

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets Players and Coaches Who Won 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup









Pyongyang, October 1 (KCNA) -- The DPRK's laudable women football players who were welcomed by their motherland as victorious heroines after demonstrating the dignity and spirit of the great state before the world by winning gold medals greeted the time of joy and happiness to be cherished as the honor of their life.

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, met the players and coaches who won the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup at the headquarters building of the WPK Central Committee on September 30.

Present there were Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports, and Sin Yong Chol, secretary of the DPRK Football Association.

Entering the yard of the Party Central Committee with a proud trophy cup and gold medals, the players and coaches were filled with the boundless reverence and gratitude for the benevolent father who gave the matchless strength and courage to them to make sure that they always run with confidence in certain victory in the fierce matches for glorifying the honor of their motherland, and bestowed warm blessings and great favors, giving credit to them for all successes.

When the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** appeared, the players and coaches broke into cheers of "Hurrah!" in tears of emotion and moved into the arms of him whom they wanted to see so much.

The fatherly Marshal gladly received the proud daughters of the country, and congratulated them on creating another legendary tale about the DPRK's women football by beating their rivals of Austria, Brazil, the U.S., Japan and other countries, scoring 25 amazing goals in seven matches from the group league matches to the finals of the world cup.

In particular, he highly praised player Choe Il Son who won the Gold Ball Prize, the one for the top player, and Gold Football Boots Prize, the one for the top scorer in the world cup, and chief coach Ri Song Ho who led the team to victory after victory.

He said that the proud victory won by our women footballers, bearing in mind the expectation of the country and its people, serves as an

encouraging event and patriotic deed that added optimism and joy to the whole country.

Sports is of a very great meaning in promoting the progress and advantages of the nation, he said, adding that every precious success made by the DPRK's sportspersons in international games is further uniting the people and dynamically arousing them to the vigorous struggle with peculiar appeal and influence.

He warmly wished that the players who showed a bright prospect of the DPRK's women football would firmly hold the Asian and world championships and further consolidate their position.

He had a significant picture taken with the women footballers who had the glory and fortune giving a great joy and optimism to all the people across the country.

Unable to repress their deep emotion at the great love and trust shown by the fatherly Marshal, the players and coaches made a firm determination to bring more gold medals and brilliant gold trophies of patriotism to the glorious DPRK, their motherland. -0-

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