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DPRK SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE

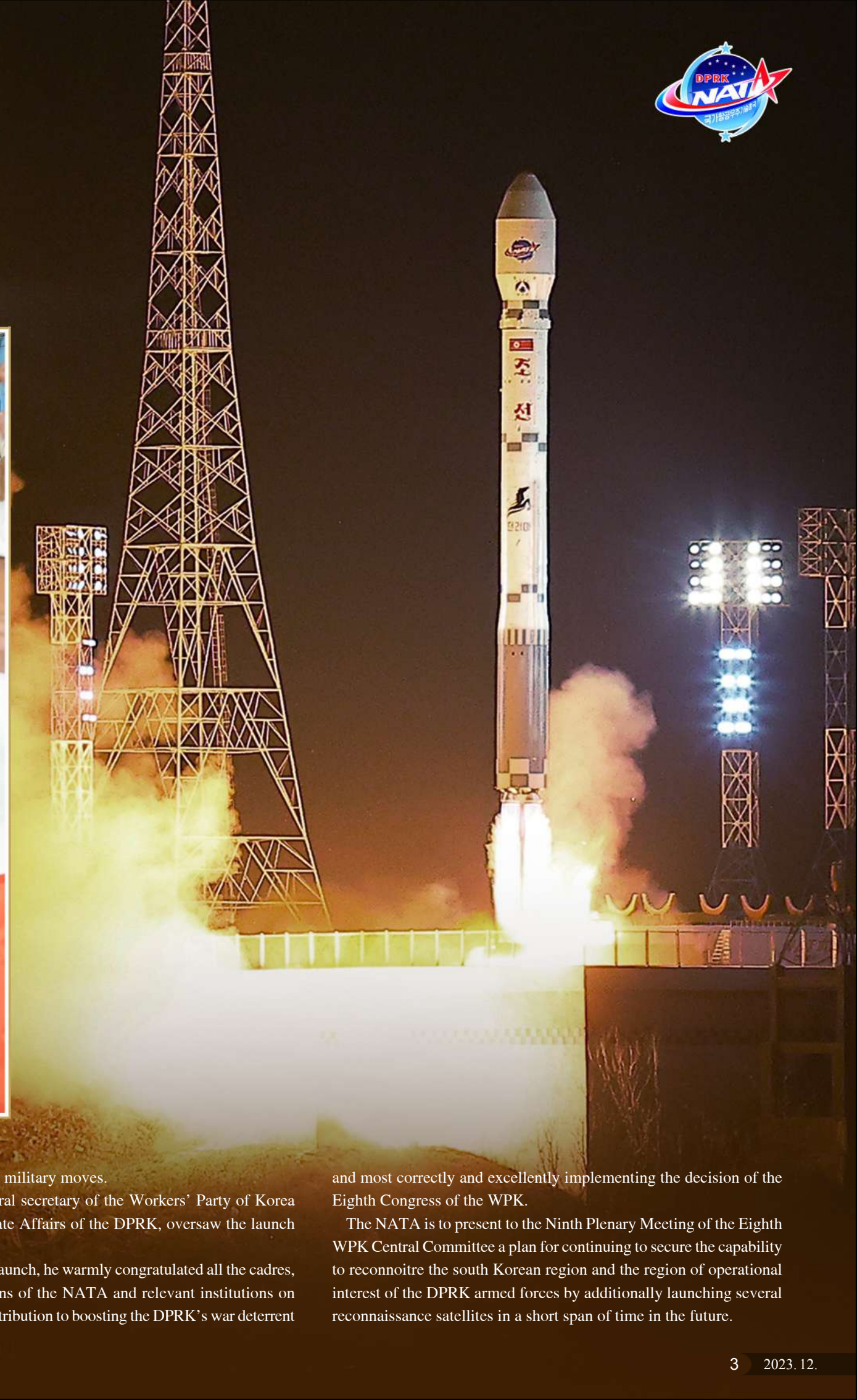


FRONT COVER: The DPRK successfully launches a reconnaissance satellite

BACK COVER: Chollima Statue in Pyongyang at night

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Oversees Launch of Reconnaissance Satellite



The National Aerospace Technology Administration (NATA) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea successfully launched the new-type carrier rocket "Chollima-1" loaded with the reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground in Cholsan County, North Phyongan Province, at 22:42:28 on November 21, Juche 112 (2023).

The carrier rocket "Chollima-1" flew normally along the preset flight

track and accurately put the reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" into its orbit at 22:54:13, 705s after the launch.

The launch of reconnaissance satellite is a legitimate right of the DPRK for strengthening its self-defensive capabilities and it will make a significant contribution to definitely ramping up the war preparedness of the armed forces of the DPRK in conformity with the security environment created in and around the country owing to

the enemies' dangerous military moves.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, oversaw the launch on the spot.

After overseeing the launch, he warmly congratulated all the cadres, scientists and technicians of the NATA and relevant institutions on having made a great contribution to boosting the DPRK's war deterrent

and most correctly and excellently implementing the decision of the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

The NATA is to present to the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee a plan for continuing to secure the capability to reconnoitre the south Korean region and the region of operational interest of the DPRK armed forces by additionally launching several reconnaissance satellites in a short span of time in the future.







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Kim Jong Un Visits Pyongyang General Control Centre of National Aerospace Technology Administration

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the National Aerospace Technology Administration (NATA) at 10:00 a.m. on November 22 to learn about the operation of the reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" on orbit, its fine-tuning process and the state of aerospace photographing of a specific area under the command on the ground.

The NATA of the DPRK reported to Kim Jong Un that the reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" would formally start its reconnaissance mission from December 1 after finishing 7 to 10 days' fine-tuning process.

He watched the aerospace photos of Anderson Air Force Base, Apra Harbour and other major military bases of the US forces taken in the sky above Guam in the Pacific, which were received at 9:21 a.m. on November 22.

Noting that the armed forces of the DPRK have taken in their hands both "eyes" overlooking a very long distance and a strong "fist" beating a very long distance, he stressed once again that it is necessary to operate many more reconnaissance satellites in the aspect of increasing the effectiveness of the powerful military strike means of the DPRK as well as for self-defence.

Underlining the need to take note of the fact that the US imperialists brought the nuclear carrier *Carl Vinson* and the nuclear-powered submarine *Santa Fe* to the south Korean region yesterday and today to turn the region into an advanced base of their aggressor forces and nuclear arsenal, he said that to closely monitor and grasp the nature of such manoeuvres of the US imperialists and their vassal armies endangering the regional military situation is a serious issue directly related to the security of the DPRK. He then stressed the need to launch more various reconnaissance satellites, put them on different orbits and operate them in a combined and practical manner, as already clarified, in order to provide the DPRK armed forces with abundant valuable real-time information about the enemy and further promote their responsive posture.

Approving the suggestion made by the NATA to submit to the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee the immediate plan for securing the aerospace reconnaissance capability for monitoring south Korea and the Pacific and their vicinity, he said that the above-said plenary meeting would discuss and decide the plan for the launch of reconnaissance satellite for 2024.





Kim Jong Un Visits NATA and Has Photo Session with Scientists and Technicians Who Contributed to Successful Launch of Reconnaissance Satellite





Kim Jong Un Meets and Has Photo Session with Members of Non-permanent Preparatory Committee for Launching Satellites



Reception Given to Celebrate Successful Launch of Reconnaissance Satellite





The DPRK government hosted a reception at the Mokran House on the evening of November 23 in celebration of the successful launch of the reconnaissance satellite “Malligyong-1”.

Present at the reception as guests of honour were officials, scientists and technicians of the National Aerospace Technology Administration (NATA).

When Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, appeared at the reception venue with his beloved daughter and wife amid the playing of the welcome music, the participants raised stormy cheers.

Present there were Kim Tok Hun, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Jong Sik, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, and Jang Chang Ha, director of the DPRK Missile Administration.

Kim Tok Hun made a congratulatory speech at the reception.

On behalf of the DPRK government, he extended heartfelt thanks and warm congratulations to the officials, scientists and technicians of the NATA for having presented to the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK a valuable and powerful treasured sword through the

successful launch of the first reconnaissance satellite to be run by the Korean People’s Army and made a big contribution to realizing the Juche-oriented military strategy of the WPK.

The successful launch of reconnaissance satellite “Malligyong-1” brought a new phase to the DPRK armed forces’ military activities and developed the might of the Korean People’s Army possessed of capability for striking the whole world onto the world’s strongest army.

He said that all the people and service members of the DPRK gave rapturous applause and raised stormy cheers of hurrah over the first reconnaissance satellite—one of the gains of the revolution and precious strategic asset of the country which reminds them of the devoted efforts by the space scientists and workers who have staked their fate on the struggle of creation to defend the country’s interests and champion its sovereign rights and dedicated themselves.

The premier of the Cabinet said that the patriotic feats of the officials, scientists and technicians of the NATA, who demonstrated the dignity and national prestige of the DPRK to the whole world by launching the reconnaissance satellite with their own efforts and technology true to the Party’s cause of building a powerful army, would always go down in the history of the country.







Stressing that all the officials, working people and other people across the country will more firmly cherish confidence in victory, greatly encouraged by the remarkable feat and ardent patriotism shown by the reliable scientists who cherished absolute loyalty to the intention and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as their lifeblood and made a habit of self-reliance and developing and creating Korean-style development, he called for steady and courageous struggle to surely attain the grand goals for building a socialist power set forth by the Workers' Party of Korea.

All the participants drank a toast to the good health of Kim Jong Un with determination to continuously realize Juche Korea's great dream of conquering space.

They were firmly determined to turn out in the drive to rapidly develop the aerospace reconnaissance capability and bolster up the absolute might of the DPRK, in the same spirit as displayed in successfully carrying out the most important and prior task of the major five-point goals for developing the national defence capabilities set forth by the Eighth WPK Congress under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.



Kim Jong Un Repeatedly Reviews Operational Preparations of Reconnaissance Satellite

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA on November 24 to review the operational preparations of the reconnaissance satellite and watched the aerospace photos taken that day.

The NATA of the DPRK reported him in detail on the fine-tuning process of 62 hours after the advance of the reconnaissance satellite into its orbit and the fulfilment of its present mission.

Kim Jong Un learned in detail about the photos of major target areas in the enemy region, including Mokpho, Kunsan, Phyongthae, Osan and Seoul, and of various regions in the country, taken by the reconnaissance satellite while passing through the Korean Peninsula from 10:15 to 10:27 that day.

He visited the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA again on the morning of November 25 and watched the photos of major target areas in the enemy region, including Jinhae, Pusan, Ulsan, Pohang, Taegu and Kangnung, taken by the reconnaissance satellite from 09:59:40 to 10:02:10.

The photo taken by the reconnaissance satellite at 10:01:10 showed the nuclear carrier *Carl Vinson* of the US Navy, which is anchored at the military port in Ryongho-dong, Nam-gu of Pusan City.

He also saw the photos of a naval base in the Pearl Harbor, the Hickam air-force base in Honolulu and other objects, taken by the reconnaissance satellite while passing over Hawaii of the US at 05:13:22 on November 25 (Pyongyang Time).

He praised the staff of the NATA for successfully conducting in a responsible and effective manner the fine-tuning process of the reconnaissance satellite which is about to start a reconnaissance mission and encouraged them.

The NATA reported to Kim Jong Un in detail about the preparations of operation for formally starting the mission of the reconnaissance satellite.

Kim Jong Un received a report on the preparatory work for the operation of reconnaissance satellite done between November 25 and 28 from the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA on the morning of November 27 and on the early morning of November 28.

The fine-tuning process of the satellite was being hastened to end one or two days earlier by the control means and system of the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un saw the satellite photos of Rome of Italy taken at 17:56:28 on November 25 (Pyongyang Time) and Anderson Air Force Base taken above Guam in the Pacific at 09:17:07 on November 27 (Pyongyang Time) and pilot satellite images of other regions.

He also received in detail satellite photos of the Norfolk Naval Station, the Newport News Dockyard and an airfield of Virginia, the US, taken at 23:35:53 on November 27 (Pyongyang Time) and the White House and the Pentagon and other objects in Washington at 23:36:25 on November 27 (Pyongyang Time).

Expressing his great satisfaction at the successful preparations for the operation of the reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" before the start of its official mission, he highly appreciated the NATA once again in the name of the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un received satellite photos of the San Diego Naval Base in California, the US, taken at 02:24:50 on November 29 (Pyongyang Time), the Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa Prefecture of Japan at 10:16:42 on November 29 (Pyongyang Time) and Suez Canal of Egypt at 16:36:51 on November 29 (Pyongyang Time) from the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA.

He expressed great expectations and satisfaction over the work of the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the NATA.

Kim Jong Un Votes in Elections of Deputies to Provincial, City and County People's Assemblies



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the elections of deputies to the provincial, city and county people's assemblies at the polling booth for sub-constituency No. 26 of constituency No. 55 in South Hamgyong Province on November 26.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the Ryongsong Machine Complex and headed for the polling booth, acknowledging voters' enthusiastic cheers.

He received voting cards from the chairperson of the sub-constituency committee and voted for Kim Chung Hyok, manager of the Songun Cast Iron Factory of the complex who is a candidate for deputy to the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Assembly, Ri Chol Hak, head of the Machine Workshop No. 3 of the complex who is a candidate for deputy to the Hamhung City People's Assembly, and Rim Chol, deputy director of the Statistics Department of the Haeon District who is a candidate for deputy to the Haeon District People's Assembly of Hamhung City.

He met with the candidates for deputies and encouraged them to make positive contributions to building a thriving nation with high patriotic enthusiasm and creative efforts, always being aware of the trust of the workers of the complex and the people in Hamhung City and to become genuine representatives and true servants for the people who work hard to defend and realize their rights, interests and requirements.



Kim Jong Un Visits Ryongsong Machine Complex



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at the Ryongsong Machine Complex on November 26.

He was accompanied by Kim Tok Hun, Ri Il Hwan, O Su Yong, Kim Yo Jong and Hyon Song Wol.

He was guided by Ri Kyong Il, manager of the Ryongsong Machine Complex, and Jon In Chol, chief secretary of the complex Party committee.

The workers of the complex, with a single mind to repay with loyalty the great trust and expectations of the Party Central Committee which entrusted to them the production of custom-built equipment which is of great significance in national economic development, are pushing ahead with the production of high-performance large compressors at the final stage by striving to implement the resolutions of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un looked round large compressors, the products of the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude displayed and the mass technical innovation promoted by the workers of Ryongsong true to the idea of self-support set forth by the Party.

He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the workers, scientists and technicians of the complex doubled their confidence in their own strength and sci-tech abilities and dealt a heavy blow to defeatism and mysticism about technology through the production of the major custom-built equipment which would contribute to making our economy Juche-oriented.

Highly appreciating the spirit of the complex, a powerful enterprise, and its heroic tradition of devotedly implementing the Party's policies, he said that the whole country should learn from the spirit of advance and fighting mettle mounting in Ryongsong.

He indicated the orientation and ways for bringing the machine-building industry, which should lead and pull the overall economic sector in successfully fulfilling the five-year plan for national economic development, up to the world level as early as possible, and set forth in detail important tasks facing the complex which would play a pivotal role in implementing them.



He expressed great expectation that the workers of Ryongsong, who have upheld our Party, our state and our system with great revolutionary upsurge in the grim annals of the revolution, would lead the overall development of socialist construction by creating the spirit of the new era, the Chollima spirit of the new era.

Upon receiving the warm love and trust from him, the officials and workers of the complex made a firm pledge to successfully finish the production of major custom-built equipment planned for this year by conducting a dynamic drive for creation and technology full of loyalty and patriotism and to make a report of victory to the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.





Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to KPA Air Force Command and Air Regiment on Occasion of Day of Airmen



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visits the Air Force Command of the Korean People's Army on the occasion of the Day of Airmen and congratulates all the service personnel of the heroic people's air force

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Air Force Command of the Korean People's Army on the morning of November 30 on the occasion of the Day of Airmen and congratulated all the service personnel of the heroic people's air force.

When he arrived at the Air Force Command, service personnel of the Air Force burst into passionate cheers of "Hurrah!" full of great joy and excitement of receiving the highest glory and privilege to be recorded forever in the history of development of the Juche-oriented people's air force along with their significant founding holiday.

A ceremony of greeting the Supreme Commander of the armed forces of the DPRK took place.

After receiving a salute from the head of the guard of honour of the KPA Air Force, Kim Jong Un reviewed the guard.

Guided by the commander of the Air Force, Kim Jong Un went round the operation command post and the room for study of operational plan.

After receiving a report on the enemy situation and the operational plan of the Air Force from its commander, he learned in detail about the IT-based operation command and situation management.

Highly appreciating the fact that the Air Force Command has put the management of enemy situation and command system on an IT and modern basis on a high level, he stressed the need for the Air Force to continuously take the lead in modernizing the operational command system as befitting the core service of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK with the richest experience of real war and strong fighting efficiency.





Kim Jong Un receives a salute from the head of the guard of honour of the KPA Air Force and reviews the guard



He set forth operational and tactical policies arising in putting the Air Force on a regular combat posture and increasing its capabilities to fight a war to the full so as to counter any military provocation and threat of the enemy immediately and powerfully.

After looking round the operation command post and the room for study of operational plan, Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the service personnel of the Air Force Command of the KPA on the occasion of the Day of Airmen.

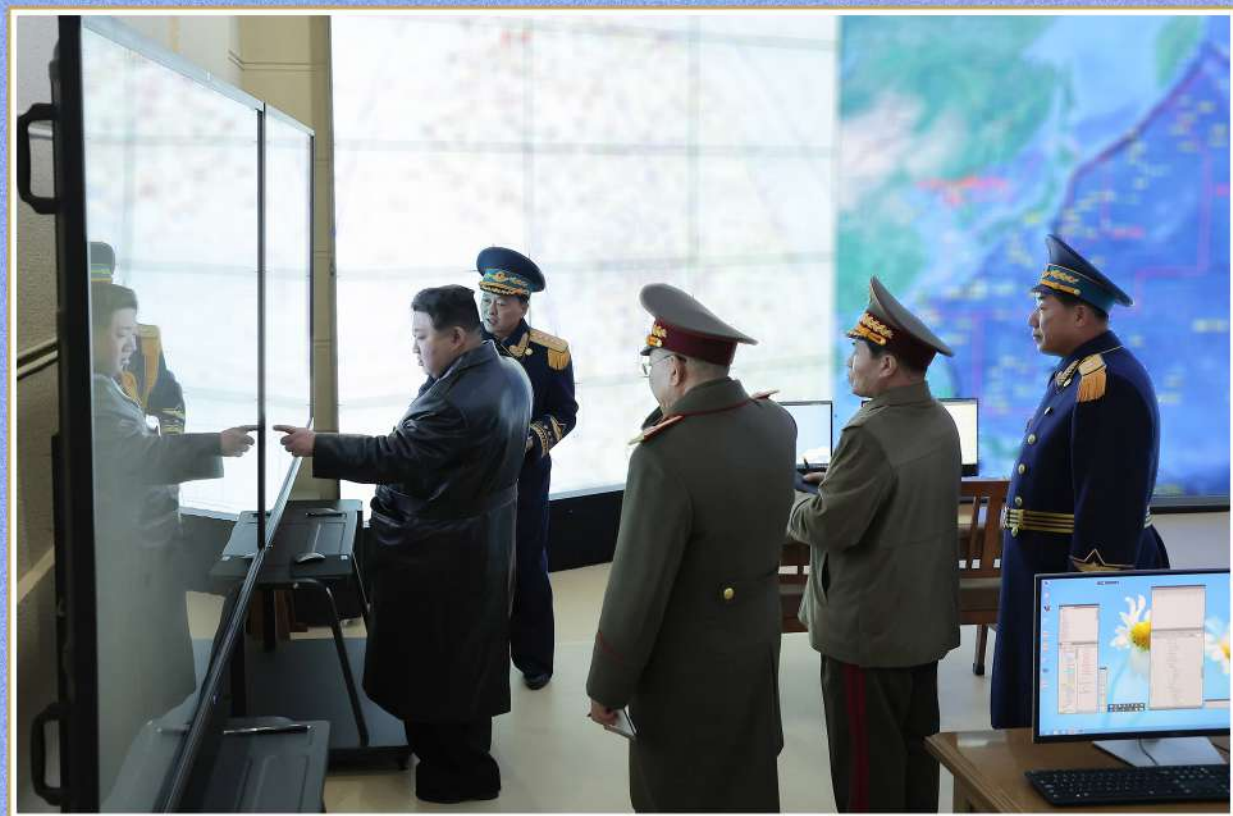
He extended warm greetings to the enthusiastically cheering service personnel of the Air Force and warmly congratulated them on the holiday of the Juche-oriented Air Force which performed heroic feats shining with victory and glory on the route of defending the country along with the long history of the great Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un paid a congratulatory visit to a regiment of the First Division of the KPA Air Force that afternoon.

When he arrived at the unit together with his beloved daughter, all the airpersons and servicepersons of the Air Force broke into stormy cheers full of excitement and joy of receiving the greatest glory and happiness.



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A ceremony of greeting him of the division took place.

Kim Jong Un mounted an observation post to watch a demonstration flight of airpersons.

Whenever the airpersons presented various combat and mobile aeronautics with brave and flexible control, he warmly acknowledged and encouraged them.

Highly appreciating the fact that the airpersons of the unit have been fully prepared to perfectly carry out their air combat missions under any unfavourable situation, he said it is a great pride of the Party and the state to have such airpersons who cherish the spirit of devotedly serving the Party and revolution, the country and the people as their lifeline and noble duty.

He summoned the airpersons who took part in the drill and had a photo session with them.

Then, Kim Jong Un watched a volleyball game between the Air Force team and the Navy team held on the occasion of the Day of Airmen.

He enjoyed a performance given by the Song and Dance Ensemble

of the KPA Air Force on the occasion of the Day of Airmen at the hall of culture of the unit.

He expressed great satisfaction, appreciating that the artistes of the Air Force Song and Dance Ensemble impressively represented the high ideological and spiritual world of the airpersons with excellent artistry.





Kim Jong Un has photo sessions with airpersons and other servicepersons of the unit and major commanding officers of the Air Force in commemoration of the Day of Airmen to be handed down to the history of the army building and warmly blesses the bright future of the people's air force





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It is the logic of power, justice and philosophy of our Party that even an egg, when charged with ideology, can break a rock, he said, adding that victory or failure in the fight depends on for what and with what idea one fights, not on the combat data of weapons and equipment. He noted that no matter how the enemy boasts of its technical superiority, it cannot overpower the political and ideological advantages of our

airpersons.

Saying that all the airpersons should be fully prepared to be reliable phoenixes of the WPK and the strongest ones in spirit with indomitable revolutionary faith who inherit only the route of loyalty and victory, cherishing the trust and expectation of the Party, the country and the people despite any ordeals, he expressed strong belief that all the





Kim Jong Un summons the airpersons who took part in the drill and has a photo session





Kim Jong Un watches a volleyball game between the Air Force team and the Navy team and enjoys a performance given by the Song and Dance Ensemble of the KPA Air Force on the occasion of the Day of Airmen



service personnel would in the future, too, fully demonstrate the mightiness of the heroic people's air force and firmly guarantee the cause of the Party and the building of an ideal society of the people with invincible power.

Kim Jong Un gave a banquet that evening in celebration of the Day of Airmen.

Present there at invitation were military and political commanding officers of the Air Force Command, division and brigade commanders, political commissars, regimental commanders, battalion commanders and airpersons.

The venue of the banquet was replete with impressive scenes showing kindred ties between the great brilliant commander and the bodyguards in the sacred journey for opening up the greatest heyday of bolstering up the Air Force in the new era of the Juche revolution.





17th Meeting of Political Bureau of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held

The 17th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the office building of the WPK Central Committee on December 1.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended the meeting.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The meeting discussed the issue of convening the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, presided over the meeting.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee appreciated that brilliant and encouraging successes have been achieved in attaining the major goals of the Party and state policies set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK and plenary meetings of the WPK Central Committee this year, thanks to the wise leadership of the respected General Secretary and great enthusiasm of all Party members and other people, and discussed the major agenda items to be discussed at the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee adopted with unanimous approval a resolution on convening the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee late in December.

The General Secretary said that the overall state work is being dynamically promoted with firm purposefulness for development and vigour, as evidenced by markedly stable and constant trend of growth of the national economy, great progress made in agriculture and construction and the epoch-making changes of great significance in bolstering up the national defence capability in particular.

Referring to the measures to be taken to correctly establish a plan for the next year after scientifically examining and diagnosing the experience and lessons accumulated this year, he called upon all the sectors and units to redouble their strong spirit of advance and successfully conclude the significant year 2023.



LONG JOURNEY OF PATRIOTIC DEVOTION

Chairman Kim Jong Il visited over 14 290 units across the country, travelling a total of over 669 844 kilometres, in the whole course of his revolutionary career. He travelled a total of 334 000 kilometres by train on 1 567 occasions.

Every December Korean people are burning their hearts with great yearnings for Chairman Kim Jong Il, who made painstaking efforts, racing against time, for the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people, continuously visiting factories, farms, fishing villages and mountainous villages.

In the whole course of his revolutionary career, he visited over 14 290 units across the country, travelling a total of over 669 844 kilometres, the equivalent of a travel round the earth nearly 17 times.

His ceaseless on-site guidance trips included the 2 400-km-long journey he had made in Jagang Province in the northern tip of the

country through the howling blizzards and the 400-odd-km-long forced march overnight from the eastern part of the country to the western one.

One day the Chairman, who was on the journey of field guidance, said in the following vein: I wished a second would lengthen to an hour to make President Kim Il Sung relax just for more time, but now I still wish so because I could do more work for the good of the country and the people.

Though he was on the journey of field guidance, without relaxing even on holidays and red-letter days, he was always short of time.



Kim Jong Il looking vinalon cotton at February 8 Vinalon Complex
February Juche 99 (2010)



Kim Jong Il visiting Hamhung Knitwear Factory
December Juche 100 (2011)

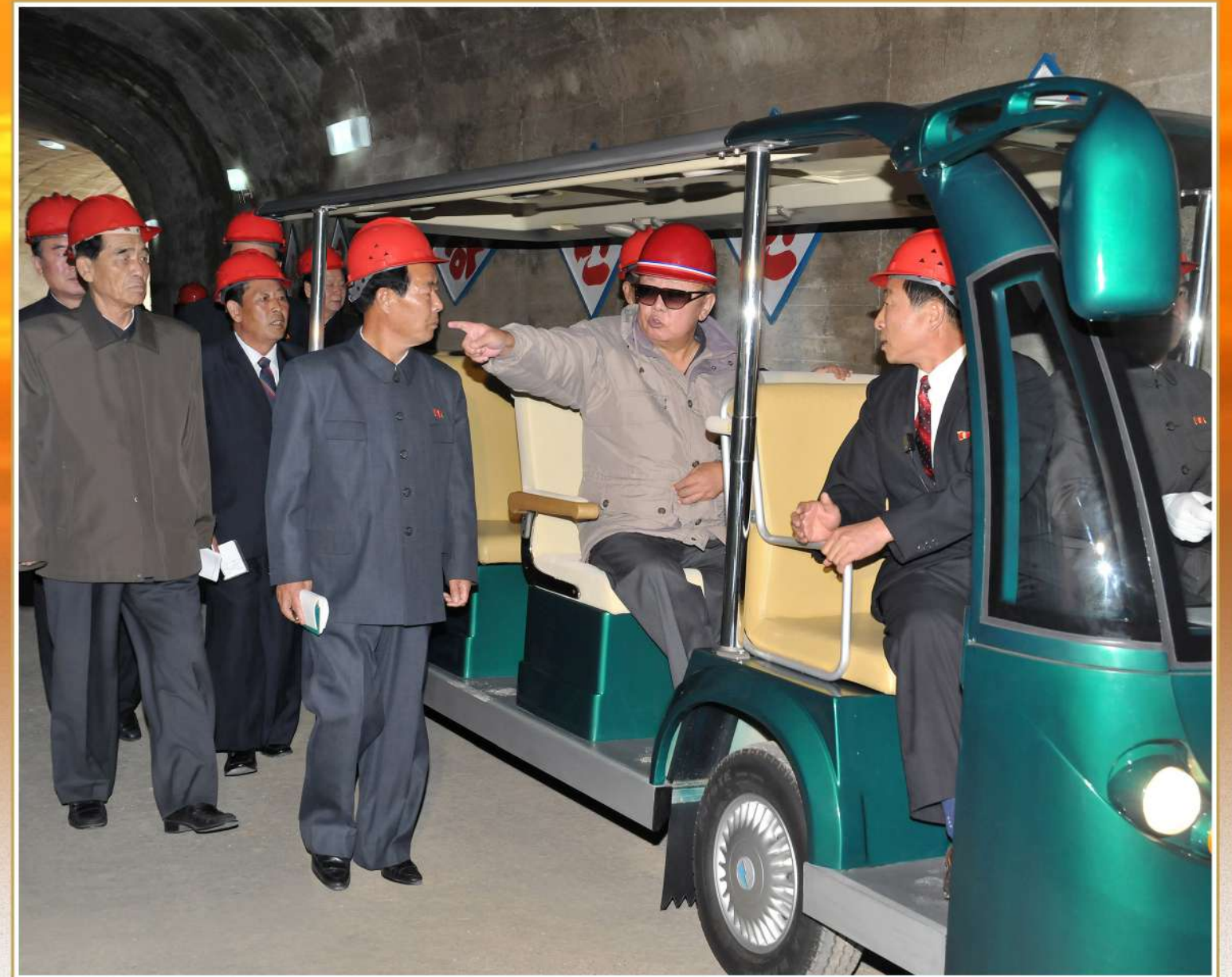


Kim Jong Il seeing new-type CNC machine tools
December Juche 99 (2010)





Kim Jong Il guiding the work in the field of agriculture
September Juche 93 (2004)



Kim Jong Il visiting Ryongyang Mine
October Juche 100 (2011)



Kim Jong Il visiting Namhung Youth Chemical Complex
June Juche 99 (2010)

When he visited a province in the last days of his life, officials there said earnestly that he should not be on the journey in the cold weather. Saying to them not to worry because everything would be fine when he made frequent visits, he gave them a big smile.

His continuous field guidance trips brought about miraculous successes in the country, causing a great sensation in the world.

Artificial earth satellites were launched, hydropower stations constructed in Thaecheon, Wonsan, Huichon and other parts of the country, Youth Hero Motorway and many monumental structures

erected, farmland realigned as befitting the land of socialist Korea, and modern stockbreeding bases built.

The establishment of the Juche-based iron, fibre and fertilizer production systems, the completion of the Taegyedo tideland reclamation project that changed the shape of the country, and the industrial revolution in the new century effected in the flames of the vigorous campaign to surpass the cutting edge are also attributable to the field guidance trips the Chairman continued until the last moment of his life.



The coach which Chairman Kim Jong Il used in his lifetime is preserved at the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche.

In the coach are the field clothes and nappy gloves the Chairman wore throughout his life on the road for the destiny and bright future of the country and people, the sunglasses he wore to conceal his eyes strained by fatigue, and the documents he signed on the last day of his life.



The coach used by Chairman Kim Jong Il



The car and battery-powered car used by the Chairman in the last days of his life



The boat used by the Chairman

The painstaking efforts he made while conducting energetic field guidance, rain or shine, created such new terms as the forced march in the blizzards, the forced march in the hottest days, and high-intensity forced march, which touch the hearts of the Korean people.

The long journey of patriotic devotion the Chairman made throughout his whole life for the national prosperity and people's happiness is being carried on by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, another peerlessly great patriot held in high esteem by the Korean people.

Text: Kang Su Jong

Elections of Local People's Assemblies Held

The elections of deputies to provincial (city under the direct jurisdiction of the government), city (district) and county people's assemblies were held in the DPRK on November 26, Juche 112 (2023), amid the fervent patriotic sentiment of all the people in the country to love and add eternal lustre to the Korean-style socialist system.

With a determination to firmly consolidate the people's power and demonstrate once again the superiority of the Korean-style socialism centred on the masses of the people through the elections held in the course of the grandiose struggle to open up a new phase for overall national prosperity, people from all walks of life gathered to the polling stations.

Among them were the revolutionary forerunners who made patriotic devotion, cherishing boundless trust in the government of the Republic that has achieved only victory and glory through decades and from one century to the other since its founding after national liberation, and the younger generations.

High political enthusiasm and active participation of voters revved up the passion for elections.

According to data available at the central election guidance committee, 99.63 percent of electors participated in voting.

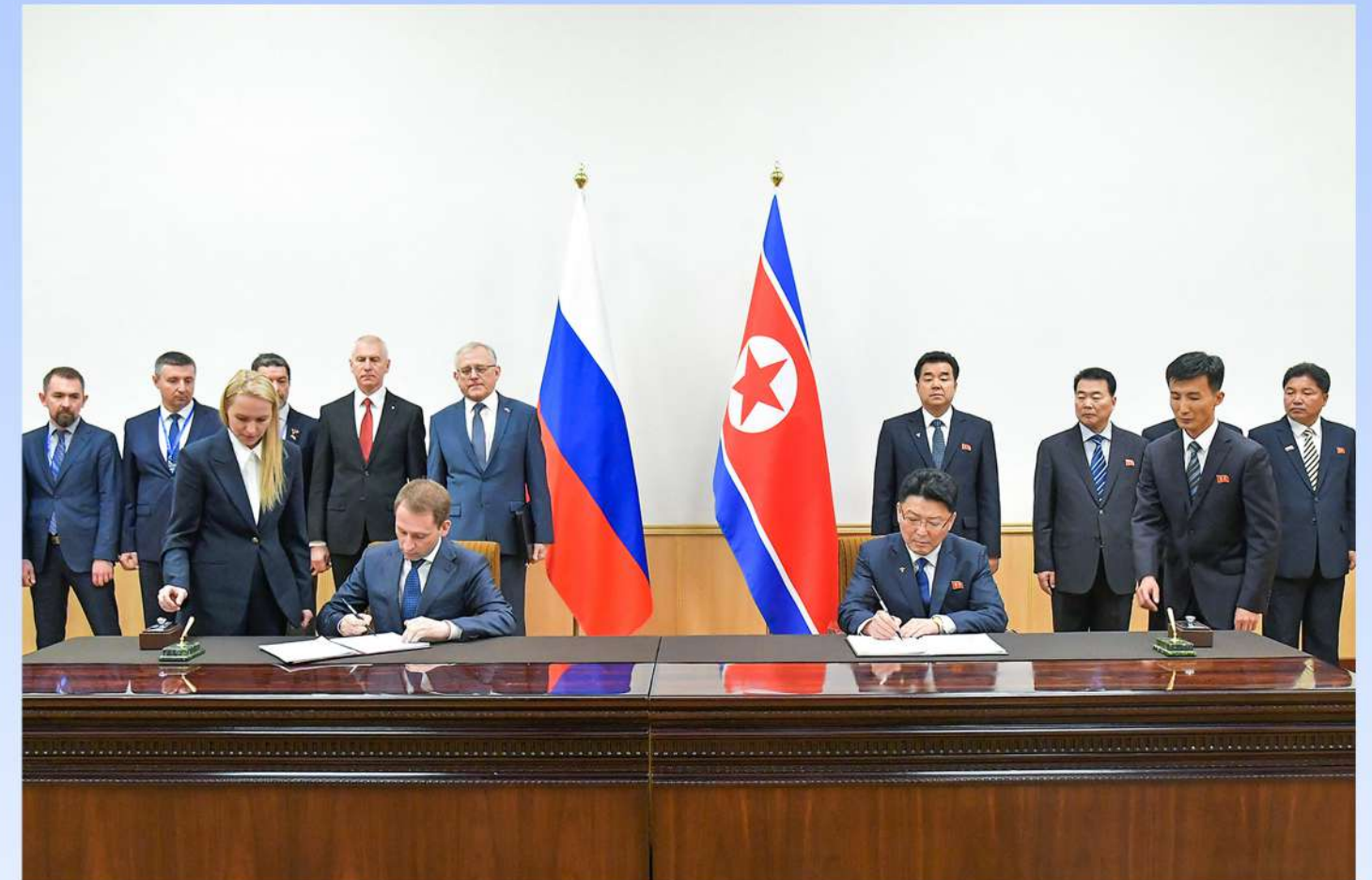
Those who were unable to take part in voting for being on foreign tour or working in oceans amounted to 0.37 percent and the abstentions totalled 0.000078 percent.

Among the voters who took part in the ballot-casting, 99.91 percent voted for the candidates for deputies to provincial (city under the direct jurisdiction of the government) people's assemblies and 0.09 percent voted against. And 99.87 percent voted for candidates for deputies to city (district) and county people's assemblies and 0.13 percent voted against. Thus, according to the DPRK Law on the Elections of Deputies to the People's Assemblies at All Levels, 27 858 workers, farmers, intellectuals and officials were elected deputies to the local people's assemblies.

*Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok, U Jong Guk
Text: Choe Kwang Ho*



Government Delegation of Russian Federation Visits DPRK



The protocol of the tenth meeting of the DPRK-Russia inter-governmental committee for cooperation in trade, the economy, science and technology is signed

The government delegation of the Russian Federation led by Alexandr Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology, visited the DPRK between November 14 and 16 to attend the tenth meeting of the DPRK-Russia inter-governmental committee for cooperation in trade, the economy, science and technology.

On November 15 Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations who is chairman of the DPRK side to the DPRK-Russia inter-governmental committee for cooperation in trade, the economy, science and technology, had talks with Alexandr Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russia Federation who is chairman of the Russian side to the committee, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall.

The talks discussed the issues for more widely promoting inter-governmental cooperation in trade, the economy and science and technology in keeping with the bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation put on a new strategic level.

The tenth meeting of the DPRK-Russia inter-governmental committee for cooperation in trade, the economy, science and



The DPRK government hosts reception to welcome the Russian delegation



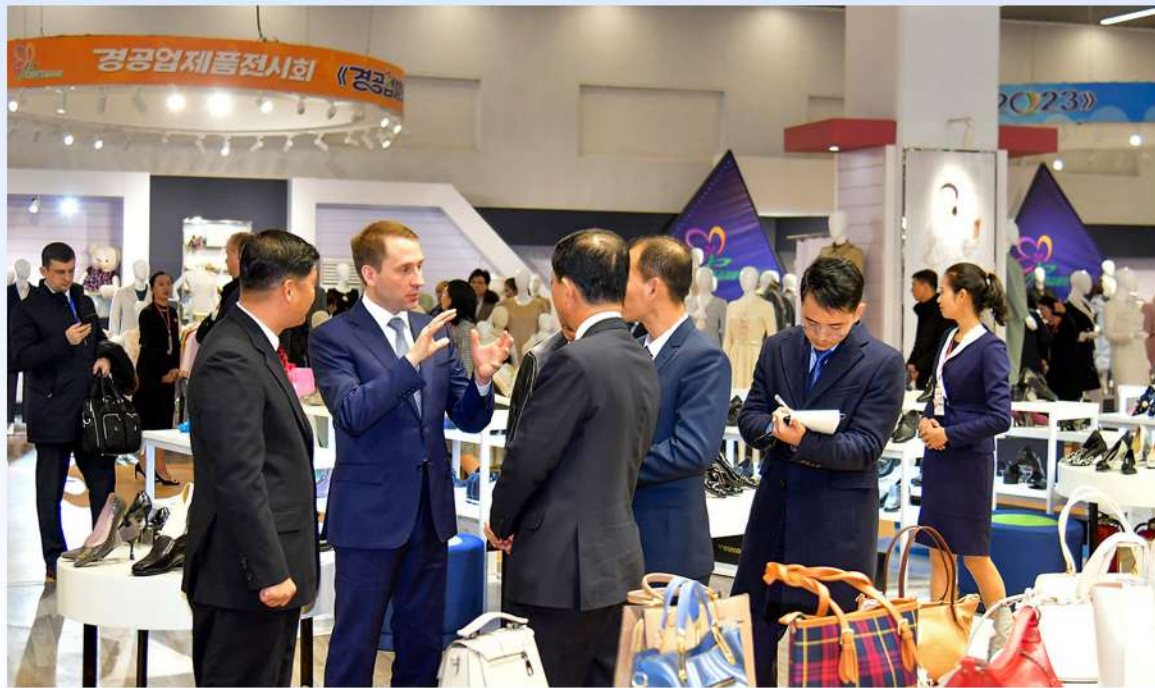
A performance is given at the Mansudae Art Theatre in welcome of the Russian delegation



The Russian delegation lays a flower basket before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill



Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, meets the head of the Russian delegation who paid a courtesy call



The delegation looks round the light industry goods exhibition "Development of Light Industry-2023"



Russian Minister of Sports visits the May Day Stadium

technology took place in Pyongyang that day.

The meeting discussed in detail and confirmed the measures for activating and expanding many-sided bilateral exchanges and cooperation in all sectors of trade, the economy, science and technology according to the agreements made at the historic summit and talks between the top leaders of the two countries in September 2023.

That day, the protocol of the tenth meeting was signed.

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, met Alexandr Kozlov who paid a courtesy call on him, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on November 16.

During the stay the Russian government delegation visited different places in Pyongyang.



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