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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at a Major Tank Factory



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, gave field guidance at a major tank factory.

Going round various places of the factory, he learned in detail about the state of production and modernization at the factory and the implementation of the research tasks for core technology of tank.

The Academy of Defence Sciences and the workers and technicians of the factory, that have made single-minded efforts to carry out the tasks put forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK on setting it as the pivotal goal of the munitions industry to put the military hardware on an intelligent, precision and highly-efficient basis and on orienting all the processes of research, development and production to its implementation, are making remarkable progress and successes in developing our-style tanks and armoured weapons and improving their combat performance.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that thanks to the role of the guidance team of the Party Central Committee and the correct and expert guidance of the Academy of Defence Sciences, more development-oriented prospect has been opened up in the field of the tank industry and, in particular, the idea and policy of the WPK Central Military Commission on further perfecting the core technology of the main battle tank are being carried on through steady development and production success.

He stressed that to replace the armoured weapons of last century in our ground forces with latest tanks and armoured vehicles is the most important task in building up the armed forces and modernizing the ground forces.

He expressed satisfaction over the fact that the field of the tank industry upgraded the structural design of our-style tanks and composition of their firepower system to improve the service convenience of the tank crew, proved the scientific accuracy and reliability of the design of high-thrust engine and provided a firm guarantee for serial production.

Saying that today when the subjective and objective environment has changed, it is impossible to build the armoured forces properly unless we give a correct definition of the military functions and role of tank and direction of its development in modern warfare and reconsider the viewpoint on the tank design first of all, he clarified the main orientation of the modernization of tanks and the tasks and ways for it.

He said that to create a large-scale capacity for producing state-of-the-art tanks and self-propelled guns and upgrade the overall

armoured weapon systems of our armed forces in a short span of time by stepping up the modernization of this munitions enterprise and relevant enterprises is an important task for realizing the far-reaching idea and strategic plan of the Party Central Committee for bringing about a second revolution in the armoured forces.

Saying that he supports the plan for modernizing all production lines of the factory in particular, he noted that the plan will be deliberated in real earnest.

He said that the factory, which occupies a key position in developing tank and armoured forces, should make steady technological progress and bring about an upsurge in production and, at the same time, become a model in establishing the culture of the munitions industrial sector in the new century by paying due attention to improving the labour and production environment on an advanced basis.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Major Munitions Enterprises under the Commission of the Second Economy



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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Hong Yong Chil, deputy department director of the Central Committee

of the WPK, and Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences.

He was greeted by the officials of the relevant enterprises on the spot.

Going round various places of the general artillery shell production enterprise, he learned in detail about the state of production and the expansion of production capacity and modernization.

The workers, scientists and technicians of the enterprise, who have

turned out as one in the campaign to attain the goal of modernizing the defence industry set forth by the Party, have perfectly carried out the stage-by-stage tasks for modernization by waging a technical revolution and dynamic drive for increased production with high enthusiasm for struggle and spirit of creation, thus attaining a remarkable growth speed of increasing the shell production four times the average-year level and nearly twice the peak-year level.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that modernization of

the enterprise, which plays a core role in bolstering up our artillery, has reached a high level, followed by an unparalleled growth speed of production capacity of shells, he appreciated that it serves as clearest proof of the correctness and validity of the orientation of the WPK's policy on modernizing the munitions industry.

He said that this remarkable growth of productivity, which has been achieved through the combination of the production structure updated in a modern way and innovative technology and the



fighting stamina peculiar to our munitions industry workers, has a very important meaning in realizing the Party's strategy for the development of national defence, affirming that this will serve as an important factor in improving the main fighting efficiency of our armed forces.

Noting that the soaring enthusiasm of the munitions industry workers and the campaign for increased production at the production sites will provide further momentum to the struggle in all fields of the national economy towards the fulfilment of the five-year plan for national economic development, he warmly encouraged the workers

of the enterprise, hoping that they will produce more shells to contribute to the increase of the combat power of our armed forces, mindful of the fact that bolstering up the artillery immediately means strengthening the fighting efficiency of the army and winding up its combat preparedness.

He stressed that the major munitions enterprises, whose construction is to be launched or which are to be commissioned, should introduce the experience gained in the modernization of this enterprise so as to accelerate the significant change in bolstering up our armed forces.



He visited a general machine-building enterprise, and discussed with the accompanying leading officials the new modernization goal of the enterprise and the long-term development of the country's machine-building industry.

He underlined the need to turn the enterprise into a model mother base which plays a pivotal and leading role in the development of the machine-building industry of the country by carrying out on an annual basis the stage-by-stage goals for attaining the general goal specified

by the report on the development strategy for the machine-building industry of the Commission of the Second Economy deliberated by the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Noting that this important task serves as a decisive guarantee for making the country's defence industry leap forward to a world-class, advanced industry and constitutes an important work of strategic significance in cultivating the prospective potential of the machine-

building industry, he stressed once again the steadfast determination of the Party Central Committee to make sure that this historic task is strictly carried out by the appointed time.

He asked the enterprise to concentrate its efforts on developing and producing a larger number of intelligent, high-speed, precision and multi-functional machine-building equipment for raising the production and technical power of the munitions industry and various fields of the national economy of the country.

Pointing out the shortcomings latent in some issues specified in the report on the development strategy for the machine-building industry and the core policy orientation for the machine-building industry to be consistently held fast to, he assigned the task for launching practical processes for the technical upgrading of the general machine-building enterprise at the world level, and took important measures to this end.

Joint Striking Drill of Long-range Artillery and Missile Systems of Sub-units of KPA on Eastern Front Conducted



A joint striking drill was conducted on May 8 to raise the fighting efficiency of long-range artillery and missile soldiers' sub-units on the eastern front amid intensive combat training at all levels of the Korean People's Army being organized and conducted to improve the whole army's overwhelming capability for countering a war true to the spirit of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guided the joint striking drill of long-range artillery and missile systems.

Mobilized in the drill were 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers and tactical ballistic missile *Hwasongpho-11 Ka*.

The drill was aimed at making the sub-units master the procedures for the operation of the above-mentioned guns and missile attack systems according to the national combined nuclear weapons management system.

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, introducing the drill, said that it would be a sufficient measure of action to show the rapid counteraction posture and capability of the armed forces of the DPRK capable of coping with the change of the military situation aggravated by the enemy in the sensitive region.

Prior to firing, the operational reliability of the *Haekpangasoe* system was inspected layer by layer.





There took place detailed trainings for making all the sub-units master the procedures and processes for rapidly switching over to the nuclear counterattack posture and a separate special lecture for the commanding officers on the operation of the counterattack system.

Then, the firepower sub-units fired simultaneously and in order, and separately or jointly, at different enemy targets in the assigned direction and distance.

The goal of the drill was achieved, and the reliability of the command and mobilization system capable of quickly reacting to any nuclear crisis was verified.

Stressing the need to steadily enhance the pivotal role of the nuclear forces in all aspects of the strategies to deter war and fight it, Kim Jong Un said that it is very important to constantly perfect the regular combat readiness of the nuclear forces.

He said that the DPRK should continue to direct efforts to steadily improving the long-range precision striking capability and efficiency of weapon systems, proceeding from the security environment of our state and the actual requirements of modern warfare.

He affirmed that the radical growth of the artillery forces, portending many changes in the practice of our future military actions, will provide greater and different possibilities for securing the operations capabilities of our army.

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the armed forces to preferentially intensify the qualitative superiority of the artillery forces with an unshakable viewpoint that strengthening the artillery immediately means strengthening the fighting efficiency of the army and the nation's defence capability, Kim Jong Un set

forth important tasks for further raising the combat reliability of the tactical nuclear weapon systems and steadily expanding their operations space in a combined way.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Combined Tactical Drill of Different Arms Conducted under Training Course of Conference of Training Officers of KPA



A combined tactical drill of special operations sub-units for surpassing the standards for an all-mission battalion and a match and joint fire strike drill demonstration of tankmen's sub-units were held on May 13 as a demonstration drill under the training course of the Conference of the Training Officers of the Korean People's Army.

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 Training Camp No. 60 of the Capital City Defence Corps of the KPA and watched the tactical drill demonstrations of different arms held under the training course of the conference of training officers.

Before watching the drill, Kim Jong Un acquainted himself with the functions and components of the training base, and appreciated that all conditions are well provided for properly conducting various tactical drills of sub-units as befitting a multi-functional combined training base.

He watched various tactical drill demonstrations together with commanding officers of the KPA at the observation post.





The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that scientific combat training systems have been established throughout the whole army as our Party set forth the five-point policy for effecting a revolution in training and paid close attention to thoroughly establishing a climate of prioritizing training at all levels of the Korean People's Army, strengthening the integral system of organizing, judging and reviewing training and putting the main stress on war-like training in keeping with the developing aspects and changing trend of modern warfare. He affirmatively appreciated that this has promoted substantial changes in the training sector and the strengthening and development of combat capability of units and sub-units.

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Our revolutionary armed forces are now in charge of not a few fronts, but the most important among them is the anti-imperialist class front and making full preparations for war is their most crucial task. Combat drill to turn all the levels of the army into elite ranks that are thoroughgoing and perfect in executing any order is the first revolutionary task.

In order to implement the Party's military strategic plan for putting the special operations forces on an all-mission arms of services and all-mission specialists basis, it is important to launch a vigorous revolutionary movement to surpass the standards for an all-mission battalion.





Modern warfare is a showdown between military talents and war of commanding officers' brains. In order to firmly maintain and strengthen the qualitative superiority of our army, all combat drills should be organized on the principle of enhancing the initiative, independence and creativity of commanding officers and practical brain drills and actual manoeuvrings be intensified.

The secure prospect of building a powerful army desired by our Party is provided on the training front, and the combat preparedness of the KPA is completed and guaranteed first by the training sector. To this end, it is necessary to decisively improve the quality of military education and put the main emphasis on educating and strengthening the ranks of training officers.

He then underlined the need to perfect in all aspects the training apparatuses and elements of training grounds for preparing all levels of our armed forces for modern warfare as required by the reality



that urgently demands their qualitative change, to introduce IT and scientific judgement systems into training, and to renew the training system in keeping with the developing trend of the new century.

That day, he met the combatants of a sub-unit under the 11th Corps of the KPA, who surpassed the standards for an all-mission battalion, and appreciated and warmly encouraged them, saying that they played the role as vanguard fighters in bringing about a revolution in training and as a model in rounding off the war preparations. Then he had a photo taken with them.

He clarified the tasks for fundamentally improving the contents,

forms and methods of operations and combat drills in the training sector and making the training part of life, habit and mental quality of the service personnel in order to prepare the KPA to be an army that is capable of fighting a war any time, an army that wins without fail if it fights, and for expanding its strategic potential as a powerful army.

Hoping that the seventh conference of training officers will serve as an occasion for bringing about an epochal leap forward in further enhancing the qualifications and abilities of all the training officers, he extended militant encouragement to all the participants in the conference.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Flying Group of Guards 1st Air Wing of Korean People's Army and Guides Drills

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 a flying group of the Guards 1st Air Wing of the Korean People's Army and guided the anti-air combat and air raid drills of the flying corps of the Air Force on May 15.

He was greeted by Air Chief Marshal Kim Kwang Hyok, commander of the KPA Air Force, and air wing commanders of the Air Force.

After hearing the report on the results of the agreement between clients and producers on the development of air weapons and equipment and the long-term plan, he clarified the view of the Party Central Committee as regards the development of the new-generation air assault and anti-air weapon systems of a high level, and advanced important tasks for its realization.

He mounted the observation post at the flight control station, and guided the anti-air combat and air raid drills of the flying corps of the Air Force.

The drills were aimed at making the flying corps, anti-air missile sub-units, radar sub-units and electronic warfare sub-units experienced in the anti-air mission to detect, track and destroy the enemy cruise missiles and suicidal drones attacking from different directions and in the combat mission to make the enemy drones blind and destroy them with different electronic means.

There also took place an application test of new-type long-range precision guided glide bomb and a drill of flying corps' raid on targets.

In performing the anti-air defence tactical mission to detect, track and destroy enemy cruise missiles and suicidal drones attacking from different directions, the anti-air missile sub-units and detection and electronic warfare sub-units carried out only the task of detecting and tracking air targets and the flying corps, while performing the guard flight mission in the air duty area as in an actual war environment, detected, tracked and destroyed the attacking air targets.





The drills proved the anti-air defence capabilities of the groups of the Guards 1st Air Wing.

Saying that it is very important to judge the abilities of the anti-air units for carrying out their missions in actual war and take necessary measures, Kim Jong Un stressed that such drills as today's are very

useful for making pilots experienced in modern air combat methods.

Expressing the view of the Party Central Committee on the theoretical and practical issues arising in further enhancing the combat effectiveness of the state anti-air defence systems, he set forth important tasks for the orientation of the development of air





weapon systems, anti-air defence means, integrated detection and electronic warfare system and integrated anti-drone system.

The flying corps of the Guards 1st Air Wing, which perfectly carried out their anti-air tactical mission, made zero-feet flight over the observation post to pay the highest tribute to Kim Jong Un, who has remarkably developed the KPA into an ever-victorious revolutionary army for the security of the state and the well-being of the people with his outstanding military ideas, far-sighted military wisdom and energetic leadership.

Kim Jong Un acknowledged the flying corps and expressed

great satisfaction over the fact that the pilots proved the combat reliability of the KPA Air Force with practical manoeuvrings and set an excellent example in rounding off the war preparations.

There took place a drill of destroying enemy drones with helicopter and flying corps' precision bombing of naval targets, followed by a demonstration flight of strategic reconnaissance drones and multi-mission drones.

Saying that victory in war is decided first on the training ground and that when all the service personnel devote themselves to combat and political training with the noble sense of mission of defending





the country and the revolution, the sky, land and sea of our sacred country will be further consolidated as an impregnable fortress no enemy would dare attack, Kim Jong Un called upon all the units of the entire army to bring about a radical turn in making preparations for war in constant readiness while remaining on full alert.

He met the pilots who took part in the drills, highly praised them for fully demonstrating their combat capability that deserves trust and confidence of the country and the people, and gave thanks to the commanding officers of the Air Force and the pilots.

Expressing belief that all the officers and men of the Air Force will reliably defend the security of the territorial airspace of our state and the safety of its people with matchless bravery and a heroic fighting spirit in the future, too, he had a photo taken with them.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery on Occasion of Third Anniversary of Demise of Hyon Chol Hae



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 Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on May 18 on the occasion of the third anniversary of the demise of Hyon Chol Hae who was a prominent military and political activist of our state.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un laid a flower before his grave, recalling the memory of the revolutionary comrade-in-arms

who devoted himself to the glorious struggle for accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche with genuine communist traits, noble human feeling, wide-ranging knowledge and unyielding execution abilities.

He paid silent tribute to the memory of Hyon Chol Hae, a true son of the DPRK and a model of steadfast revolutionaries and patriots.

Recalling him, Kim Jong Un said:

"Still vivid in my memory is Comrade Hyon Chol Hae, who

was always with the great General Kim Jong Il. He was the shadow of the General. He remains in all our memories as a model military and political official, highly principled and outstanding in political abilities and organizational skills, and as a paragon of true human, always unceremonious, unaffected, steadfast and upright. He will live forever in our minds, always reminding us of the General's era and encouraging us in our sacred struggle for a great victory."

He prayed the noble spirit and distinguished feats of Hyon Chol Hae, who remained steadfastly loyal to the Party and the revolution all his life, would shine forever on the highest platform of honour and dignity.

Before the monument to martyrs at the cemetery he paid high tribute to the martyrs who devoted their precious lives to the eternal prosperity and future of the country.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Pays a Congratulatory Visit to Russian Embassy in Pyongyang to Mark Russia's Great V-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, paid a congratulatory visit to the Russian embassy in Pyongyang on May 9 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Russia's victory in the Great Patriotic War.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid a congratulatory visit to the Russian embassy in Pyongyang on May 9 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Russia's victory in the Great Patriotic War.

He was accompanied by his dear daughter.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was courteously greeted by Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and major members of the embassy.

Saying that he was visiting the embassy to convey the best wishes

of our Party, government and people to the leadership of the Russian Federation and fraternal Russian people through the ambassador on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of victory in the war, he warmly congratulated the embassy staff on greeting the most sacred and auspicious holiday of their country, and continued:

May 9 is the day of the precious victory won by the Russian people at the cost of their blood for the destiny of their motherland and mankind and for justice, and the day which etched immortal dignity and glory in the history of Russia and recorded great epochal significance in the world history of struggle against fascism

and aggression. Our state and people regard this day as a holiday common to their country and Russia and share joy with the friends of the ally.

A flower basket of best wishes sent by Kim Jong Un to the Russian people on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War was conveyed.

Written on the ribbon of the flower basket were the letters, reading, "I pay the highest tribute and extend my best wishes to the Russian people on the occasion of the great V-day. On behalf of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Kim Jong Un"

Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech.

He expressed his impression of having an opportunity to personally convey the tender feeling and intention of the Korean people to the Russian people on the occasion of Russia's great V-day. And on behalf of the Party and government, armed forces of the Republic and all the Korean people, he extended warm congratulations to the president of the Russian Federation, the leadership of Russia, the courageous Russian army, all the Russian people, war veterans and others who performed meritorious wartime service.

He mentioned the historic traditions of relationship between



the two countries that have written countless and indelible chapters of friendship and solidarity over the past more than 80 years, the immortal feats of the Soviet army and people who saved peace of the planet and destiny and civilization of mankind, the historic meaning of the May 9 holiday immutable along with those feats and the firmness of the DPRK-Russia alliance proved at the cost of blood. He expressed the belief that Russia will surely achieve the great cause of building a great power and wholeheartedly wished the Russian people lasting prosperity and happiness.

Amid the enthusiastic applause, Kim Jong Un personally conveyed to the Russian ambassador a joint congratulatory message sent by the Central Committee of the WPK, 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 to the leadership of the Russian Federation and all the Russian people.

A flower basket in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before The Eternal Flame, symbolic of the heroic lives and feats of the unknown soldiers.



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Kim Jong Un paid high tribute to the martyrs, respectfully recollecting them who defended the dignity and sovereignty of their country and global peace and security at the cost of their lives in the grimmest years.

With boundless reverence all the Russian embassy staff warmly saw off Kim Jong Un who left a sacred footprint to be specially recorded in the history of the DPRK-Russia friendship and solidarity with a long history and good traditions.



Seventh Conference of Training Officers of Korean People's Army



Amid the invincible prestige of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK being fully demonstrated in firmly defending the national sovereignty and well-being of the people with arms and powerfully promoting the comprehensive rejuvenation and development in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for defending the ideology and cause of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Seventh Conference of the Training Officers of the Korean People's Army took place in the capital city of Pyongyang on May 14-15.

The conference analyzed and reviewed the successes and experience gained in the training sector of the Korean People's Army over the past seven years since the Sixth Conference of Active Training Officers of the Korean People's Army. And it discussed the tasks and practical ways for consolidating the training front as a strong fulcrum firmly guaranteeing the mightiness and invincibility of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK and a reliable fortress for training the elite army, and for highly improving the actual war capability of all units and sub-units.

Present there were the training officers of the armed forces of the DPRK, commanding officers of all military and political organs, officers of military educational institutions at all levels and officials concerned.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, Jong Kyong Thae, director of the General Political Bureau of the KPA, leading commanding officers of all military and political organs and exemplary training officers took the platform.

Ri Yong Gil made a report at the conference.

The reporter referred to the great successes made in bolstering up the political and military might of the KPA in the days of strengthening its actual war capability, holding the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in the vanguard of the campaign for effecting a revolution in training.

The report analyzed and reviewed the deviations to be surely corrected in the training sector.

The report was followed by speeches.

The conference was followed by a ceremony of awarding Party and state commendations to the meritorious officers in strengthening training.

The Seventh Conference of the Training Officers of the Korean People's Army marked a significant occasion in setting a new milestone in further strengthening the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK into the ever-victorious elite ranks equipped with perfect capability to fight a war and the world's strongest revolutionary army of Kim Jong Un by thoroughly establishing a scientific combat training system in the entire army in keeping with the developing trend of the new century and bringing about a radical leap forward and fundamental change in rounding off the combat preparations.

National Meeting Held to Mark 70th Anniversary of Chongryon



Also on hand were members of the group of Koreans in Japan for expressing thanks to the homeland on the 70th founding anniversary of Chongryon led by Jong Song Han, chairman of the Hokkaido Metropolitan Headquarters of Chongryon, who were on a visit to the socialist homeland, and overseas compatriots staying in the DPRK.

Kang Yun Sok made a report.

He said that, along with the call of Chongryon, which arouses unusual attachment, May 25 is recorded in the history of the country as a significant day that inspires the pride of being Koreans as all other anniversaries of our state. The General Association of Korean Residents in Japan guided by the Juche idea was formed 70 years ago in the centre of capitalist Japan according to the desire and general will of all the Koreans in Japan, he noted.

In the past decades that were not smooth, the officials of Chongryon and other Koreans in Japan, true to the ideas and leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, have waged a dynamic struggle for the victorious advance of the movement of Koreans in Japan and the peace of the Korean community in Japan and shared their destiny with the socialist homeland single-mindedly, despite the persistent suppression by and vicious moves of the hostile forces, he said,

referring to the feats of the founder generation of Chongryon who created the traditions of loyalty, unity and patriotism in the alien land and bequeathed them to their descendants as fine spiritual heritage.

He said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who has warmly embraced Koreans in Japan as the great Korean people living in a foreign country, has set it as the eternal national policy of the DPRK to attach importance to Chongryon and overseas compatriots since the first period of his revolutionary leadership and led the movement of Koreans in Japan to victory and glory, adding:

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a historic letter *Let Us Write a New Great Chapter in the History of the Movement of Koreans in Japan by Carrying Forward the Patriotic Spirit of the Founder Generation* to the officials of Chongryon and other Koreans in Japan on the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of Chongryon, thus giving them another strategy of sure victory for carrying forward the proud patriotic history of Chongryon for all ages.

He called on all the participants to dynamically advance, displaying the stamina of the indomitable Korean people for the beloved homeland, for the future of Chongryon which will grow stronger and prosper and for the peace and happiness of the

harmonious, affluent and powerful Korean community in Japan under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Then, Jong Song Han, head of the group of Koreans in Japan for expressing thanks to the homeland on the 70th anniversary of Chongryon, made a speech.

He said that Chongryon has been able to firmly sustain its proud original features even in the environment of the alien land, thanks to the loving care of Kim Jong Un who always remembers Chongryon and Koreans in Japan, though busy ushering in a new gigantic era of comprehensive national rejuvenation, and gives strength and wisdom if necessary.

Saying that it is an extraordinary privilege and the highest honour to receive Kim Jong Un's important letter full of the idea of attaching importance to Chongryon and affection on the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of Chongryon, he stressed that Chongryon officials and other Koreans in Japan are hardening their pledge of faith to hold him in high esteem and stoutly follow the long road of patriotism.

A national meeting took place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on May 25 to mark the 70th founding anniversary of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon).

Present there were Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Jon Sung Guk, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Ri Son Gwon, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, officials of the working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies, officials concerned, those related to Chongryon and working people in Pyongyang.

Ever-changing Looks of Pyongyang Seen in Photos

In recent years tremendous changes are taking place in Pyongyang. The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un unfolded a plan of building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in the eighth term of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (2021-2025), and has continued to visit the large-scale construction sites since the first groundbreaking ceremony. Thanks to his energetic leadership, 10 000 flats have been built every year in new streets, facelifting Pyongyang.

SONGHWAE STREET Inaugurated in 2022

As the first entity of the project to build 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, Songhwa Street was splendidly built, forming a modern large architectural group in the eastern gateway to the capital city.

POTHONG RIVERSIDE TERRACED HOUSES DISTRICT (KYONGRU-DONG)

Inaugurated in 2022

The Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District was built on the picturesque bank of the Pothong River meandering through Pyongyang. The buildings blend well with nature and the living and ecological spaces are arranged in an organic way, while preserving the natural environment.

10 000 FLATS IN THE FIRST-STAGE SECTION OF THE Hwasong AREA (Hwasong STREET)

Inaugurated in 2023

Hwasong Street is another fruition borne of the policy of the WPK that devotes its all to the betterment of the people's living.



10 000 FLATS IN THE SECOND-STAGE SECTION OF THE Hwasong AREA (RIMHUNG STREET)

Inaugurated in 2024



The 10 000 flats in the second-stage section of the Hwasong area, named Rimhung Street, present another new appearance of Pyongyang, as the apartment blocks look non-repetitive with one another and ensure formative and artistic beauty.

JONWI STREET Inaugurated in 2024

Young people completed with their own efforts in a matter of one year this large-scale architectural group consisting of high-rise and super-high-rise apartment buildings for thousands of families and neighbourhood-serving amenities. This is called Jonwi (Vanguard) Street.



10 000 FLATS IN THE THIRD-STAGE SECTION OF THE Hwasong AREA Inaugurated in 2025

This new residential quarter in the Hwasong area is another architectural group with modern super-high-rise and high-rise apartment buildings and distinctive commercial and public catering establishments.





Displaying the Vitality of Regional Development Policy

- Visit to the regional-industry factories in Songchon County -



Songchon County in South Pyongan Province has long been famous for tobacco, silk and medicinal chestnut.

It has become more famous after modern regional-industry factories were built as the

first entities of the regional development policy.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un proclaimed the Regional Development 20×10 Policy at the Tenth Session of

the 14th Supreme People's Assembly, and energetically led the work for its implementation.

Attaching great importance to the construction of the regional-industry



The products from the regional-industry factories in Songchon County bring pleasure to the local people, demonstrating the vitality of the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.



factories in Songchon County, he visited the county several times, like attending the groundbreaking and inauguration ceremonies of those factories.

Thanks to his painstaking efforts, the factories were inaugurated in December last year.

The factories, which meet the features of the area and whose production lines are put on a highly automated and scientific footing, produce various kinds of goods needed for the locals' material and cultural life.

The goods include soybean paste and soy sauce, candy, biscuit, chestnut jam—a regional specialty—drinks and plastic products and rose and lemon flavour soaps of various colours.

These are a source of pride for the regional people as they are made from raw materials abundant in the county.

Officials and employees of the factories are devoting all their wisdom and passion to producing famous products, symbolic of the features of their region and favoured by the regional people.

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Text: Kim Son Gyong



Rich Crop of Kelp in Sinpho City Offshore Farm

The Sinpho City Offshore Farm, inaugurated thanks to the new regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea, has greeted the first harvesting season of kelp.

The city that was famous as a leading fishery base is now expecting a rich crop of kelp.

Located in a place with a favourable

marine ecological environment—good water quality and temperature and abundant nutrient salts—the farm has over one hundred hectares of grounds for cultivating scallop and kelp.

It has arranged the scallop and kelp cultivation grounds alternately to provide favourable conditions for their growth and minimize environmental pollution, and

introduced advanced techniques to increase their production. It regulates dippers' depth in a sci-tech way according to season and temperature.

All the employees of the farm are striving to activate offshore farming by increasing unit-area yield.

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Text: Pak Kyong Chol





Rice Transplanting at Yakjon Farm

technical guidance so as to guarantee the quality of transplanting and apply advanced farming methods for increased grain production.

As the farming processes such as rice transplanting and tending earlier wheat and barley crops are being conducted in a three-

dimensional way, they are taking measures for increasing the rate of operation of farm machines under a well-thought-out plan.

The agricultural workers, in turn, are overfulfilling their daily transplanting plan by fully displaying the collectivist spirit and waging a campaign of learning from others,

overtaking them and swapping experience with them.

Thanks to their strong intention to bring about a bumper crop, the area of “green carpet” is increasing.

*Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyeong*

Rice transplanting is in full swing at the Yakjon Farm under the Sukchon County Rural Economy Committee in South Phyongan Province.

With a burning desire to greet the last year of the five-year plan set forth at the

Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea with increased grain production, officials and agricultural workers of the farm have turned out to complete rice transplanting in the right season.

Valuing the honour of having been

selected as one of the top 30 farms last year, they made full preparations for this year's farming from the beginning of the year.

As they have increased the area for cultivation of nutrient cold-bed rice seedlings, the officials are intensifying



On Taedonggang



Taedonggang is a floating restaurant frequented by the people. What is impressive on the floating restaurant is to enjoy the view of Pyongyang being transformed day after day.

The double-decker vessel that can accommodate 300 persons at a time has dining rooms and a banquet hall laid out in a characteristic way.

Not only the wonderful environment but also the traditional

dishes and world delicacies attract the people.

The chairman of the National Council of the Russian Association of Youth and Children made entries in the visitor's book as follows.

"Dear employees of the wonderful restaurant,

"In the name of the National Council of the Russian Association of Youth and Children, I offer thanks to you. Members of my delegation have been struck with admiration after having a taste of

your delicacies. We will always remember the taste of Taedonggang Beer. Wishing your business prosperity."

After the vessel raises its anchor, it makes a round of a section of the river, giving the guests an opportunity to enjoy the view of the historical sites of Taedong Gate and Ryongwang Pavilion, Okryu Restaurant, East Pyongyang Grand Theatre, Central Youth Hall, Changjon Street and Tower of the Juche Idea.

Commissioned in 2013, the restaurant has served many model

workers from different fields of the national economy as well as its patrons.

The manager of the restaurant says, "We wish to make the guests more satisfied with wonderful service as they enjoy the picturesque scenery of Pyongyang."

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kang Su Jong



Rason Schoolchildren's Palace

There are many schoolchildren's palaces in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Among them is the Rason Schoolchildren's Palace at the centre of Rason Municipality.

Inaugurated in May 2019, it is furnished with all the conditions necessary for schoolchildren's extracurricular activities including a gym and a theatre.

After school, hundreds of schoolchildren from different parts of the municipality come here and learn according to their wishes and aptitudes in 30-odd groups.

To bring their talents into full bloom, instructors strive to develop various teaching methods that conform to the features of extracurricular education.

The palace has produced many prodigies





Schoolchildren are bringing their talents into full bloom in 30-odd groups.



who displayed their talents in national competitions such as the 58th National Schoolchildren's Art Festival, folk song competition of members of schoolchildren's palaces and schoolchildren's halls and the 2024 National Schoolchildren's Games.

It is still frequented by many schoolchildren in the municipality.

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23rd Pyongyang Spring International Trade Fair Held

Presented to the fair, held under the theme of “For the common development and prosperity,” were such products as electronic appliances, building materials, light-industrial goods, foodstuffs and daily necessities produced by more than 110 enterprises and companies from the DPRK, Russia, China, Myanmar, Mongolia, Bangladesh and Thailand.



The 23rd Pyongyang Spring International Trade Fair was held from May 12 to 16 at the Central Youth Hall.

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Korea Kaesong Koryo Insam Trading Company, the Pugang Pharmaceutical Company, the Songdo Footwear Economic Cooperation Co., Ltd and the Songdownon General Foodstuff Factory.

The fair marked a good occasion in developing friendship and bilateral and multilateral cooperation between nations.

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Text: Pak Kyong Chol



Popular *Golf* course by Lake Thaesong



The Pyongyang Golf Course is located in Thaesong-ri, Kangso District, Nampho, which is famous for its clear and fresh air and picturesque scenery.

The Pyongyang Golf Course goes well with the picturesque forest and the placid lake, giving the golf enthusiasts a deep impression.

Inaugurated in September 1987, it was renovated in October 2019. It always bustles with golfers and tourists.

It is equipped with 18 golf courses, a general service centre, a guesthouse and angling sites, and can accommodate 200

persons at a time.

The total length of the golf courses is 6 777 yards, and there are trees and sand bunkers of different shapes.

All the courses have distinctive qualities, and the bunkers attract the attention of the players.

Many people visit the place to have a good time enjoying wonderful natural environment and kindly service of the



Golf harmonizing the sport with nature makes people feel unusual sentiments and fascination.

attendants.

Cheers resound amid the mingled feeling of joy and regret at tense moments of striking that demands high skills and critical moments at the last hole.

An amateur golfers' competition is held here every spring and autumn.

The competitions, held amid the interest and cheers of the golf fans and tourists, unfold colourful and impressive scenes.

The visitors, fascinated by the picturesque natural scenery and unusual sentiments, are reluctant to leave the golf course.

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