

Cherished desire of WPK, new civilization and new welfare of people

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Creations for the happiness of the people have continuously sprung up in the DPRK.

This year alone, the third-stage 10 000-flat construction in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang was completed and the news of farmers moving into new rural houses built in different parts of the country has been reported one after another.

Most recently, the world-level coastal tourist town, a marine park, was built in the Wonsan Kalma area. Thus the area which was well-known as Myongsasimni (4km-long stretch of beautiful sand) has now become more famous as inphasimni, a 4km-long stretch of beach crowded with people.

All this is not because the country has especially favourable conditions and extra money and everything is plentiful.

It is thanks to the plan and will of the Workers' Party of Korea which intends to turn the Korean people into enjoyers of socialist civilization as soon as possible.

Enjoying a bird's-eye view of the coastal tourist town presenting a wonderful scene at the inaugural ceremony of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, a new scenic spot of socialist cultural efflorescence, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that

what he most wanted to do for the people and to which the Party devoted a great deal of effort for a long time with the cherished desire were translated into a brilliant reality.

His desire to firmly defend and hold in higher esteem the people and make them happiest in the world is the great force and motive power that brings them best civilization and happiness.

He never hesitates to spend a colossal sum of money to do a thing if it is for the people, regarding his anguish for them as his greatest honour.

Whenever a structure for the people's happiness is to be built, he puts his heart and soul into even a single design or mock-up and devotes himself for its completion.

Thanks to his warm care, a great new era of creating civilization for the people has been opened up, the day of prosperous ideal society has drawn near and the creations of civilization have mushroomed all across the country.

During the construction of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, a world-level coastal tourist town, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un examined thousands of designs, visited the windy construction site several times a year for the completion of all structures in the resort at the highest

level and gave detailed solutions to even the problems of developing Korean-style service methods and capabilities.

Therefore, visitors to the tourist resort excitedly say that his warm loving care and devoted efforts for the people created a wonderful coastal resort town in

Myongsasimni, while nature had only created a 4km-long stretch of sand there.

In addition, the projects for the development and expansion of diverse leisure centres on a nationwide scale, including that for turning the Samjiyon area into a mountainous tourist resort, convince

the Korean people of their future to be more affluent and beautiful.

The Korean people are boundlessly enjoying new civilization and new welfare, thanks to the cherished desire of the WPK which believes in them as in heaven and intends to provide them with the happiest life in the world.



The 10 000 flats built in the third stage of the Hwasong area, Pyongyang.

DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui visits China

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Choe Son Hui, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and foreign minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the People's Republic of China from September 27 to 30 at the invitation of Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and foreign minister of the People's Republic of China.

Choe Son Hui had talks with Wang Yi at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on September 28.

She said that the meeting and talks between the top leaders held at a crucial time, when great changes were taking place in the internal and external circumstances of the two countries and the international situation, provided the main orientation and important guidelines for developing the DPRK-China relations in conformity with

the changing situation and the requirements of the times.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the friendly feelings between the DPRK and China cannot change no matter how the international situation may change and that it is the steadfast stand of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to further strengthen and develop the traditional DPRK-China relations of friendship and cooperation as required by the times, she noted.

She expressed the stand to make positive efforts for developing in depth the DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations in the spirit of the DPRK-China summit meeting and talks.

Wang Yi said that Choe Son Hui's visit is the first visit to China by the DPRK high-level delegation after the meeting of the top leaders of the two countries held on the occasion of the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, adding that

General Secretary Xi Jinping and General Secretary Kim Jong Un met after six years and set forth the orientation and blueprint for developing the relations between the two countries on a new high stage.

It is necessary to strengthen strategic communication between the two sides, promote mutual visits and cooperation and jointly defend regional peace and stability, regarding the common understanding of the top leaders of the two countries as the basic guidelines, he said.

Noting that the China-DPRK friendship provided and developed by the leaders of the elder generations of the two countries is a precious common wealth of the two countries, he stressed that it is the consistent and steadfast stand of the Chinese party and government to successfully defend, consolidate and develop the traditional China-DPRK friendship.

At the talks they had an in-depth exchange of opinions related to the international and regional issues and reached a full consensus of views on them.

Choe Son Hui met with Li Qiang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, at the Great Hall of the People on September 29.

She referred to the struggle of the DPRK people who are making all-out efforts to successfully greet the Ninth Congress of the WPK after definitely concluding all the undertakings planned for this year, the last year of implementing the five-year plan for national economic development.

Noting that the China-DPRK friendly and cooperative relations have been further consolidated and developed in recent years, thanks to the direct interest and strategic guidance of General Secretary Xi Jinping and General Secretary Kim Jong Un, Li Qiang expressed the willingness to positively promote the socialist cause by boosting contact, cooperation and strategic communication with the DPRK side and thus provide the peoples of the two countries with greater wellbeing.



DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui has talks with her Chinese counterpart Wang Yi at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on September 28.

Premier Pak inspects various sectors

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Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made a field survey of various sectors.

At the Samjigang Farm in Jaeryong County and the Sowon Farm in Pyoksong County he learned about the paddy rice yields according to varieties, manuring and cultivation of later crops and the harvesting situation and called on South Hwanghae Province, a major granary, to reap a bumper crop to glorify this significant

year with increased grain production.

He stressed the need to properly set the harvesting time in conformity with the ripening rate of rice ears and geographical conditions and rationally distribute manpower and farm machines in order to gather the grains cultivated with much effort without any waste and generalize the excellent experience gained by agricultural production units throughout the country.

At the Pupho Mine, the premier heard a detailed report on the operation of the mine and the project for expanding its capacity and called for reinforcing and perfecting the mining and

transport system to provide a guarantee for revitalizing production at a high level as the production processes including the crushing and flotation processes have been fully provided.

After going round various production sites of the Pyongyang Trolley Bus Factory, he took a battery-operated passenger bus on trial to acquaint himself with its technical condition and said that the officials, technicians and workers of the factory and relevant units should bear in mind the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea, which always pays close attention to the public transport issue of the capital city, put spurs

Premier Pak Thae Song (third from left) takes a battery-operated passenger bus on trial on his inspection tour of the Pyongyang Trolley Bus Factory.



to the modernization of equipment and steadily improve the safety and performance of battery-operated buses.

At the construction site of the farm machine institute under the Agricultural Commission which is nearing completion, the

premier learned about the progress of the construction and referred to the ways for successfully building the institute.

Letter of loyalty relay delegation of Chongryon arrives in Pyongyang

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A meeting of Koreans in Japan took place at the Korean Hall in Tokyo on September 29 to adopt a letter of loyalty to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were Ho Jong Man, chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon), Pak Ku Ho, first vice-chairman and concurrently director of the Organizational Department,

and other officials of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, leading officials of the central organizations of Chongryon and its affiliates, officials in the Kanto area and members of a letter relay delegation.

Pak Ku Ho read out the letter of loyalty presented to Kim Jong Un by the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

The letter of loyalty was adopted amid the applause of the participants in the meeting.

Ri Kwang Il, chairman

of the Central Standing Committee of the Korean Youth League in Japan who is head of the letter relay delegation, gave a resolution-making speech.

Earlier, meetings were held at regional headquarters of Chongryon to adopt the letters of loyalty to Kim Jong Un.

The letter of loyalty relay delegation of Chongryon in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea led by Ri Kwang Il, chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the Korean Youth League in Japan, arrived in Pyongyang on October 2.

Small tractors, farm machines conveyed to farms on occasion of founding anniversary of WPK

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"Nyomaeng" small tractors provided by the women's union organizations across the DPRK through a do-good-thing movement were conveyed to the Wollang Farm in Anbyon County, Kangwon Province, on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A meeting to convey the tractors was held in Anbyon County on September 30.

Present there were Han Kwang Ho, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the central committee of the women's union, officials concerned

and agricultural workers and members of the women's union in the county.

Speakers noted that all the officials and working people should make substantial progress in developing the regional economy and increasing agricultural production and thus glorify the significant Ninth Party Congress with proud labour achievements.

After the meeting was over, tractors left for the farm amid the send-off by the participants.

"Sonyon" small tractors provided by children's union organizations were presented to farms in South Hwanghae Province on the same occasion.

A meeting for presenting the tractors was held in the city of

Haeju on October 1.

Present there were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials concerned and members of the Korean Children's Union.

Mun Chol, chairman of the central committee of the youth league, made a presentation speech and a presentation certificate was handed over amid the participants' applause to be followed by resolution-making speeches.

"Jingmaeng" farm machines prepared by trade union organizations were conveyed to the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm in a meeting in the city of Sinuiju, North Phyongan Province, on October 2.

Sculpture depicting Korean anti-Japanese guerrillas erected at Patriot Park in Russia



An unveiling ceremony of the sculpture of Korean anti-Japanese guerrillas takes place at Patriot Park in Russia on October 1.

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A sculpture depicting Korean anti-Japanese guerrillas was erected at Patriot Park in the suburbs of Moscow, Russia.

An unveiling ceremony of the sculpture took place on the spot on October 1.

Present there were No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation.

On hand were members of the DPRK military delegation, DPRK Ambassador to Russia Sin Hong Chol, the defence attache of the DPRK embassy, Aide to the President of Russia Vladimir

Medinski, Chairman of the National Defence Committee of the State Duma Andrei Kartapolov and officials of the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Ministry.

At the ceremony, there was an introduction of the monument and the defence ministers of the two countries cut a ribbon amid the playing of music.

Then speeches were made. Andrei Belousov said that the sculpture depicting Korean anti-Japanese guerrillas can be called proudly to be a symbol of the invincible militant friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

No Kwang Chol said in his speech that the two countries and peoples were closely united with warm affection

of comrades-in-arms and friends in the bloody battles against the common enemy and this proud tradition has become the cornerstone of developing the DPRK-Russia relations into the ones of comprehensive strategic partnership and alliance.

Vladimir Medinski expressed belief that the Russia-DPRK relations of friendship and cooperation would grow stronger in all fields in the future, too.

After the speeches, flower baskets and flowers were laid before the sculpture.

The participants paid high tribute to the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs.

Earlier, the DPRK military delegation laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier beside the Kremlin walls.



History resplendent with victory and glory

On the occasion of 80th anniversary of Workers' Party of Korea

Golden age of build-up of whole Party

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Workers' Party of Korea has entered a golden age in terms of leadership and fighting efficiency since its founding.

Banner of guidance

In the crucial historical time over ten years ago when the Party and revolution entered a new period of succession and development, the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un advanced the original revolutionary idea of preserving the revolutionary character of the Party and advancing the revolution and construction in accordance with the ideas and intentions of the great leaders by conducting Party building and activities as guided by Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The respected General Secretary formulated the ideology as the guiding idea and the supreme programme of the Party, which occupies a prominent place among his Party-building exploits.

He also advanced a number of guidelines specifying ideas, theories, lines and policies for different fields of the revolution and construction in the new era.

The road of advance to be followed by the Party and revolution is clearly indicated in many of his works, including "The Cause of the Great Party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il Is Ever-Victorious", "Let Us Hasten the Final Victory through a Revolutionary Ideological Offensive" and "Let Us Usher in a Great Golden Age of Construction by Thoroughly Applying the Party's Juche-oriented Idea on Architecture".

When the whole world was wondering which road the DPRK would take after undergoing the greatest national loss, he indicated the road of independence, the road of socialism, as the immutable

path it should take for eternity, and aroused and led the people to the building of a socialist country where their dreams and ideals are realized.

In the course of this, the people-first ideal, the original revolutionary line of simultaneously promoting economic construction and upbuilding of the country's nuclear forces, the line of self-development-first principle, the strategy of prioritizing talents, the new regional development policy and the childcare policy were clarified and implemented without delay.

The precious guidelines indicating the direction for and means of advance at the time of taking an untrodden path and leading people to emerge victorious without fail by dint of the indomitable offensive spirit in any adversities were the fundamental source for the country to overcome difficulties and greet the era of epochal changes.

In the course of dynamic struggle, the WPK put forward the five-point Party-building line in the new era, the eternal foundation for strengthening the whole Party, as a historic monument symbolizing the greatest heyday in Party building in Kim Jong Un's era.

The five-point Party-building direction in the new era on building the Party to be politically mature, organizationally strong, ideologically pure, strict in discipline and sound in work style was adopted as a line at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and, as an entity for firmly guaranteeing its implementation, the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK,

which has features as a prestigious revolutionary university for training

Party cadres at the highest level, opened on June 1 2024.

Enhancing Party's leadership and fighting efficiency in every way

The past decade was a proud period in which the leadership and fighting efficiency of the WPK became more refined and powerful than ever before.

In the past 10-odd years, two Party congresses, nearly 20 plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and dozens of meetings of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee were convened and conferences and short courses were held according to guidance functions and realms of activities in a sequential and intensive way.

In recent years, plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee have been convened at the end of each year to comprehensively review the work done throughout that year and to specify the detailed orientation of the struggle for the following year. Plenums have also been held in June each year as an interim review meeting for the implementation of the decisions adopted at the year-end meetings.

The Korean people still remember the important Party meetings held urgently to defend the lives and security of the people at the fronts of natural disaster relief and emergency anti-epidemic campaign. The Party meetings held immediately whenever an emergency occurred brought the Party closer to the people, deepened the people's trust in it and hardened their resolve to share the destiny with it forever.

The consultative meeting on the regional economic development took place in July 2024 in a tent with the flag of the Party flying over it, which was set up at the common seaside, to bring about the

transformation of Sinpho City in South Hamgyong Province. Party meetings held on the spot resulted in the completion of the world-class Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area and turned the flood-hit areas into ideal lands.

As the fighting efficiency of Party organizations is decisive of the development of the WPK and the advancing speed and victory of the revolutionary cause, the General Secretary took every opportunity to stress the need for the Party organizations to play their role well as the helm.

The first short course for chief secretaries of the city and county Party committees held in March 2021 served as an important occasion in enhancing the functions and role of the city and county Party organizations that are directly responsible for implementing the Party's idea of attaching importance to cities and counties and the line of strengthening them.

He personally guided the short course, giving detailed instructions on the importance of cities and counties which are the lowest-level guidance and executive units for the implementation of the Party's policies, the regional bases directing the rural and regional economy and the powerful fortresses supporting the comprehensive development of the country, on the status of the city and county Party committees, and on the tasks and ways for intensifying the Party work and enhancing the role of the chief secretaries in the development of cities and counties.

The Sixth Conference of Cell Secretaries of the WPK was a grand

meeting of special significance in increasing the fighting efficiency of the Party.

In the historic conclusion made at the conference, the General Secretary stressed that strengthening the Party cells is the cornerstone of strengthening and uniting the whole Party and the fundamental key to accelerating socialist construction, and set forth 10 major tasks facing the Party cells and 12 major personalities to be possessed by cell secretaries.

He prioritized the work of strengthening the primary Party committees as one of the two tasks in strengthening the entire Party along with that of strengthening the Party cells, and has always directed great efforts to it. At the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK, he said that the Party Central Committee regards what the people desire as its policy and a state policy and that the primary organizations of the whole Party should thoroughly implement them and make the people enjoy benefits from them, stressing that this is the mode of activities peculiar to the WPK, which fulfils its duty as a party of the people, and the theory of the role of primary Party committees, the theory of attaching importance to these committees, advocated by the Party Central Committee.

Thanks to his energetic guidance over fundamental improvement and strengthening of the work of Party organizations at all levels, the WPK is growing stronger day by day as a party deeply rooted among the masses.

The Korean people have greeted the greatest heyday of strengthening the Party in the great Kim Jong Un's era. They are witnessing and experiencing the great turn and change in Party building that completely eliminated the old and backward things that had existed for a long time in the Party and ushered in a new era in history.

People-oriented policies for elderly

By Pak Song Min PT

The DPRK has long enforced people-oriented policies for taking responsible care of elderly persons and it is one of social traits in the country that all the members of society respect and actively help them.

After founding the DPRK, President Kim Il Sung saw to it that various laws and decrees were passed to provide legal guarantees for enforcing people-oriented policies designed to take care of the life and health of elderly people on the state's own responsibility.

Chairman Kim Jong Il took a measure to organize a Korea association for assisting elderly people in 2003 in order to bring about fresh progress in the care of the aged.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un puts the elderly forward as revolutionary seniors and pays close attention to the care of them.

In particular, regarding war veterans as treasure that cannot be bartered for billions of tons of gold, he ensures that the feats and fighting spirit of the preceding generations are carried forward by younger generations and bestows great favour on and shows warm affection for the war

veterans on the occasion of the anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The people-oriented policies for the aged are guaranteed by law in the country. For example, the Law of the DPRK on Socialist Labour stipulates that the working people who worked for a certain period of time are provided with subsidies as well as pensions and the aged people who lost working ability or have no one to depend on are supported at old people's homes at state expense.

The Law of the DPRK on the Care of the Elderly is a legal guarantee for establishing a system and order in the protection of old persons, holding them in respect and providing them with better living conditions.

Now that the living environment of the aged has further improved and the number of macrobians increase, advantageous policies for them are being enforced, including those for protecting macrobians, widely publicizing their experience of longevity and bestowing special social benefits on people aged 90 and above.

Thanks to such social

benefits, many centenarians across the country have received birthday spreads from the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un, and under the deep concern of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, war veterans and meritorious persons are revered as revolutionary seniors and their feats and noble spirit are carried forward by younger generations.

Elderly persons are also provided with conditions for doing good things for society and collective.

Scientists, lecturers and persons of culture and the arts are devoting their wisdom and passion to the prosperity of the country in different fields according to their hopes and talents even in the twilight of their life.

All kinds of commercial service units attach primary importance to the services for senior citizens and younger generations show sincere devotion to the care of war veterans and meritorious persons.

Splendid old people's homes have been built in all parts of the country and places and facilities for rest and amusement and sports activities set up in residential quarters, contributing to their cultural and leisure activities.

Interests and rights of the aged safeguarded

By Pang Un Ju PT

In the DPRK, elderly people spend the rest of their life receiving respect and care of the state and society as the revolutionary seniors.

The Korea Federation for the Care of the Aged undertakes the mission to safeguard the rights and interests of the aged and ensure that they can live happily with better mental and physical health.

Having established a system for the care of the aged on a nationwide scale, the federation conducts various activities in order to implement the state policy on the care of the aged through its provincial, city (district) and county committees.

It set up a system whereby

older people can present to their relevant local committees for the care of the aged problems arising in their everyday life, demands for their health and participation in social activities and needs in living, and makes sure that important issues are reflected on the state policies.

It also provides them with conditions and environment for taking an active part in a variety of social activities according to their will and abilities.

Even after they reach their retirement age, those competent persons working at scientific and educational institutes or engaging in technical jobs are allowed to remain in their occupations or to work as advisers according to their will and demand.

Lots of elderly persons

actively participate in various social activities to contribute to the development of the national economy and society by dint of their experience and knowledge. A variety of events like competitions and exhibitions of creations of the aged are organized, as was seen through the art exhibition of old artists held in April in celebration of the 113th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

The federation also works to strengthen the system for the protection of health of the aged which is designed to take preventive and curative measures by giving them health check-ups regularly in contact with health institutions. It also produces and distributes publications about common

International Day of Older Persons marked

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A meeting took place at the Taedonggang Diplomatic Club in Pyongyang on September 30 to mark International Day of Older Persons.

Present there were officials of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Care of the Aged, officials concerned and aged and working people in Pyongyang.

Speakers warmly congratulated the aged

people on greeting International Day of Older Persons and said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un is taking warm care of the aged people across the country with parental affection.

Palace-like old people's homes have been built at scenic spots of the country and the old people with no one to depend on are leading a worthwhile life under the social care and respect, they said, adding this reality is the true picture

of their country provided by the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea on caring for the aged.

The aged people in their speeches said that they are enjoying a new life and a new civilization to their heart's content even in the twilight of their life under the care of the Party, adding that they would devote their remaining years to encouraging the rising generations to follow the road of loyalty and patriotism.

Elderly persons spend their holiday across the country



Art performances are given for elderly persons across the country to mark International Day of Older Persons.

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The aged people who are leading a happy life under the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea on the care of the aged greeted International Day of Older Persons with pleasure.

Art performances and sports games for the aged took place across the country and public catering establishments and leisure facilities offered special services to old persons.

A performance of the central artistic information team was given at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre.

Among the audience were Kim Tok Hun, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Jin Kum Song, minister of Labour, Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, officials concerned, war veterans, persons of merit and other aged people in the municipality.

Congratulating the aged who are leading a happy life in good health under the care of the Workers' Party, the performers pleased the audience with colourful programmes.

Officials of the Party and power organs in the

municipality visited the Old People's Home to learn about their life and health and presented souvenirs to them.

Meanwhile, sports and amusement games took place at leisure complexes in the municipality.

Public catering establishments including Okryu Restaurant and Chongnyu Restaurant offered various kinds of national foods and dishes to old persons, adding aroma to the large socialist family.

The aged across the country spent their holiday merrily, conducting various activities.

knowledge of health care of the aged so that elderly persons and their family members can be well aware of gerontology and geriatrics and take steps for early treatment.

Various measures are also taken to provide them with

conditions for cultural and leisure activities.

On such holidays as the International Day of Older Persons, amusement games of the aged are organized and special services are provided for them at public service networks.

The Central Committee of the Korea Federation for the Care of the Aged participates in international meetings and workshops held on international and regional scales to promote exchanges and cooperation in the sector of the care of the aged.

Yesterday and today of Pyongyang (4)

Jonwi Street



By Choe Song Jun PT

Jonwi Street is located in the Sopho area, the northern gateway to the capital city of Pyongyang.

At the time of ground-breaking, there were few noticeable buildings in the area. But now it boasts a large spectacular architectural group with high-rise and super-high-rise apartment houses of various styles and public buildings standing in a row along the broad avenue.

The magnificence of the street is highlighted with super-high-rise apartment houses arranged to form a group centring on an iconic 80-storey apartment building in consideration of relevant topographies and zones to enhance their architectural effect. The tiles of dignified colours covering the exteriors of the buildings and the classical beauty of its architectural style add to the quality of the buildings.

Every structure is unique in elevation to meet its mission and structural elements of the apartment houses are very distinctive. In particular, the seven- and ten-storey apartment houses of Blocks Nos. 21 and 22 are of new styles in elevation composition. All



their elevations consist of protruding verandas and many parts of their exteriors are decorated with glass walls to give viewers light feeling and a sense of security and further improve the artistic quality and harmony of the buildings while easily solving the problem of lighting.

The apartment houses are topped with wing-shaped lightweight roofs to make their exteriors formatively modern and noble and add to their unique elevations.

The two-storey service networks on the low floors

of the buildings are linked with connecting corridors to promote the convenience of people and the entire walls of the second floors distinctively consist of glass windows. And there is a service building with the ground floor covered with glass walls and the first floor shaded with vertical latticework on a low floor of an apartment house on the street.

The street is also featured by the use of conspicuous decorative windows for the unique elevation composition of high-rise apartment

houses. As for different blocks of high-rise apartment houses, window frames as constituent units are designed to highlight decorative factors of architectural details so as to make the buildings suit their mission and character and their elevation composition elegant.

Another feature of elevation composition on the street is that overall symmetry is ensured in the decoration of windows with asymmetrical effects on some parts, thus overcoming simplicity and boredom.

Appropriate colours were used to finish the decorative frames of windows to ensure their harmony with the sky, the background of the buildings, and highlight the outlines of the buildings, making their appearance clear in sharp contrast to the surrounding structures.

Jonwi Street, whose construction started in February 2023, was inaugurated in May the following year.

Setting the housing construction, a revolution that brings about epochal

changes and a project greatly favoured by the people, as the first major policy task, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set forth the task of building a new street in the Sopho area apart from the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang in 2023 at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and entrusted the huge task to the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade.

He personally attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the new street in the Sopho area, place absolute trust in the young builders with his stirring speech in which he encouraged them to bravely fight for the eternal prosperity of the socialist state and for the capital city of Pyongyang, named the street Jonwi, and saw to it that the project was given priority as a state affair and full weight thrown behind it.

The young people, who received his trust as their life and nutrient for performing feats, wonderfully built the new street for the people, a symbol of the development of socialism and the future of the country, in a year by performing miracles and encouraging innovations.

Academy concentrates on scientific research for economic development

By Kim Il Jin PT

The State Academy of Sciences of the DPRK directs efforts to solving urgent sci-tech problems for economic development.

The Electricity Research Institute has settled sci-tech problems for putting the production of electricity on a normal basis.

Researchers of the institute went to Orangchon Power Station Unit 4 and others and learned about the problems arising there to develop a new method of controlling digital speed regulators.

They newly designed a device of regulators and developed a program capable of controlling the main factors affecting electric power production. After developing a relevant effective control device, they provided a scientific and technical guarantee for the new controlling method through the trial run of the devices in water-wheel generators. The new controlling method has made a great contribution to ensuring

the normal operation of the generators.

The academy has achieved successes in the research for putting the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm on an intelligent, scientific and modern basis at a higher level than before.

The Modernization Institute completed many information devices, control boards, upgraded automatic agrochemical sprayer and corona discharge air cleaning devices in the course of intensifying research for establishing an intelligent integrated production system.

The Electronics Institute designed and made a new type of nutritious liquid feeder high in feeding speed and control accuracy to lay a foundation for establishing an efficient nutritious liquid feeding system.

Meanwhile, various other research units of the academy have made achievements in carrying out research tasks such as those in the fields of chemistry, renewable

energy and farm machine production.

The Biodiversity Institute made achievements in scientific research for the protection of ecological environment.

The institute confirmed the major distribution areas of migratory birds (water birds) inhabiting the country and completed a new chart of the network of migratory bird reserves.

Scientists of the institute travelled wetlands inhabited by migratory birds across the country to clarify the habitat-selecting characteristics of over 100 species of migratory birds, including swan goose, common pochard and long-tailed duck that belong to Anatidae, and draw the birds' habitats distribution chart.

They also newly confirmed migratory bird (wetland) reserves and relevant candidates that meet the international criterion for wetland selection and completed a reserve network plan for increasing their area stage by stage.

Ri Yong Il is a Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism, People's Scientist, candidate academician, professor and PhD. He was selected as one of the top scientists and technicians of the country in 2017.



Pursuing distinguished career as scientist

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

With the development of science and technology and the improvement of the people's material and cultural level, the sphere of the use of paper widens and, accordingly, the demand for paper with various functions, also known as functional paper, is growing with each passing day along with papers for cultural and industrial use and daily life.

According to statistics, there are over 15 000 kinds of paper and 61 percent of the annual paper output is industrial and functional paper in the world.

There is a talented scientist who has devoted himself to solving the paper problem.

He is People's Scientist Ri Yong Il, candidate academician, Prof, PhD and director of the Paper Technology Institute of the State Academy of Sciences.

After graduating from a middle school in the city of Sariwon, North Hwanghae Province, Ri had worked at the institute as a laboratory assistant and researcher for nearly 25 years. And then he was appointed to several offices and promoted to head of the institute in May 2010.

He first buckled down to building a Korean-style paper production process with which he could develop and produce high-tech products.

He made up his mind to establish a production process in which various kinds of papers are produced by a machine and which would not only produce high-tech products but also become a model entity to be copied for activating the regional paper mills unlike the previous ones.

At that time some people did not trust him, saying that no country has ever made such equipment and they could not find it even in dictionary, he said.

Ri, however, led the scientists at the forefront of the development projects and finally succeeded in making various kinds of paper including writing, packing and toilet papers and cardboard in one production process to suit the regional conditions and the situation of the supply of raw materials and in developing a multi-purpose paper machine which can produce various kinds of paper with a single or multi-layer structure at the same time.

They also developed a recycling technology to minimize the water consumption in the paper production process which requires a large quantity of water and make effective use of waste fibre, an environment-friendly underwater groundwood pulp production method and a screw thermomechanical pulp production

method.

The new Korean-style paper production process thus completed has been introduced into the paper production units across the country.

Ri Yong Il also blazed the trail in the field of functional paper production for the first time in the country and developed more than 30 kinds of advanced functional paper, which were imported in the past, in a Korean style.

He paid attention to the development of functional paper which started developing rapidly in the world when he began to work as the director and learned in detail about the reality of the country regarding it.

He came to know that the main units in various sectors alone almost depended on dozens of kinds of imported functional paper.

The demand was not so big, but it was absolutely indispensable. So the related units were spending a large sum of money on it.

Ri jumped into research into the unknown world again.

He and other scientists in the institute launched their research project on the principle of not implementing it in a copy-based way, but first formulating the concept strictly in a Korean way and then designing and creating everything in a fresh manner.

As a result, they developed and produced many kinds of functional paper including high-performance air filtration paper, filter paper for various kinds of engines, precision filter, disposable protective clothes for medical use and other advanced special functional paper materials used in the medical field, which proved to be longer in life and higher in filtration efficiency than the imported.

For the education of the younger generations, the number one state affair of the country, he made a great contribution to the domestic production of paper for notebooks and the mass-production of paper for textbooks with reed.

Ri, who worked for the development of the country as a scientist and patriotic citizen with clear conscience, high ability and infinite devotion, carrying a heavy burden for the country by himself, was honoured to have photo sessions with the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as a labour innovator and a man of meritorious service at the office building of the headquarters of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun and on Mansu Hill.

Ri Yong Il is a Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism, People's Scientist, candidate academician, professor and PhD. He was selected as one of the top scientists and technicians of the country in 2017.

To improve environmental hygiene

By Choe Song Jun PT

Lots of harmful factors that are detrimental to human health exist around people and they are becoming the causes of different diseases. So it arises as an important issue in protecting the people's health and providing excellent living conditions to channel efforts into environmental hygiene.

The Environmental Hygienic Institute of the Academy of Medical Sciences is directing efforts to research for establishing a method of analyzing such harmful factors and setting hygienic standards to ensure cleaner and healthy environment.

In recent years, the institute has made lots of achievements including the establishment of air conditioning technology which can ensure proper indoor environment and the establishment of a method of quickly and accurately examining and assessing foodstuffs.

A data browsing program and a book related to food additives developed and written by the institute are widely propagated as they provide valuable information for the domestic production of such additives and development of children's nutrition boosters as



Researchers of the Environmental Hygiene Institute of the Academy of Medical Sciences are engrossed in their research. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

well as for the hygienic safety of foodstuffs.

The institute used montmorillonite powder, powdered tourmaline, vermiculite powder, Kungang medicinal stone powder and an active additive to make medical supplies and sanitary goods, which are also popular with people. The medical supplies designed to be easy to use are effective in preventing and treating different diseases as they are based on the organic combination of far-infrared rays, anion emission and magnetic field action and improve the physiological functions of the human

body.

Various kinds of products made by the institute won domestic patents.

"As society develops and the people's material and cultural life improves, their demand for natural environment, living environment and working conditions further grows and environmental hygiene has to be improved accordingly. Our research work is being further intensified to contribute to the promotion of the people's health and the improvement of environmental hygiene," said Choe Myong Chol, deputy director of the institute.

Towards the Top

By Choe Song Jun PT

Today when the country has entered the period of comprehensive development of socialism, areas, units and people honoured with the title of “top” are increasing in number.

Shortly ago, top 10 enterprises for 2024 were selected.

They included the Taean Heavy Machine Complex, the Samchong Mine of the Sangwon Cement Complex, the Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326 and the Tanchon Smelter. They introduced efficient business management methods while improving the level of modernization and quality of products by holding fast to science and technology and working hard to reach the national standard of environmental protection.

Top 10 agricultural counties and top 30 farms for 2024 were also selected amid the growing enthusiasm for scientific farming and high-yielding competition in the new era of rural development.

What is common in the

work of these areas and units, which overfulfilled the national grain production plans and took a step forward in building the foundations for sustainable growth in agricultural production, is that they thoroughly applied the scientific farming-first principle and widely introduced advanced farming methods and at the same time helped and led one another forward to wage the collective innovation drive.

Intellectuals who contributed to the development of the national economy and improvement of the people's living standards were selected as the best scientists and technicians of the country in 2024. Son Mun Ho, PhD, associate professor and head of an office of Kim Il Sung University, played a key role in developing an up-to-date analytical instrument, an integral whole of various advanced technologies monopolized by only a few countries.

Among the winners of best inventor award for 2024 is Kim Sang Chol, PhD, associate

professor and section chief of the Academy of Agricultural Science. He wrote “Photo album of blights in grassland”, a book of national treasure value, and widely disseminated it to the field of scientific research and production units in the agricultural sector. And he developed and introduced several kinds of mixed herbicides and seed coating material, which help increase per-hectare grain production, thereby making a great contribution to the country's agricultural development.

Top teachers, coaches and players in 2024 were also selected.

“Continuous innovation, steady advance, toward a higher goal”, this is the motto of all the winners of the “top” titles.

“I think it is just the beginning of my career. My step and our advance towards gold medals will be further accelerated”, said Choe Il Son, a football player of the April 25 Sports Team who was awarded the Golden Ball and Golden Boot after scoring six goals at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Factory increases production while lowering costs

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Kangso Sprayer Factory has produced a lot of backpack sprayers to send them to the socialist countryside this year.

Among the products are tens of thousands of new-type backpack sprayers which are more convenient to use for the high air compression ratio.

Until early this year the factory upgraded its production processes with dozens of pieces of modern equipment in over 10 kinds including plastic injector and hose extruder and built an annual capacity of producing hundreds of thousands of backpack sprayers and various other kinds of spraying equipment.

It established a system for correctly analyzing the characteristic indexes of different kinds of plastic waste, including melt index and tensile strength, by

using various means of analysis, and for sorting the waste, thus making it possible to use recycled raw materials according to purposes. Meanwhile, the sector in charge of supplying raw materials remodelled the waste polypropylene resin washer to increase its capacity and clean the waste more effectively, thereby providing the processing processes with sufficient recycled raw materials.

The extruding workteam increased productivity over 1.3 times while lowering power consumption as compared to previously by making a new materials mixer while increasing the operation rate of extruding equipment used for the production of sprayer can and air-compression box.

The injection workteam made and introduced different kinds of moulds for horizontal automatic injectors with its

own technology, thus increasing the productivity of the backpack sprayer parts more than ten times.

The ironwork workteam chose a rational structure capable of increasing the bending strength of the loading nose of backpack sprayer and introduced a bar rolling mill and straightening machine in contact with a relevant unit, thus boosting the quality and productivity of products while saving 20 percent of materials.

The factory introduced a surface cutting and drilling jig of air-compression box into piston assembly to increase the reliability of work and the assembly speed 1.3 times. And it invented and introduced a setting frame for simultaneously tightening the screws of the piston and air-compression box, thereby qualitatively assembling thousands of backpack sprayers every day.



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Phytosine with good prospects for wide application

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Different economic sectors are making positive efforts to introduce phytosine, a new bioactive substance.

“We developed phytosine two years ago and introduced it into the agricultural sector for the first time. We applied it to thousands of hectares of land in the first year, but as it proved effective, we applied it to more than a million hectares this year,” said Kim Yong Song, director of the Pyongyang advanced biotechnology development company of Kim Chaek University of Technology.

Referring to the great effectiveness of phytosine in farming, he said that the members of the scientific farming promotion team unanimously attribute the success in last year's farming and this year's wheat farming to the introduction of phytosine.

Through an in-depth study for further raising the effectiveness of phytosine, the company developed items for treating seeds, aiding tillering and promoting ripening.

The agricultural scientific research institutes and production units treated seeds of such crops as rice, wheat, maize and bean with

phytosine and sprayed it on their leaves several times, thus proving that the bioactive substance promotes root growth and photosynthesis so as to increase the number of ears, the number of grains per ear and the weight of 1 000 grains and produces remarkable effects in increasing crop yields under the same conditions of soil fertility, level of the application of fertilizers and climate.

Strenuous research into the application of phytosine to vegetable farming resulted in the establishment of the methods of increasing the per hectare yields of pumpkin, cucumber, spring radish and spring bok choy and the yields of Cichorium endivia, Lactuca sativa var. capitata and cabbage in cylindrical vegetable cultivation devices.

The application of the mixture of it and animal feed in the animal husbandry sector boosted the fattening rate of pigs and body weight of lambs. Its effectiveness was also recognized in the cultivation of industrial crops and fruit trees.

In the forestry sector, as seeds of Changsong larch were treated with phytosine, the germination ratio rose more than that of the control group and the test

group which was treated with growth stimulants for saplings. Similar effects were witnessed in 10-odd species of trees including oak, acacia and Larix lelepilis.

Large numbers of mushroom producers across the country opened up bright prospects for increasing the mushroom output by applying it through spraying or adding it to substrates.

In the fishery sector, the feed added with it was used for young catfish, resulting in a sharp increase in their body weight after two months, a rise in their survival rate and a considerable reduction in feed consumption.

It was also effective in the farming of loach and mandarin fish.

In the light industry sector, a study into applying it to different kinds of cosmetics was carried out to provide a scientific guarantee for improving the effectiveness of skin whitening and hair beauty culture.

Scientists conducted several kinds of tests to prove afresh that its application to acrylic paints improves their technical specifications.

“Phytosine will make a great contribution to promoting the development of different economic sectors in the future,” said Kim Yong Song.



Pyongyang University of Fine Arts attaches importance to practical education. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Along with history of university

By Kim Il Jin PT

Pyongyang University of Fine Arts greeted its 78th founding anniversary on September 10 1947.

Today the university has developed into the “pedigree farm” for training talented artists of the country with faculties for different fine art genres such as Korean painting, painting, handicraft and sculpture, a postgraduate school, an online education faculty, a fine art institute, etc.

The university’s teaching camp consists mainly of honorary title and academic degree and title holders including winners of Kim Il Sung Prize, People’s Artists, Merited Artists, candidate academicians,

professors and PhDs.

The university has made proud achievements in the course of steadily updating the contents and methods of education and combining education with scientific research and creative work.

Many talented artists trained by the university and its lecturers and students have created many masterpieces of national treasure value and made a positive contribution to the construction of monumental edifices such as the Grand Monument on Mansu Hill, the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, the Okryu Children’s Hospital, the Songdowon International Children’s Camp, the Sci-Tech Complex and the Natural History Museum.

And they made a great

contribution to ensuring the formative and artistic features of the stage décor for the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance Arirang, winner of Kim Il Sung Prize.

The works presented by teachers and students of the university are highly rated at national art exhibitions, drawing the attention of experts.

The university actively conducts exchanges in fine art education and academic exchanges with different countries in the world and takes part in art exhibitions abroad.

The achievements made by the university in training talented reserve artists represent a bright future of the development of fine art in the country.

Focusing on informatization of education

By Kang Jin Song PT

The national education support program exhibition-2025 was held from August 26 to 29 at the Sci-Tech Complex on the theme of “The digitization of educational resources and informatization of education”.

The exhibition, in which over 1 300 valuable programs developed by lecturers and researchers of educational institutions at all levels were on display, was an occasion for strongly promoting the development of the country’s education.

Ryomyong Primary School in Taesong District, Pyongyang, had been selected as one of top 10 informatization model units in 2021 and 2023. This time it presented a school educational resources browsing program “Nau Hakkyo” (my school) and a primary school IT education

support program, gaining high appreciation again.

So Un Byol, a teacher of the school and one of the developers, said that these programs, which had been developed in 2018 and already proved advantageous, were successfully updated by reflecting the users’ opinions.

“Nau Hakkyo” was praised to be very effective in teaching and school administration as it helps users browse and use in real time the educational information resources including data on the modern education development trend and excellent teaching methods and control and manage the teaching and business activities of schools in a unified way.

“Seeing the programs presented by them, we have come to know that it is no accident that it was selected as a model of the whole

country in informatization,” said visitors in unison.

In the past the school built up a solid foundation for informatization by relying on its own talent force to strengthen the ranks of teachers and improve the students’ knowledge. It formed a developing group with Kim Yun Hui and other competent teachers and encouraged them to play a leading role in developing programs and improving the IT ability of all teachers.

They delved in developing programs while being engaged in teaching and the program development gradually turned into an all-school affair. As a result, most of the teachers in the school acquired the ability to develop IT products by themselves and in the course of presenting their products to the national deliberation the IT force of the school has grown stronger.

In those years dozens of IT products were invented and introduced and all teaching and business activities were informatized, resulting in significant successes in the administration of the school.

New effective teaching methods were created and model teachers and students with top honours increased in number.

The teachers of the school have also attained a notable success at the recent national foreign language teaching experience-sharing meeting of the primary and secondary education sector-2025.

“The level of informatization in education can be said to be that of development of education. We, educators, are charged with the heavy responsibility and duty to develop education into the most advanced and ideal one which can be fully entrusted with the country’s future,” said headmistress Hong Kwang Ok.



Pupils learn IT knowledge with the aid of an education support program at Ryomyong Primary School. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

School concentrates on improved qualifications of teachers

By Kim Kwon PT

Sanop Senior Middle School in Songyo District, Pyongyang, has achieved successes in improving the qualifications of teachers.

The school set phased goals for improving their qualifications and, on the basis of it, provided substantial guidance to make sure that detailed plans were worked out and pushed ahead for attaining them.

It directed major efforts to preparing all teachers as competent educators by conducting in a methodological manner the work to increase their teaching abilities on the basis of a correct assessment of the practical ability of each teacher through the inspections of classes at work and meetings for joint review of teaching.

It intensifies research and discussion on the principle of

introducing and improving excellent teaching methods while making sure that teachers make preparations for teaching contests in a substantial way in close contact with the instructors of the district teachers’ in-service training school.

It also organizes discussions on new teaching methods, seminars on educational experience and meetings for joint review of teaching every Thursday which is designated as the day of department to ensure that all teachers have the ability to teach creatively in keeping with the trend of educational development.

As a result, more than 40 teachers won the title of October 8 Model Teacher and the certificate of registration of new teaching methods in recent years, and the school was honoured with the title of twice-honoured red flag school.



Teachers discuss how to improve teaching methods at Sanop Senior Middle School in Songyo District. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Distinctive BBQ restaurant on new street

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Hwasong Ragwon BBQ Restaurant is located in the residential section of the third-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang, which was inaugurated in April this year.

The two-storey restaurant has BBQ rooms and balconies.

Conspicuous on the street because of its distinctive architectural style, the restaurant serves distinctive dishes.

BBQs are the dishes not only representative of the restaurant but also especially popular with the customers.

BBQs done over an oak fire after being seasoned with dozens of kinds of spices are well known for being fat-free

and tasty.

The restaurant serves a variety of BBQs, including BBQ beef brisket, BBQ lamb ribs, BBQ pulled pork and BBQ pork ribs.

A resident in Taesong District, Pyongyang, said he is pleased to eat BBQs on the new, modern street, and that his family frequents the restaurant.

Meanwhile, the distinctive balconies of the restaurant also give pleasure to the customers.

A woman living in Hwasong District said, "My family and I frequent the restaurant to eat BBQs on the balcony. It is very pleasant to relish the meats while admiring the night view of the new wonderful street."

The restaurant serves 200-odd kinds of other



The Hwasong Ragwon BBQ Restaurant, eye-catcher in a newly-built urban section of the Hwasong area.

dishes, including salmon burger, along with more belly sashimi and foie gras than 40 kinds of BBQs,

including beef barbecue, barbecue and streaky pork lamb leg barbecue, duck barbecue.

Renowned artist Choe Song Ryong

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Choe Song Ryong is an artist well known at home and abroad for his pictures of national treasure value.

He consecutively took the posts of secretary-general, vice-chairman and chairman of the Central Committee of the Artists Union of Korea and also held the post of general secretary of the Korea national art committee of the international artists' association.

Even at an advanced age of 80 after retirement, he continues to create art works.

His home looks like an art gallery. Its walls are decorated with the certificates of honours and titles, including Kim Il Sung Prize, People's Artist, Merited Artist and Doctor of Arts, and those of high official decorations and awards he received at international art exhibitions.

Born to a poor peasants' family in Tokhung-ri of Ryongchon County in North Phyongan Province, Choe lost his mother five days after his birth, and therefore his grandfather raised him, suckling him on charity.

He was known as a child prodigy for his natural gift for painting. He worked in a workshop after finishing middle school and enrolled at Pyongyang University of Fine Arts.

As he left for the university in Pyongyang amid a warm send-off from members of his workteam and county residents, he felt a deep affection of mother taking warm care of him, he recalled.

At the university, he was captivated by the single



Choe Song Ryong (second from left) works on a new picture. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

stroke technique of Korean painting which enables painters to represent natural landscape and matters and phenomena vividly and truthfully with a single brushstroke.

Under the guidance of experienced lecturers, he developed a deeper love for Korean painting and gradually cut a conspicuous figure. His graduation work was highly appreciated as a progressive and innovative figure painting which overcame the then proclivity for the painting of flowers and birds and oil painting.

After graduation, he refined his skills in using the excellent techniques of Korean painting as he worked at the fine art studio of the Central Committee of the Artists Union of Korea. Later, while working as the first head of the then department of the art of Korean painting at Pyongyang University of Fine Arts, he wrote such valuable teaching materials as "Art of Korean Painting" and "Basics of Single Stroke Technique of Korean Painting" and

trained more than ten children into talented painters for more than ten years. The little artists caused a great sensation at international juvenile art exhibitions.

For over 60 years, he has created many works of national treasure value, which are now preserved as possessions of the Korean Fine Art Museum.

One of his masterpieces is Korean painting "Wild Geese at Moonlit Night", which was highly praised by Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Tsoi Bronia of Lomonosov Moscow State Academy of Fine Chemical Technology, Grand PhD, Full Professor and Full Member of the Russia Academy of Natural Sciences, described the picture as a natural masterpiece representing the black-and-white painting of the East. Later, a group of embroiderers reproduced it as an embroidery work at the Mansudae Art Studio.

A Chinese art critic, who collected his works for decades and made a picture album, said: "Through his paintings I can satisfactorily feel the natural landscape

and way of life in Korea. Even if they are copied, we can tell whether they are genuine or not in an instant because of his characteristic single stroke technique."

In the past, Choe as an expert on Korean painting also drew attention in international art exhibitions.

At an international art exhibition held in Russia in July 2005, his Korean painting "Hoar Frost in February" was awarded the top prize of the show. His Korean painting "Snowscape", which was presented to the second international art exhibition held in China in 2005 drawing artists from five continents of the world, received the certificates for selection and collection from the international and Chinese artists' associations and was introduced in the collection of world famous paintings. In July 2007, his Korean painting "Success" took first place at an art exhibition held in China. As head of a delegation of art experts of the DPRK, he spread excellent Korean paintings to many countries in the world.

Many foreigners value his works as treasures of the Eastern art, describing them as "artworks characterized by high skills and unique brushwork" and "mysterious paintings".

Looking back upon his successful career as an artist, Choe Song Ryong wrote in his autobiography titled "By dedicating whole life":

"As I grew up, I could neither call 'Mother' nor have breast milk. But the country has raised me up all my life in its warm embrace and therefore it is the bosom of mother I yearned for in my childhood."

By Kim Kwon PT

The Central Zoo in Pyongyang has remarkably improved its service environment.

It made sightseeing trailers at the convenience of visitors.

Heroes of cartoons that are familiar with children are depicted on the bodies of ornate carriages, and therefore everyone feels as if they have become children

trees every year. Last year alone they planted thousands of trees to create new beautiful landscapes.

A special eye-catcher is the landscape in front of the hippopotamus house representing with artificial turf a large hippo pulling a boat full of beautiful flowers in bloom.

Public catering facilities have also been renovated.

The Mulsae-mot (water-bird

Service environment improves at Central Zoo

again and is in a jovial mood on the trailer.

On board the trailer capable of carrying dozens of people at a time, visitors travel along the long section in the zoo.

Spectacular sights unfold everywhere, adding pleasure to visitors.

Employees of the zoo planted a large number of

pond) Restaurant, standing by a pond like a lotus flower, was extensively renovated and the soft drink kiosks in different parts of the zoo were painted in refreshing lovely colours.

The number of visitors to the Central Zoo with a better service environment is now on the increase.



Visitors look round the Central Zoo aboard a sightseeing trailer.

Guidelines for action, banner of advance

By Choe Song Jun PT

The people are God, single-minded unity and self-reliance serve as the guidelines for action and banner of advance in making this year a year of turn for providing an upward track to a higher stage of development in the DPRK.

The history of the Korean revolution is that of the struggle to realize the people's dreams and ideals and achieve the ideological and volitional, moral obligation-based unity of the Workers' Party of Korea and the revolutionary ranks, and that of self-reliance which has enabled them to

advance, working miracles by themselves.

The Party turned the revolution itself into love for and trust in the people and victoriously advanced the revolution on the strength of unity and in the spirit of self-development and self-determination.

Thanks to the ideals of "The people are God", single-hearted unity and self-reliance, the country turned from a country which had lagged behind others for centuries into a socialist state independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence, won victory in the unprecedented struggle for defending socialism and

greeted a new era of overall national rejuvenation.

The ideals embody the revolutionary stand of the Party to bring earlier a new era of overall national rejuvenation by further strengthening the driving force.

The circumstances and conditions of the revolution may change with the advance of the times and history, but the principles of the revolution that it serves the people and solves all problems by dint of united strength and on the principle of self-reliance cannot change.

The Party has never deviated from the stand and attitude of regarding the

people as sacred things and respecting them as its mentors despite the serious national crisis and ever-changing objective situation, and has triumphantly advanced Korean-style socialism, regarding single-minded unity and self-reliance as the lifeline of the Korean revolution.

The country's inexhaustible development potentials and its development capability peculiar to it are the precious fruition of the efforts to thoroughly and perfectly apply to revolutionary practice the ideals of "The people are God", single-hearted unity and self-reliance put forward by the Party.

Governor-general rule an atrocious colonial rule

By Choe Yong Nam PT

After their military occupation of Korea in the last century, the Japanese imperialists enforced the heinous governor-general rule over it.

The Japanese imperialists fabricated the "annexation treaty" in August 1910 and began to impose governor-general rule on October 1 that year with a view to consolidating their colonial rule.

The governor-general of Korea, a post to which only Japanese army generals and navy admirals could be appointed, had unlimited power—administratively, legislatively, judicially and militarily. Terauchi, the first governor-general of Korea, said that "Koreans should obey the Japanese law or die".

In order to impose governor-general rule, the Japanese imperialists reorganized the residency-general set up in 1906 into the government-general in Korea.

The Government-General in Korea fabricated and promulgated the "summary execution act" and the "criminal act in Korea" to politically dominate and oppress the Korean people and proclaimed the "land survey act", the "law on fisheries" and the "ordinance on mining in Korea" to dominate the economic mainstays of Korea and rob it of many of its natural resources.

Especially, they resorted to every possible means and method to suppress the anti-Japanese feelings of the Korean people.

The number of arrests committed by the Japanese imperialists increased over ten times more in 1918 than that in 1912.

The pent-up grudge and wrath of the Korean people under the colonial rule of the Japanese imperialists exploded into an anti-Japanese popular uprising on March 1 1919.

Taken aback by this, the Japanese imperialists mercilessly killed the demonstrators by mobilizing their army and police.

From March 1 to May 31 over 7 500 Koreans were killed, more than 15 900 wounded and some 46 900 arrested and imprisoned.

Realizing through the March First Popular Uprising that they could not suppress the strong anti-Japanese spirit of the Korean people only by force of arms, the Japanese imperialists began to impose oppressive rule in a more cunning way under the cloak of "civil government" in August 1919.

The crimes committed by the Japanese imperialists through the governor-general rule are merely part of the crimes they committed during their 40-odd-year-long colonial rule over Korea.

More than a century has passed since then.

Japan, however, has not yet made a sincere apology and reparations for its past crimes but more openly persists in its hostile moves against the DPRK.

Last August, 80 years since the defeat of the Japanese imperialists along with the end of the Second World War, Japanese politicians visited the Yasukuni Shrine housing the name tablets of the war criminals to make offerings there. Recently they have been further set on adventurous and reckless military moves.

Japan, which tries to repeat the wrong past instead of drawing a lesson from it, will have to pay dearly for it.

By enhancing role of teachers

The qualifications of teachers are just the quality of education and the speed of advance of the country.

The international conference on education held in October 1994 set October 5 as world teachers' day and decided to mark the day every year according to the unanimous demand and agreement of the participants.

The main purpose of marking the day is to bring home to people the significance and importance of educational work in social development and to enhance the position and role of teachers.

Many countries of the world are taking part in educational competition while drawing up plans for educational development and steadily improving

educational work.

However, in some regions and countries, state investment in education is declining and the living conditions of teachers fail to improve due to political crises and economic instability. As a result, the shortage of teachers greatly impedes educational work.

Moreover, teachers are being subjected to violence.

To give priority to teachers in society and enhance their position and role is an important undertaking decisive of the rise and fall of a country.

In the DPRK, the national and social interest in education is constantly rising.

Measures are being taken throughout society to strengthen the ranks of teachers, update the educational system and

improve the contents and methods of education and the educational structure in a rational way.

In order to enhance the qualifications and abilities of teachers, who are in direct charge of educational work, the quality of teacher training is raised and the teachers' in-service training system strengthened while the work for training reserve teachers is pushed ahead in a far-sighted way.

Teachers are respected and treated preferentially and provided with good working and living conditions.

Apartment houses in Ryomyong Street, Mirae Scientists Street and other newly built residential quarters are allocated to teachers on a preferential basis. Meanwhile, houses for teachers are being splendidly built in Pyongyang and

regional areas.

Thanks to the social custom of attaching importance to education, teachers are concentrating their energy on the educational work with pride and self-esteem in their job. Among them are the teachers who volunteered to work at branch schools in frontline areas and on islets and schools in mountainous areas, and the couples and families of teachers who have been devoting themselves to education generation after generation.

Great successes will be achieved in education when teachers are held in higher respect throughout society and when they fulfill their responsibility for the state and society.

Kim Chol Jin, staffer of the Ministry of Education

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Head of DPRK delegation addresses 80th Session of UN General Assembly

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Kim Son Gyong, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs who is heading the DPRK delegation, made a speech at the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly on September 29.

As reflected in the theme of the current session “Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights”, we are now at a pivotal watershed where we all look back on the 80-year history of the United Nations and design for the future, Kim Son Gyong said, and went on:

The modern history has recorded many incidents and events, but has never seen a period like today when the international norms and order established and consolidated along with the founding of the UN are disregarded and the sovereignty of states openly violated.

The indiscriminate tariff war against the entire world has thrown the world economy in general into the swamp of stagnation and instability. Even the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, committed to eliminating inequality and poverty and ensuring the dignity of humankind on a global scale, is denied for the reason that it does not meet the interests of an individual country. This is the stark reality.

Underlying all these turbulences and pains suffered by the world are the high-handedness and arbitrariness of the hegemonic powers in their attempt to keep the whole world within the sphere of their interests and their greedy ambition to place their exclusive interests above the common good of humanity.

The complicated international situation today highlights the need to reconsider the role of the UN responsible for the maintenance of global peace and security.

In particular, it is an essential requirement in preventing arbitrariness and high-handedness of specific forces to correct the West-led inappropriate structure and expand and strengthen the representation of developing countries that take up absolute majority of the UN membership in the Security Council entrusted with an important mission of maintaining international peace and security.

Only when the UN puts an end to the arbitrary, high-handed, biased and double-dealing practices in all its activities and strictly adheres to the principles of sovereign equality, noninterference in internal affairs of others, impartiality and objectivity, can it restore its image as an organization with full qualifications and capacity for realizing the purposes of its charter.

However, the present objective security situation of the Korean peninsula is faced with serious challenges as never before.

As the US-ROK and US-Japan military alliances and the US-Japan-ROK trilateral military cooperation system directly targeting the DPRK rapidly evolve into a more offensive and aggressive military bloc containing nuclear element, the war exercises and military build-up against our state are breaking all the previous records in terms of scale, nature, frequency and scope.

Nowhere in the world can we find such a place as the Korean peninsula where the world’s biggest nuclear weapon state and its allied forces conduct bilateral and multilateral war exercises all the year round and even stage actual drills simulating the use of nukes targeting a sovereign state by mobilizing massive multi-national combined forces and latest strategic assets.

Yet, even under the tremendous

military threat directed against the DPRK and the dangerous security landscape created by it, the sound of gunfire of war is not heard and peace and security are firmly safeguarded on the Korean peninsula.

The physical war deterrent of the DPRK strengthened in direct proportion to the increased threat of aggression of the US and its allies thoroughly saps the will of the enemy states to provoke a war and ensures the balance of power in the area of the Korean peninsula.

In order to permanently maintain this state of balance and make peace of the Korean peninsula everlasting, we have stipulated the nukes in our Constitution as sacred and absolute thing that can never be touched nor changed.

Requesting us to “denuclearize” is equivalent to asking us to give up the sovereignty, abandon the right to existence and violate the Constitution.

We will never give up the sovereignty, abandon the right to existence and violate the Constitution.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, made it clear at the 13th Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly that our Party and the government would invariably and firmly safeguard without slightest vacillation the Constitution of the DPRK and its basic law on the policy of nuclear forces perpetuating its possession of nukes and thoroughly guarantee the supreme interests of our state.

We will never give up the nuclear weapons which are our state law, national policy and sovereign power as well as the right to existence. Under any circumstances, we will not withdraw this stand.

The DPRK is convincingly following the road of its own choice without any stagnation and vacillation even under the worldwide political turmoil. This

reality is the brilliant fruition of the unshakable spirit of independence and correct leadership of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK.

Marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II this year, colourful political and cultural events have taken place in various countries commemorating the victory in the world anti-fascist war.

It represents the rock-firm will of the righteous international community not to tolerate the attempts to deny the result of the world anti-fascist war and national liberation struggle.

Yet, genocide and atrocities against humanity that can even overshadow Hitler are now openly committed in the Middle East, much to the consternation of the world.

After massacring over 60 000 Palestinian civilians in the past two years, Israel is trying to occupy the whole area of the Gaza Strip with armed forces and completely exterminate the Palestine population.

We urge Israel to immediately stop the crimes against humanity and withdraw from the Gaza Strip. Likewise, we fully support the establishment of an independent state of Palestine with East al-Quds as its capital and its entry into the UN as a full-fledged member state.

Independence, peace and friendship are the invariable external policy ideas of the DPRK.

The DPRK will, in the future too, collaborate with all countries and nations that oppose and reject aggression, interference, domination and subjugation and aspire after independence and justice, transcending differences in ideas and systems. It will promote multifaceted exchanges and cooperation with the countries that respect and take friendly attitude to it.

Sixth veto, dogged pursuit of objective

By Choe Song Jun PT

On September 18 the ten non-permanent member nations of the UN Security Council presented a resolution to demand that an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire be achieved in the Gaza Strip and Israel do not prevent the supply of aid materials to the area.

Among the UNSC members, 14 countries voted for the resolution.

But only the US vetoed it. It has so far voted against the UNSC resolution demanding a truce in the Gaza Strip for the sixth time.

Why

It is because the US intends to maintain its domination over the Middle East by putting up Israel as the “ruler” of the region.

Historically, the US has planned to dominate the Middle East in a bid to fulfil the geopolitical hegemony-seeking ambition that only when it brings the Eurasian

continent under its control, can it attain the final goal of world domination.

It is evidenced by the fact that the US has instigated several wars in the Middle East for nearly 30 years since the Second World War and the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s and the Gulf war in the 1990s. In the 21st century, it also occupied Afghanistan and Iraq, sparked all sorts of antagonism and disputes between countries, nations and sects and threw the regional situation into extreme discomfort while talking about the “anti-terror war” and “non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

Therefore, the US is actively fanning the wild ambition of Israeli warmongers for territorial expansion in the Middle East on the pretext of the Gaza crisis.

The military actions of Israel left over 65 000 Palestinians dead and 2 million people homeless in the Gaza Strip.

The international community is now raising its voice to denounce the US and Israel and recognize the State of Palestine.

Expressing deep concern and disappointment over the fact that the UNSC cannot stop combat actions and bloodshed and end the sufferings of peaceful inhabitants due to the US’ veto, the Russian Foreign Ministry noted that Russia supports an immediate and unconditional truce, the release of hostages and prisoners, free humanitarian access and re-operation of the peace process based on the recognized international law.

The Chinese permanent representative to the UN said that the nearly two-year-long conflict in Gaza led to an unprecedented humanitarian disaster, asking how many innocent people should lose their lives to achieve a ceasefire, how many tragedies should occur to ensure the smooth delivery of

humanitarian aid and when the UNSC can perform its official responsibilities. He demanded that the US and Israel make positive efforts to reach a truce and support the UN to conduct its relief activities in such a way that conforms to the humanitarian principle.

Appreciating the approval of the draft resolution by 14 members of the UNSC, the Algerian permanent representative to the UN emphasized that Algeria would never give up the Palestinian issue but invariably support the establishment of an independent state of Palestine with Quds as its capital.

Last September, well over a hundred countries adopted a resolution on allowing the State of Palestine to participate in the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly and even Western countries which had patronized Israel in the past officially recognized the State of Palestine.

Briefly

Russia

Lavrov decries NATO’s expansion

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov denounced the expansion of NATO in his speech at the UN General Assembly on September 27.

Saying that Europe has already become too small for NATO, he asserted that it is infiltrating into the Pacific region, while posing a threat to not only Russia and China but also other nations in the region.

It is a new stage of its expansion, he revealed.

NATO is justifying its assertion that “the security of the Euro-Atlantic region and that of the Indo-Pacific region are inseparable” and under such a pretext it is trying to bring the whole Eurasian region into a ring of war, he decried.

China

Israel urged to stop military action

The Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations demanded Israel immediately stop military action in the Gaza Strip in a UN Security Council meeting on the Palestinian issue on September 23.

He said that since the launch of the Israeli military action in Gaza, the situation of the Middle East has been aggravated and even Qatar was subjected to an attack.

China strongly demands Israel stop all military action in the Gaza Strip at once and restore the introduction of humanitarian supplies in an all-round way, he stressed.

Iran

US claim rejected

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry rejected on September 25 the US claim that it is having a dialogue with Iran for negotiations on the nuclear issue.

It is a false claim that the US is making “diplomatic efforts” in relation to the nuclear issue, he said, stressing that it cannot be called diplomatic to bomb a certain state while holding diplomatic negotiations with it.

Hungary

Hypocritical behaviour of European countries decried

The Hungarian minister of foreign affairs and trade denounced the hypocritical behaviour of European countries related to the import of Russian crude oil on September 25.

Emphasizing that the import of Russian energy is indispensable to his country, he exposed that some European countries are behaving hypocritically as they keep importing Russian crude oil in an indirect way, while publicly announcing that they stopped importing it.

He asserted that the plan of the European Union to completely ban the import of energy from Russia will bring a heavier loss upon itself.

Myriad-shaped Peaks topped with clouds



Natural monument—Songchon chestnut tree

By Choe Song Jun PT

Songchon chestnut is a delicious, late-ripening variety belonging to Pyongyang chestnut.

The Songchon chestnut tree was registered as a living monument. The trees grow mainly in the Songchon area of South Phyongan Province.

The flowers bloom between the middle and end of June and the fruits ripen between late September and early October.

A round and small chestnut-burr generally contains three chestnuts and sometimes two. The tree grows slowly and has a relatively high resistance to cold.

The Songchon County Foodstuff Factory produces preserves, jams and jellies with Songchon chestnut, a local speciality of the county.

Third-round matches of DPRK Premier League go on

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The third-round matches of the 2024-2025 DPRK Premier League are being played fiercely.

Unexpected results were recorded in many matches.

It is noticeable that many games ended in a draw compared to the last premier league.

After the third-round competition began, 16 matches were played, seven of them ending in a draw.

Those matches between the Ryomyong and Sonbong teams and Kigwancha and Hwaepul teams also ended in a tie.

The Ryomyong Team played the game in a way of breaking through the side and half side with fast speed by enhancing the roles of the backs and half-backs and passing the ball to the forwards.

The Sonbong Team created opportunities for scoring by passing through the midfield with surprise attack while strengthening the man-to-man defence with a five-person defence line.

The players of both teams often tried shots in the penalty areas but failed to score a goal.

The Kigwancha and Hwaepul teams had competed three times this year before the recent match. They tied 1-1 in the first round, Kigwancha beat Hwaepul 2-0 in the second round and Hwaepul defeated Kigwancha 2-1 in the playoff of senior men's first-, second- and third-division soccer finals of the 14th National People's Games. The Premier League results showed that Hwaepul won 34 points with nine wins, seven ties and eight defeats in 24 matches and Kigwancha gained 32 points with eight wins, eight draws and eight defeats in 24 matches.

As the result of this match would affect their rankings, the two teams ran the match with fast speed from the beginning.

The Kigwancha scored the opening goal by increasing the ball possession with close combination between players and advancing to the attack line with fast speed.

The Hwaepul tried to make up for the loss and got the equalizer by scoring a penalty goal in the 83rd minute.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw, with Hwaepul and Kigwancha increasing their points to 35 and 33 respectively.

Meanwhile, there was a match between the Pyongyang and Sobaeksu teams according to the programme of the third-round matches of the 2024 -2025 DPRK Women's Premier League.

In the match the two teams attempted a goal-in in the goal area based on side and half-side breaks, while attaching importance to defence.

After the goalless first half, the two teams picked up attack speed in the second half.

The Sobaeksu scored the opener 30 seconds into the second half, but allowed an equalizer to the Pyongyang in the 55th minute. And the latter shot the second goal into the net in a goalmouth melee in the 82nd minute.

The Pyongyang team won the match 2-1.

Medicinal herb resources abundant in the country (3)

By Kim Hye Jong PT

Over 100 kinds of medicinal herbs and trees grow in Pyongyang.

"Every year, medicinal herbs and trees are planted as an all-inclusive mass movement. In the course of this, many herb mountains have been created," said Sim Myong Gwang, director of the Pyongyang municipal Koryo medicine production management bureau.

According to him, Pyongyang Municipality has the Pyongyang herb cultivation test ground and ten medicinal herb management stations and herbs cultivated there serve as a firm foundation for revving up Koryo medicine pharmaceutical factories.

The test ground cultivates such plants as *Cynonchum wilfordii*, *santonica*, *bupleuri radix*, *Ledebouriellae radix*, mint, Chinese guttapercha, hawthorn, broad bellflower and angelica.

Among them, *Cynonchum wilfordii* is known as a rare medicinal material.

The plant contains many components which act as roborant and sedative and decoction and taffy made of the plant produce good effects in treating physical weakness after illness, anaemia and hyperlipemia. Especially, aged people favour it as it is effective in making white hair black.

The root of *bupleuri radix* also contains plenty of saponin which functions as antifebrile, painkiller, sedative, immunomodulator and antiphlogistic.

Every year medicinal herb seedlings and medicinal tree saplings cultivated on the test ground are sent to the medicinal herb management stations in the city.

The Rangnang and Mangyongdae district and Kangdong County medicinal herb management stations have created large areas of resources of medicinal herbs to produce good varieties of medicinal herbs.

In Kangwon Province there grow more than 490 species of medicinal herbs such as forest asiabell, *Angelica sinensis*, peony, wild ginger, *Schizandra chinensis*, *atractylodes*,

Dioscorea nipponica, *Arisaema japonicum*, *Rhizoma cimicifugae*, barrenwort, angelica tree and honey locust tree.

Especially, the bark of the Amur cork tree from the province is in great demand as its medicinal effect is very strong.

The bark of the tree is known for its significant effect in reducing fever, removing moisture and neutralizing poison.

So, there are many Koryo medicines based on the bark of the Amur cork tree in the country.

Schizandra chinensis widely distributed in deep mountains of the province is known for its considerable merit in promoting human health and longevity.

Therefore, the Korean ancestors made tea with *Schizandra chinensis* which is rich in nutrients that improve human health and medicinal ingredients and widely used the tea.

The plant quickly relieves mental and physical fatigue and has a good effect on metabolism and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

