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FRONT COVER: With pride in producing high-quality goods (at the Phurun Hanul Corporation)
Photo: Ri Hak Myong

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Kim Jong Un provides field guidance to the Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital [October Juche 105 (2016)].

For Promotion of People's Health

The Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital was newly built, as befits the hospital for people that can be boasted internationally and is flawless even by the standard of the future, thanks to the noble intention of the respected Kim Jong Un to afford priority, respect and love to the people and spare nothing for them.

Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, gave field guidance to the hospital in October.

Enjoying a panoramic view of the hospital, he said with a broad smile that it is built wonderfully and that its external view makes it easy to identify the purpose of the hospital.

Then he went round the buildings for outpatients and inpatients to learn in detail about the construction of the hospital and technical specifications of its equipment and facilities.

Looking round the eyeglasses shop, he expressed great satisfaction with the hospital as a multifunctional and comprehensive medical centre that specializes in the treatment of eye diseases and provides eyeglasses as well.

He specified tasks for the hospital to tackle in management and operation, especially in ensuring that the medical staff and employees enhance their sense of responsibility and improve their credentials on a steady basis to promote services. He instructed that a relevant unit should add a modern technical process of producing a variety of eyeglass frames to meet public needs.

Lavishing praise on the Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital that it is a perfect, world-class hospital and a source of pride for the country, he said with pleasure that one of his earnest wishes for the well-being of the people has been realized.

The medical staff and employees of the hospital, honoured with the visit of the Marshal who is exerting tireless efforts to bring the happiness to the people, are making active contribution to promoting the people's health, true to his noble intention.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon

Kim Jong Un was elected Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK at the Fourth Session of the 13th Supreme People's Assembly [June Juche 105 (2016)].

The Year Full of Proud Victories

The year 2016 adorned with exciting events and miraculous successes, fully demonstrating the dignity and prestige of socialist Korea, is running out.

This year the Korean service personnel and people celebrated the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as a glorious meeting of victors and left an outstanding mark on the political history of the world and the history of building a powerful socialist country.

They gave fullest play to the inexhaustible political and ideological might of the country that is stepping up the general advance towards the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche, closely rallied behind the respected Kim Jong Un.

There were a mass rally and public procession of Pyongyang citizens in celebration of the Seventh Congress of the Party, army-people rallies in Pyongyang and other provinces to congratulate Kim Jong Un on the election as Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, and a grand torchlight gala evening in celebration of the Ninth Congress of Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League. They displayed the jubilation of the entire Korean nation at having held the Marshal at the top posts of the Party and the State, and testified that the DPRK is the politico-ideological, military and youth power in which the leader believes in the people and serves them selflessly and devotedly, and its army, people and youth place absolute trust in their leader and advance along the same road, following the Party for ever.

The whole country brimmed over with indomitable spirit of cherishing pure loyalty to the leader and devoting their all to translating into reality the ideas and plans of the Party, the spirit of bearing in mind the soul and spirit of Paektu and displaying the comradeship of sharing the same destiny on the road of revolution, and the spirit of braving difficulties and ordeals and performing mass heroism.

This grand march by dint of single-hearted unity made great leaps forward and effected innovations in this year's struggle to build an economic giant.

The working people throughout the country launched the 70-day campaign of loyalty to celebrate the Seventh Party Congress with unprecedented labour achievements, and thanks to their patriotic zeal the planned tasks of the campaign were overfulfilled by 44% and the industrial output increased by 1.6 times to that of the same period of the previous year.

All the Party members, working and young people turned out in the 200-day campaign of loyalty to glorify this year when the Seventh Congress of the Party was held. By waging an unyielding struggle to follow the road for building a powerful socialist country as illuminated at the Congress, they performed labour feats in all the workplaces.

The electric-power, coal-mining and metallurgical industries and rail transport sector gave a powerful boost to the economic development with the spirit of self-reliance and self-development and by dint of science and technology. Keeping abreast of it, other sectors of the national economy, including building-materials, chemistry, machinery and light industry, fanned the flames of increased production.

Between late August and early September six cities and counties in North Hamgyong Province situated along the Tuman River were hit by a typhoon and heaviest downpour that caused worst-ever flood damages. To cope with the emergency, the WPK took important measures to direct the main thrust of the 200-day campaign to the rehabilitation of the afflicted areas.

The service personnel and the working people who were dispatched to the flood-stricken areas resolved to carry out the Party's intention and turn the areas into the paradise in the era of the Workers' Party, and hastened the construction work.

The Sangwon Cement Complex, the Sunchon Cement Complex and other units in the building-materials industry sector carried out the production tasks set higher than usual, and the electric-power, coal-mining and metallurgical sectors increased their production within the shortest time to supply the areas with electricity, coal and steel in larger amounts. The rail transport sector reconstructed the railway tracks in the afflicted areas and ensured the prompt delivery of necessary materials.

The Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea elected Kim Jong Un Chairman of the WPK [May Juche 105 (2016)].

The agriculture, light industry and other sectors of the national economy also waged vigorous campaigns to produce food, consumer goods and various materials needed in the rehabilitation projects.

Thanks to the might of single-hearted unity of all the service personnel and people to support the Party's politics of loving the people, a miracle of

Kim Jong Un presented the flag of Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League [August Juche 105 (2016)].

turning misfortune into a blessing was wrought in the afflicted northern areas, which resounded with the cheering for the Workers' Party and for socialism.

The Korean service personnel and people made continuous efforts this year to usher in a new heyday of civilization and prosperity, thereby erecting numerous monumental structures testifying to ever-changing appearance of the country, which underwent changes every year, yesterday

Kim Jong Un guided the manufacturing of nuclear weapons [March Juche 105 (2016)].

Torchlight gala evening of young vanguard demonstrated the faith and will to fully display the ever-victorious spirit and militant might of Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League.

and today, morning and evening. Baby homes and orphanages, primary and middle schools for orphans, and other structures reflecting the Party's ennobling view on the rising generation and the future were built in every province of the country, and modern bases and facilities for the people's livelihood and their cultural and leisure activities sprang up in Pyongyang and other parts of the country. Cutting-edge scientific and technological achievements, such as the successful launch of the artificial satellite Kwangmyongsong 4, were made, while brilliant successes gained in the sports, educational, and the art and literature sectors.

The service personnel of the People's Army mercilessly smashed the ever-increasing machinations to ignite a war by the imperialist aggressive forces, and the defence industry sector achieved a series of landmark successes in the tests of state-of-the-art weapons and equipment. They thus displayed the inexhaustible strength of Songun Korea and provided a sure

A series of world-surprising events were made in the defence industry sector, including the test-fire of a ground-to-ground intermediate-range strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong 10 and the underwater launch test of the ballistic missile from a strategic submarine.

Kim Jong Un inspected the Sci-Tech Complex [January Juche 105 (2016)].

guarantee for peace and security in the Korean peninsula and the region.

The world progressive people expressed their increasing support for and solidarity with the DPRK that invariably advanced straight ahead along the road of independence, Songun and socialism, undaunted by outside pressures and blackmails, and resolutely frustrated the sanctions and isolation campaigns on the strength of self-development.

Seeing out the year with great pride and dignity, the Korean service personnel and people are greeting the hopeful new year, full of confidence in victory that a brighter future is in store for them as they are led by the respected Kim Jong Un.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho

Sci-Tech Complex.

Remarkable sci-tech achievements like successful launch of the artificial earth satellite Kwangmyongsong 4 were made and the flames of increased production based on the spirit of self-reliance and self-development and science and technology flared up in the building of an economic giant.

The completed Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station No. 3.

The first-stage construction of the Honggondo Tideland was completed.

Baby homes, orphanages and primary and middle schools for orphans were built and schoolchildren's camps were refashioned across the country.

Many works of art and literature high in ideological and artistic quality were created including revolutionary opera *I Can Still See Victory in the Revolution* and feature film *The Story of Our Home*.

Tree Nursery No. 122 of the Korean People's Army is put on a scientific, industrial and intensive basis.

The Natural History Museum and other bases for cultural and leisure activities of the people were built.

The sportspeople won many international competitions, adding honour to the country.

Kim Jong Il sees vinalon cotton [February Juche 99 (2010)].

Life of Patriotic Devotion

Upon hearing the news that General Kim Jong Il had passed away on December 17, Juche 100 (2011), all the people of Korea were engulfed by wails of grief, feeling as if the earth had collapsed. They were plunged into national mourning by his death, the leader who adorned his revolutionary career with patriotic devotion to the country and people.

Five years have passed since, but the General is always with the Korean people as the sun and peerless patriot.

The General, with the high ambition to add glory to Korea, led the Workers' Party of Korea, the army and people wisely for a long period and brought about the golden age of the national prosperity unprecedented in the history of Korea spanning 5 000 years.

He made it his lifelong mission to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by President Kim Il Sung, and dynamically advanced the revolution and construction as intended by the President, becoming his closest comrade and most faithful comrade-in-arms.

Kim Jong Il sees a relief model of the Grand People's Study House [December Juche 68 (1979)].

Kim Jong Il sees children and students in new clothes and uniforms to be presented as gift [April Juche 81 (1992)].

Kim Jong Il visits a farmer's family of the Poman Cooperative Farm in Sohung County [July Juche 90 (2001)].

Kim Jong Il at the frontline command post [April Juche 86 (1997)].

In the 1990s the country was faced with the grimmest trials, owing to the collapse of the worldwide socialist system, the greatest national loss of the President whom the Korean army and people believed in as in heaven, pernicious offensives of the imperialist allied forces to stifle the DPRK, and consecutive natural calamities. At this juncture the General held higher the banner of Songun, thus creditably defending the socialist achievements, valuable heritage of the President and turning the country into an invincible politico-ideological power of single-hearted unity and an impregnable military power no enemy dares to attack.

In those days he put forward the People's Army as the main force of the revolution and the core force in national defence, and prepared all its officers and men to be strong in ideas and faith and a-match-for-a-hundred combatants, crossing the rugged Chol Pass and steep Mt Osong and braving through raging storms to inspect the army units and posts.

He set the grand objective of building a powerful socialist country and led the nationwide general onward march to implement it in the vanguard, kindling the flames of a great revolutionary upsurge across the country.

He shed light on the road to the building of a powerful socialist country by presenting the revolutionary line of economic construction in the Songun era of developing defence industry on a preferential basis and developing light industry and agriculture

Kim Jong Il gives on-site guidance to the Songjin Steel Complex which completed the Juche-based system of producing iron [December Juche 98 (2009)].

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

simultaneously and the policy on agricultural revolution, and kindled the flames of the industrial revolution in the new century and the introduction of CNC technology. With his super-human energy, the General visited all parts of the country to usher in a new era of epochal changes.

Until the last moments of his great life the General was on the journey to give on-site guidance for the prosperity of the country and well-being of the people and passed away on a moving train.

With ardent love and affection Kim Jong Il devoted his whole life to the country and people, travelling over 669 844 kilometres equivalent to making about 17 rounds of the earth to give on-site guidance to 14 296 units in the country.

Thanks to his long, arduous road of the Songun-based leadership for the national prosperity and warm affection for the people, the DPRK has demonstrated to the whole world its might as a nuclear state, manufacturer and launcher of artificial satellites, built solid foundations of the building of a powerful socialist country and exalted its dignity and pride at the highest level.

The Korean army and people, firmly determined to hand down for ever the General's undying exploits made for the prosperity of the country and happiness of people, are staunchly advancing towards the final victory in the revolutionary cause of Juche, true to the behests of the General and under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon

The Juche-based system of producing iron and lines for producing vinalon and fertilizer were built, the country's land was realigned as befits the socialist one, and a lot of streets and villages as good as fairyland were set up throughout the country.

General Kim Jong Il's bronze statue was erected in Samjiyon County, Ryanggang Province.

Working people visit the plaza in front of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun with infinite yearning for the General.

Five Years of Yearning

Five years have passed since the unexpected demise of General Kim Jong Il whom the Korean army and people had upheld as their dear father, in December Juche 100 (2011). Those years were the days when the service personnel and people of Korea have faithfully implemented his lifetime instructions out of ardent yearning for him.

Closely rallied behind Kim Jong Un who holds Kim Jong Il as the sun of Juche and leads the revolution and construction as intended by him, the service personnel and people have turned the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where the General is kept in his lifetime appearance, into a sanctuary of the eternal sun and erected bronze statues and portraits of the smiling General in Pyongyang, the provincial capitals and other places across the country.

They have acclaimed him as the eternal General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and the eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and held fast to Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the guiding ideology of the Party so that the history of his leadership of the Songun revolution continues.

They have turned out with an unshakeable faith and will to follow to the end the road of independence, the road of Songun and the road of socialism pioneered by Kim Il Sung and developed by Kim Jong Il and carried out the General's instructions without any deviation or concession in the building of a powerful socialist country.

By making leaps and bounds in the major fronts of building a powerful socialist country and burning their hearts with Kim Jong Il's patriotism, they have set up numerous monumental edifices to glorify the era of the Workers' Party and solidified the foundations for improving the people's living standards, thereby bringing the General's lifetime instructions to brilliant fruition.

They are now demonstrating the prestige of the country as the politico-ideological and military power by developing the powerful national defence capabilities which the great General built up on the long, arduous road of Songun-based leadership and frustrating the schemes of aggression and war by the US and its vassal forces at every step.

The revolutionary history of General Kim Jong Il will continue for ever as all the service personnel and people of Korea have a boundless yearning for the General and advance dynamically to build a powerful socialist country under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Article: Kim Hyon Hui

Yearning for the General grows stronger as days go by.

The people look back upon the revolutionary career of General Kim Jong Il.

Unforgettable Memory

Kim Hyok, manager of the Kaeson Youth Park Management Station.

Whenever December comes round, we employees of the Kaeson Youth Park Management Station always look back on the day when General Kim Jong Il, our benevolent father, visited the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park for the people's happiness in the last period of his great life.

It was December 4, Juche 100 (2011), over ten days before all the Korean people heard the heart-breaking news that he had suddenly passed away.

Despite the biting cold, he went round the amusement park to understand the actual conditions of the management.

He had visited our Kaeson Youth Park when it had been reconstructed in April Juche 99 (2010) and acquainted himself with the operation and safety of the new amusement facilities.

When he visited us again in the cold December day, we were greatly moved to tears by his ennobling view on the people—of finding pleasure in the delight of people who would enjoy them.

While learning in detail the management of the park, he asked whether the spectators, as well as those enjoying the facilities, were pleased.

Some officials answered that it was worth seeing that the onlookers were laughing and shouting together with the riders, being thrilled at seeing them. He was very satisfied with the answer and continued to say: All the amusements are good facilities for cultivating courage and bravery of young people and giving vigour to the elderly. You say that our people enjoy the amusements and night views of splendid illuminations, and I am very glad to hear it.

Such affection and benevolence of the General who took his greatest delight in people's happiness will be kept for ever in the minds of our people.

Bearing deep his noble idea of love for the people, we employees of the Kaeson Youth Park Management Station will make devoted efforts to ensure that the people's happy laughter always resounds in the park.

Kim Hyok

Kim Jong Suk, the anti-Japanese war heroine, takes part in the elections [March Juche 38 (1949)].

In Faithful Support of Line of Building People's Government

After Korea was liberated on August 15, 1945, Kim Jong Suk, the anti-Japanese war heroine, conducted energetic activities to safeguard, strengthen and develop the people's government in line with General Kim Il Sung's policy of building a new country.

One day she was informed that a public lecture on the establishment of the Provisional People's Committee of North Korea (PPCNK), held in the hall of the then Pyongyang Girls' Middle School No. 4, miscarried by the reactionaries' manoeuvres. She had the meeting organized again there and herself took the floor to implant deep in the minds of the masses the intention of the General who established the genuine people's government.

In her lecture she explained impressively that the PPCNK was the genuine people's power organ which took roots deep among the masses of the people and that the reactionaries' frenzied acts could never quench the people's desire for justice and stop the advancing wheel of the history. She also called upon the audience to defend the people's government by rallying firmly around the General and rise as one for the building of new Korea.

When the first democratic elections were held in November Juche 35 (1946), she took detailed measures to make all women take part in them.

On the historic day of the elections, she, together with officials of the women's union, voted at Sub-constituency No. 52 of Jungsong Constituency in the Central District, Pyongyang. After casting her ballot, she said that many women nominated as candidates for the people's committees at all levels were elected and it showed fully that the Korean women became masters of their socio-political life free from all sorts of personal and social fetters and discrimination. And she called on them to work harder in the effort of building a new country and thus repay the General's benevolence.

Kim Jong Suk gave energetic help to the work of drafting the constitution of the DPRK and formulating the national emblem and flag.

She met an official in the relevant sector several times and gave detailed instructions. Noting the General's instructions that red colour should take a large proportion in the national flag to symbolize blood the patriotic fighters shed in their struggle for the freedom and independence of the country and the revolutionary forces rallied around the Workers' Party of Korea, she stressed again not to neglect the task of designing a star in them to symbolize the brilliant revolutionary traditions created by the General and the future of the country.

When the General said the emblem should reflect electrification, Kim Jong Suk told him that a power plant drawn in it could portray the electrification. Her opinion satisfied him.

Though the century has changed, the achievements of Kim Jong Suk who made painstaking efforts to carry out the General's line of building the people's government are shining brilliantly.

December 24 this year is her 99th birth anniversary.

Article: Kim Hyon Hui

Chairman Kim Jong Il and Marshal Kim Jong Un together on the long, arduous journey of Songun leadership.

Together on the Road of Songun-based Revolutionary Leadership

December is the month for the service personnel and people in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to realize keenly the blessings of having brilliant Supreme Commanders generation after generation.

Kim Jong Il started the Songun-based leadership in his early years and was appointed as Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army in December Juche 80 (1991). He built up the self-reliant defence capabilities with the People's Army as the backbone, leading the revolution to victory.

In the difficult days of the Korean revolution, he trod the long, arduous road of Songun-based leadership to develop the People's Army into an elite force with an invincible combat efficiency and thus raised the status of the country to that of a military power.

Under his Songun-based leadership the KPA has developed into the reliable vanguard that maintains it as its life and soul to defend the leader to the death and implements the Supreme Commander's orders at all costs, and into a match-for-a-hundred army that embraces all-powerful military tactics and ever-victorious experience and is equipped with offensive and defensive means to cope with modern warfare of any type.

The Songun-based leadership of General Kim Jong Il is now brilliantly carried forward by the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

The Marshal, who has been closely related to arms and showed his gifted quality as a military commander in his teens, was always together with the General on the road of Songun-based leadership. He performed immortal exploits in developing the revolutionary armed forces, thus winning infinite trust of all the service personnel and the people.

Accompanying the great General on his inspection trips to army units, he cherished it as his lifelong motto to support the former's cause with arms.

After he was appointed as Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army in December Juche 100 (2011), he defined that modelling the entire army on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism should be the general task in army building, and developed the army into the reliable vanguard and solid cornerstone of the Songun revolution which firmly guarantees the Party's cause by force of arms.

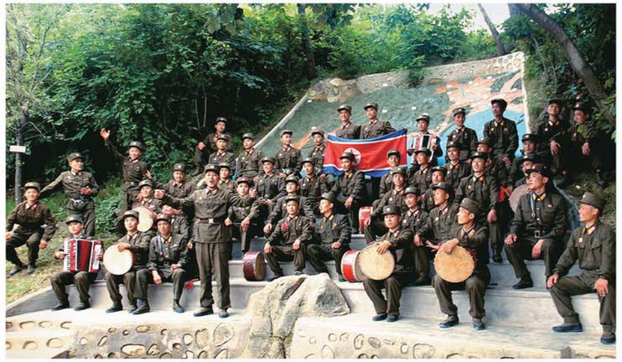
He ensured that the People's Army, holding fast to the Party's four-point line of building up the army to be formidable, focused on the five-point education so as to train all the service personnel to be strong in ideas and faith.

Energetic leadership of the Supreme Commander who is ceaselessly paying visits to the dangerous frontlines and smoky drill fields to strengthen the combat efficiency of the army, has ushered in a heyday in strengthening military capabilities.

As it has held in high esteem at the top post of the revolutionary armed forces the respected Kim Jong Un who is creditably carrying forward Kim Jong Il's revolutionary cause of Songun, the DPRK is exalting its dignity of a mighty nuclear power, an invincible military power, and opening up a Mallima era of fresh leaps and prosperity.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho

Defending the leader to the death is their life and soul.



Optimistic cultural and emotional way of life.

The revolutionary armed forces are fully prepared to frustrate any kind of war moves of the imperialists.

The typhoon and the heaviest downpour in meteorological observation since Korea's liberation (August 15, 1945) hit the northern part of the country between late August and early September, collapsing dwelling houses and public buildings, breaking railways, roads and other traffic and power supply networks, destroying factories and enterprises, and washing away farmland.

Turning Adversity into Prosperity and Misfortune into Blessing

- Northern Afflicted Areas Witnessed Miracles -

The areas along the Tuman River in North Hamgyong Province which had suffered an unprecedented catastrophe between late August and early September witnessed world-startling miracles created, turning misfortune into blessing.

When the northern areas in North Hamgyong Province were severely hit, the Workers' Party of Korea called on the whole country to turn out in the campaign of turning misfortune into blessing on the strength of great single-hearted unity. In hearty response to the Party's call, the entire nation waged a vigorous campaign for two months, thus erecting new socialist streets and villages.

The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un ensured that the main thrust of the 200-day campaign, which had been in full swing across the country after the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, was directed to the campaign for rehabilitating the northern afflicted areas. He set it as the primary task to erect dwelling houses for the victims and took measures to mobilize and concentrate all human, material and technical potentialities to this end.

In hearty response to the call of the Party.

The first train ran between Komusan Youth Railway Station and Musan Railway Station after ten-odd days of reconstruction.

Schoolchildren from the northern afflicted areas enjoy camping at the Songdowon International Children's Camp thanks to warm affection of the WPK.

In Kyonghung County.

In the northern afflicted areas of North Hamgyong Province more than 11 900 dwelling houses were built within 50 days.

Construction forces across the country including the main units of the Korean People's Army that had been deployed in major theatres of the 200-day campaign, especially the construction site of Ryomyong Street, were dispatched to the rehabilitation front with the mechanical means.

In their strenuous efforts to provide the victims with the cradle of their happiness the service personnel and builders pushed ahead with the projects of laying foundations, erecting frameworks and constructing in a three-dimensional way, creating an unheard-of miracle in building history. As a result, in a matter of two months since groundbreaking, they carried out nearly 970 000 cubic metres of foundation excavation, over 170 000 cubic metres of concrete tamping for foundation, more than 290 000 cubic metres of walling, over 100 000 cubic metres of floor concrete placing, some six million square metres of interior and exterior plastering, over 200 000 square metres of tiling and more than 600 000 square metres of painting.

The service personnel and shock brigade members who took charge of the rehabilitation of Kyonghung County were the first to complete the construction of dwelling houses by late October on the strength of army-people unity. The housing construction for over 11 900 families was successfully rounded off until November 11 in Hoeryong City, Kyongwon County and other northern afflicted areas.

The people in the afflicted areas are now enjoying comfortable life at the new dwelling houses that would withstand northern blizzards and heavy rains, whatever severe they might be, and students and other children are studying to their heart's content and playing merrily at the new schools, kindergartens and crèches.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho
Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA,
Ri Kwang Song, Ko Sung Hyok

Crèches, kindergartens, schools and clinics were built.

Dwelling houses newly built in the areas.

In Hoeryong City.

In Musan County.

In Onsong County.

In Yonsa County.

In Kyongwon County.

Quality Goods with Competitive Edge

A strong wind of developing cutting-edge science and technology is being raised across the DPRK in accordance with the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea to build a socialist power by dint of science and technology.

The Phurun Hanul Corporation is now developing and manufacturing various kinds of electronic products, giving full play to the self-development-first spirit.

When it started operation in May last year, it set a goal of making its Phurunhanul-brand electronic products famous and favoured by everybody. Its brand means blue sky in Korean.

Thanks to the strenuous efforts it has made over a year, it has now laid perfect foundations for the manufacture of hundreds of thousands of electronic products with a world-class competitive edge every year by relying on its own strength and technology.

It is furnished with lines for designing boards for electronics, manufacturing, assembling products, testing and packing them.

It manufactures quality boards through surface mount technology (SMT) and THT assembly lines.

The electronic products assembly line is equipped with PLC-controlled system and automatic horizontal and vertical lifting system.

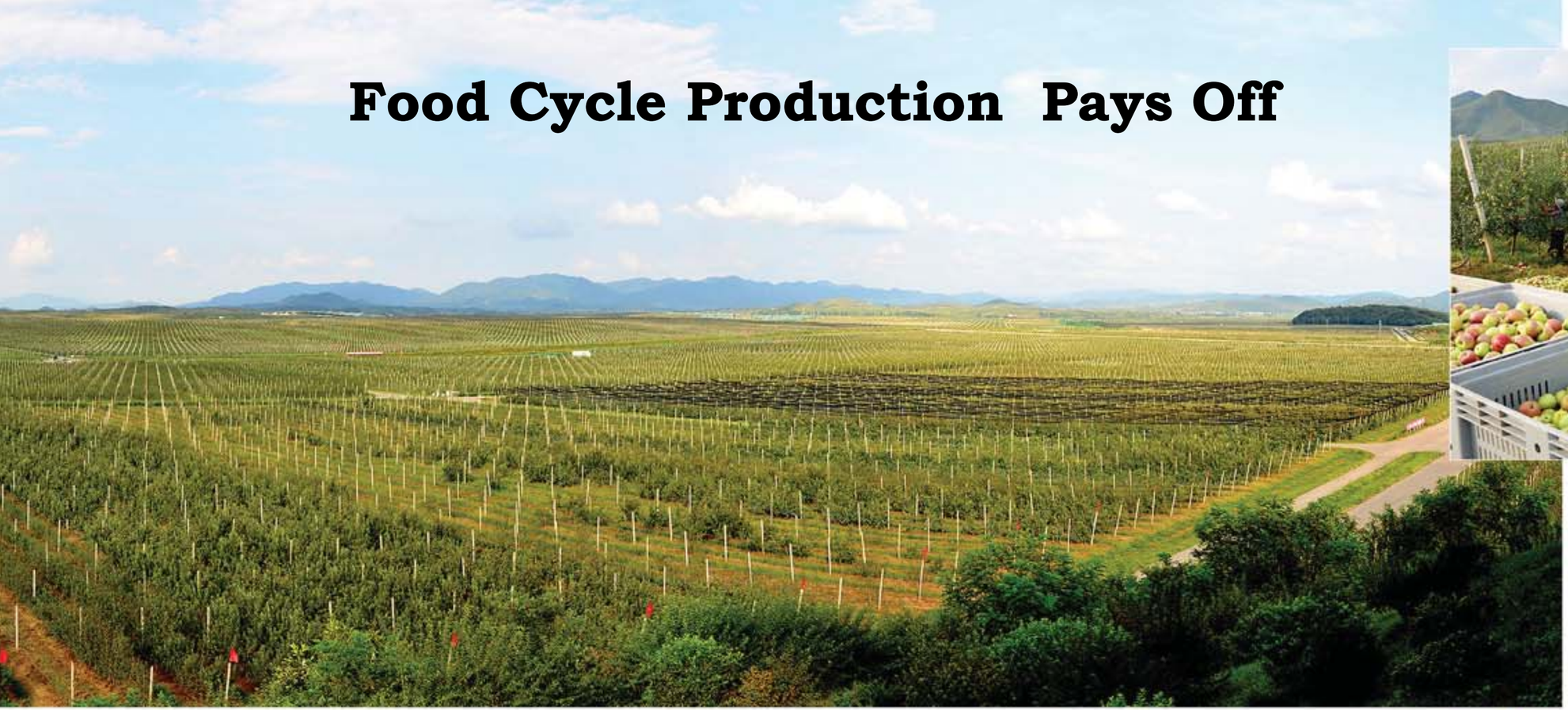
The company has its competent personnel for working out management strategies and developing technologies.

Its management board and research group staffed with young people in their twenties and thirties have developed programs needed in production and management and an integrated manufacturing system and are working on developing various high-performance electronic products that suit local conditions.

Various kinds of PCs, analog and digital LED TVs, USBs and other electronic products of the corporation are winning popularity for their diverse functions and high quality.

Article: Pak Chung Hyok
Photo: Kim Yun Hyok

Food Cycle Production Pays Off



The food production cycle for fruit farming and animal husbandry ensures increased production in the Taedonggang Combined Fruit Farm and the Taedonggang Pig Farm.

The Wonhung area in Samsok District in Pyongyang, which is known as the eleventh famous scene of the Songun era for its sea of apple blossoms, is now boasting a bright prospect for increasing the pork production.

Vast stretches of neatly-arranged orchards in the Taedonggang Combined Fruit Farm, telling immortal leadership achievements of Chairman Kim Jong Il and Marshal Kim Jong Un, are thickly covered with apple trees heavily laden with appetizing apples.

Another spectacular scenery is the forklifts and trucks transporting harvested apples.

The rich harvest of fruits at the farm is credited to the establishment of the food production cycle for fruit farming and animal husbandry.

The Taedonggang Pig Farm was built in the middle of the fruit farm in Juche 100 (2011).

The farm in which livestock production is made scientific and IT-based and automated, increases meat production by lowering to the minimum the consumption norm of grain feed as it uses by-products of apple processing for pig fodder.

It also turns out over ten kinds of tasty and nutritious processed meat to enrich the dietary life of the people.

The farm is fully equipped with modern facilities to produce organic compound fertilizer with pig excrements and normalizes the production at a high level to supply plentiful fertilizers to the combined fruit farm.

The organic compound fertilizers made orchard land fertile and thus contributed to the bumper harvest.

The experience of the farm that has brought about a rich harvest of apples and a bright prospect for increasing pork production by establishing the food production cycle is being generalized throughout the country.

Article & photo: Jin Yong Ho

The Zoo Resounds with Merry Laughter

The Central Zoo at the foot of picturesque Mt Taesong opened to public in July after its reconstruction on a modern basis.

The imposing main building of the zoo with the entrance depicting the head of an intrepid tiger of Mt Paektu, eight buildings for reptiles, dogs, birds and others in distinctive styles to represent their dwellers, and 37 animal houses blend well with the surrounding views.

Occupying over 100 hectares, the Central Zoo keeps 9 000 odd animals in over 760 kinds, ranging from tiny birds and fishes to bulky animals found on earth.

There are signposts for various places of the zoo and resting places in a distinctive style. Flowering plants and trees of good species thickly cover the zoo. So people in the zoo feel as if they are in a fairyland.

The visitors' first leg is usually the aquarium.

The aquarium is all blue inside, impressing people as if they are in the sea. Found there are sea and freshwater fishes, such as piranha, gold-coloured trout, *Astronotous occellatus* and green turtle.

Outside the aquarium people are amused by the stunts of sea-cats and seals. The sea animals perform feats with balls and hoops in tune with the music. The trainers throw hoops from a distance and seals easily catch and hang them on their tails. They also find things without fail. The remarkable feats of the sea-cats also win big hand from the spectators.

The reptile house depicts a turtle outwardly and is furnished inside in a scientific and practical style. Its interior structures and environment, including their stairs and balustrades, dioramas and lightings, vividly show the evolution processes and ecological environment of the animals. There are reptiles in dozens of species living around the world, such as sea crocodiles, tortoises, African pythons and bullfrogs. The illustrations displayed in lounges introduce a wide-ranging knowledge of evolution, ecological features and propagation of reptiles.

Other buildings for birds, dogs, predatory animals and so on are all furnished at a high level, housing rare animals living on the ground, in the sea and sky. They also offer scientific and practical knowledge of animals.

The aviary comprises a large, round, silvery glass building in the shape of a bird's feather covering an egg, in which a rich diversity of birds in temperate, subtropical and tropical regions nest. Various species of dogs, including the national dog of the DPRK, Phungsan, are in their paw-shaped house.

Elephants nod in succession, welcoming the people and children.

Vehicles and flower-decked carriages run in the compound,

Working people and youth and students enjoy their leisure time.

The gift animals house.

full of merry laughter of the riders.

The Central Zoo has undergone total facelift thanks to the people-oriented policy of the Workers' Party of Korea that is willing to pluck a star from the sky in order to provide the people with a more cultured and happier life.

Merry laughter of the people resounding in the zoo will get louder and louder.

Article: Kim Son Gyong
Photo: Kim Yun Hyok

The turtle-shaped reptile house.

National bird of the DPRK—Goshawk

Flight over Pyongyang

Most recently, the Mirim Aviation Club was built in the Mirim area in the suburbia of Pyongyang.

Visitors can fly over the capital city by super-light planes, which are the products of the Korean people's spirit of self-development first.

The club runs from early spring to late autumn. Its flight services are twofold: one along the fixed course and the other to the order of customers.

In the compound of the club there is an eye-catching centre, resembling a flying plane.

On the first floor there are a waiting room, cloakroom and others, in which you receive aviation suits and caps before going out to the airfield.

On the second and third floors there are dining rooms where customers can have instant food and various dishes including soft drinks. On the third floor they can have fun seeing the planes taking off and landing.

Once they are out on the airfield, they vie with one another to take the planes.

The spectators raise cheers seeing the planes flying high up in the sky.

Travelling in the air, the customers enjoy the picturesque scenery of Pyongyang—the May Day Stadium, Okryu Bridge, Tower of the Juche Idea, Mirae Scientists Street, Sci-Tech Complex and Turu Islet, all lying along the course of the Taedong River.

After landing, they talk about their impressions.

The club also offers them an opportunity for piloting the planes. They learn how to control the planes on the ground and, when they are quite good at it, they take the planes. A professional pilot is seated at the back to assist them.

In the compound you can also see seats for spectators and resting places.

This type of flight tour was launched thanks to the policy of loving the people pursued by the Workers' Party of Korea that is determined to create the highest quality and standard of civilization.

The following is some of the impressions that the visitors have written after having a good time at the club.

"Flying is great fun. High up in the sky, I have felt how happy and cultured our life is under the close concern of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un."

"I have felt as if I were bringing forward the happy tomorrow."

"I can hardly find words to express my excitement now. It was gorgeous and marvellous. I will devote my wisdom and energies to developing this capital city and my country into a fairyland."

The club is attracting an increasing number of foreign tourists.

Article: Kim Son Gyong
Photo: Kim Sol Hui

A School in Mountainous Village

In April a branch school of Samthan Primary School opened for the five children who live far away from the city of Tokchon in South Phyongan Province.

It was built in a cosy place in Sasumgol above the picturesque Lake Kumsong.

In order to ensure that the benefits of the people-oriented policy on education pursued by the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK reach all local children, officials of the city erected the school building, provided it with full educational conditions, and built a road to it.

The city agencies and enterprises and the working people prepared desks and chairs, school fixtures, stuffed specimens and teaching aids and sent them to the school, saying that education has a bearing on the future of the country.

Yun Chol Myong and his family living in Neighbourhood Unit No. 93, Undok-dong, Tokchon, maintained the road for the schoolchildren and contributed many pieces of educational equipment including stuffed specimens and sporting apparatuses.

A girl teacher from an urban school volunteered to teach at this branch school.

Though they live in an out-of-the-way village, the five children are supplied with school uniforms, textbooks and other school things like other schoolchildren across the country and studying to their heart's content, enjoying the benefits of the universal 12-year compulsory education.

Although it is small, the branch school conveys to the children the love of the WPK and the government for the younger generation.

Article: Pak Pyong Hun
Photo: Ri Kwang Song

The DPRK players took part in the 15th Paralympics.

A scene of the artistic performance given to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Juche 104 (2015).

They gave artistic performances in several countries.

For Happy Life of Persons with Disabilities

In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, protection of the people with disabilities is conducted as a nationwide undertaking, as an undertaking of social concern thanks to the benevolent politics of the Workers' Party of Korea, which administers the politics of prioritizing, respecting and loving the people.

Officials of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled are performing their duty in a responsible way and increasing their role in ensuring that the personality of the disabled is respected, and socio-political rights and freedom are provided for them to enjoy a worthwhile and happy life as the healthy persons.

Assuming it as its mission to represent and defend rights and interests of the people with disabilities, the KFPD has set up under its central committee provincial, city and county committees and associations for the people with speaking, seeing and other disabilities, and sign-language, artistic and sports associations, and exclusive one for women with disabilities, all conducive to health promotion and convenience in life.

Another major undertaking of the federation is to promote rehabilitation of the people with disabilities and supply prosthetic devices and facilities.

It is also contributing to the restoration of mental and physical functions, establishment of obstacle-free environment, prevention of impediments from occurring and ensuring of the social position for them through brisk aid and support activities and press campaigns.

To mark the Day of Persons with Disabilities in June and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in December, colourful events including artistic performance of the art group of persons with disabilities are held.

The federation is conducting energetic cooperation and exchanges with foreign counterparts and international organizations.

Thanks to the positive activities of its officials to work as genuine protectors of the disabled and carry out the State policy on their protection, the rights and interests of persons with disabilities are fully guaranteed in the DPRK.

The federation officials discuss to promote their work to protect persons with disabilities.

They work according to their aptitudes, hobbies, health conditions and hopes, and perform their role as the master of the collective and society.

Many persons with disabilities have participated in the Paralympics and other international games for the disabled and given artistic performances in several countries, thus demonstrating their worthwhile life.

The officials of the Central Committee of the KFPD redouble their efforts to provide persons with disabilities with better-off and happier life.

Article: Kim Jong
Photo: Hong Kwang Nam

Early education of sign language is given.

Great attention is paid to providing them with ample conditions for sports and cultural activities.

The congress of the DPRK Red Cross Society was held in the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang.

Seventy-year History of Humanitarian Activities

Seventy years have passed since the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was founded on October 18, Juche 35 (1946) according to the personal proposal and under the guidance of President Kim Il Sung after Korea's liberation on August 15, 1945.

The DPRK Red Cross Society has conducted humanitarian activities focussed on the protection of people's lives and promotion of their health and relief aids for the disaster victims.

True to its mission, it has expanded and strengthened its organizations and made remarkable successes in its activities, like social and medical services and relief work in the period of peaceful democratic construction, relief and anti-epidemic activities during the Fatherland Liberation War (June 1950 - July 1953), the repatriation of the Korean residents in Japan, and the undertakings to relieve the compatriots of misfortunes and sufferings from the national division.

It has also made considerable contributions to the global peace and security while strengthening cooperation with foreign counterparts.

At present it puts its primary effort to the disaster management activities and pays great attention to public health and first-aid activities and youth and students' Red Cross activities.

In Juche 103 (2014) it worked out a comprehensive development plan of residential areas to build up the capacity of planning and execution, decrease the risk of calamity for the protection of residential districts and improve people's health and welfare through public health and water sanitation as its main tasks. It has thus regarded as the general target to make the residental areas fully display their self-development capacity and taken positive activities to this end.

The management boards for comprehensive development of residential areas were set up in Tongyang-ri, Yangdok County, South Phyongan Province, and other designated regions in North Phyongan and South Hamgyong provinces in order to implement the development plan and set an example.

Emergency activities were conducted to relieve the victims in the northern part of North Hamgyong Province which was hit by unprecedented typhoon and downpours between late August and early September, and all its energies were directed to the rehabilitation efforts.

In October the DPRK Red Cross Society held a congress on the occasion of its 70th founding anniversary, which discussed the 2017-2020 strategic plan and budget and elected the new leadership body.

In the event held to mark the 70th founding anniversary of the RCS, exemplary workers of the branch organizations, volunteers and young RC volunteers were introduced and awarded. An artistic performance was given by students from the Taedong School for the Blind and young RC volunteers.

Article: Kang Su Jong
Photo: Hong Thae Ung

A commemorative meeting, photo and book shows and schoolchildren's artistic performance were held on the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of the DPRK Red Cross Society.

Reunification-oriented Cycle Tour

In October, the Chinese regional preparatory committee for a joint conference of political parties, organizations and personages at home and abroad for peace and independent reunification of the Korean peninsula launched a reunification-oriented bicycle tour on the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the publication of the October 4 Declaration.

The launching ceremony took place in front of the Monument to the Three Charters for National Reunification in Pyongyang.

Officials in the relevant fields and working people in Pyongyang took part in the ceremony.

Also present was the bicycle tour group headed by Co-vice chairman Choe Su Bong, vice-chairman of the General Association of Koreans in China.

Speeches were delivered.

The speakers said that the bicycle tour would remind all the Korean people of their sense of responsibility before the nation and the times for achieving a grand reunification assembly and putting an end as early as possible to the history of national division forced by outside forces.

They also added that the proposal by the DPRK to convene a grand reunification assembly has met an enthusiastic welcome and support from the whole nation, and stressed that a powerful reunified country, dignified and prosperous, will surely be built on this land under the outstanding leadership of Kim Jong Un, a peerlessly great person and the lodestar of reunification.

Receiving a warm farewell from citizens, the bicycle tourists left Pyongyang and passed through different places till they arrived at Kaesong.

Amid the welcome of the local people, they entered Panmunjom. They had a meeting at the platform of the Panmun House, resolving to work for peace on the Korean peninsula and the independent reunification, and released an appeal to all the fellow countrymen.

Before the meeting they laid bouquets at the monument inscribed with President Kim Il Sung's signature.

The tour served as an event which demonstrated an unshakeable will of the entire Korean nation to hold up as great reunification programme common to the nation the three charters for national reunification and the historic inter-Korean declarations provided by the great leaders and achieve the independent reunification of the country without fail.

Article: Kim Hyon
Photo: Kim Yun Chol

Sports Meeting Bolsters Friendly Ties

There were sports games of the Diplomatic Corps to the DPRK in the Rungna People's Sports Park in October. Diplomatic officials of the DPRK, and members of foreign embassies to the country and their families took part. Football, volleyball and basketball matches were played between several teams, as well as other colourful amusement games divided into blue and red teams. After the sports games, there were an awarding ceremony and national dishes show.

Photo: Hong Kwang Nam

Historical Sites and Objects Unearthed

Historical sites and objects dating back to primitive and ancient times have been unearthed in Ungsang-dong of the Sonbong area, Rason in the northern tip of the DPRK on the east coast.

Researchers from the Archaeology Institute of the Academy of Social Sciences and the national heritage protection sector of Rason City discovered a site shaded by rocks from the primitive age, two dolmens and a dwelling site from the ancient age and more than 1 000 pieces of remains.

The site shaded by curious-looking rocks is situated on a sunny slope on the seashore where fragments of earthenware were found, an evident sign of life of primitive men.

The first of its kind in the northern part of the country, it is three metres high and covers an area of 80 sq metres, and is shaped like the eaves of a roof or a visor of a cap to shelter from rain and snow.

Also unearthed there are two dolmens, one being a Sokchonsan-type dolmen and the other the Odok-type one.

The burial chamber of the Sokchonsan-type dolmen is 120 cm long, 84 cm wide and 60 cm deep underground and covered with a flat stone 302 cm long, 228 cm wide and 62 cm thick. The Odok-type dolmen consists of two upright stones, each being 100 cm in height, and a flat stone laid on them, 180 cm long, 140 cm wide and 60 cm thick.

Artifacts discovered in the dolmens included semi-processed stone implements and brown vessel without decoration.

Dolmens of the former type have so far been recognized as being distributed only in the Taedong River basin centring around Pyongyang and those of the latter type have never been found in the areas north of Orang County, North Hamgyong Province.

The first-ever discovery of dolmens in the northernmost part of the country on the east coast has created a scientific foundation for elucidating the influence of ancient civilization of the Pyongyang area and the domain of Tangun's Korea, the first state of the nation, in its heyday.

The ancient dwelling site is drawing the attention of the academic world for its uniqueness and solidity in structure.

At previously unearthed dwelling sites it was common practice that the ground was dug into a certain depth, pillars were set up along the edges of walls and then the roofing was done. But at the newly discovered site, pillars were erected using rocks before placing rafters and putting the roof on them, making the structures solid.

Fragments of dozens of pottery pieces and a cooking place were also found there.

The recent finds are of weighty significance in studying the influence of the local primitive and ancient cultures in Northeast Asia and the features of the ancient culture in northeastern Korea which have remained as a blank in academic circles.

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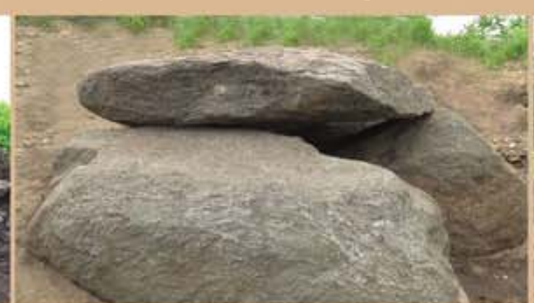
The site shaded by rocks.



The Odok-type dolmen.

The Sokchonsan-type dolmen.

The ancient dwelling site.

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