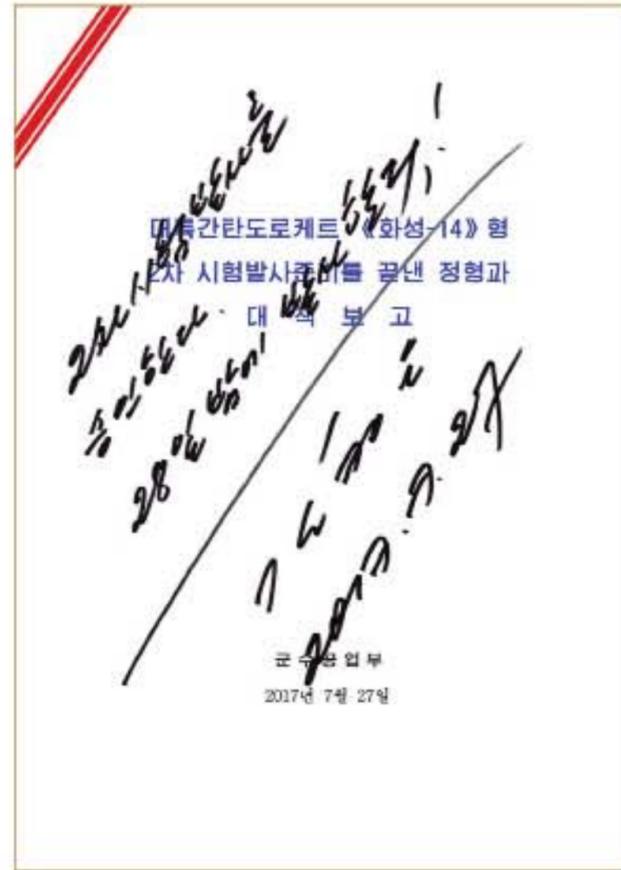




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Kim Jong Un, supreme leader of the Party, the state and the army in the DPRK, writes an order on July 27, Juche 106 (2017) to conduct a second test launch of ICBM Hwasong 14

Great Demonstration of the Might of the DPRK's Strategic Nuclear Forces

On the night of July 28 Hwasong 14, the intercontinental ballistic missile charged with the inexhaustible strength of socialist Korea, blasted off as a second test launch.

The test launch was successfully conducted only after 20 odd days of the first test launch that turned out to be a great success, thus fully demonstrating once again the might of an invincible nuclear power, a military giant.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, who is bringing about world-startling miracles and successes one after another by dint of his brilliant military wisdom, inexhaustible courage and adroit strategies, guided the second test launch of Hwasong 14.

During the preparations of the test he kept abreast of them every day, gave detailed instructions and came out to the launch site to oversee the launch first-hand.

The test was aimed at finally confirming the overall technical specifications of the weapon system including the maximum range of Hwasong 14 capable of delivering a heavy nuclear warhead.

The Supreme Leader issued an order to fire the missile, and Hwasong 14 blasted off, as if to represent the mettle of heroic Korea.

The missile fired in a northwestern area of the country soared up to the

peak height of 3 724.9 kilometres and flew for 47 minutes and 12 seconds before correctly hitting the target waters in the open sea 998 kilometres away from the launch site.

It was vertically launched in simulation of its maximum range, with little effect on the security of neighbouring countries.

The test reconfirmed the ICBM's launch pad departure, stage separation and structural system features which had been checked in the previous launch, and verified the operational features of motors which were enhanced to ensure the maximum range in the active flight section and accuracy and reliability of the improved guided and stability systems.

It also reconfirmed the attitude control features of the heavy warhead in the middle flight section after the separation of warhead and confirmed that the guided and attitude control of warhead was correctly made even in the harsher re-entry atmosphere in the high-angle firing system than under the actual

maximum-range flight conditions and that the structural stability of warhead was maintained and the nuclear warhead explosion control device worked normally even at such a high temperature as thousands of degrees Celsius.

The Supreme Leader expressed great satisfaction with the results of the test launch which proved successful without a single error, spoke highly of the scientists, technicians and officials in the relevant sector and gave special thanks to them on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The test launch has reconfirmed the reliability of the ICBM system, demonstrated the capability of the country to launch a surprise ICBM attack in any region and place and at any time and clearly proved that the entire US mainland is within our range, he said.

Today we have conducted the test launch in simulation of its maximum range in order to send a sharp warning to the US which has lost control of itself

and talked nonsense, he said. This would be enough for the US policy-makers to properly understand that the aggressor country would not be safe any longer if it dares to encroach upon the DPRK, he noted.

The US' vain arguments for war or extreme threat of sanctions against our state further awaken and inspire us and add to the rationale for the possession of nuclear weapons, he said, adding powerful war deterrent for national defence is an indispensable strategic option for our people who had experienced the terrible ravages of war on this land imposed by the American brutes and the precious strategic asset which can never be reversed by nor bartered for anything.

He warmly congratulated the scientists, technicians and officials in the missile research sector who demonstrated again the independent dignity



The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un guides the second test launch of ICBM Hwasong 14 in July Juche 106 (2017)



and might of the Juche-based nuclear power, a military power, through the successful test launch, before having a photo taken with them.

The grand success in the test launch of Hwasong 14 that powerfully manifested the independent prestige and invincible might of socialist Korea once again filled the whole country with boundless joy and excitement.

A banquet was given in celebration of the second test launch in the presence of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

To celebrate the success the Moranbong Band and the State Merited Chorus

gave a joint performance at the People's Theatre in Pyongyang, and the working people, youth and students got together in several places of Pyongyang to give dancing sessions.

With a great pride of having achieved successive victories of historic significance the Korean service personnel and people are advancing vigorously to achieve a final victory in the building of a socialist power under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon



A splendid banquet is given with the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un in attendance to celebrate the successful second test launch of Hwasong 14 in July Juche 106 (2017)



The Moranbong Band and the State Merited Chorus give a joint performance



With Brilliant Achievements in Science and Technology



Sok Yong Bom, PhD and a department chief at the State Academy of Sciences

Warm congratulations to scientists and technicians in the rocket science sector!

They have displayed their mental and scientific and technological strength to bring about consecutive successes in the test launches of ICBM Hwasong 14 in a little over twenty days. These successes are historic events that fully demonstrated the rapid progress made in the Juche-oriented rocket industry and its inexhaustible potentials.

Following their suit, we will give full play to the high spirit of self-sustenance and patriotic enthusiasm in crushing the despicable scientific and technological blockade of the imperialists by means of excellent achievements in the Juche-oriented science and technology and the enemy's manoeuvring to monopolize high technology by means of the campaign to surpass the cutting edge. By doing so, we will discharge our missions and duties as scientists who are taking the lead in giving a powerful stimulus to the building of a thriving socialist country.



Choe Man Chol, worker at the Pyongyang Automation Appliances Factory

As Befits Young Vanguard of Songun Korea

The world has seen clearly through the eye-opening events that happened in the DPRK last July that the bluff and strategy of high-handedness and terror pursued by the United States raining missile bombs upon those countries without nukes and weak in military strength will cut no ice with the DPRK.

The more desperately the US resorts to sanctions and pressure, military threats and blackmails against our Republic, owing to its long-cherished visceral reaction to and pathological sense of confrontation with the latter, the more quickly it will hasten its doom and push the DPRK to the peak of a socialist power.

We young students, with a firm resolve to brilliantly inherit the tradition of July 27 that defeated the US imperialists and become a generation of proud victors in the anti-imperialist, anti-US showdown, will make great efforts to prepare ourselves as able personnel needed by the country and people.



Hong Kwang Chol, student at Kim Il Sung University

With Pride in Being Citizens of a Powerful Country

It is a great thrill, and a fresh strength surges in us.

Looking at Hwasong 14 soaring again into the sky with a trail of spectacular flames as if to declare a final ruin to the US imperialists that have forced misery and sufferings upon our people for such a long period, we raised a shout of victory, hugging each other.

With a great pride in being citizens of the dignified Republic that has provided a sure guarantee for victory in the anti-US showdown lasting for generations, we will strive to make innovations and increase production to glorify this year full of events.



A mass rally and demonstration of Pyongyang citizens takes place to fully support the statement of the DPRK government

Wholehearted Support to the Statement of the DPRK Government

After the test launches of ICBM by the DPRK aimed at defending national sovereignty and dignity, the United States manipulated UNSC to concoct “sanctions resolution” against the DPRK and even resorted to desperate manoeuvres to provoke a war. To cope with the situation the government of the DPRK issued a statement to manifest an unshakeable will and firm determination of all the service personnel and people to deal a hard blow to the US’ moves. The statement aroused the whole country to the sacred struggle against the US.

In full support of the statement, mass rallies and demonstrations took place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang and all other parts of the country.

The venues were filled with a firm determination of the Korean nation to crush UNSC’s “sanctions resolution” fabricated by the US and its following forces in an attempt to trample upon the DPRK’s sovereign right and check its economic development and improvement of the people’s livelihood and to build a socialist power without fail on the strength of Mallima spirit according to the WPK’s line of promoting the two fronts simultaneously.

Service personnel of the Ministry of the People’s Armed Forces got together to express full support for the statement of the DPRK government rejecting the “sanctions resolution” of UNSC and channel all their efforts into perfecting

combat preparedness to achieve final victory in the anti-US showdown. They fully demonstrated their annihilating spirit and indomitable mettle with which to deal a crushing blow to the vicious sanctions manoeuvres and reckless war mania of the US and other hostile forces by force of arms of Mt Paektu and hasten final victory in the anti-US showdown and the building of a socialist power by faithfully supporting Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un’s Songun-based leadership.

At the meeting of the servicepersons of the Ministry of People’s Security they manifested their revolutionary will to smash the US’ vicious manoeuvres with the sword of defending the leader, system and people.

The joint national meeting of the Korean Children’s Union organizations criticized the most brutal acts of the US to submerge in a sea of fire the cradle of happiness and base of study of the Korean schoolchildren and demonstrated the will of 3 million KCU members to become young defenders of the country as the Anti-Japanese Children’s Corps members and the children’s vanguard members in the Fatherland Liberation War did.

All the people in the country rose up in a sacred war to defend their country with a surging hatred for the US.

Within three days after the publication of the statement of the DPRK



government officials, Party members, working people, youth and students across the country volunteered to join or rejoin the army, the number amounting to more than 3.475 million, and 581 500 KCU members resolved to become children's guerrillas fighting against the US imperialists.

The Korean army and people who are burning their hearts with a firm determination to annihilate the US demonstrated the mettle

of heroic Korea with which to achieve final victory in the anti-US confrontation and build a thriving socialist country on this land following Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

Article: Kim Jong

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA

Service personnel of the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces get together to express full support for the statement and resolve to channel all their efforts into perfecting combat preparedness for anti-US showdown



Young vanguard extend their full support to the statement and make a firm pledge to dedicate their lives to the anti-US showdown



The joint national meeting of the KCU organizations demonstrates a firm will of the KCU members to turn out in the sacred war of annihilating the enemy



Young people and students volunteer to join or rejoin the army



The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un examines the plan for the enveloping fire at Guam [August Juche 106 (2017)]

The Respected Supreme Leader Inspects the Command of the KPA Strategic Force

Kim Jong Un, supreme leader of the Workers' Party of Korea, the state and the army, inspected the Command of the Strategic Force of the Korean People's Army on August 14.

When he arrived at the headquarters of the large combined unit where the flags of the Supreme Commander and the DPRK were fluttering high, the KPA service personnel raised a storm of thunderous cheers. The Supreme Leader waved back to them and posed for a photograph with them.

He looked round the revolutionary relics and materials displayed in the Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism Study Hall, recollecting with deep emotion the leadership exploits of the brilliant commanders of Paektu associated with the proud history of the KPA Strategic Force.

At the command centre, he was briefed by the Commander of the KPA Strategic Force over the plan for the enveloping fire at Guam, examined it in detail for a long time and had a serious consultation with the commanding officers.

He then inspected the preparedness of the demonstration fire by the Strategic Force, and expressed his satisfaction with the immensely high spirits of the Hwasong artillerymen as well as their combat readiness.

He said that the US' reckless moves towards military confrontation have virtually put its neck into the noose and that he would keep an eye some more on the behaviour of the foolish and stupid Americans who are spending a

wearisome time as tragic doom stares them in the face. He continued to say that if the US rashness goes beyond the limit and the planned demonstration fire is carried out, it will be a most thrilling historic moment when the Hwasong artillerymen wring the neck of the US and point a dagger at it. He ordered the Strategic Force to be always on standby for launch so that it can launch into action anytime the Party makes the decision.

While making the rounds of the military training centre and gymnasium, the Supreme Leader stressed the need to thoroughly establish Juche in education and constantly improve the quality of military training course. And he looked round the mess hall of a unit and other supply service facilities at the headquarters of the large combined unit to acquaint himself with the living conditions of the service personnel, before enjoying a performance given by the artistic motivational team of the large combined unit at the hall of soldiers.

The Supreme Leader said he feels assured as there is the Strategic Force of the KPA, a reliable force providing a sure guarantee for the eternal prosperity of the country and the people, and expressed his expectation and confidence that all the officers and men of the Strategic Force would be fully aware of their important mission before the Party, the country and the people and bring about a fresh turn in perfecting their combat preparedness.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



The great leader Kim Jong Il, eternal General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea

Outstanding Leadership, Undying Exploits

Peerless Patriot Who Laid Eternal Foundations for Building a Socialist Power

October 8, Juche 86 (1997) is the day of historic significance to the Korean army and people. That day Kim Jong Il was elected the General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, in reflection of the unanimous will and desire of the whole Party, the entire army and all the people.

As it held up Kim Jong Il at the highest post of the Party, the WPK could be developed into the party of Kim Il Sung and

advance the cause of socialism to victory under the unfurled banner of Songun.

The Korean service personnel and people are splendidly celebrating the 20th anniversary day, looking back on the undying exploits of Kim Jong Il who laid eternal foundations for the building of a powerful socialist country by dint of his outstanding leadership and lofty patriotic devotion.

By Establishing a Politico-Ideological Power

Ever since they had held up Chairman Kim Jong Il at the highest post of the Workers' Party of Korea, the service personnel and people in the DPRK greeted a stirring period when the country strengthened its political and ideological might and was turned into a dignified country that is powerful politically and ideologically.

Chairman Kim Jong Il who enforced Songun politics in a comprehensive way since the mid-1990s directed the greatest efforts to imbuing the revolutionary ranks with one ideology, consolidating the political foundations of society and administering the dignified independent politics.

He formulated and developed the Juche idea, Songun idea, authored by President Kim Il Sung as the permanent guiding ideology and guidelines in the era of independence, and wisely led the efforts to conduct ideological education aimed at arming the entire people with the Juche idea, Songun idea.

From the first days of his struggle to accomplish the cause of the Juche revolution he set single-hearted unity as the foremost weapon of the revolution. By newly clarifying that the leadership of the revolution, single-hearted unity and socialism form a community in which they share their destiny and strengthening the revolutionary ranks into a harmonious whole centring around the leadership of the revolution, he made the political foundations

of society rock-solid.

He administered a dignified independent politics, thereby demonstrating to the world the might of the DPRK as a politico-ideological power.

He attached paramount importance to consistently adhering to independence in Party and state activities and administered independent politics in the worldwide political turmoil. And he ensured that the Party and state had their own guiding ideology, and independently formulated lines and policies and implemented them.

Based on a firm independent view and confidence that we have our own ideology and ideals as well as our own revolutionary mode, he found independent solutions to all the problems arising in the revolution and construction. He made sure that the DPRK exercised complete sovereignty and equal rights in external relations, and never tolerated and determinedly thwarted any practices of violating or offending the national sovereignty.

Thanks to the undying exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il who administered the dignified independent politics in the era of Songun, the DPRK has been developed into a politico-ideological power that is highly praised worldwide as the country strongest in its independent character and as the fortress of independence.

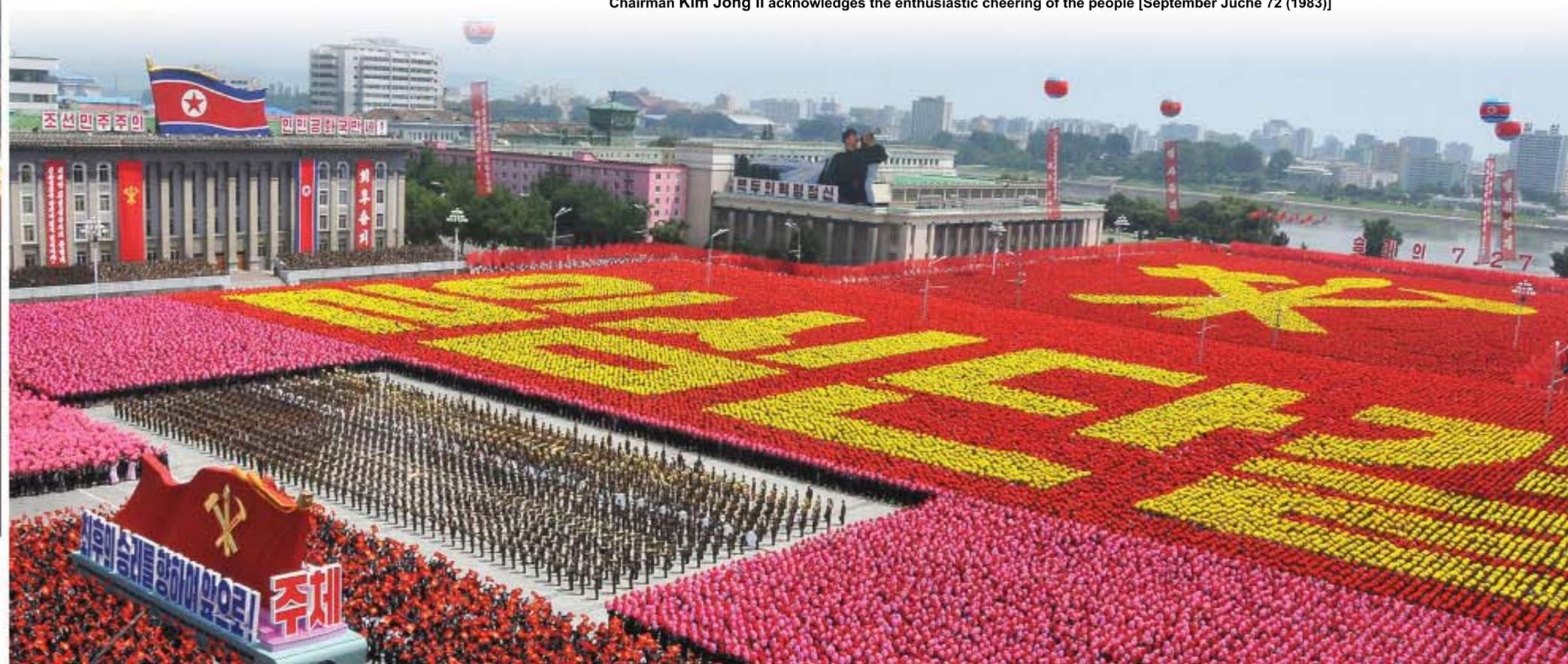
Article: Choe Kwang Ho



Chairman Kim Jong Il acknowledges the enthusiastic cheering of the people [September Juche 72 (1983)]



Under the wise leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il the unity of the leader, the Party and the masses with a single heart is achieved at a high level





Chairman Kim Jong Il provides on-site guidance at the February 8 Vinalon Complex [January Juche 100 (2011)]



Chairman Kim Jong Il sees new CNC machine tools [December Juche 99 (2010)]



Chairman Kim Jong Il visits the Bioengineering Branch of the State Academy of Sciences [January Juche 100 (2011)]

In the 1990s the imperialist reactionaries went to extremes in trying to isolate and stifle the DPRK and consecutive natural disasters posed a serious threat to the country's economic construction and people's standard of living. In the rigorous period Kim Jong Il held up higher the banner of Songun and roused the entire army and people to build an economic giant.

He put forward as the strategic line of building an economic giant a line of economic construction in the Songun era in which the defence industry would be developed on a priority basis while boosting light industry and agriculture simultaneously and the line of prioritizing science and technology. He scientifically analyzed economic situation of the country and the positions and roles of every sector and unit in the overall economic development, and explained policies to this end.

Chairman Kim Jong Il placed the Korean People's Army in the vanguard of the building of an economic giant, thereby opening a broad avenue for economic construction. Adhering to the mode of Songun politics, he ensured that the army and people formed a harmonious whole in making miraculous achievements and innovations in all the economic sectors.

Under his energetic leadership the revolutionary soldier spirit was created by soldier-builders who built the Anbyon Youth Power Station in the

grim days in the 1990s, and the Kanggye spirit, the former's embodiment, was born as the spirit of the times. With those spirits as the ideological and spiritual force the torches of Songgang and Ranam were kindled as the flames of the great revolutionary upsurge. The DPRK launched an artificial earth satellite in the difficult periods of the Arduous March and the forced march. Entering the new century, even though the imperialist forces resorted to more vicious schemes to isolate and stifle it, the DPRK further consolidated the independence and Juche character of the national economy to establish the Juche-based system and lines of producing iron, fertilizer and vinalon. Amid the flames of the industrial revolution in the new century, modern factories and enterprises were built. All these miraculous successes were the brilliant fruition of the outstanding and seasoned leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il, who continued his forced march of field guidance to factories and enterprises, farms and construction sites.

The arduous, long journey of Songun adorned with burning patriotic devotion of Chairman Kim Jong Il provided the DPRK with the lasting foundations for the building of an economic giant and raised the might of the country to the highest level possible.

Article: Choe Ho

Outstanding Leadership, Undying Exploits

Providing a Springboard for Building an Economic Giant

The Korean people, who are witnessing the brilliant reality when their beautiful ideal of building a powerful socialist country is being translated into practice, recollect with deep emotion the benevolent image of

Chairman Kim Jong Il and his wise leadership exploits. Chairman Kim Jong Il led the Workers' Party of Korea, the state, army and people to provide a firm springboard for building an economic giant.



The national economy has been put on a Juche-oriented and modern footing at a high level and the land across the country realigned into standardized fields



Chairman Kim Jong Il acquaints himself with the details of mission discharge of a unit at the forward observation post [November Juche 87 (1998)]

and build it successfully. And he formulated Songun politics as the basic mode of socialist politics and consolidated the overall strength of the country by relying on strong military capabilities, creating a history of recording only victory in building a powerful country.

The Chairman comprehensively built up the People's Army, the main force of the Songun revolution, established a system of state administration in which national defence was given priority, and reorganized and readjusted all fields in line with the requirements of Songun. Thus he provided a sure guarantee for safeguarding the security of the country and the bulwark of socialism.

Always being at the front line of the struggle to defend socialism and continuing the arduous march of Songun, climbing Chol Pass and Mt Osong and visiting Cho Island and Panmunjom, he further strengthened the People's Army into the army of the leader and the Party, the main force in carrying out the cause of the Juche revolution, and an invincible, elite revolutionary army that are fully prepared militarily and technologically.

He ensured that the People's Army made a breakthrough on every major front of socialist construction for achieving national prosperity and making the people better-off and demonstrated the mettle and might of a powerful revolutionary army that does not know the word *impossible*.

The Chairman raised the traditional trait of unity between the army and people, a quality unique to the People's Army and the source of its inexhaustible might, onto a new higher phase of the great army-people unity in which the army and the people achieved a perfect oneness in ideological, spiritual and fighting traits based on the revolutionary soldier spirit as demanded by the

Songun era. By accomplishing the aims of arming all the people and fortifying the whole country at a higher level, he turned the whole country into an impregnable fortress.

He developed the Juche-oriented defence industry into the arsenal of Mt Paektu capable of producing the most sophisticated weapons and brilliantly accomplished the cause of building a nuclear power.

By newly elucidating a strategic line of economic construction in the Songun era in which the defence industry would be developed on a priority basis, he brought about a radical change in the material and technological supply for munitions production and the development of military science.

Entering the new century when the US persisted in its schemes to stifle the DPRK, even clamouring about a preemptive nuclear strike, the Chairman made clear the principled stand of preparing strong nuclear deterrent to cope with the enemy's moves. He inspired scientists, technicians, working people and officials in the defence industry sector with strength and courage and led them wisely to make the country possess nuclear capability, a great cause of historic significance.

The undying exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il who developed socialist Korea into a military power, a nuclear-armed state, no aggressors dare attack will shine for ever along with the enormous national strength of the DPRK that is demonstrating its might as an ever-victorious nuclear power, a military power, under the leadership of the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

Article: Kim Jong



Outstanding Leadership, Undying Exploits

Turning the Country into an Invincible Military Power

Socialist Korea is demonstrating its might as an invincible nuclear power, a military power, and reliably defending its national dignity and sovereignty by developing its inexhaustible strength at the highest level. The credit goes to of Chairman Kim Jong Il who turned the DPRK into a military power, holding high the banner of Songun.

The military might of the country is foremost among its national strength. Without strong military might, national sovereignty, not to say the right to

existence, cannot be safeguarded.

In the 1990s the US-led imperialist allied forces resorted to vicious schemes, even nuclear weapons, to isolate and stifle the DPRK that was advancing forward under the unfurled banner of Songun.

At such critical times when the destiny of the country and people was in the balance Chairman Kim Jong Il clarified that the line of attaching importance to arms, to military affairs, was the absolutely right one to defend socialism



The Korean People's Army has been strengthened into an invincible revolutionary armed force that can destroy any formidable enemy at a single stroke



International Festival Held in Praise of the Great Persons of Mt Paektu



Participants in the meeting of greeting the sun on Mt Paektu march forward, holding such placards as "Long Live General Kim Jong Un, the Sun of the 21st Century!" and festival flags

The Fifth International Festival in Praise of the Great Persons of Mt Paektu took place in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea last August.

Since it made its debut in February Juche 91 (2002) on Mt Paektu as a meeting of greeting the sun of the 21st century, it was held in a grand style this year that marks the 105th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, the 75th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il and the 5th anniversary of

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un's election to the highest posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

The festival was attended by co-chairpersons of the international preparatory committee, delegations and delegates from different countries, regions and international democratic organizations, personages of various circles and staff members of foreign embassies in the DPRK.

A variety of events including a meeting of greeting the sun on Mt Paektu

and a 2017 meeting in praise of the great persons of Mt Paektu took place.

At the meeting of greeting the sun held on the summit of Mt Paektu, a sacred mountain of revolution, Paektusan declaration was made public. The declaration extolled Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who is exalting the heroic mettle and inexhaustible strength of the powerful Paektusan nation and safeguarding peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of the world with the might of Songun, and manifested a firm faith and will of the

progressive peoples of the world to accomplish the historic cause of building a new, independent world in faithful support of his leadership. Participants in the meeting recited impromptu poems in praise of the peerlessly great persons.

They signed their names on a placard reading "Glory to the great Paektusan nation!" and marched to the tune of the song *We Will Go to Mt Paektu*, holding such placards as "Long Live General Kim Jong Un, the Sun of the 21st Century!" and festival flags.



The meeting of greeting the sun on Mt Paektu takes place on the summit of Mt Paektu, a sacred mountain of revolution



Participants sign their names on a placard reading "Glory to the great Paektusan nation!"



Participants in the festival visit Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp



The 2017 meeting in praise of the great persons of Mt Paektu takes place in Pyongyang

They visited Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp and Samjiyon Grand Monument.

The 2017 meeting in praise of the great persons of Mt Paektu took place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang.

A floral basket the participants in the festival presented to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and congratulatory banners, medals, honorary titles, prizes, diplomas and gifts from international and regional preparatory committees for the gathering, international democratic organizations, foreign political parties, organizations, institutions and personages to the peerlessly great persons of Mt Paektu were handed over.

The venue of the meeting brimmed over with the participants' determination to add eternal glory to the greatness and exploits of the great persons of Mt Paektu and conduct brisk solidarity activities in support of the Korean people's vigorous struggle waged under the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un.

A letter to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un from the participants in the festival was read out at the meeting.

During the festival a solidarity meeting with the Korean people took place under the co-sponsorship of the international preparatory committee for 2017 meeting in praise of the great persons of Mt Paektu and the Korean Committee for Solidarity with World People. It adopted a resolution, and a letter to the UN secretary general was read out on behalf of the participants in the meeting.

The participants met scientists, technicians and officials of the National Aerospace Development Administration of the DPRK.

Foreign participants in the festival were awarded DPRK orders and medals.

There were also a banquet and a friendly get-together for them.

Article: Kim Hyon
Photo: Hong Kwang Nam



A solidarity meeting with Korean people



The participants in the festival meet scientists, technicians and officials of the National Aerospace Development Administration of the DPRK



In the meeting congratulatory banners, medals, honorary titles, prizes, diplomas and gifts to the peerlessly great persons of Mt Paektu are handed over



A ceremony to award prizes to the winners of the international contest of books and literary works



With the Spirit of Self-reliance and Self-development

With a firm determination to smash the vicious anti-DPRK moves by the US and other hostile forces by dint of self-reliance and self-development the working people at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex

are producing in larger amounts heavy rails and other steel products urgently needed in the economic sector, thereby making a contribution to implementing the five-year strategy for national economic development.

In hearty response to the statement of the DPRK government they are making redoubled efforts to increase steel production, and brilliant success in production is attributable to the tireless efforts and wisdom of the three-revolution team members dispatched to the complex.

Though they are young and have a little experience on the shop floor, the team members buckle down to technological problems arising in the production.

The three-revolution team encourages its members to improve their practical abilities through proper operation of the sci-tech learning space while inventing and applying advanced techniques by concerted efforts.

Ri Chol Jin, Choe Su Mi and Jong Kwang Rim succeeded in manufacturing a gas injection nozzle of the ladle refining furnace with magnesia clinker and

other materials, all available in the country, thus bringing a great profit.

The team members made the blades of the limestone crusher by their own efforts and technology, which saved much alloy steel and normalized the production of pig iron. They also improved the method of making sliding nozzles for the pot furnace of the UHP electric arc furnace at the steel workshop to secure an increase of several thousand tons of molten iron. They have so far introduced more than 70 technical innovative plans to production.

They are making sustained efforts to render a tangible contribution to making the metallurgical industry Juche-based with more scientific and technological achievements.

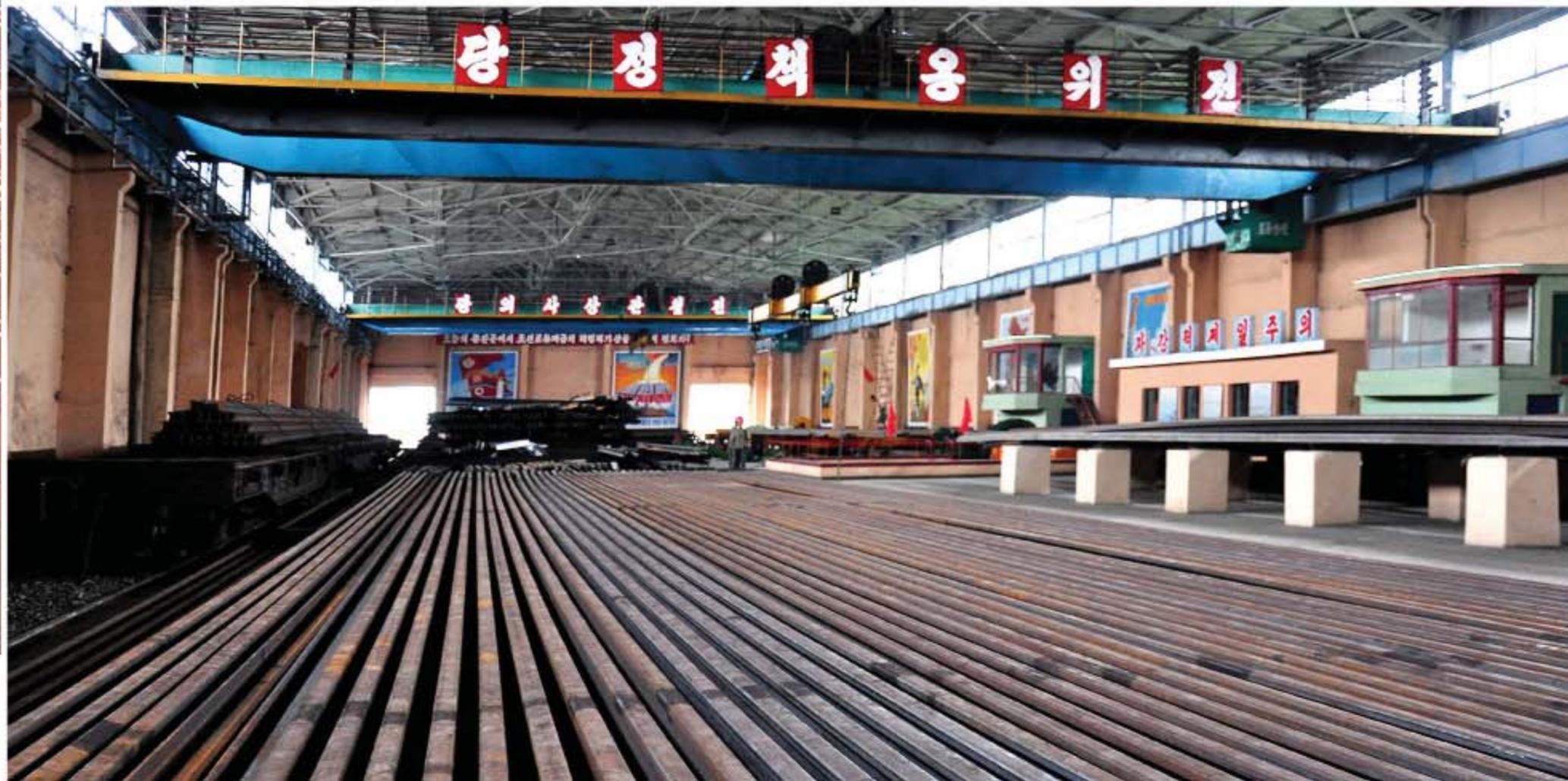
Article: Kim Chung Bok
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The complex ensures preferential supply of raw materials and fuels and close collaboration between processes so as to increase heavy rail production



The three-revolution team members make devoted efforts to invent and apply advanced technologies conducive to making the steel production Juche-based and modern



Rushing at a Mallima Speed

The heroic working class of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, in hearty response to the statement of the DPRK government, is raising a strong wind of bringing about a upsurge in production.

Workers at the Taeon Heavy Machine Complex, a leading producer of ordered equipment in the country, are achieving miraculous successes in the production under the banner of self-reliance and self-development in the same manner as they would smash the anti-DPRK sanctions moves of the Unites States and its following forces.

They ensure the full operation of various turning lathes, 16-m lathe, 12-m planer-type miller and other machines, thus manufacturing such generating machines and equipment as turbine shafts and blades.

They have made by their own efforts and technology the necessary spare parts and introduced CNC technology into 4-m turning lathe and other large-sized machine tools, to raise the precision of generating machines and other ordered equipment.

Thanks to vigorous efforts made by the workers at the Taeon Heavy Machine Complex to increase production holding high the banner of self-reliance and self-development, brilliant successes are being achieved on major fronts of turning the country into an economic giant.

*Article: Kim Hyon
Photo: Choe Won Chol*



The introduction of CNC technology into a 4-m turning lathe and other large machine tools raises the precision of ordered equipment and electric machines and boosts production



Forward in a Do-or-Die Battle for Final Victory

Popular Food Products

The Sonhung Foodstuff Factory widely known across the country for its quality products is situated in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang. Its considerable efforts exerted to the development of science and technology have contributed to the modernization of the production lines and the development of a wider assortment of delicious and nutritious foodstuffs so as to improve the people's dietary life.

The establishment of a scientific and predictable integrated manufacturing system and the realization of full automation of the overall production lines at a high level enable it to manufacture foodstuffs as suited to the ever-changing tastes and demands of the people.

Every production process is furnished to ensure hygienic safety of products, and the germ- and dust-free environment is guaranteed by means of advanced analyzing devices, sanitary facilities and ventilation.

Ten production lines including those of carbonated beverages, fried cakes and sweets won ISO 22000.

The factory puts great stress on the work of disseminating science and technology among its employees as required by its modernization, and encourages them to develop more products that are appreciated as the best domestic products.

In particular, the fruit-flavoured bread, sweets and biscuits with various flavours are made from such natural raw materials as orange, jujube, grape and apricot seeds which are health-promoting, so they are greatly favoured by

the people.

Thanks to the high enthusiasm of the factory staff to develop and produce high-quality foodstuffs in larger amounts, the Sonhung-brand goods are enjoying a growing popularity.

*Article: Kim Chung Bok
Photo: Kim Yun Hyok*



Foreigners Praise the Korean Leaders

Books in praise of the greatness of the Korean leaders were published in Nepal and Indonesia.

Songun Internationale, Vol. 3, was written by M. Jahangir Khan, head of the Songun Politics Study Group in Bangladesh. Carrying the photographs of Chairman Kim Jong Il and Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un on its front pages, the book refers to historical facts which prove that the might of the DPRK gaining victory after victory in the showdown with the United

States is the strength of Songun idea and the Chairman who formulated Songun idea and administered original Songun politics is the greatest ideologist and theoretician.

Jabed Ansari, deputy secretary-general of the Karachi branch office of the Pakistan-DPRK friendship association, wrote the book, titled, *Reunification of Korea, the Cherished Desire of the World*. The book carries the photographs of President Kim Il Sung who dedicated his whole life to the cause of Korea's reunification,

of Chairman Kim Jong Il signing the historic June 15 North-South Joint Declaration, and of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un delivering New Year Address in Juche 106 (2017).

The writer recollected in deep emotion his meeting with the President in April, Juche 71 (1982), referred to various activities of the world's solidarity organizations and personages in support of the Three Charters for National Reunification clarified by the President, and highly praised that Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un is the great lodestar of Korea's reunification.

The book, *The Great Succession*, written by Dermot Hudson, chief of the British-DPRK friendship association, carries the photograph of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

It highly appreciates the undying exploits Chairman Kim Jong Il performed in brilliantly carrying forward the idea and cause of President Kim Il Sung and turning socialist Korea into an impregnable fortress of anti-imperialism and a people's paradise by dint of his Songun-based revolutionary leadership.

Article: Kim Son Gyong



Posters Reflect the Will of the Korean Service Personnel and People



New posters are produced, totally rejecting the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolution" cooked up by the United States and its following forces and inspiring the Korean service personnel and people to turn out in an all-people general offensive to demonstrate the invincible might of the DPRK

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Growing Enthusiasm for Increased Production

Working people at the Pyongyang Hosiery Factory are redoubling their efforts to increase production on the strength of self-reliance and self-development, with a firm determination to smash the anachronistic moves of the United States and its vassal forces to stifle and suffocate the DPRK.

Workers at the men's hosiery and finishing workshops are displaying a high sense of patriotism in technically managing machines and equipment as befitting the masters, thus ensuring full operation of machines and increasing production.

In the fierce flames of a mass technical innovation campaign sweeping the whole factory, the women's hosiery workshop has introduced new technical conceptions into production so as to raise the efficiency of the machines, and the factory is producing a wider variety of goods with better qualities and overfulfilling its production plans.

Last August when the statement of the DPRK government was made public, totally rejecting the UNSC "sanctions resolution" fabricated by the US and its followers to isolate and stifle the DPRK and manifesting a resolute determination of retaliation,

all the workers turned out to increase production in full support of the statement, and several of them finished their two-year production plans and scores of others hit their annual production targets.

Factory's employees are displaying fervent enthusiasm to put the production on a normal track and increase production, thus improving the people's living standards and building a thriving socialist country as well as foiling the vicious sanctions and stifling moves of the US imperialists.

Article and photo: Kim Hyon Hui



The dynamic factory-wide mass technical innovation campaign stimulates the increase in the range of products and improvement in quality



Merry Laughter Resounding through the Sand Beach

The December 6 Children's Camp in Kangwon Province is located in Munchon on the picturesque east coast of Korea.

The camp has been reconstructed as a comprehensive base for extracurricular activities of the schoolchildren thanks to the Workers' Party of Korea's policy of loving the rising generation, the future of the country.

Built in an area of nearly 170 000 square metres, the camp consists of two buildings for campers, representing a sailing ship cutting its way through big waves, a mess hall, hall of culture, bathing

beach, gymnasium, playground, swimming pool, roller rink and other facilities.

The first-term camping was launched in April in the run-up to the Day of the Sun, birthday of President Kim Il Sung and the greatest national holiday, and, entering the summertime, the camp is full of animated campers.

The camp's officials and teaching staff make efforts to give a more variety to camping activities as suited to the campers' ages and psychological features while preparing birthday spreads for them, as would their parents do.

Schoolchildren from junior middle schools in the province spend a week's camping, doing mountaineering, maritime sports and artistic activities.

Sporting events in the gymnasium and on the playground are exciting; however, more enticing is sea bathing. When they learn swimming in the sea or enjoy various amusement games, campers often lose count of time.

E-reading and comprehensive learning spaces help them acquire a wide range of knowledge on the seas, fauna and flora, and science and technology,

as well as consolidate what they have learned at schools.

They show off their skills and talents in artistic performances and handicraft exhibitions, and practise cooking.

The campers are engraving camping days as a pleasant memory and also hardening their resolve to prepare themselves as competent personnel for the future.

Article: Choe Ho
Photo: Hong Kwang Nam



Every day in the camp is pleasant and merry



Amusing Time for Folk Games

The Folk Street situated at the foot of the scenic Mt Kyongam in Sariwon is always full of visitors, and the playing area for folk games is always lively with crowds of people experiencing folk customs and playing folk games of the Korean nation with a time-honoured history.

The area resembling the inside of an old castle has a hall for experiencing wedding customs and several sections for swinging, seesawing and archery.

The hall for wedding ceremony is a favourite haunt for bridal pairs on their wedding days to go through wedding routines in a traditional way. Attired in national wedding gowns, a bride rides a sedan chair before posing with her bridegroom for a photo in front of the wedding table.

Foreign tourists feel envious of the bride riding a sedan chair and want to follow Korean traditional wedding customs. So they vie with each other to wear Korean national costumes, ride sedan

The area for playing folk games is always crowded by local visitors and foreign tourists

chairs and pose for a photo before the wedding table.

The folk games playing area is attracting people with the service of *makkolli*, a Korean traditional beverage.

An old couple in national attire scoop out the refreshing beverage out of earthen jars with small gourds, and serve the people who want to feel the national fragrance.

Foreigners highly appreciate the taste of *makkolli* and ask more of the drink.

Greatly fascinated by the wisdom and beautiful manners and customs of the Korean nation, people dance merrily to the lilting melodies of the Korean folk songs, their faces betraying national pride in having a time-honoured history, brilliant culture and beautiful folk customs.

Article: Kim Hyon Hui
Photo: An Chol Ryong





Kindergarten teachers develop *Kkotpongori*, a program for intellectual development of the children



Teachers dedicate their efforts to improve the children's intellectual faculty



Devotion to Bringing up Rising Generations

and is widely adopted by other kindergartens across the country.

This program, taking advantage of the psychological features of the children who are very inquisitive and expressive, is designed to solve problems in various methods of finding, selecting, matching and so on, in order to cultivate their thinking faculty.

The problems are so closely related to their life that even mischievous children are engrossed in the quest to find answers.

In the course of solving the problems presented by the program, such as locating the friends going on a picnic, filling a basket with fruits numbering ten, and selecting things necessary for mountaineering, children can foster a keen power

of observation, improve memory, learn the Korean alphabet and counting, and develop moral qualities and emotional feelings.

The kindergarten teachers chose 1 800 problems for intellectual development from the teaching materials and processed over 16 000 pieces of image data in order to give children a wide knowledge of nature and society.

The program *Kkotpongori*, a precious fruit of their devotion to bringing up the country's future, is rendering an active contribution to the education of the preschool children.

Article: So Kil Sung
Photo: An Chol Won

With full introduction of the universal 12-year compulsory education in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea this year, a great many programs have been developed and popularized in the educational sector.

Among them is a program *Kkotpongori* (flower bud) developed by the teachers at the Changgwang Kindergarten, which helps to promote preschool children in their intellectual development



In the course of solving the problems presented by the program the children develop their ability to independently think, analyse, generalize and judge



Elderly People Enjoy Their Life

Though they are all in their seventies, they are still “full of youthful vigour.”

Pak Mun Sik says, “Our country regards people as the most precious and the government takes responsible care of the elderly, so we are singing that sixty is the prime of life.”

They enjoy angling, playing *janggi* and *yut* games (Korean folk games), and sing and dance merrily.

The song *Let the Days Go By* is the most favourite among the aged, full of optimism and delight.

*Now we are past our prime days
and in the twilight of life,
We still feel youthful, though grey-haired.
Thanks to the Workers' Party we are full of
youthful vigour,
Let the days go by, as they cannot age us
in mind.*

... ..

The images of the old people singing and dancing merrily represent the elderly people in the DPRK who are enjoying a cultured and happy life, full of vigour in their twilight years.

*Article: Kim Hyo Sim
Photo: Choe Myong Jin*



In the DPRK that bears full responsibility for the old people in health and life, respecting and giving preferential treatment to them has become a nation-wide feeling and social trait.

The banks of the beautiful Taedong River in Pyongyang have turned into excellent cultural resorts for the people, and seen there are many old people.

It is one of conspicuous morning scenes on the

promenades to see grey-haired old people looking light-hearted.

They are doing rhythmic exercises keeping time with the music, *Are We Living Like in Those Days?*, or jogging with their grandchildren.

Among them are elderly couples, Pak Mun Sik and O Won Ha, and Kim Chun Jik and Yun Pyong Ju, and Pak Pyong Thae, all living in Kyogu-dong, Central District.



Newly Unearthed Tomb of Koryo



Entrance to the coffin chamber



Interior of the coffin chamber

The tomb of Sukjong, the 15th king of Koryo (918-1392), was newly unearthed in Sonjok-ri, Kaesong.

Kaesong was the capital city of Koryo, the first unified state in Korea.

The excavation team from the Korea National Heritage Preservation Agency in collaboration with the scholars from the Kaesong National Heritage Preservation Station and Kaesong Koryo Museum discovered the relics which were estimated to be a tomb of Sukjong and buckled down to its study in an all-round way.

The tomb of Sukjong is divided into three sections.

In the first section were unearthed the earth mound and its surrounding structures, and stone structures in the chamber.

The tomb sits due south, some two degrees leaned to the east. It has a single coffin chamber built half-underground, 300 cm long from south to north, 120 cm long from east to west, and 160 cm high.

The walls of the chamber are built with finely-trimmed granite monoliths. On its southern wall is a stone door, 120 cm long and 95 cm high, fixed on a stone step, 125 cm long and 45 cm high.

Six granite stones, each being about 160 cm long from east to west, 50 – 60 cm wide and 35 – 50 cm thick, are used as the cover stones on which quite big stones are put to keep the mound's earth from sliding.

The bier made of well-trimmed granite plain rock, 223 cm long, 69 cm wide and 12 cm thick, is laid on the floor. A few remaining pieces show that it was surrounded by the floor ridges at the time.

Pieces of the gilt lid of the wooden coffin and a piece of the handle of bronze spoon were discovered in the chamber. A piece of celadon was unearthed between the stones on the cover stones, and antefixes with dragon and phoenix patterns, and dragon's head-patterned decorative tiles around the earthen fences.



Sculpture of civil official in the east



Sculpture of civil official in the west



Sculpture of military officer in the east



Sculpture of military officer in the west



A piece of the handle of bronze spoon



Dragon-patterned antefixes



Phoenix-patterned convex



Pieces of dragon's head-patterned decorative tile

In the second section stone sculptures of civil officials were found on the east and west sides.

The 210 cm-high stone sculptures of military officers with swords in their hands and a stone pedestal of a monument were found in the third section. The pedestal is 67 cm long, 54 cm wide and 43 cm tall, and has a furrow, 27 cm long, 19 cm wide, and 10 cm deep, for the body of the monument.

Sukjong was the son of Munjong, the 11th king, and his name Wang Ong. He was on the throne from 1096 to 1105.

The new discovery of the tomb of Sukjong shed a fresher light on the developed culture of Koryo.

Article: Kang Su Jong
Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA

Strong Opposition to THAAD Deployment, Urgent Demand for Its Withdrawal

The south Korean authorities, jumping on the bandwagon to stage constant war moves by the United States in the Korean peninsula, are aggravating tension in Northeast Asia, thus incurring indignation and denunciation of the public.

It is a globally recognized fact that the THAAD deployment in south Korea is an outcome of the supremacy strategy pursued by the US in its ambition to seek hegemony in Northeast Asia with the establishment of the missile defence system. Through the US insists on its THAAD deployment as a “defence” against the “nuclear and missile threats from the north,” making an excuse to

justify its attempt, it is a sheer lie. That’s why the US forced the south Korean authorities to finish THAAD deployment before the set target date, and even threatened to withdraw the GIs in south Korea in case of its postponement.

The south Korean military experts argue that it is absurd to check missiles from the north with THAAD and that south Korea serves as a mere shield against the strike on the US mainland.

Though the south Korean authorities had pledged during the presidential campaign that they should say what they have to say about THAAD deployment issue, saying it has more to lose than to gain, they reneged on their promise and decided on the deployment of the additional THAAD launch pad. It is a ridiculous act.

The issue of THAAD deployment lays bare the impudent and gangster-like nature of the US resorting to every despicable act to seek its own safety regardless of the south Korean people, as well as the wretched plight of the south Korean authorities reduced to be servile to the former.

The south Korean people are cursing the ruling authorities at their shameful act of sending dark clouds of war over the fellow countrymen.

The south Korean civil and social organizations are raising their voice in protest against the anti-peaceful acts of the ruling authorities subservient to the US. In particular, residents in Songju and Kimchon in North Kyongsang Province launched strong protests against the authorities’ enforcement of THAAD deployment.

South Korean personages from various strata are also voicing their apprehension about the possible worsening of regional tension caused by the authorities’ THAAD deployment racket.

Article: Jong Ki Sang
Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



South Korean people strongly oppose the THAAD deployment



