place at the Ryonghung Farm in Thacchon County, North Phyongan Province, on April 14.

Modern single- and low-storey and terraced houses and public buildings were built cosily along the natural relief

and trees and flowering shrubs of good species like fruit trees and zelkova planted around the houses to create a beautiful landscape. The village gave a visual panorama of the great changes taking place in the socialist countryside that gets more civilized and enlightened with each passing day.

Pleasant peasant music resounded throughout the farm village and a dance party started when agricultural workers moved into new houses. Officials of the county Party and power organs visited the owners of the new houses and shared joy with them, offering them daily necessities.

There were meetings for moving into new houses at the Pobu Farm of Kaechon City, South Phyongan Province, on April 19, at the Unjong Livestock Farm under the North Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee on April 21, at the Sangi Industrial Crop Farm of Kujang County, North Phyongan Province, on April 22, at the Sinsaeng Farm of Chongdan County in South Hwanghae Province on April 23, at the Yakjon Farm of Sukchon County in South Phyongan Province on April 24, at the Songji Farm of Huichon City in Jagang Province on

April 25 and at the Phungthan Farm of Sunchon City in South Phyongan Province on April 26. The good news was reported in succession, giving great delight to the people.

The owners of the new houses extended heartfelt gratitude to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and shouted hurra for the Workers' Party and socialism at the top of their voice, expressing their resolve to fully devote their patriotic enthusiasm and efforts to the drive for increased production of grains keeping in mind the benevolent love and care of the motherly Party.

Agricultural workers moved into modern new houses at the Jangsuwon Farm of the Pyongyang Municipal Rural Economy Committee and Tokjang Farm of Jongju City in North Phyongan Province respectively on April 28 and 29.

Today when the new era of rural development is being ushered in, modern dwelling houses are built in succession and the whole country is brimming with excitement and joy of the people moving into the new houses. It has become an everyday occurrence in socialist Korea where the people-first principle is applied.

Dreamlike happiness

I have been working at the central heat supply network station for over 40 years.

My father, too, was a worker, and so is my wife.

The state, however, allotted to my family a new, modern flat on Rimhung Street.

My wife and I read my name on the house licence time and again, and we could hardly get to sleep all night, full

of gratitude to the people-centred socialist system of our country.

How can I express the feeling in a word?

Even when the builders gave us the keys to the new flat and asked us to open the door, I felt as if I was dreaming. And I could never calm myself, looking at the spacious living rooms with electric heating, the kitchen and the sunny balconies.

We had previously lived in a house built by the state without paying a penny, and now I felt a lump in my throat as the new, wonderful flat was allotted to my family.

This is not what only my family members feel.

All the other families who have moved into



Ri Ryong Man and his wife are delighted to have received a new house. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

new flats in the street must have the same feeling.

The street resounded with the shouts of "Long live the Workers' Party!" and "Long live the socialist system!" And all the flats were lit until late at night as their owners were absorbed in telling about the stories of their happiness.

Full of delight, they spent the night enjoying the nocturnal view of the splendid street or sharing the news of happiness with brothers and sisters or friends.

In the world there are many countries and many streets boasting civilization and luxury, but it is in our country alone that the state

builds and allots modern luxurious houses to ordinary working people gratis.

The marvellous flats on the street are indeed the priceless fruit of love of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, who regards selfless, devoted service for the good of the people as his mission and great pleasure.

Therefore, our family members expressed deep gratitude to the General Secretary and firmly pledged to work heart and soul for the prosperity of the socialist country.

Ri Ryong Man, a resident of neighbourhood unit No. 54 of Hwawon-dong No. 1 in Hwasong District, Pyongyang

Press statement of vice foreign minister of DPRK

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Kim Son Gyong, vice-minister for International Organizations of the DPRK Foreign Ministry, released the following press statement on May 8:

As soon as the illegal anti-DPRK sanctions-breeding mechanism, which had violated and threatened the sovereignty and right to existence of a sovereign state by abusing the sacred name of the UN, has come to an end, the US is racking its brain to create a substitute for the mechanism.

The US has so far stirred up confrontation and conflict in the Korean peninsula and the East Asian region, seriously deteriorating the security environment. It is now working hard to invent a new criminal mechanism targeting other nations and a specified country by rallying all reactionary forces. This is a wrong and harmful act of disturbing the fundamental order of global peace and security.

The US impudent moves to use the UN as a tool for attaining its unfair political concession at home and

operate a phantom organization abroad to trample down the authority of the UN are the root cause of bringing down the present international political security structure based on the purpose and principle of the UN Charter.

The US is trying to set up another sanctions monitoring mechanism led by it, without any sign of self-reflection after its miserable failure at the UNSC. Such behaviour is a typical example of the self-conceit of the US regarding itself as a supranational entity standing above international law.

This issue is by no means limited to the DPRK.

If the US brigandish behaviour is permitted, the wrong international practice of fabricating illegal plot-breeding mechanism against any country and imposing unilateral sanctions will become a custom and this will be a serious challenge to the international community aspiring after justice and equity.

I express serious concern over the arbitrary practice of the US brandishing illegal sanctions stick at

the international community while openly ignoring the recognized basic rules of the international relations, and strongly denounce it.

When looking back on the past history of the US which has suffered only setbacks in the confrontation with the DPRK either in military coercion or diplomatic ability, to have a vital stake in sanctions will be, in essence, the only and last-ditch option of the US, the weak.

No matter what sanctions mechanism the US may set up inside or outside the UN and no matter what sanctions it may impose on the DPRK through it, the DPRK's strategic strength to protect its sovereignty will never allow a moment's standstill and stagnation.

The just international community should never allow the US moves to form a party seriously encroaching upon the sovereignty and security of a sovereign state and wantonly violating international law but should raise the voices of unanimous denunciation against the arch criminals disturbing global peace and stability.

'Human rights judge' rejected around the world

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

The US Department of State has recently issued the "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2023" and the international community is getting more vociferous against it.

A spokesman for the Chinese foreign ministry said in a press conference on April 23 that the China-related contents of the report are full of political lies and prejudice, adding though the US picks up a quarrel with human rights situations in nearly 200 countries and regions, it keeps mum about its human rights situation. This has revealed its pursuit of hegemony, tyranny, violent nature and falsity and double dealing in speech and act once again, he added.

The Venezuelan foreign minister denounced in his statement that the country reports on human rights practices were useless documents full of lies and falsity. He said that the US is a heinous state of evils that violated human rights and committed anti-humanitarian crimes and an empire hostile toward mankind devoid of ethics and morality, where man-hating ideas and racist policies are rampant.

The Mexican president criticized in a press conference on April 26 that the US' publication of a report estimating human rights situations of other countries is the violation of sovereignty of other countries and peoples, while the Pakistani foreign ministry said in a statement that the contents of the report are unfair and based on incorrect information and completely separated from reality.

It is too natural for them to say so.

The US has the worst serious human rights record in the world.

In the US devoid of the function of the system to defend the rights of citizen, many poor and unemployed people wander about streets as the bipolarization of "the rich getting ever richer and the poor ever poorer" is intensifying. According to conservative statistics released by the US authorities, the country has over 40 million poor people. At least 500 000 people are leading a wandering life without fixed shelters every night, while 65 million people give up treatment due to expensive doctor's fee.

Various violent crimes are rampant, including manslaughter and robbery. About 170 cases of gun violence are witnessed every day on average, and the mortality caused by gun violence is reportedly far beyond the number of Americans killed in the wars recorded in its history and two rounds of world wars.

Due to white supremacist principle, deep-rooted racial discrimination, the lives of residents whose skin colours are different are exposed to threat every moment. In particular, the killing of black men by white cops happens one after another. That is why all the black parents of the US tell their children that they look like a prey to the policemen, urging them not to talk back and disobey.

The US is interfering in the internal affairs of other countries on the pretext of "anti-terror war" without joining the human rights conventions including the Convention on the Rights of the Child and is triggering many wars and acts of military provocation. It is also the US which takes illegal and unilateral coercive measures against the people. A large number of tortures and maltreatment have been committed at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp for the past 20 years and scores of prisoners are subjected to inhumane and systematic tortures there every day.

A Chinese international broadcasting station said last year that the US politicians must not find fault with other countries as they have no qualification to do so with such messy domestic human rights situation of their own, adding that the American-style human rights are the most dreadful nightmare of Americans and world people as well.

The US must put to rights its own domestic affairs before talking about others' human rights. This is the unanimous demand of the world's people.

'Keeping Humanity Alive'

May 8 is World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day.

The international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, which regards humanitarianism, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality as the basic principles of its activities, actively encourages international and regional cooperation and solidarity while adopting it as its basic mission to protect human lives from wars, various kinds of armed conflicts, natural disasters, etc. on a worldwide scale and stabilize the lives of victims.

Today, positive activities are being conducted by the movement in an organized way, especially by such international organizations as the International Committee of the Red Cross and the

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and by RCRC societies in over 190 countries.

The theme of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day for this year is "Keeping Humanity Alive".

In the present-day world filled with unprecedented crises and losses, it is a matter of urgency to protect human lives, which involves the protection of human dignity, alleviation of suffering and supporting of those living in harsh environment, especially in remote areas.

In our country, which regards man as the most precious being, the life and health of the people are highly being protected.

Everyone receives medical assistance at hospitals in Pyongyang and local areas such as the Breast

Tumour Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, Okryu Children's Hospital, Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital and Ryugyong Dental Hospital.

Activities are conducted as a movement involving the entire country, the whole society and all the masses to protect the lives and health of the people from flood and other natural disasters and relieve the suffering of victims.

The Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, whose basic mission is to promote the people's health and well-being, is performing brisk activities for preventing crises and disasters and for public health.

While taking relevant measures after getting familiar with natural disaster risk elements and places, it works to raise awareness of emergency among people to minimize damage from disastrous meteorological phenomena. It also promotes coordination and cooperation with state organs in the prevention of and response to all kinds of disasters.

It has mapped out a general development plan in the residential areas in relation to the work to respond to climate change and protect ecological environment, while encouraging the activities of young RC volunteers and increasing their number.

The RC volunteers do positive activities with the

assistance of the national RC society, which has contributed to giving people a good understanding of common knowledge of health and hygiene and making them adopt a healthy lifestyle.

The DPRK RC Society, which joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on May 11 1956, also strengthens cooperation with international organizations.

It attended the 11th IFRC Asia-Pacific Regional Conference held in Vietnam in November last year through videoconferencing and presented a realistic and innovative proposal for responding to climate change and disasters, the main agenda item of the conference. It also extended active support, encouragement and solidarity to the humanitarian activities of national organizations in the Middle East, including the Jordanian and Egyptian Red Crescent societies, for the immediate achievement of a ceasefire, opposition to the massacre of civilians and realization of humanitarian access in the Gaza Strip and the peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis.

The DPRK RC Society is intensifying its activities to keep humanity alive and protect the lives and health of people.

Jon Song Ryong, secretary general of the DPRK Red Cross Society



A doctor examines a disabled person at the Rangnang Rehabilitation Clinic for Persons with Disabilities.

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Russian President inaugurated

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There was an inaugural ceremony of the Russian president in the Kremlin, Moscow, on May 7.

A guard of honour entered the St Andrew Hall of the Kremlin, carrying the national and presidential flags of Russia, the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the Russian presidential badge.

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin took a presidential oath in the presence of members of the Federation Council, deputies to the State Duma and judges of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation according to Article 82 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

The president of the Constitutional Court declared that Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin was

inaugurated as president of the Russian Federation.

Putin delivered his inaugural address at the ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by foreign diplomatic envoys of different countries in Russia.

That day 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, sent

a personal letter to Vladimir Putin on the occasion of the inaugural ceremony.

In the letter, Kim Jong Un warmly congratulated Putin once again upon his inauguration as president of the Russian Federation and wished him great success in his responsible work for the state and people of Russia.

The letter was conveyed through the Russian embassy in the DPRK.

To add glory to history of war victory

By Choe Song Jun PT

May 9 1945 is the day of victory of the Russian people in the Great Patriotic War.

The day remains etched in history as a great victory of the unity and spiritual strength of the Soviet people and the matchless bravery they displayed both on the front and in the rear.

Russia intensifies education in patriotism among the people while making them treasure the feats of the victorious wartime generations as part of its effort to add lustre to the history of war victory.

A military parade took place at the Red Square in Moscow, the capital of Russia, on May 9 last year to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War.

President Putin said in his speech at the military parade that the battles decisive of the destiny of the country were always just battles for the country and people, that they are faithful to the will of their ancestors, and that they know well what it means to reach the height of their militant, labour and spiritual cause.

During the Great Patriotic War, the heroic ancestors showed that nothing is more solid, powerful and reliable than unity, he said, adding that nothing is stronger than love for the country in the world.

The speaker of the State Duma of Russia said at a meeting in June 2023 that the feats of the victorious wartime generations should not be forgotten. The Soviet people, made up of the Russians, Byelorussians, Armenians, Kazakhs, Kirghizes and others, suffered the

greatest damage in the war, he noted, adding that today they should keep the memory of their ancestors wherever they live.

Russia also directs a great deal of energies to bolstering up its defence capabilities to defend the national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Unlike the mission it assumed at the time of establishment, NATO, whose right to military operation is limited to "European defence", is talking about "ensuring global security, not in a specific region", while expanding its scope to the Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, Latin America and other parts of the world.

In particular, the US and NATO put increasing military pressure on Russia on the pretext of "threat from Russia". This is illustrated by the recent remarks made by the chairman of the NATO Military Commission that NATO is ready to fight an open war with Russia and the annual report of NATO focusing on major tasks to contain Russia and China.

The expansion of NATO heightened the military tension in the western strategic direction of the country and such act of Western countries compelled Russia to take countermeasures, said Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu at a council meeting of the Defence Ministry in April. Russia will further boost the production of essential weapons and military and technical equipment to cope with the threats posed by the US and its allies, he noted.

The Korean people extend full support and firm solidarity to the Russian people in their effort to defend justice and glorify the tradition of victory.

Hegemonic ambition mirrored in American-style phrase

By Song Jong Ho PT

There are many famous phrases in human history including "Knowledge is power", "Blood is thicker than water" and "He who dies a glorious death is a happy man". This is the reflection of the lessons, truths, customs of life and national sentiments gained by the people through their long life experience.

But strange words have recently been heard in the international arena.

At the Munich conference on world security, US Secretary of State Blinken said that if one fails to sit at the table of the international system, he would be put on the menu.

It is an "American-style phrase" meaning that the strong should prey on the other on the table and the weak certainly be put on the menu. It is little short of his advocacy of the American way of thinking that international order is based on the law of existence of the animal world, the logic of strength.

It makes people think back on the history of the US again.

After Columbus discovered the Americas in 1492, West European colonialists first set foot on this continent, occupied the east coastal areas of North America and killed all of the Indians, its natives. In July 1776, the colonialists declared independence and took the road of territorial expansion. Since then, the US had fought 114 wars of aggression, big and small, made more than 8 900 military interventions, and expanded its territory more than 10 times by annexing and subjugating other countries and nations for over 130 years before the First World War.

It was fattened up through many wars and military interventions in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Syria and

other parts of the world after the Second World War, maintaining its privileged position.

After 2001, the US waged wars and military actions in over 80 countries of the world on the pretext of "anti-terrorism", leaving nearly 929 000 people dead including 387 000 civilians and 38 million others displaced.

The US remains unchanged in "overconfidence in its strength" even in the present century when a new multipolarized international order is being established, more persistently pursuing its aggressive mode of existence and foreign policy.

It is none other than the US which is zealously patronizing the reckless acts of Israel which has turned Palestine into a theatre of genocide and is spreading the dark clouds of confrontation over the region.

For a little over six months since the outbreak of the Middle East crisis in October last year Israel has killed more than 110 000 people by waging an indiscriminate war of genocide against Palestinians. As Israel admits, all this is impossible without the US backing and munitions provided by the US.

Likening the US to a lion who wants to become "the king of the Mideast jungle" and the Middle Eastern countries to "parasitic bees" and "slug caterpillars", *The New York Times* in an article titled "Middle East seen through an animal kingdom" incited the US to "burn the whole jungle in order to kill parasitic bees".

History and reality clearly prove that neither the present Middle East situation can be settled nor global peace and security ensured as long as the US whose physiology is aggression and war remains unchanged in its outlook on the world based on the law of the jungle and hegemony-seeking foreign policy.

Rally held against constitutional revision in Japan

KCNA

A huge rally was held in Tokyo, Japan, on May 3 to oppose the authorities' revision of the constitution.

The rally, which was held to mark the 77th anniversary of the postwar enactment of the "pacifist constitution", was attended by over 30 000 people from all walks of

life.

Protesters strongly denounced the authorities' attempt to amend Article 9 which constitutes the core of the "pacifist constitution", while shouting, "We oppose the constitutional revision", "Safeguard peace!" and "Oppose war!".

Japan is now in constitutional, peace,

war and human rights crises, they lamented, adding that the "pacifist constitution" remains in name only, and the country pursues militarization in actuality. War should not be repeated again, they said, and stressed that more people would join the struggle against the authorities' revision of the constitution.

Briefly

Russia

President asserts West's sanctions prove to be failure

Russian President Vladimir Putin said at a meeting with government officials on May 6 that the West's sanctions proved to be failure.

He said that Western countries attempted to undermine Russia from within through the sanctions, but they got nothing. Rather, they obtained opposite results, he added.

He stressed that Russia found a good solution to complicated historic challenges to successfully overcome them and achieved economic development.

China

Canada's argument retorted

A spokesman for the Chinese embassy in Canada denounced a lame argument of Canada on May 3.

That day, Canada said in an investigative report that China is interfering in its internal affairs, which the Chinese spokesman described as an out-and-out political lie.

The report used many ambiguous expressions in blaming China such as "probably", "maybe" and "potential", he said, and added that it is full of ideological prejudice without clear logic and evidence.

Noting that China consistently maintains the principle of not interfering in internal affairs of other countries, has no interest in those of Canada and has never interfered in them, he said that some Canadian politicians are absorbed in attributing their failure in the election campaign to China.

UN

Refugee relief agency censures Israel for committing massacre

The UN relief works agency for Palestine refugees released a statement on May 3 to decry Israel's indiscriminate massacre in the Gaza Strip.

More than ten thousand women were killed by Israel's military attack which started in the Gaza Strip in October last year and over 19 000 women were injured, the statement said, adding that this is a war against women.

An average of 37 children lose their mothers every day and over 155 000 pregnant women and nursing mothers are suffering from water scarcity and pains as they fail to receive medical service.

Australia

Demo held against construction of nuclear submarine base

A demonstration was held in Australia on May 4 against the construction of a nuclear submarine base of AUKUS.

The local demonstrators shouted that they oppose the construction of the base in their country, holding placards reading "No site for nuclear base".

The nuclear base is not helpful to peace, but it rather invites a threat, they said, adding that AUKUS is an alliance pursuing a war.



Roundup of sports news

Mass sports games close

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The final matches of the Sports Contest of Workers in Major Industrial Sectors-2024, which started on April 21, took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on May 1.

They began with the 4×100 metre relay.

In the event involving eight teams, the rail transport sector team crossed the finish line before

others.

It was followed by the men's football final between the teams of the chemical industry and land and maritime transport sectors.

The former took the initiative in the match from the beginning.

It maintained the dominant position in the midfield as it played the match in a 4-4-2 system and continued to threaten the opponent in the goal area with an all-out attack based

on techniques and well-knit combination on a par with those of professionals.

The land and maritime transport sector built a strong defence against it, playing the game in a 5-3-2 formation.

But the chemical industry sector continued the attack to score the opener with No. 20's header in the 44th minute and get another goal with a superb kick by player No. 10 in the 51st minute.

second half of the football match gave the audience unusual pleasure, further enhancing the jovial mood of the stadium.

The chemical industry sector won the sports and amusement games.

There was the popular tug-of-war final match at the end of that day's sports games. The teams of the chemical industry and land and maritime transport sectors met again in the match.

The chemical industry sector defeated the opponent 2-0. Its conductor and players played the match with great intensity tactically and in complete unity to finish the tug of war with victory and climax the sports contest.

The chemical industry sector topped the total rankings, with the land and maritime transport sector finishing runner-up and the rail transport sector coming third.

Meanwhile, a closing ceremony of the 11th Sports Contest of Public Health Workers took place at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on May 1.

Prior to the closing ceremony, sports and amusement games and tug-of-war final matches were played.

The Korea General Red Cross Hospital and the General Dental Hospital under the Ministry of Public Health won first places in each group of the contest, which was held divided into two groups.

The land and maritime transport sector intensified attack to make up for the successive losses and succeeded in scoring a goal in the 85th minute with a long-distance shot by player No. 5.

In the see-saw battle, the chemical industry sector beat the opponent 2-1.

Colourful sports and amusement games held before the start of the



Glimpses into the men's football final, 4×100 metre relay and amusement games which are held as part of the Sports Contest of Workers in Major Industrial Sectors-2024 at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on May 1.

Lake Mugye, natural monument

By Song Jong Ho PT

Lake Mugye is situated between Mugye-ri and Jibang-ri near the lower reaches of the Orang River in North Hamgyong Province.

Mt Kangnung, Mujae Peak and other mountains rise in the east of the lake, while the north comprises the hill areas and sedimentary plains.

The environs of the lake are relatively flat, but the lakeside consists of cliffs revealing basalt.

The lake lies lengthways from northeast to southwest.

It covers an area of 1.76 square kilometres, and is 8.5 kilometres in circumference, 3 kilometres at the longest and 0.6 kilometres wide.

It is 7 metres deep at the maximum and 3.8 metres deep on average.

There are rich animal and vegetable feed resources in the lake and many fishes inhabit there, including silver carp and carp.

The bottom of the lake is thickly covered with mud which is widely used for medical treatment.

The natural lake is of great academic significance in studying denudation and sedimentation after the spouting of basalt lava and the change of sea and river distribution and therefore it is under good protection as a natural monument.

