

## National memorial service held on 30th anniversary of President Kim Il Sung's demise



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Thirty years have passed since President Kim Il Sung, founder and eternal leader of the dignified Democratic People's Republic of Korea and benevolent father of all the Korean people, passed away.

The days and months since then constitute the decades of noble succession and great changes, in which the significance in world history of the greatness and revolutionary exploits of the peerlessly great man, who ushered in a new era of independence under the banner of Juche in the centre of the 20th century and created a new history of modern Korea, the first prospering socialist state in the East, has been strikingly highlighted

in the world, and in which the Workers' Party of Korea and the people of the DPRK have achieved shining victories in accomplishing the great historic cause of building a rich country with a strong army as desired by the President.

In those exciting days, his august name and sacred image served as a beacon that hardened all the people's faith in sure victory and indomitable will, and his revolutionary ideology and exploits served as a struggle banner teaching the ever-victorious strategy and as a solid foundation for steady advance and leaps forward.

At this moment of commemorating the lapse of 30 years of great immortality, not only the generations that grew up under his

care but also all the younger generations who have grown up cherishing his noble image and august name in their hearts pay the highest tribute to him, recollecting with the deepest reverence the whole life of the great sage of the revolution, which will shine forever as a model of genuine life and struggle for all future generations.

A national memorial service took place at Kim Il Sung Square on July 8 on the 30th anniversary of demise of President Kim Il Sung.

The venue of the memorial service was filled with ardent yearning and deep mourning for President Kim Il Sung, the great revolutionary, the great man and the benevolent father, who dedicated himself to the country and the people,

socialism and the sacred cause of global independence for over 70 years since he embarked on the road of revolution, and whose career was run through with the most devoted and sacred struggle rare to be found in the biography of any other world-renowned great men.

National flags were hoisted at half-mast at the flagstuffs of the square.

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, took the platform of the memorial service.

He was followed by Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri

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# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on the greatest national memorial day

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The whole country is filled with boundless yearning for President Kim Il Sung, the peerlessly great sage and the father of the nation, and is in an atmosphere of deep mourning for him on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his demise. The President performed great exploits to be eternally recorded in human history by devoting his whole life to the country and the people, the Juche revolution and the sacred cause of global independence.

The Korean people have steadily followed the path of sacred succession and the building of a rich country with a strong army decade after decade, cherishing their noble appellation of descendants of the great Comrade Kim Il Sung and single-hearted loyalty. They are solemnly looking up at the supreme temple of Juche with the iron will to realize the President's desire for building a powerful country without fail under the leadership of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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 Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on July 8, a greatest national memorial day.

Accompanying him were Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, other members of the central leadership body of the

Party, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, officials of the WPK Central Committee and commanding officers of the armed forces organs.

A basket of flowers in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Also placed at the statues were flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central

Committee, 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.

Kim Jong Un, together with other visitors, paid a high tribute in front of the statues of the great leaders.

At the hall where President Kim Il Sung is preserved in his lifetime appearance, he made a deep bow of best wishes for immortality to the President who paved the path to prosperity for eternally glorifying the dignity and prestige of socialist Korea and consolidated the eternal foundations for the cause of Juche and the building of a thriving nation, following the untrodden path of the arduous revolution with his outstanding ideas, leadership and undying patriotic devotion.

All the participants made a solemn pledge to bring earlier a new victory of the revolution with redoubled efforts and strenuous practice in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for the comprehensive rejuvenation and revolutionary development of their socialist state, remaining faithful to the ideology and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un with a single mind of pure loyalty and patriotism.

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Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other senior Party, government and military officials, leading officials of the Cabinet, working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies and persons of merits.

Kim Yong Nam, Pak Pong Ju and other veteran cadres who had worked in the

Party, government and military for a long time were present on the reviewing stands.

Present at the memorial service were officials of the WPK Central Committee, Cabinet, working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies, officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces, officials and working people of institutions and industrial establishments, and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The opening of the national memorial service was announced.

All the participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of President Kim Il Sung with their profound reverence for him.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a memorial address "The sacred revolutionary exploits of the

great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung will be immortal".

He said that the Korean people have put their socialist country of Juche on the height of dignity and glory under the uplifted red flag of revolution, associated with the whole career of the President, for the past 30 years when a generation has fully grown up and the appearance of the

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# Memorial concert given on 30th anniversary of demise of President Kim Il Sung



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A memorial concert was given at the Samjiyon Theatre on July 8, the 30th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung, as a reflection of the noblest reverence of all the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the officers and men of the Korean People's Army for the sacred life and immortal exploits of the great father of the nation-building and the eternal leader

of the revolution.

The venue of the concert was filled with the ardent yearning for Kim Il Sung, who is alive in the hearts of the Korean people and progressive mankind as the most prominent leader and peerlessly great sage of the 20th century.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, saw the concert.

Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, and Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs, watched the concert.

Among the audience were Kim Yong Nam, Pak Pong Ju and other veteran cadres who had worked in the Party, government and military for a long time, bereaved family members of the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs, those related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and their family members, merited persons and citizens of Pyongyang.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

The concert started with the chorus and orchestra "Our Leader". Put on the stage were famous songs of memories, full of the greatest honour and pride of the Korean people in having lived and struggled holding in high esteem as their leader and father the peerlessly great man unprecedented in human history, and hymns dedicated to the immortality of the leader.

The performers sang songs of reverence for Kim Il Sung who had turned the history of national distress, which had been dark with subservience to great powers and national ruin, into the brilliant one of national prosperity under the banner of Juche and opened up a bright prospect of socialist Korea, covering a road full of adversities for the

freedom and happiness of the people and independent development of the country and the nation for 70 years since he embarked on the road of the revolution in his teens.

Through the numbers adding to their pride in the great single-hearted unity, eternal dignity and bright future rooted in the era of glory, the audience realized more keenly that the heroic epic course of the President, who set a world example in building a socialist state and opened up a new era of independence with his rare wisdom, outstanding ideology and theories and original revolutionary practice, is an example of the most genuine life and struggle which will shine forever as long as there are the people and the revolution continues.

The concert, which sang the praise of the immutable principle that the revolutionary ideology and undying feats of the President are the precious treasures guaranteeing the eternal prosperity of the powerful country, reached its climax with the all-people hymn "The Leader Will Always Be with Us".

All the audience renewed their firm will to make the great history of building a rich country with a powerful army continue as the eternal history of the powerful Kim Il Sung's country, cherishing their sacred name of the descendants of the great Comrade Kim Il Sung.



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country has changed beyond recognition. He added that today's Korea, which is demonstrating to the whole world the greatest might and the highest honour, is a monument to the immortality of the leader, in which the President's plans and desires are being translated into reality.

The revolutionary career of the President was the one of a great revolutionary and a great man, who performed miracles unprecedented in history and created an immortal image to be remembered for all ages by devoting himself to the country and the people with his profound love for them, the speaker said, referring to the immortal exploits of the President who achieved glorious victories and performed epoch-making achievements in pioneering in all stages and domains of the revolutionary struggle

with his outstanding ideology and theory, unexcelled leadership abilities and gigantic revolutionary practice.

The infinitely ennobling image of the President who will be with us forever is the immortal one of the people's leader, who laid a solid foundation for the happiness of the people and the prosperity of posterity by regarding it as his lifelong mission to believe in the people as in Heaven and devoting his all to them, he said, adding it is the highest honour and pride of the Korean people to have the peerlessly great man like Comrade Kim Il Sung as the eternal leader of our revolution.

It is the appearance and tradition peculiar to our state that the ideology and exploits of the leader who pioneered the revolution are carried forward most purely and perfectly, which cannot be found in any other country, he said, and stressed: We should continuously

write the history of the powerful Kim Il Sung's nation and realize without fail his ideals for the building of a powerful country by bringing about uninterrupted transformations and innovations in all fields of bolstering up the national power and building socialism true to the plan and intention of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, holding fast to Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as our eternal lifeline.

Saying that the history of immortality of the President will steadily continue along with the dynamic advance of the Juche revolution, he called for working hard to attain the eternal prosperity of the socialist country shining with the august name of the President and bring earlier a new, more dignified and worthwhile life, in which the people's ideals and desires will come true, closely united around the ever-victorious WPK Central Committee

with a single patriotic mind.

The memorial service ended with the playing of the immortal revolutionary hymn "Song of General Kim Il Sung".

A gun salute was fired in memory of the President.

The great gunfire shook the land of July for a long time, representing the unshakable faith and will of all the people to glorify for all ages the ennobling revolutionary career and immortal revolutionary exploits of the President.

All the participants paid a tribute of deep reverence to the President, further hardening their will to turn theirs into a great people's country and a powerful socialist nation under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, regarding it as an immutable truth that the great dignity and brilliant future of a powerful country are in store for the road of Juche opened by the President.

# On 30th anniversary of demise of President Kim Il Sung

## Memorial services held in provinces, municipalities

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Memorial services took place in provinces (municipalities directly under the central authority) of the DPRK on July 8, the 30th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung.

Present there were officials of regional Party and power bodies, working people's organizations, industrial

establishments, farms and universities, working people and youth and students.

All the participants paid a silent tribute in memory of the President with profound reverence for him.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Senior officials of provinces (municipalities) made memorial addresses.

The speakers said that

the revolutionary career of President Kim Il Sung was the life of a great revolutionary and a great man, who performed miracles unprecedented in history and created an image of immortality to be remembered for all ages by devoting himself to the country and the people with his absolute and profound love for them.

His whole life was featured

by the immortal exploits he performed by taking back the deprived dignity of Korea and its people and glorifying it further under the banner of independence and self-reliance, they noted.

They called upon all officials, Party members and other working people to continuously write the history of the powerful Kim Il Sung's nation and

realize without fail his ideals for the building of a powerful country by bringing about continuous transformations and innovations in all fields of bolstering up the national power and building socialism, true to the plan and intention of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, holding fast to Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the eternal lifeline.

The memorial services

fully showed the unshakable faith and will of the participants to thoroughly implement the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the plenary meetings of the WPK Central Committee under the guidance of Kim Jong Un and thus strikingly demonstrate the validity and immortal vitality of our ideology and cause.



Memorial services take place in all provinces on the 30th anniversary of the death of President Kim Il Sung.

# DPRK people pay silent tribute in memory of President Kim Il Sung

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All areas of the DPRK were filled with the boundless reverence for the peerlessly great man on the occasion of the greatest national

memorial day.

In memory of President Kim Il Sung, the national flags were hoisted at half-mast at all units across the country, including the institutions at all levels,

industrial establishments, farms, universities in Pyongyang and local areas.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the statues of the peerlessly

great men in different parts of the country to pay high tribute to them, recollecting the lifetime exploits of Kim Il Sung who reliably turned the history of the development of the DPRK

into the one of eternal glory and prosperity and laid a solid foundation of an independent power.

With the deepest respects, all the people, service personnel and schoolchildren

across the country paid a three minutes' silent tribute towards the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun in the capital city where Kim Il Sung is preserved in his lifetime appearance.



All the Korean people including service personnel pay a silent tribute in memory of President Kim Il Sung at 12:00 on July 8.

# On 30th anniversary of demise of President Kim Il Sung

## Anniv of President Kim Il Sung's demise commemorated



All people, service personnel and students visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the statues of the great leaders and their mosaic murals to pay homage on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung.

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All the people and service personnel in the DPRK honoured the memory of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the true patriot, peerlessly great sage and eternal President of the powerful and thriving

DPRK, in humble reverence on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his demise. Citizens and officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army and schoolchildren visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved

in their lifetime appearance, on the greatest national memorial day to pay homage to them. Working people, youth and students and service personnel visited the statues of the great leaders and mosaics depicting the peerlessly great men across

the country, including Mansu Hill in the capital city, to lay flower baskets, bouquets and flowers. Officials, Party members, working people, service personnel and youth and students watched documentary films dealing with the sacred career

of the President and his great personality at their workplaces, posts, schools and houses. At high noon when sirens wailed across the country, all the people and service personnel hardened their firm will to hold the President in high esteem forever and

successfully carry forward the sacred revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered in Mt Paektu. Meetings were held in different parts of the country to recall and praise the noble revolutionary career and immortal exploits of the President.

## Symposium of social scientists held

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A symposium of social scientists took place on July 5 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung. The symposium heard papers explaining and proving the immortal revolutionary exploits of the President who devoted his whole life to the sacred cause for the eternal prosperity of the Workers' Party of Korea and the revolution. Speakers said that the President was an outstanding thinker and theoretician as he founded the Juche idea and provided a sure guarantee for accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche. They said that the President was a peerless elder statesman who led the revolutionary cause of Juche always to victory under the banner of independence. The revolutionary career of the President is the life of a popular leader as he regarded

"The people are God" as his motto and successfully applied it to practice, the speakers stressed. They said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un is the supreme incarnation of revolutionary moral obligation as he is adding lustre to the sacred revolutionary careers and immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il. They called for carrying forward the development history of Kim Il Sung's nation and Kim Jong Il's Korea as the eternal history of dignity, glory and prosperity under the leadership of Kim Jong Un. Present at the symposium were Thae Hyong Chol, president of the Academy of Social Sciences, and officials, lecturers and researchers in the fields of science, education and revolutionary relics and the institutions for training Party cadres.

## Youth and students get together to talk about virtues of the President

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Youth and students met at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on July 5 to tell stories about noble virtues of President Kim Il Sung on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his demise. Present there were Mun

Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials of the youth league and youth and students in Pyongyang. The performers referred to the noble revolutionary career and immortal exploits of the President who devoted his all

to the prosperity of the socialist country and happiness of all generations to come. They referred to the noble revolutionary career of the peerlessly great man who devoted his all to the younger generations till the last moments of his great life, making every effort to

train schoolchildren into reliable pillars. They said that the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un has ushered in a great heyday of the development of the Korean youth movement by bringing them up to be patriotic youth with firm faith in socialism.

## Agricultural workers' union members meet to praise the great leader

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Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea (UAWK) met in Oguk-ri, Anak County of South Hwanghae Province, on July 5 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung. Present there were Han

Jong Hyok, chairman of the Central Committee of the UAWK, Pak Thae Sop, secretary of the South Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers in Anak County. At the meeting, speakers praised the immortal

revolutionary career and exploits of the President who made untiring efforts for the development of the country's agriculture, walking along the long and rugged roads between farm fields till the last moments of his life. They said that they can never forget the loving care shown by the great father. The performers called on

all the agricultural workers to become true patriotic farmers defending and supporting the Party with increased grain production, saying that a new era of rural development is being ushered in on this land under the wise guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is making a long journey of devotion to the people.

# Premier Kim inspects different sectors



Premier Kim Tok Hun (fourth from left) is on a visit to the Kusong Machine Tool Factory.

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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.

Going round different farms in Sukchon and Mundok counties of South Phyongan Province, the premier stressed the need to scientifically analyze the growth of rice and other crops, properly manure and tend them, actively apply advanced farming methods and techniques and take thorough measures to minimize the damage caused by disastrous abnormal weather such as flood and rainy wind.

He called for making full preparations for next year's farming on the basis of the experience gained in cultivating wheat and barley this year and for paying due attention to increasing the wheat processing capacity and techniques.

After learning about production at the Kusong Machine Tool Factory, he said that its officials and workers should concentrate all efforts on its

modernization true to the intention of the Party to put the country's machine-building industry on a new level.

He noted they should make innovative plans for remodelling and updating including the layout of production processes and architectural formation plan according to the standards and goals set forth by the Party and make thorough technical preparations for each process and stage.

At the Mangyongdae Signpost Factory, he said that the factory has a very important duty in sprucing up the appearance of roads. And he stressed the need to put the production processes on a scientific basis and steadily increase the production capacity to supply various kinds of quality signposts.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issues of conducting the work for raising enthusiasm for emulation in the agricultural field in a methodological way, building up the scientific and technological forces needed for modernizing the factory and putting all plans including industrial architectural design and process composition on a high scientific and technological basis, and took relevant measures.

# Press statement of Deputy Department Director of WPK Central Committee Kim Yo Jong

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Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, released the following press statement on July 7:

The ROK military gangsters recently kicked off live ammunition firing drills on the ground and the sea simultaneously near the southern border of the DPRK.

On June 26, they resumed their maritime firing drill that had been halted for a while in the biggest hotspot of the West Sea of Korea. They also launched artillery firing drills near the front, including eastern and western sectors along the southern border, all at once on July 2.

Not content with this, the impudent enemy announced their plan to regularly stage artillery firing drills and task forces' training near the border of the DPRK and kick off various other military exercises such as large-scale combined outdoor mobile drill and joint firing drill of the army and navy, in particular.

I affirm that such an undisguised war game being staged by the enemy near the border of the DPRK is just

an inexcusable and explicit provocation that aggravates the situation.

"War energy" has been over-concentrated on the Korean peninsula and its vicinity to reach the brink of explosion due to various war games of the US and other hostile forces and ceaseless deployment of their cutting-edge military hardware.

Freedom Edge, the first multi-domain joint military exercises between the US, Japan and the ROK staged shortly ago in the waters near the DPRK, was the height of confrontational hysteria against it. The war drumbeats clearly showed that the US and other hostile forces' rash manoeuvres for military hegemony in the region have crossed the red line.

A touch-and-go situation is prevailing. Clear to everyone is the riskiness of the above-said reckless live ammunition firing drills the ROK army stages coming nearer to the border of the DPRK under such situation.

Then, the question is why the enemy kicked off such war drills near the border, suicidal hysteria, for which they will have to sustain terrible disaster.

The world should pay attention to the fact that the number of people petitioning for

proposing a bill on impeachment of Yoon Suk Yeol has exceeded one million as of now.

Yoon and his group, plunged into the worst ruling crisis, are attempting an "emergency escape" through the platform of ever-escalating tensions.

That is the reason why the puppet regime persists in destabilizing the regional situation and stirring up the warmongering atmosphere in the face of internal and external criticism of the war maniacs, and even spearheads the extremely dangerous live ammunition drill in the areas near the border.

It would be hard to find current security environment in the past period of relations between the north and the south.

Anyone cannot but acknowledge now that the president, elected by the people, has made the fate of the ROK hang by a thread.

The war maniacs should judge by themselves what result such desperate war drill hysteria would bring in the end.

In case it is judged according to our criteria that they violated the sovereignty of the DPRK and committed an act tantamount to a declaration of war, our armed forces will immediately carry out its mission and duty assigned by the DPRK Constitution.

# Farmers move into new houses in rural villages

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New houses have been built at the Unsol Farm and the Sadong Farm in Ragwon County, South Hamgyong Province.

Present at the ceremony were Om Pong Guk, secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials, builders and agricultural workers.

Kim Song Gyu, vice-chairman of the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee, made a congratulatory address and licences for the use of the houses were handed over.

New villages have appeared at the Sinsong Farm in Tokchon City and the Samwon Industrial Crop Farm in Songchon County, South Phyongan Province.

Ceremonies for moving into those houses were held with the attendance of Jang Ki Chol and Kim Man Jo, secretaries of the South Phyongan

Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Hyon Chol and Jang Myong Il, vice-chairmen of the

provincial people's committee, and officials, builders and agricultural workers.

Licences for the use of the

houses were conveyed.

Delightful dance parties revved up the holiday atmosphere in the villages.



Farmers move into new houses at the Unsol Farm and the Sadong Farm in Ragwon County, South Hamgyong Province.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Young people in Nampho volunteer for regional-industry factories

More than 30 young people have volunteered to work at regional-industry factories and raw material bases in Nampho City, true to the decisions of the 10th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A meeting to congratulate them was held on the spot.

It was attended by Choe Yong, secretary of the Nampho City Party Committee, relevant officials, youth league officials, youth and students. Certificates of volunteering were conferred on the volunteers and congratulatory remarks and speeches were made.

### Memory contest of university students in teacher training sector held

The Seventh Memory Contest of University Students in Teacher Training Sector took place at Kim Hyong Jik University of Education from July 2 to 5.

The contest brought together more than 120 students.

Kim Hyong Jik University of Education, Hamhung University of Education, Songdo University of Education, Sariwon Ri Kye Sun University of Education, Kim Jong Suk Teachers Training College, Pyongyang Teachers Training College and Sinuiju Teachers Training College proved successful at the contest.

### Early peaches arrive in Pyongyang

Early peaches harvested in Kwail County, South Hwanghae Province, arrived in Pyongyang on July 7.

Having produced a large amount of fruits this year, too, officials and working people in Kwail County chose fully ripe peaches and sent them to Pyongyang.

The first convoy carrying the early peaches left for the baby home, orphanage, primary and middle schools for orphans and commercial service units.

# Popular goods in Pyongyang municipal consumer goods show

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

A Pyongyang municipal consumer goods show took place at the Pyongyang Underground Store from June 25 to July 5.

"The aim of the exhibition was to decisively increase the quantity and variety of popular goods needed for the people's living and improve their quality a step higher," said Rim Hak Dok, an official of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee.

According to him, more than 250 000 consumer goods in some 1 000 kinds were presented to the exhibition by over 150 units which raised the competitive zeal for developing new products and improving their quality.

Many foodstuff production units have increased the variety of processed flour

products in keeping with the fact that the country's cereal production structure has changed into rice- and wheat-centred one.

The Pyongyang Wheat Flour Processing Factory presented instant noodles, the Yua General Foodstuff Factory displayed kimchi-flavoured crisps, fresh milk cake, cocoa roll cake, twisted doughnut and strawberry cream cake and the Kwangbok Kumgangsan Foodstuff Factory exhibited a variety of breads, biscuits and others. They were in great demand among the people as their quality was high and they were mouthwatering.

The Ryongsong Meat Processing Factory and the Jangsan Food-stuff Processing Company brought out processed meat products including sausage, and the Solgwang Fishery Processing Company

exhibited fish sausages and other quality processed foods, making visitors happy.

Consumer goods production units in the city have brought out distinctive commodities amid the competition for developing new products and improving their quality.



A Pyongyang municipal consumer goods show takes place at the Pyongyang Underground Store between June 25 and July 5.

Crowd-pullers were the booths which put on display Unhasu-brand shampoos, rinses, lotions and soaps, Kumgangsan-brand functional cosmetics and collagen, aloe, vitamin, hyaluronic acid and other cosmetics presented by big and small cosmetics producers in the city.

The Ryuwon Footwear Factory, the Sosong Songdo Leather Shoes Manufacturer and other shoe production units exhibited trainers and women's leather shoes, which won popularity for their high quality.

Various kinds of plastic goods and men's and women's bags were also

popular as they are sought-after.

Rim Hak Dok said that the exhibition level is getting higher day by day thanks to the enthusiasm of producers to turn out more famous goods favoured by the people with locally-available raw materials, domestic materials and technology.



## Taebosan-brand clothes popular with children

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

These days, Taebosan-brand knitwear for children is favoured by mothers and children.

"It has not been so long since we started manufacturing children's clothes, but we got to work with an ambition to dominate this field in the country," said Ro Ye Gyong, senior staffer of the Taebosan Joint Venture Company.

Every parent wants to provide their lovely children with distinctive and beautiful clothes and children have a keener eye with the passage of time as they pursue the best and new things, she said, adding that they manufacture clothes reflecting such minds.

In particular, they produce clothes in various colours and styles and with various patterns to suit the ages of children.

"We put big efforts into selecting every style of clothes and making good and stylish designs of ornamental embroidery and textile printing pictures in an original way to meet the children's minds. To this end, we have discussions about designs, processing and samples several times a week," said Kim Kkot Hyang, section chief of the company.

They have created over

300 designs, which clearly shows the devotion of the producers to each piece of children's clothes.

The various designs are used in clothes by dint of textile printing, jet printing and automatic embroidery.

Mothers say that ornamentation techniques, with which they represented the lead characters of cartoon films and different

embroidered with a flower design is fixed below a printed squirrel. It looks as if the squirrel is riding in a flower-decorated car.

"When customers buy clothes, children name and call them 'digital clothes', 'ice-cream clothes', 'carrot clothes' and 'public security rabbit clothes'. I think the names are very likely," smilingly said Wang Un



Clients purchase children's clothes at the Hwasong Taebosan Shop. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

kinds of toys and vegetables to suit the children's minds, are really original and nice.

According to producers, they printed the national flag in conformity with the features of knitwear with high elasticity so that its shape and colour won't change and its surface won't crack.

There is a decoration that gives an effect of solidity. A pocket automatically

Hae, saleswoman of the Hwasong Taebosan Shop.

Trousers also vary in kind, including the one with a pocket representing the head of a bear.

Mothers say they like the clothes, as they are made of cotton which is good for children's health and they are soft and elastic.

Demands for Taebosan children's clothes are on the rise as the days go by.

## Taking the lead in development of famous products

By Kim Il Jin PT

The products of Taedonggang Kumok Instant Rice Factory are now popular with people.

Those who savoured the instant noodles, instant rice and soup, instant rice and grain chips of the factory said that the products of the factory stimulate their appetite as they are all made with domestic materials.

It has not been long since the factory was built, but it can produce various kinds of delicious and highly nutritious foods. This is associated with the efforts of its manager Kang Chol Su.

It was on May 2019 that the employees of the factory started building it.

At that time, Kang was determined to build a wonderful factory which can compete with others in the world in modernization level, appearance and kind and output of products.

The construction proceeded with difficulty owing to various problems, but he invented and introduced advanced construction methods for hastening the completion of the project by pooling wisdom with workers and technicians, making it possible to finish the huge project and the assembly of food processing equipment.

Later, he continued with

research for completing the methods of making new products.

He said, "It was not easy to produce instant foodstuffs with unique features as we had no experience in making them and lacked relevant technology."

In fact, from the beginning of the construction of the factory, he studied the world trend of producing instant foods and acquired and matured the methods of processing such foods.

Thus, during a technical conference on the development of new products in January last year, he could propose definite methods of developing them to the participants who were unable to propose any measure because of their poor knowledge of instant foods.

He called on them to make such foods to suit the Korean people's taste instead of imitating the imported.

And he suggested they diversify the kind of the foods, including instant rice and soup and instant boiled rice with assorted mixtures, to suit the eating habit of the Koreans who like warm rice and soup and add pickled vegetables popular with the people to the instant rice.

He also explained how to make the foods retain their unique flavours, for example, how to make slices of meat for soup keep their original

flavour and make them soft to chew, use locally abundant raw materials to prepare seasonings and spices with tastes of different kinds of meat and increase the storage stability of them.

His extensive knowledge and personal examples inspired the participants in the conference to conceive novel ideas.

As a result, many production indexes were confirmed and products completed one by one.

This is why employees of the factory call him a possessor of extensive knowledge and an official of ability who leads the development of famous products.

Now, the factory produces various kinds of instant foods in keeping with the world trend of instant food development directed toward making functional, green and diverse ones.

The products of the factory were popular in the light industrial goods exhibition "Development of Light Industry-2023" and instant noodles were awarded a gold medal and diploma.

Kang has made a great contribution to the development of the country's foodstuff industry for over 40 years since his prime of life, and he is still working for the promotion of the people's wellbeing with fervent zeal for work.

# Sincerity shown for family of special-class honoured disabled woman soldier

By Pang Un Ju PT

Whenever I look at the certificate of patriotic martyr awarded to my mother who was a special-class honoured disabled soldier, I can hardly control tears welling up in my eyes with gratitude to the benevolent country which added lustre to her life and those who showed selfless sincerity for my family, said Kim Jin Hyang, daughter of the special-class honoured disabled woman soldier.

Saying that she would never forget Choe Song Ryong, one of those to whom she was most grateful and who worked as an official of the Central Committee of the Artists Union of Korea, she recalled the past decades her family had spent after forging close relations with him.

## Story of their making his acquaintance

One day 24 years ago, Im Po Bu happened to see the news about an art exhibition of talented children held at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on TV.

She wanted to raise her four-year-old son Kum Song, who was fond of drawing pictures, like them.

A few days later, a tall man of large and robust build visited her house in Pothonggang-dong No. 1, Pothonggang District,

Pyongyang.

He came after receiving a call of a special-class honoured disabled woman soldier who wanted her son to become an artist.

In this way Choe, who worked as an official of the Central Committee of the Artists Union of Korea at that time, made her acquaintance and that of her family.

Later, he bought young Kum Song instruments needed for picture drawing and taught him how to paint pictures.

He implanted in his little mind the dearest wish his mother had and an ambition to make his name as a famous artist of the country.

It was because he was deeply impressed by her whenever he visited her house.

“Though she was a special-class honoured disabled soldier who dedicated her youth to the Workers’ Party of Korea and the country, she led others in supporting the Korean People’s Army to bring glory to the noble title of honoured disabled soldier.

And she was paraplegic, but with such poor health she even went into the tunnel at the construction site of a power station to recite poems and sing songs to encourage soldier-builders. I took off my hat to her for her noble spiritual world and so I cared

much for her son,” said Choe.

Choe’s friends, too, often visited her family.

They told her that Choe was highly praised by Chairman Kim Jong Il for having created lots of fine works in his twenties, that he had trained many artists when he was a lecturer at Pyongyang University of Fine Arts.

Im Po Bu was really shocked when she came to know that Choe, who was always simple and modest and much concerned for her little son, was a Kim Il Sung Prize winner, People’s Artist and PhD.

Feeling sympathy with each other’s spiritual world and encouraging each other like this, they developed kindred relationship.

## Ties of kinship go on

One day when Kum Song attended the then primary course of Pyongyang Middle School No. 1, he unexpectedly fell into a critical condition and was taken to hospital. At that time, Choe Song Ryong was the first to run to the hospital after hearing about it.

He frequently visited the home of the disabled woman soldier to help her family life like his own.

A few years after her family had established close connection with Choe, her family moved to a local area following her husband.

Although they lived in different geographical areas, the kindred ties between her family and Choe grew stronger.

Once, she told him about medicine with good effects on the treatment of her illness on the phone.

After hearing about it, Choe and his wife tried hard to purchase the medicine.

“When she received the medicine, my mother did not know that it was also badly needed by Choe’s wife,” Im’s daughter said.

That is why she always said that their warm affection and tender loving care prolonged her life whenever she received the precious medicines from Choe’s family, she noted.

“Whenever my mother opened her heart to Choe and told him that she always learned a lot from him, he would say that he had yet so many things to learn from her compared with her high spiritual world of having unhesitatingly dedicated herself to the Party and country in her precious girlhood that would never come again,” said Kim Jin Hyang.

Their relationship remained unchanged even with the passage of time as they adopted it as their view of life to find the greatest happiness and pride of life in faithfully doing the work their country wants.

# Young man rescues elderly man

By Ri Sang Il PT

O Sung Chol, old resident in neighbourhood unit No. 55 of Jonsung-dong No. 1 in Moranbong District, Pyongyang, came round four hours after losing consciousness. Familiar faces were at his bedside.

“Where am I?” he asked. “You’re home,” his wife answered.

Still hazy, he listened to his wife as he tried to recall what had happened.

When he had been on his way to a welfare service facility together with his grandson, his sight had dimmed all of a sudden and he had been able to hear worried voices around him.

He could remember nothing more.

He heard the whole story of the day from his wife.

On his way to the welfare service facility, he lost consciousness and fell to the ground from a sudden illness.

The young man who carried him home piggyback was a stranger.

He left the old man’s house without words. Unexpectedly, however, the young man came back after a while with rare medicines for emergency.

The family members who had been at a loss what to do to save the old man were deeply impressed by his sincerity.

A fairly long time later,



they happened to know that the young man had gone to nearby pharmacies to secure the medicines with the help of his mother.

“Who is that man?” the old man asked.

But all his family members could not answer him.

Soaked with sweat, he had asked them over and over again to take good care of O Sung Chol and left without leaving his name, address and job.

O Sung Chol urged his family members to find the young man and they hurriedly looked for him.

Finally, they found out that the man is Kang Hyok (pictured) living in neighbourhood unit No. 93 of Ryonghung-dong No. 2, Taesong District.

When they visited his workplace and met an official there, he told them that it was not the first time for him to do such a good thing, praising him as an excellent young man who did a lot of good things for the sake of society and collective in the past.

# With kindred affection

By Kim Hak Chol PT

A house in Jonu-dong of Moranbong District, Pyongyang, was enlivened with many visitors

from the early morning on June 1.

The family of an official of the district people’s committee and neighbours visited the house to

congratulate the son of Jang Kum Song, an honoured disabled soldier, on the occasion of International Children’s Day.

They gave the baby

boy new clothes, toys and souvenirs and shared joy with Jang’s family.

Then the doorbell rang again, and Jin Thae Ryong, an engineer of the Sci-Tech Complex, and his wife Ri Ji Hyang, entered the house.

Jang and his mother Han Kyong Suk recollected the past days with deep emotion after greeting the couple.

In July eight years ago Ra Kwang Chon, Jang’s senior in his middle school days who now works at a unit, visited his house together with youth league members on the occasion of war victory day.

Among them was a girl named Ri Ji Hyang.

During his military service, Jang was the first to throw himself over a dangerous spot to be seriously injured in an unexpected situation of training.

After two years of hospitalization, he returned home as an honoured disabled soldier.

That evening Ji Hyang was deep in thought over the honoured disabled soldier living with his widowed mother.

Some days later, she visited his house again together with her lover, who was a university student, bringing with them new clothes and daily necessities they had prepared.

She was so sincere that she meticulously inquired whether the family was short of anything and tried to help them even a bit.

“She was younger than my son, but we were always touched by her deep concern for us,” said Han.

Her concern for the disabled soldier remained unchanged even when everyone was experiencing hardships owing to the global health crisis caused by the rapid spread of COVID-19.

When Jang was to marry a kind-hearted young woman, she showed concern for their wedding and when

they fretted that they had no child, she brought them valuable medicines good for the treatment of the woman’s disease. When a baby boy was born to them, she brought them articles for the baby and nutritious foods out of motherly love.

Jang says that whenever he expresses his thanks to the couple for their sincerity, the woman says, “Honoured disabled soldiers did not hesitate to dedicate their lives for the country to firmly defend its security and the happiness of the people. It is a bounden duty for us, young people of a new generation, to respect and help those excellent people.”

“The country provides my son with social benefits as he is an honoured disabled soldier and the people who forged a close bond with my family are unselfishly devoted to us,” Han said gratefully, adding that it is something possible only in the DPRK.



Jin Thae Ryong and his wife have a pleasant time with the family of ex-soldier Jang Kum Song (middle). RODONG SINMUN



# Restaurant serves signature dishes in beautiful scenery

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

The Pyongyang Taedonggang Fish Restaurant with distinctive architectural beauty is located on the banks of the picturesque Taedong River like a large passenger liner on the river.

Six years have passed since the inauguration of the restaurant.

It still draws lots of customers as it serves palatable dishes in a hospitable environment with fine scenery.

The restaurant is noted for the excellent location.

People say its dishes made of fishes of higher quality are really distinctive and especially the views of the Taedong River and Chongnyu Cliff, which are seen through the windows of the dining rooms, are very impressive.

Eye-catchers are pictures representing refreshing seascape on the walls and indoor ponds on the first floor in which sturgeon, Ryongjong fish and other fishes of higher quality swim leisurely.

Customers beam broadly as they see live fishes that are scooped out of water and fresh hairy crabs and shellfish.

The most popular dining room is the one which serves dishes made on the spot with fishes scooped out of the



Working people have a good time of rest as they enjoy tasty dishes at the Pyongyang Taedonggang Fish Restaurant.  
RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

indoor ponds.

“The sturgeon, which was alive just a few seconds ago, became a dish of raw fish slices thanks to the deft culinary skills of a cook whose hand movement is as fast as a magician’s. We can get such a distinctive service only at this restaurant,” said Kim Ok Gyong, an old resident living in Okryu-dong No. 1, Taedonggang District, Pyongyang.

Noodles garnished with sliced raw fish and fish soups of the restaurant are widely known not only in Pyongyang but also in local areas.

Mouth-watering noodles garnished with sliced raw sturgeon, salmon and Ryongjong fish and soups prepared with Ryongjong fish and carp highlight the special features of the restaurant which specializes in fish dishes.

The restaurant’s dining rooms that serve traditional Korean, Western and Eastern foods and circular dining rooms satisfy the demands of customers who come there with their family members or friends. Especially, roast sturgeon on skewers and other roast fishes that are served at the circular dining room on the third floor are a big favourite with diners.

The restaurant has a shop selling various kinds of marine and processed products.

## Protection of national heritage gains momentum

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Efforts are being made to unearth and restore national cultural heritage elements and preserve them in a scientific and technical way on the basis of historical facts.

The archeological research group of the national heritage research institute under the History Faculty of Kim Il Sung University launched excavation and investigation in the Mt Paektu area and unearthed precious historical relics and remains proving that since ancient times the mountain has been the symbol and ancestral mountain of Korea and the cradle of the Korean nation boasting a time-honoured history and brilliant culture. On the basis of them it is further intensifying excavation and investigation in the area.

Kaesong City, too, is pushing ahead with national heritage protection in combination with land and environment protection.

After finishing the repair of Anhwa Temple in Mt Songak and soil covering of royal

mausoleums in a short time, the city’s National Heritage Protection and Management Station carried out ditch clearing and masonry simultaneously, thus contributing to protecting historical relics, land and environment.

And the Koryo Museum and Manwoldae management station in the city are arranging remains representing corresponding society and historical period in order and taking practical measures to restore the Walled City of Kaesong. The Mausoleum of King Wang Kon management station and the scenic spots management station for Pagyon Falls planted good species of trees, conducted blight forecasting, put in efforts to protect and manage monuments and repainted relevant facilities and sign posts.

North Hwanghae Province planned to spruce up the historical relic Songbul Temple and pushed forward with the repair of its roof. And as part of the work to give a facelift to the vicinity of Simwon Temple, Yonhan County rebuilt many sections of the retaining wall around it and repaired surrounding

roads, completely removing the traces of winter.

Jagang Province accurately provided large quantities of materials needed for arranging the compound of the Myohyangsan History Museum of great academic value to renew the environment around the museum in a modern style, including the replacing of caption plates of historical relics with granite ones. Kanggye City planted many ginkgo trees around a historical relic reserve to add beauty to the surrounding scenery.

The National Heritage Protection and Management Station in Cholsan County set phased targets in detail for grasping all historical relics damaged due to natural causes and restoring them qualitatively in a short time and achieved them, thus replacing sign posts and caption plates of the Unamsan Fort, Phungchon earthen wall and Ryongsak fortress with natural granite ones so that they are safe from weathering, and planted many good species of trees around historical relics.

## Model families of socialist cultured way of life increase

Over 22 000 families become such models at farms across the country

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Model families of socialist cultured way of life are increasing in the DPRK as it has entered a new era in which not only people but also mountains and streams change beyond recognition through the implementation of the Workers’ Party of Korea’s grand programme for the rural revolution.

It isn’t a day or two since the climate of trying to be honoured with the title of model family of socialist cultured way of life began to prevail in the country.

The country built dwelling houses and provided them to the people gratis and put forward as model families of socialist cultured way of life those who set an example in managing the houses assiduously.

So the signs for such families hanging above their doors along with nameplates are their

pride and are just as good as appreciation of their cultured way of life and their assiduous way of work.

Several neighbourhood units of Jangchon-ri in Sadong District, Pyongyang, were the first to become model neighbourhood units of socialist cultured way of life.

Today similar families have increased in the countryside as there have mushroomed modern houses on all farms in the new era of rural development.

This helps agricultural workers raise their cultural level and change their consciousness, inspiring them to keep cleaner and tidier their houses built and allotted to them by the state and change their environs for the better.

This year alone, over 22 000 families have become model families of socialist cultured way of life in rural areas across the country.

# Guidelines illuminating path to comprehensive national development

By **Pang Un Ju** PT

In the DPRK, tremendous changes unprecedented in its history of growth and development are now being brought about in succession by the outstanding ideology and leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In retrospect, it is unthinkable apart from the power of truth of the great revolutionary ideas of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un that the country won victory after victory following the broad avenue of prosperity without a trivial mistake in its line and the slightest vacillation in the past ten-odd years.

For the Korean people who are writing a new history of overall national rejuvenation, it is the unshakable faith that there is no great cause which is impossible to achieve as there are his revolutionary ideas.

The revolutionary ideas of Kim Jong Un are an encyclopedia giving perfect answers to all the theoretical and practical problems arising in achieving overall national rejuvenation.

After defining independence and socialism as a strategy for the eternal prosperity of the Korean revolution in the beginning of the new century of the Juche era, he illuminated scientific lines and policies in detail for the comprehensive

development and overall rejuvenation of the country in each period and stage of the revolution and construction.

The typical examples of them are the programme of imbuing the whole society with Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the ideas of building the Party, government, revolutionary armed forces and working people's organizations, the idea of adhering to the our-state-first principle, the idea of transforming all the revolutionary positions in line with the demands of the three revolutions, the idea of increasing national defence capabilities in every way, the line of concentrating all efforts on economic construction and the theory of building socialist civilization.

His ideas and theories encompass all sectors and fields of the revolution and construction, ranging from the issue of strengthening the Party, the general staff of the revolution, and dramatically enhancing its leadership functions to land development, architecture, pomiculture and animal husbandry and even fish farming, offshore cultivation and landscaping.

The revolutionary and original ideas and theories fully reflecting the lawful requirements of socialist construction, prevailing situations and historic experiences of the revolution served as the treasured sword

which enabled the DPRK and its people to notch up greater victories, successfully dealing with the rapidly-changing situations and breaking deadlocks.

While advancing with his revolutionary ideas as guidelines of invincibility, the Korean people accomplished the historic cause of completing the national nuclear arms programme, turned the DPRK into an invincible country which no one can dare to slight and, on the basis of the victories and successes, proudly ushered in a new era of self-sustenance and prosperity, an era of our-state-first principle, on this land.

It is also the innovative outcome of his powerful revolutionary ideas that a new history of change has begun in the capital city of Pyongyang and the provinces, rural areas have undergone radical development and industrial establishments are firmly consolidating the foundation of the independent economy while achieving growth in production.

The revolutionary ideas of Kim Jong Un constitute important guidelines indicating the scientific way to achieve prosperity of all generations to come.

His iron will to build up tremendous national strength looking forward to the rosy future of the country and hand it down to younger generations

is reflected in the idea calling on the Korean people to aim high and fulfil their aspirations steadily and definitely, the idea of making everything a creation and fruit which younger generations will be able to fully enjoy even in the distant future and the idea of stepping up the building of a sci-tech power and talent power under the slogan "Let us make a leap forward by dint of science and guarantee the future by dint of education!"

Today, the Korean people admire his far-reaching plans and his world of creation, witnessing the reality in which a struggle is being waged to implement the Regional Development 20x10 Policy after it was adopted and specified and the wonderful looks of the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm which is advanced by one generation more than the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, dwelling houses for 10 000 families in the first stage of the Hwasong area and another 10 000 flats built in different styles in the second stage of the area.

Thanks to his outstanding ideas and theories, the beacon for them to comprehensive national development, the Korean people will surely achieve their goals to turn the DPRK into a powerful socialist country which leads the world in all aspects in the near future.

## Introduction of advanced farming methods should be the main trend in rural communities

Farms are now eager to actively introduce advanced farming methods and techniques and carry out all farm work as required by science and technology.

Advanced farming methods and techniques can successfully be introduced only when all agricultural workers are fully prepared as masters of scientific farming.

What is important here is to make farmers voluntarily acquire advanced agricultural science and technology.

This means, in essence, encouraging agricultural workers to keenly realize the advantages of new farming methods and techniques.

When they fully realize that the new is better than the old in actuality, they will voluntarily and actively try to accept it as their own.

Moreover, agricultural workers will have to acquire a high level of science and technology in order to prevent the disastrous effects of abnormal weather which has occurred constantly in recent years and bring about the sustainable and stable development of agricultural production. Advanced farming methods and techniques are the key to high yields.

This is evidenced by the experience at those farms which make successes in cereal production.

Officials of a farm organized visit to advanced units taking the lead in the introduction of scientific farming methods, made farmers keenly realize the vitality and beneficial aspects as they saw real objects and met experienced farmers, and organized realistic and detailed lectures in close contact with agricultural researchers.

In the course of this, positive changes started to take place in the realm of cognition of farmers.

It gradually became the main trend to try to acquire the matters related to new farming methods and techniques.

The campaign for introducing advanced farming methods and techniques was conducted more briskly as farmers took part in it actively, which resulted in a bumper crop in autumn. Farmers' confidence in and enthusiasm for this grew stronger.

The progressive way of thinking, quest and strenuous efforts to apply diverse and new methods in line with the psychology of the masses serve as a valuable foundation which is indispensable to making farmers masters of scientific farming.

As a result, many farms are now actively introducing advanced farming methods.

Last year, too, the Yakjon Farm in Sukchon County, the Yongjin Farm in Kangnam County, the Sokha Farm in Sinuiju City, the Wonhwa Farm in Phyongwon County and many other farms reaped a rich harvest on the strength of science.

It is the state's demand to increase per-hectare yields in all farms and arable land across the country, rather than high-yields from a few paddies, farms and regions.

**Kim Ju Yon**, department director of the Agricultural Commission

## 'Embracing the power of inclusive data towards a resilient and equitable future for all'



**Yang Song Il**  
Section chief of the Population Centre of the DPRK

July 11 is World Population Day.

As the world population reached five billion on July 11 1987, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) set the day as World Population Day at its executive council meeting in 1989.

The population problem is an important task common to mankind as the correct settlement of it ensures the regular activities of humans and the harmonious development of overall social life.

According to the latest UN data, the global population will reach from the current 8.1 billion to 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050.

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) convened in Cairo, Egypt, in September 1994

served as an important occasion in deciding the orientation for settling the population problem. Many international agreements for the sustainable development of population were adopted at several later international conferences.

However, goals remain only partially realized on proportionate development of population and universal access to sexual and reproductive health to all people.

At present, most of those countries witnessing a rapid increase in population are the poorest in the world and the fast population growth there has posed many problems including the eradication of poverty, the ensuring of gender equality, the combat against starvation and malnutrition and the improvement of the

quality of medical service and education.

On the other hand, the birth rate is falling in more than 50 countries in the world. Those countries are faced with such social and financial difficulties as labour shortage and rapid population ageing which urgently requires the establishment of healthcare, allowance and social protection systems for the aged.

Attributing such negative effects partly to a lack of the requisite data systems to track and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as regards the provision of good health and rights to all, UNFPA set "Embracing the power of inclusive data towards a resilient and equitable future for all" as the theme for this year's World Population Day.

The DPRK government taking full responsibility for improving public health and promoting their welfare increases state investment in the public health sector in a sustainable way and puts great efforts into its

development.

In particular, hospitals and clinics in relevant residential areas provide expectant and nursing mothers with healthcare regularly as they give them counsel, check-up and treatment, while the qualitative level of reproductive health and medical care for women sees a steady increase.

In addition, modernly equipped hospitals at all levels are supplied with essential medicines and equipment in a systematic way and the modernization of medical equipment and the introduction of advanced medical sci-tech findings are pushed ahead under the deep concern of the state.

To mark International Population Day this year, our country is conducting various activities including presentations.

We will make more positive efforts to solve the population problem while further strengthening cooperation with UNFPA and other international organizations.

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# President Kim Il Sung remembered worldwide on 30th anniv of his death

KCNA

A seminar on the exploits of President Kim Il Sung took place at the DPRK embassy in Beijing, China, on July 4 on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his demise.

Present there were families of those related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and the ambassador and staff members of the DPRK embassy.

The participants laid a flower basket and bouquets before the portraits of smiling President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and paid tribute to them.

Speeches were made at the seminar.

The families of Zhang Weihua, Zhou Baozhong, Feng Zhongyun and Li Zade said that they can never forget the warm loving care shown for them by tender-hearted President Kim Il Sung, adding that they recollect his great exploits to carry forward the revolutionary cause pioneered by him and make the coming generations develop the precious heritage left by predecessors.

They praised the President as a national hero who defeated the Japanese aggressors and the US imperialists and brought freedom and liberation to the Korean people, an outstanding leader who guided the people to the building of an ideal

society, and the benevolent father who devoted his all to the people, regarding it as his motto to believe in the people as in Heaven all his life.

They noted that the DPRK is thriving day by day under the tested guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Comrade Kim Jong Un and socialist construction is progressing at a very fast speed, making remarkable successes that merit attention of the world people.

They expressed belief that the DPRK people would register bigger successes in socialist construction thanks to the wise guidance of Comrade Kim Jong Un creditably carrying forward the revolutionary cause of Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kim Jong Il.

Seminars, lectures, round-table talks and other memorial events took place in Germany, Denmark, Slovakia, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Cambodia and Algeria from June 29 to July 4.

Speeches were made at the events attended by political and social figures and masses of those countries.

The chief of the Danish Group for the Study of the Juche Idea said that President Kim Il Sung was an outstanding leader, the pioneer of the era of independence and a model of genuine international communists who is still remembered not only by the DPRK people but also by the world's progressives.

The secretary general of the FUNCINPEC Party of Cambodia, the chairman of the Slovak Association for Supporting and Studying the Juche Idea and the chairman of the Algeria-Korea Friendship Association called the President a peerless patriot who devoted his all to the country and the people all his life and the greatest man revered by everyone.

The chief of the Group for the Study of the Juche Idea of Kyrgyzstan said that the DPRK will continue to win victory after victory as it is led by Comrade Kim Jong Un, an iron-willed brilliant commander with boundless devotion to the country and the people, matchless pluck and courage and indomitable will.

Personages of the Centre for the Study of Juche, the Association for the Study of the Juche Idea-Songun Idea and the Academy of Sciences in Mongolia watched a film documenting Kim Il Sung's historic visit to Mongolia, saying that he performed precious exploits for the development of the friendly relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, a memorial meeting and a lecture meeting were held by the Korean Friendship Association and the Communist Party of Soviet Union on June 22 and July 3 on the same occasion.

Memorial meetings took place in Myanmar, Thailand, Pakistan, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Austria and Finland from July 5 to 7.

Speeches were made at the meetings attended by personages of political parties, parliaments, organizations and institutions, members of the Juche idea study organizations and organizations for friendship and solidarity with the Korean people.

The international secretary of the Finnish Communists' League, the chairman of the Ostfold County Committee of the Communist Party of Norway, the chairman of the Denmark-DPRK Friendship Association, the chairman of the Sweden-Korea Friendship Association and the secretary general of the Society for the Promotion of the Relations between Austria and the DPRK said that Kim Il Sung was a peerless patriot and great revolutionary who dedicated all his life to the country and people, a genuine internationalist who made a great contribution to the cause of global independence and a state leader who was ardently revered by the international community.

The speakers expressed their invariable support and solidarity with the DPRK people in their struggle, stressing that the Korean people would surely build a socialist power under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Messages to the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un were adopted at the memorial meetings in Denmark and Sweden.

## Briefly

### Russia

#### Stance to counter US' military blackmail clarified

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryavkov stated that his country does not yield to US military blackmail, but will take counteractions against it.

Noting that the US thinks it needs horrifying means targeting Russia and China, regarding them as its geopolitical enemies, he said that the situation related to the deployment of intermediate- and shorter-range missiles is extremely serious and the US and its vassal states still have the option to keep exacerbating tension.

He blamed the US for still pursuing its own unilateral approach and attempting to aggravate the situation in the Asia-Pacific and Baltic regions.

### Jordan

#### Foreign Ministry appeals for stopping Israeli atrocity

A spokesperson for the Jordanian Foreign Ministry in a statement on July 7 called on the international community to check Israel's criminal atrocities in the Gaza Strip.

Denouncing Israel for continuing to make air raids on refugee camps in Gaza to kill civilians, the statement said that such an unethical war crime is a hideous challenge to the international community demanding a halt to hostile acts and the protection of civilians in the region.

If the international community remains silent, Israel will grow more violent in its atrocities against Palestinians, it said, calling for taking resolute measures to stop them and protect Palestinians.

### EU

#### Last June recorded as hottest June ever

June of this year has been recorded as the hottest June in history.

The Copernican climate change service, the meteorological information agency of the European Union, recently announced that the global average temperature in last June was 16.66°C, hotter than all the previous same months.

The global mean temperature observed during 12 months until late June was also a record high, or 1.64°C higher than that in the pre-Industrial Revolution period.

### Japan

#### Murders committed

Brutal murders are committed one after another in Japan.

A man stabbed his wife in the neck to death with a kitchen knife in Koto-ku of Tokyo Metropolis on July 3, after beating and kicking her, sparking public criticism.

Earlier in late June, a woman stabbed her father to death in their home in Nagano Prefecture.

What is shocking is that the two criminals shamelessly informed police of their murders after committing crimes.

## US condemned for its moves to revive 'UN Command'

KCNA

Kim Kwang Myong, a researcher of the Institute for Disarmament and Peace of the DPRK Foreign Ministry, released the following article titled "The revival of the 'UN Command' is the second version of expansion of NATO and a detonator for a new world war":

It has been 74 years since the US cooked up the "UN Command" and 67 years since it dragged the "UN Command" into the ROK to reinvade the DPRK.

The UN General Assembly held more than 40 years ago adopted a resolution on dissolving the "UN Command" in order to ensure lasting peace on the Korean peninsula and regain the authority and impartiality of the UN. But the "UN Command" is now revealing its aggressive and provocative nature more clearly.

The revival and expansion of the "UN Command", which was born as a war tool and ill-famed as an organization for confrontation, foretell more unstable and unpredictable security environment not only the Korean peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region but also the rest of the world would face.

The "UN Command", which should have been dissolved long ago, is a military organization that the US established in 1950 to drag the armed forces of its vassal states

into the Korean war by abusing the name of the UN.

In July 1950 after the outbreak of the Korean war, the US railroaded a resolution on dragging US-led multinational armed forces into the Korean war by taking an opportunity when the former Soviet Union did not take part in the activities of the UN Security Council, and cooked up the "UN Command". In July 1957 after the ceasefire, the US drew the headquarters of the "UN Command" into the Korean peninsula to make preparations for a new war against the DPRK.

In the 1970s, the US transferred the "authority for military operation" of the "command" to the US-ROK Combined Forces Command, overpowered by the demand of the international community for dissolving the "UN Command". But in the 21st century the US has revived the military functions of the "UN Command" one by one while concentrating its strategic focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

First, in order to restore the position of the "UN Command" as a combat command controlling multinational forces, the US appointed military generals of its vassal states as vice commanders of the "UN Command" and appointed full-time officers as liaison representatives of the "command" which had been occupied by military attachés of the embassies of its vassal states in the

ROK to readjust the machinery.

Moreover, it has staged actual manoeuvres involving active armed forces of the member states of the "UN Command" including fighters and warships, free from the existing usage of letting representatives of the member states of "UN Command" participate in computer simulation during the US-ROK joint military exercises.

The US arranged a defense authority meeting between the ROK and a member nation of the "UN Command" in November last year. And it discussed the issue of making practical use of all capabilities of the "UN Command", the issue of increasing the capability of the "command" to fight a war and the issue of laying a systematic framework for introducing the forces of the "command" member nations in contingency of the Korean peninsula.

This proves that the "UN Command", which had remained in name only, is evolving into a war command worthy of the name against independent and sovereign states in the region.

Today the world is clearly witnessing that NATO's "eastward advance" which continued for scores of years has brought fatal consequences to the security environment of Europe.

As NATO broke its promise of not expanding its domain even an

inch and triggered off the security crisis in Europe by accepting 14 countries, the US attempt to revive and expand the functions of the "UN Command" in disregard of the international community's concern and demand is the root cause of increased possibility of a new physical conflict in the Asia-Pacific region.

The US attempt to revive the "UN Command" is the second version of the expansion of NATO and a detonator that can trigger off a new world war.

The countries joining the US moves for reviving the "UN Command" must realize that they are embroiled in a very dangerous and self-wrong act.

The US is getting more frantic in its military nexus with its vassal forces to maintain its ever-precarious hegemonic position. Such behaviour requires incessant counteraction to redress the imbalance in the dynamic relations that may arise in the region and to deter a new military conflict.

The DPRK will continue to make responsible efforts to deter the reckless acts of the US and its followers disturbing peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and in the region and forcing a holocaust of war on humankind and thus firmly defend the security and interests of the country and the global peace and stability.

# Lake Chon on Mt Paektu – crater lake



By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Lake Chon on Mt Paektu is a huge crater lake that was formed as a crater, which came into being with the collapse of the

top parts of the mountain in the wake of the Millennium Eruption, the greatest one in the world in the past 2 000 years, was filled with water.

The main water source of the lake is atmospheric

precipitation and underground water is added to it.

The crater is 20.63 kilometres round, 944 metres high, 19.81 square kilometres in area and 7.9x10<sup>9</sup> cubic metres in volume.

The lake is 14.4 kilometres round, 384 metres deep at maximum and 9.16 kilometres in area. The volume of its water is 1.955 billion cubic metres and the surface of the water is 2 190.15 metres

above sea level on average.

The insides of the cliffs surrounding the crater have the sections showing the history of eruption of Mt Paektu, making it possible to understand the process of magmatic evolution.

Hot springs and fumaroles in the crater are of great significance in studying Mt Paektu volcano.

Lake Chon is the source of Amnok, Tuman and Songhua rivers.

## DPRK players prove successful at int'l sports games

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DPRK players returned home by air on July 8 after taking part in the Eighth Children of Asia International Sports Games held in Russia.

The sports games brought together more than 1 200 players from over 20 countries and regions, including the DPRK, Russia, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan.

Jon Un Gyong of the DPRK won a gold medal at the women's 52kg boxing in the Eighth Children of Asia International Sports Games.

Jon came to advance into the final match on July 5 by beating all her opponents. She took first place by beating her opponent 5-0 in the final.

The DPRK players bagged seven gold and one silver medals in wrestling, judo and boxing events.

## Taehwa Palace site of Koryo

By Song Jong Ho PT

The Taehwa Palace site in Ryongchu-dong No. 2 of Ryongsong District in Pyongyang is one of the royal palace buildings from the Koryo period (918-1392).

The heritage site is largely divided into two palace sections.

Many building sites, tiles, bricks and other building parts and elements, earthenware and ironware dating back to the Koryo period have been unearthed there.

Most noticeable in the heritage site are several royal palace and corridor sites, well-ordered water supply facilities, the retaining walls elaborately built with flower-patterned bricks, the palace courtyard and roads in the premises neatly

covered with floor tiles, and various kinds of antefixes with different patterns and dragon-shaped Korean ornamental roof tiles. They all encapsulate the development of excellent Koryo architecture in the first half of the 12th century.

## Subdivisions of seasons and folk customs in July

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

July is the hottest month of the year in the DPRK.

*Soso* and *taeso* are the subdivisions of July.

*Soso* means the beginning of summer heat, which falls on early June by the lunar calendar corresponding to July 6-8 by the solar calendar.

*Taeso* means the hottest day of summer, which falls on

late June by the lunar calendar corresponding to July 22-23 by the solar calendar.

This year, *soso* fell on July 6 and *taeso* falls on July 22.

At that time of the year, all kinds of crops grow rapidly day after day.

So, proper weeding and crop raising ensure a bumper harvest.

In July, there are two of *sambok*, the hottest period of the year in the country, namely

*chobok* and *jungbok*.

*Chobok*, the first period of the dog days, begins on July 15 this year and *jungbok*, the second one, on July 25.

Since ancient times, the Korean people have prepared different kinds of foods in the hottest period.

Typical of them are *tangogi* (dog meat) soup, *samgyethang* (a chicken boiled with insam (ginseng), and rice and red-bean

porridge.

Especially, *tangogi* soup is one of the traditional foods which the Koreans like to eat in the hottest period.

When they lost appetite and became feeble due to summer heat, they had the food to regain appetite and nourish themselves, calling it a restorative.

In July, the Koreans liked to play such folk games as *kkoni* and *alchigi*.

