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# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to Ministry of National Defence on Day of KPA Founding



The heroic Korean People's Army, which has remained faithful to its sacred mission of firmly defending the sovereignty and security of the state and safeguarding the well-being and happiness of the beloved people with the image of the dignified Workers' Party of Korea embroidered on its glorious colours, greeted its proud 77<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary along with its undying honour, while recording another year of victory and miracles in the history of army building.

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, paid a congratulatory visit to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK on February 8, the 77<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Korean People's Army, to encourage the service personnel.

A solemn ceremony of greeting the head of state took place.

After receiving a salute from the head of the guard of honour of the KPA, Kim Jong Un reviewed the guard of honour and the glorious colours of the three services.

He was greeted by No Kwang Chol, Jong Kyong Thack, Ri Yong Gil and other leading commanding officers of the ministry and military and political cadres of the KPA large combined units.

There took place a march-past of the guard of honour of the KPA.

Kim Jong Un met military and political commanding officers at all levels of the Ministry of National Defence and the KPA and made a speech in celebration of the army founding day.

Paying deep respects to the heroic mettle and noble revolutionary spirit of the KPA, which is proudly recording the history of fierce struggle with every eye-opening event and miracle in all parts of the country, flying the ever-victorious and glorious colours, he extended warm congratulations and militant greetings to the generals, officers and soldiers of the KPA who are unsparingly devoting their precious blood and sweat to carrying out the huge important tasks of the revolution.

He highly appreciated the great reputation and glory of the KPA, which has recorded the decades of legendary victories and miracles with its unique spirit and noble soul always remaining true to its sacred appellation of the army of the Party and the leader, and praised the distinguished services and feats of the service personnel of the KPA, who are striving to firmly defend the happiness and peace of



the country and build a greater future.

Outlining the features of the world-wide changes in the political and military sphere and the geopolitical structure including the surrounding environment of the state, he stressed the need to more highly develop the war response posture of the DPRK's armed forces to proactively cope with any variable security situation.

He continued:

The US nuclear strategic means constantly deployed on the Korean peninsula, the US-led bilateral and multilateral nuclear war simulation exercises staged on the level of actual war, the US-Japan-ROK tripartite military alliance system established according to the US regional military bloc scenario and the formation of the

Asian version of NATO as its axis constitute a basic factor that causes military imbalance and a new conflicting structure on the Korean peninsula and in Northeast Asia, and they are raising a grave challenge to the security environment of our state.

It is a correct answer to tell those who worship supremacy of power with the language only they can understand. The DPRK does not want unnecessary tension in the regional situation but will take sustained countermeasures to ensure the regional military balance out of the aspiration for preventing the outbreak of a new war and ensuring peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

The Middle East crises including those in the Gaza Strip and Syria and the issue of Ukraine, which were scenes of global geopolitical conflicts and confrontation last year, are expected to flow as the main current of the tense international situation trend this year, too. The geopolitical crises caused by the US in different parts of the world are further increasing the danger of the outbreak of a new world war and having a serious impact not only on international peace and security but also on all other spheres of human activities.

Standing in the centre behind the war machine, which is stirring up the tragic situation in Ukraine that has lasted for three years amid a serious concern of the world people, is the US, an entity that is carrying the fixed name of the wrecker of global peace and stability, hallucinated by a wild ambition for establishing unipolar hegemony. The reckless behaviours of the US and the Western group of intentionally fostering the prolonged war from the unrealizable dream of dealing strategic setbacks to Russia are arousing a serious concern.

It is the invariable stand of the DPRK government to oppose and reject any acts of denying the international justice and disturbing global peace and security, and our army and people will invariably support and encourage the just cause of the Russian army and people to defend their sovereignty, security and territorial integrity, in keeping with the spirit of the treaty on the comprehensive strategic partnership between the DPRK and Russia.

The dark shadows of the US, which appear without fail behind the world's big and small disputes and tragedies of bloodshed at present, prove that the line of our Party and government aspiring to the building of an unlimited defence capability is most just. Our revolutionary armed forces should always and practically be faithful to their supreme duty to defend the Constitution of the DPRK and





the state and people.

Referring to a series of new plans for rapidly bolstering all deterrents including the nuclear forces, Kim Jong Un clarified once again the unshakable policy of more highly developing the nuclear forces.

Noting that the future of the KPA, the pride of our great people and symbol of the honour and strength of our state, depends mainly on its commanding officers, he stressed that the KPA should consistently hold fast to and more thoroughly carry out the task of making itself politically, ideologically and morally strong, before anything else, and in this regard it is particularly important to train our service personnel into the fighters strong in ideology and faith, filled with a correct understanding of the enemy and indomitable will to fight

with the enemy.

Kim Jong Un set forth important tasks which will serve as the guidelines for further strengthening the KPA into a matchless revolutionary army, including those of making this year a year of training by further kindling the flames of the training revolution on the principle of increasing the combat capability of the KPA to the highest level, making war preparations more thoroughly as required by modern warfare and waging a fierce struggle to establish steel-like order and sound military discipline.

Expressing belief that the glorious history of struggle and feats of the heroic KPA boundlessly loyal to the Party, the country and the people will record more exciting and noble events in the course of the development of our eternally powerful state, he ardently

called for continuing to fight courageously for the dignity and great might of the DPRK and for the peace and happiness of our beloved people.

Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, soldiers of sub-units under it and military and political commanding officers of units of the services and large combined units at all levels of the KPA and combined units and units under them as a token of his visit to the ministry.

He said that although the days of army founding and war victory to be specially recorded in the history of the struggle of the revolutionary armed forces are becoming far distant with the passage of time, we should always remember the spirit and soul of the revolutionary forerunners, who provided the origin of the tradition of eternal victory

of heroic Korea, an independent power, and laid the cornerstone of building a rich country with a strong army through an ever-victorious tradition, adding that we should proudly write an honourable new chapter of history of our generation by performing miraculous feats and creating wonderful legendary tales beyond precedents and limits, staking the honour of our times and our army.

He expressed expectation and belief that the commanding officers of the KPA, mindful of their important task for glorifying the great pioneering with greater succession, will always demonstrate its undying fame in the sacred war for defending the Party and the revolution and safeguarding the territory and people with their unique sense of pride, a strong sense of self-respect and indomitable fighting spirit of guaranteeing the most just cause in the world with arms.

# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Kim Il Sung University of Politics, Highest Military and Political Institution of Juche-oriented Revolutionary Armed Forces

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 Kim Il Sung University of Politics, the supreme military and political institution of the Juche-oriented revolutionary armed forces, on February 24.

The university courteously greeted the head of state.

After receiving a salute from the president of the university, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un paid militant tribute to the glorious colours.

An educator and student of the university presented him with fragrant bouquets in humble reverence.

Acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, he extended warm greetings to the teaching staff who are reliably guaranteeing the sacred cause of making the Korean People's Army ideologically elite with their steadfast revolutionary spirit and brilliant educational and scientific achievements at the prestigious military and political school and to the students who are preparing themselves to be staunch and promising political workers of the future.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and other members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

The teaching staff and students had a march-past, flying the colours associated with the great honour and feats of the university.

Kim Jong Un made an important speech to be specially recorded in the history of building the Juche-oriented powerful army.

The political and ideological traits of the KPA have remained consistently honourable and faithful to the army founding generation and the country and people despite the passage of the long years and changes of history, he said, stressing that this is unthinkable apart from the exploits of Kim Il Sung University of Politics which has steadfastly fulfilled its role in the key position guaranteeing the succession of the revolutionary armed forces. He noted that the prestige of the university shines with pride in the new era of great changes and transformations and its existence stands out with remarkable meaning as it is a basis of the powerful revolutionary army which is imbued with the ideology of the Party and remains absolutely loyal to its leadership.

There is a sharp contrast between the past and the present in the history of Juche-oriented army building in terms of the weaponry of our army, but only the ideas loaded in them remain unchanged, and Kim Il Sung University of Politics has remained boundlessly faithful to its mission and duty in the course of the revolutionary struggle in which the mightiness of the ideology-first principle is fully verified, he said, recalling with deep emotion the glorious history of the university which has made a great contribution to training many persons of a communist type and defending the succession of our revolutionary cause for 80 years since its founding.

Saying that the WPK always appreciates the political workers imbuing the service personnel with the noble spirit and bravery and their alma mater





as well as the heroic feats of the KPA, he noted that it is the most brilliant achievement of the university, which cannot be compared with any academic prestige or educational and scientific successes, that it highly enhances as the character peculiar to the KPA the matchless loyalty and heroism of braving hardship and sacrifice cheerfully in response to the call of the country, cherishing the glorious colours as its life. And he paid respects to the educators who have devoted themselves to accomplishing the Party's cause of building a powerful army.

He stressed that the KPA, which defends the most righteous cause, the most righteous state and the most righteous people, should surely become the strongest army in the world, and the foremost might and superiority our revolutionary armed forces should steadily adhere to and boost for this important historic mission and heavy responsibility are none other than the political, ideological, spiritual and moral superiority of the army of the WPK and the people.

Referring to the fact that it has been an established theory to count soldiers and weapons as two elements of the armed forces in any century and any country and that no country has been able to break from advocating the military technology-centred theory in the building of armed forces and in the course of war up to now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, he said that from the historical point of view and in consideration of modern warfare, we can clearly see in practice the limitation of the military technology-centred theory ignoring the ideological building of the army.

It is a stark immutable truth that the ideological and moral superiority of the army means its qualitative superiority, he stressed. Saying that imbuing the army with ideology before arming it with military technology is the core of army building, he expressed his new view that soldiers, weapons and ideology are three elements of the armed forces.

The arms devoid of ideology are little short of ironware and it is a conclusion we reach definitely once again that it is the basic way of building a powerful army to strengthen the political force of the army on a preferential basis and in a qualitative way, he noted. Proceeding from this, he clarified, the building of the KPA should be invariably and thoroughly oriented toward giving priority to making it strong politically, ideologically and morally and toward steadily training the combat ranks to be elite and then toward developing the military and technical equipment in all domains including the nuclear armed forces at the highest level.

Today when the struggle for transformation, unprecedented in the history of the DPRK, is being staged amid the rapid changes in the world, the role of the KPA contributing to carrying out the national strategic plans and policies is in an extraordinarily, more important position than ever before, he pointed out, stressing that the KPA should have political workers who always conduct positive activities to redouble the power of ideology in the fields of military activities for implementing the Party's lines and policies in order to successfully fulfil its mission and role that are getting more important.

And he referred to the important mission and role of Kim Il Sung University of Politics as the supreme military and political school, which should firmly guarantee the political force of the KPA.

Analysing the reason why some deviations of failing to meet the demands and expectations of the Party Central Committee are being revealed among political workers standing in the position of educators of service personnel, he clarified in detail the tasks to be carried out by the teaching staff and students of the university in the struggle to further perfect the political, ideological, mental and moral preparations of the army.

Saying that the supreme political school of the KPA should surely become the best university in view of its important position and duty directly related to the prospect of the Korean revolution, he expressed the firm will of the WPK to completely improve the educational conditions and environment of the university.

When the university, a main base for implementing the WPK's line of making the army politically and ideologically strong and a "pedigree farm" for cultivating the heroic spirit of the KPA, becomes more faithful to its duty, our revolutionary armed forces will grow stronger and their invincible might be steadily redoubled, he said, affirming that the immortal dignity and glory of the heroic KPA will shine forever along with Kim Il Sung University of Politics which ensures an eternal continuity of its sacred bloodline and tradition of victory.

Kim Jong Un went round several places of the university including the study room of the WPK building, the integrated pedagogical information control room and the educational achievements exhibition hall.

He highly spoke of the educators and officials of the university,





saying that whereas the precious being indispensable for the destiny and future of the country and people is the KPA, the precious being indispensable for the KPA is just this university and its educators and officials rendering faithful service. He stressed again that the KPA is resolute politically and ideologically and strongest in fighting efficiency as the university has trained the political workers of every generation in a single appearance and produced competent political workers who constantly imbue the entire army with the red ideas of the WPK.

After seeing a seminar of the students on the plan of the Party



political work, he gave instructions for the university to train the students to be political workers who have mastered the Juche-oriented military ideas and theories of the WPK and the Korean-style art of war and can conduct the Party political work skilfully in conformity with different combat situations and to be skilful political activists who can vigorously promote the work for making the entire army ideologically and mentally elite and completing the war preparations.

He called upon all the teachers of the university to verify before the Party and their disciples that they should become revolutionaries before becoming educators in practice and with ability and personality



and to make a tangible contribution to innovating and developing the work for training Party political workers with the loyalty cherished as faith, pure patriotic mind, perfect ability of educator and scientific and theoretical prestige.

Kim Jong Un had photo sessions with the teaching staff and students.

After meeting the students exemplary in studies and military service and warmly encouraging them, he posed for a photo to be recorded forever in the history of army building together with all the teaching staff and students.

Saying that the teaching staff and students of the university are the core of the core revolutionaries, whom the Party trusts best and on whose role it pins a particularly great expectation, he expressed his expectation and belief that all the teaching staff and students will become genuine revolutionaries fully embodying the soul and breath of the WPK before anyone else and thus become the cornerstone and pillar of the revolutionary army by fully playing their role.

That day, he saw the sports games between the teaching staffs and students of Kim Il Sung University of Politics and Kang Kon Military Academy.





# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Kang Kon Military Academy



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, inspected the Kang Kon Military Academy, a parent body of military education institutions in the country and the most prestigious commanding officers training centre, on February 25.

After arriving at the academy, he visited the bust of Kang Kon, an anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter, who was one of the most faithful comrades-in-arms of President Kim Il Sung and a competent commanding officer, and laid a wreath before it.

Written on the ribbon of the wreath were letters reading "Our army will remember your name, Kang Kon, forever."

Recalling the distinguished feats of Kang Kon, the first chief of the Korean People's Army General Staff who dedicated as a solid cornerstone his precious life to the sacred cause for the birth and

remarkable development of the DPRK's regular revolutionary armed forces, Kim Jong Un paid high respects to the great army founding generation.

There was a ceremony of greeting the head of state.

Acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, Kim Jong Un extended militant greetings to all the educators who are devoting themselves to the steady innovation and development in the training of military cadres, standing with their pure conscience on the sacred teaching posts entrusted to them by the Party and the country, and to the students who are preparing themselves as excellent commanding officers for the future.

He reviewed a march-past of the teaching staff and students of the academy and then saw a *kyoksul* (a Korean martial art) demonstration by the students.

Guided by the senior officials of the academy, Kim Jong Un made the rounds of various places of the academy, including a tactical study room, unit command and management study room, military topography study room and shooting gallery.

The worthy feats of the military education institutions, which have firmly defended the core positions of the army, are clearly imprinted in the course of brilliant exploits of our armed forces which have led the dynamic upswing of the revolution as the main force of national defence, but there is no military academy with such a noble and proud history and traditions as the Kang Kon Military Academy, he said, adding:

The academy's distinguished position in the glorious army-building history can be well understood through the fact that it was awarded the first colours of the armed forces of the Republic and it

stood in the van as the first column during the first military parade of the regular army.

The academy should firmly defend and carry forward its sacred history and traditions in the vanguard of military education institutions at all levels, and this holds an important position in implementing the military policy of the WPK determined to open up a new avenue for strengthening the whole army by further consolidating its basic units.

Saying that the military education front is the eternal first echelon and forefront in increasing the military capability and it is our Party's constant view that a shortcut to training a powerful army is to further raise the flames of revolution in military education, he affirmed that it is his unshakable determination to successfully build this academy as a standard unit in training army commanders, in which modern educational culture is perfectly embodied, and to upgrade the military



is most openly expressed in history and war and bloodshed have become commonplace; this international situation demands that our armed forces be perfect in readiness for a war.

He then set forth important tasks facing the military education sector in intensifying military practice-centred education and preparing all students to be reliable military personnel of field-officer type, who win only sure victory, by making them learn about in our own way the actual experiences in modern battle fields, master the rapidly-developing weapons and other combat and technical equipment and acquire the commanding abilities for modern warfare.

That day, Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the teaching staff and students of the academy.

He expressed expectation and belief that the academy will steadily carry forward the sacred traditions and valuable feats of having firmly consolidated and defended the core stronghold of our revolutionary armed forces, the cornerstone of a powerful army, train a larger number of competent military commanders boundlessly loyal to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and possessed of every capability to fight a war, and thus make a positive contribution to accomplishing the Party's cause of building a powerful army.

Kim Jong Un's historic field guidance at the Kang Kon Military Academy serves as a decisive turning point that provided a foundation for vivid changes and progress in bringing about a radical improvement in military education in the new era and as an important occasion of landmark significance in developing the KPA into an invincible and matchless army forever.



education sector of the country.

He saw the live shooting contest of teachers and students of the academy and their physical exercises with multi-purpose apparatuses.

Saying that the qualitative strengthening of the KPA and its might largely depend on how primary commanding officers of tactical-level units are trained, he stressed that the military education sector should surely instil in the students the resolute revolutionary consciousness to make the revolution before transferring military knowledge to them, and at the same time prepare them to be fighters of combat type, possessed of crack-shot marksmanship, skilful combat methods

and strong physical abilities, and continued:

The basic task facing the academy is to firmly consolidate the cornerstone of a powerful army by training heroes who devote their all on the road of faithful service for the Party, the revolution and the people and creditably carry out any difficult task. The academy should make sure that all its students carry forward the faith of loyalty and patriotic spirit consistently cherished by the commanding officers of the revolutionary armed forces, from the first generation of army founding to the present one.

Today the aggressive and bellicose nature of the imperialists



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Nuclear-material Production Base and Nuclear Weapons Institute



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, looked round the core processes for producing weapons-grade nuclear materials, and learned in detail about the present production of nuclear materials, the long-term plan and the 2025 plan of the Nuclear Weapons Institute.

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, inspected the nuclear-material production base and the Nuclear Weapons Institute.

He was accompanied by Hong Sung Mu, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and leading officials in the relevant field.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un highly praised scientists, technicians, workers and officials in the field of nuclear weapons production for achieving remarkable successes in the new long-term projects while putting spurs to the fighting task which the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK additionally assigned to the field related to the nuclear forces after the nuclear-material production field, the Nuclear Weapons Institute and other relevant field registered amazing production results in 2024.

Looking round the core processes for producing weapons-grade nuclear materials, he learned in detail about the present production of nuclear materials, the long-term plan and the 2025 plan of the Nuclear Weapons Institute.

Noting that the struggle in 2025 is very important as the five-year tasks the Eighth Congress of the WPK assigned to the fields of nuclear weapons research and production should be perfectly carried out, he said that this year is a crucial year as it is an important watershed in which we should carry out the tasks in the important period in the course of implementing the line of bolstering up the





nuclear forces, a line which has been propelled by the WPK and the DPRK government, and switch over to the fulfilment of the next duty. He underlined the need to further raise the present surging spirit and thus to achieve epochal successes in overfulfilling the plan for producing weapons-grade nuclear materials and in strengthening the nuclear shield of the country.

Noting that the nuclear technical forces of the DPRK growing stronger day by day and the results made by them are a symbol of the incomparable self-respect and valiant spirit of our Party, state and people, he affirmed that guaranteeing peace and security by dint of strength is our mode of struggle and option that are most righteous and an immutable truth.

The external situation facing the DPRK remains grave and the challenges of the hostile forces to take the predominance of strength are becoming ever more pronounced, he said, adding that the absolute force capable of thoroughly containing the enemies and taking the initiative to control the situation is not provided by any declaration or slogan, but the stockpiling of the physical strength of practical use and its increase by geometrical progression.

The DPRK's security situation, the world's most unstable situation in which a long-term confrontation with the most vicious hostile

countries is inevitable, makes it indispensable for the country to steadily strengthen the nuclear shield capable of strategically coping with not only the various existing threats but also new prospective security dangers and at the same time reliably guaranteeing the sovereignty, interests and development right of the state, as we should bear the responsibility for not only the present but also the future of the country, he said. And he said that everything should be subordinated to enhancing the prestige of the state and defending its interests and that it is our firm political and military stand and invariable noble task and duty to develop the state's nuclear counteraction posture indefinitely.

He expressed expectation that all the nuclear experts of the DPRK would bear in mind the invariable view of the state, courageously turn out in the sacred struggle to highly develop the self-defensive nuclear war deterrent gained at the dear cost and push forward with the building up of the overwhelming nuclear strategic capability of the DPRK with brilliant increased production.

His inspection serves as an occasion that gave great encouragement to all the nuclear scientific and technological forces of the DPRK standing in the vanguard of the struggle for bolstering up the national defence capabilities.



# 30<sup>th</sup> Enlarged Meeting of Secretariat of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held

The 30<sup>th</sup> Enlarged Meeting of the Secretariat of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters of the Party Central Committee on January 27.

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

At the enlarged meeting, there were first a briefing on data gathered by the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee through a survey and a report on data by the Discipline Inspection Department of the Party Central Committee as regards the violation of Party discipline by leading cadres of the Onchon County Party Committee of Nampho Municipality and the county who gave rise to a mega case of totally denying Party discipline and perpetrating wrongdoings in group.

Jo Yong Won, secretary in charge of organizational affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Jae Ryong, director of the Discipline Inspection Department, said in the briefing and report:

Today when we are faced with the unprecedentedly huge struggle tasks of completely implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress and opening up a new phase towards a higher development stage in this significant year of the 80<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Party, our officials have to fulfil the heavy task of carrying out their mission and duty as the core of the Party and the faithful servants of the people by displaying more vigorous courage, exertion and devotion than ever before in the vanguard of the revolution.

But, on the contrary to such demand of the Party and the highly charged revolutionary atmosphere, Onchon County made poor preparations for a plenary meeting of the county Party committee for implementing the decisions of the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee and held the meeting in a grossly formalistic way. After that, there occurred the mega case, in which more than 40 officials, including Party officials, committed wrongdoing in group.

This is an act of flagrant violation of Party discipline that demands leading Party officials at all levels should not lead an indolent and careless life like being treated to drinking bouts at public service facilities. The leading official of the county Party committee personally organized the irregularities and dozens of leading Party and administrative officials in the county, including officials of the county Party committee, flocked together to commit such irregularities. It was a reckless act unheard-of in the history of our Party.

The group drinking spree openly committed in Onchon County is an act utterly contrary to the Party's line on building discipline, and this clearly proves that the ringleader of the case and those involved are a corrupt group and impudent rabble with no elementary qualifications as leading cadres.

The respected General Secretary made an important speech. In the speech he said:



These are the days when revolutionary moral discipline should be established in a thoroughgoing way in the Party, Party officials, its leading cadres in particular, should strictly observe the rules of life and activities, and its internal discipline should be further strengthened than ever before. The serious case that occurred in Onchon County in this period is regarded as a grave crime of violating Party discipline and moral and cultural order and an open denial of our Party's line of building discipline.

Had there not been discipline in defending the firm unity of the revolutionary ranks and the strict political and moral discipline in and uncompromising struggle for establishing the leadership system of the Party Central Committee and defending the organizational and ideological unity of the whole Party, there would not have been the Party's glorious ruling history of 80 years nor today when its inheritance and innovation are being designed. It is useful for and beneficial to the revolution to boldly recognize such a grave deviation

in the Party and to deal with it as an especially serious case in time.

Making a critical analysis of the ideological origin and gravity of the malpractices committed against the Party's intentions by officials, who should be more faithful to their duties than anyone else as persons in direct charge of regional development in the crucial period when the whole Party is paying close attention to strengthening cities and counties and new innovative projects in regions are being carried on one after another or planned, he pointed out that these malpractices



related to the violation of Party discipline.

Then, the Enlarged Meeting of the Secretariat of the Party Central Committee dealt with the serious anti-people crimes committed in Usi County of Jagang Province.

The General Secretary sternly pointed out the fact that the Usi county agricultural inspection organ, which is duty-bound to monitor and regulate in an exclusive and responsible manner the implementation of the Party's policy on rural construction and its agricultural policy, flagrantly encroached upon the interests and property of the people by abusing the legal power, instead of orienting its work to checking major illegal practices latent in the agricultural sector and establishing a well-regulated order and discipline.

Noting that those who abuse their power and work in a bureaucratic manner in local areas are attempting to destroy the sacred fortress of



discipline although there seems to be a change in them outwardly, he stressed that the conclusion drawn from this is that however revolutionary and perfect the line of Party building is, it would only remain a theory for theory's sake if the cadres were not ideologically prepared and failed to make efforts to implement it absolutely and unconditionally.

Noting that the current meeting marked an occasion for making a practical review and reaffirmation of the need to put greater efforts into establishing proper Party discipline at the beginning of 2025, the year that marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our Party, he said that the meeting would constitute a turning point in further consolidating the Party consciousness, political awareness, revolutionary spirit and we-serve-the-people spirit of the officials who make up the core and leading forces of the Party, and in making substantial progress in strengthening the ranks of cadres and in building up the Party.

The core, central task in the new course of Party building is the transformation of cadres along revolutionary lines as well, he said, adding that the solution to this end is to conduct more intensive education, training and struggle across the Party. He specified the principles and ways for launching a dynamic organizational and ideological offensive throughout the Party to consolidate its sound

are not only a serious case that could undermine the foundations for strengthening our Party and make the county, occupying one-hundredth of the country's territory, a non-Party, non-political and non-socialist region, but also a dangerous signal which directly indicates that a privileged social stratum, seeking more special favours than the people by abusing their authority, may be formed.

He criticized that although all sorts of alien and heterogeneous ideological elements undermining the sound Party climate and obstructing the advance of the revolution, the political and moral crimes undermining Party discipline, occurred in the given region, it shows that the work of qualitative consolidation of cadre ranks, to which we have attached special importance and directed efforts for Party building in the new era, has not been conducted in a substantial way.

Giving the Party Central Committee's estimation that there is little improvement in the style of work and the spirit of observing

political climate.

He emphasized that the main target of the discipline inspection sector should be practices of corruption within the Party and all other violations of its discipline to be proactively and aggressively contained, practices that the Party despises most, reiterating the need to "aim at, pursue, search and wipe out" such malpractices on the basis of strict regulations and rules.

He said that this year should be set as a year for establishing a revolutionary Party climate and strengthening the whole Party, in order to dynamically open up a new stage of building a ruling party that is strong in discipline and full of a revolutionary climate. He stressed the necessity of waging a resolute struggle for the eternal development of the Workers' Party of Korea and for the accomplishment of the sacred revolutionary cause.

The Secretariat of the WPK Central Committee, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the "Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea", decided and instructed to dissolve the Onchon County Party Committee of Nampho Municipality, which seriously damaged our Party's revolutionary trait and hindered the single-hearted unity of the Party and the revolutionary ranks by committing a wrong deed in group in wanton violation of Party discipline, and announced a strict proposal for dealing with those involved in the extra-large case

unity between the Party and the people without batting an eye, he stated that this is a mega crime which can never be pardoned by our Party, our people, our system and our legal power.

At the meeting there was a report on data about the mega crime perpetrated by inspectors of the Usi county agricultural inspection organ.

The Secretariat of the Party Central Committee announced a strict proposal to dissolve the Usi county agricultural inspection organ and organize a new one and to deal with the chief secretary of the Usi County Party Committee, who fostered and connived at the anti-people acts, and the inspectors of the county agricultural inspection organ.

The ringleaders and those involved in the hideous criminal case will be put under investigation by law.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Enlarged Meeting of the Secretariat of the Eighth WPK Central Committee highlighted once again the immutable truth that the eternal vitality of the struggling and advancing Party lies on the iron discipline. And it serves as a political occasion of great significance in further clarifying the original features and character of the WPK which maintains the people-first principle as its mode of existence and its trait and in increasing its militant might in every way.

# Grand Construction Struggle in 2025 Launched to Implement Regional Development Policy in New Era

## Groundbreaking Ceremony of Hospital and Leisure Complex in Kangdong County for Regional Development 20×10 Policy Held with Splendour



The grand construction struggle in 2025 to implement the regional development policy in the new era started thanks to the grand intention of the Central Committee of the great Workers' Party of Korea to steadily carry forward the era of great rejuvenation when 20 cities and counties across the country undergo change every year, while making greater and more correct and responsible strides for epochal transformation aimed at dynamically rejuvenating the whole country to be a paradise of the people commensurate with the status and prestige of a powerful country.

The WPK, which made a breakthrough in accomplishing the historic cause of restoring the regional economy on a completely new foundation all across the country, determined the policy orientation and action plan which have been expanded and intensified to ensure

more extensive and practical development of regions and accelerate the building of a highly civilized and powerful country. On the basis of this, it unfolded an ambitious blueprint for building public health facilities, leisure complexes and grain storage stations in parallel with the construction of regional-industry factories.

A groundbreaking ceremony of a hospital and leisure complex in Kangdong County for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy whose construction will be powerfully propelled opening up a new realm and stage of overall development was held with splendour on February 6.

The venue of the ceremony was filled with the militant enthusiasm of soldier-builders, who are determined to keep achieving leaping successes this year, too, in the same spirit and mettle they displayed

to glorify with precious entities of great change the first-year struggle for implementing the great strategic programme of the WPK for regional development, and with the great excitement of the working people in Kangdong County, who are optimistic about the hope-filled future when they will be highly civilized and rich day after day along with the assets of rejuvenation to be built soon.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

When he arrived at the venue of the ceremony, all the participants raised stormy cheers.

They paid the highest tribute and glory to Kim Jong Un, the great pioneer of socialist civilization and great master of creation who set the realization of the people's ideals as the supreme principle

of activities of our Party and state and is ushering in a new era of transformation unprecedented in the history of the country when the whole country changes and prospers, in the spirit of passionate service and with the steadfast revolutionary will.

Present at the ceremony were Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, and other senior Party, government and military officials, members of the non-permanent committees at all levels for promoting the Regional Development 20×10 Policy, service personnel of the Korean People's Army involved in the construction and officials and working people in Pyongyang Municipality and Kangdong County.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in celebration of the ceremony. Noting that the construction work for the meaningful year 2025



**The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech in celebration of the ceremony. Noting that the construction work for the meaningful year 2025 starts with the construction of the hospital and leisure complex in Kangdong County, he said he felt happy and was gratified that the sincerity of our Party and government would bring another wealth to the regional people and that the eye-opening changes in the new era would take place in another part of the country.**



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Referring to the urgency of the improvement of regional people's cultural living environment in fundamentally and permanently removing the urban-rural gaps, he said it is the ideal result of the regional development policy to put the whole country on an even cultural level.

He said that it is the top priority of the Party and the government to make the public health sector modern and advanced, clarifying the WPK's plan and absolute will to newly develop the sector into the soil for cultivating the strength of the life of the country and into the strong roots of regional rejuvenation and thus make the year 2025 recorded in the country's history as the first year of the public health revolution.

Building modern public health facilities and multifunctional bases for cultural activities in cities and counties is a crucial and most pressing task that is of great strategic significance and which brooks no delay in accelerating the simultaneous and balanced development of all fields and all regions and bringing forward the complete

victory of socialism, he said, affirming that the eternal prosperity of the regions precisely means the permanent future of the state and Korean-style socialism.

Saying that today's groundbreaking ceremony marks the starting point of the great road, a decisive step forward and a major watershed for the future, he ardently called for fighting more courageously and more vigorously to achieve the great ideal of our people and the victory of our cause.

All the participants broke into cheers in great excitement, looking up to the great father who has outlined a new world of socialist civilization and enlightenment, where all the long-cherished desires and ideals of the people are translated into life and reality, and the future changes that will surely be effected through the Korean-style creative struggle.

The commander of the construction regiment made a speech of pledge on behalf of the builders.

Referring to the excitement of soldier-builders to be involved in the construction of essential objects which marks the meaningful start of substantial and qualitative change in accomplishing the grand epochal cause of regional transformation, he said that they are filled with confidence as they have cultivated the genuine outlook on the people, developed the indomitable pioneering spirit and acquired





great creative ability under the care of the respected Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un.

He solemnly pledged to build splendid monumental structures symbolic of the new era of regional development in Kangdong County, where a large-scale greenhouse farm had been built thanks to the great loving care of the Party, as a model for the whole country and thus glorify this year marking the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of the WPK with great victory and glory.

Kim Jong Un dug the first spadeful of earth to signal the start of the construction project.

The venue for the groundbreaking ceremony seethed with unbridled joy as the historic scene unfolded to be specially etched in the history of victorious development of the dignified DPRK.

When Kim Jong Un pressed the button for blasting, there was a loud sound of detonation signalling the start of the project.

Fireworks were displayed amid the vivid manifestation of boundless reverence for and trust in the great Party Central Committee, which is cultivating the flower garden of all blessings to be enjoyed by all generations to come on this land, based on the idea of “The people are God,” regarding it as its absolute mission to achieve national prosperity and promote the people’s well-being.

Kim Jong Un extended warm encouragement to the soldier-builders replete with the militant morale with which to more courageously display the spirit of unconditional implementation and high executive faculty, peculiar to the KPA, in the great revolutionary work to promote the overall rejuvenation of the country.

He expressed expectation and belief that they would remain intensely loyal to their honourable duty as pioneers of transformation for the country and the people and defenders of happiness in the outpost of the struggle for realizing the cherished desire of the Party.



# Groundbreaking Ceremony of Largest-ever Greenhouse Farm and Vegetable Science Research Centre Held with Splendour



**Thanks to the warm sincerity of the dear father, who is unfolding a brighter future in the people's cradle built on the road of his devoted efforts for the flood victims, a largest-ever modern greenhouse farm and vegetable science research base will be built in Hadan-ri in Sinuiju, a gateway city in the country, and in Soho-ri in Uiju County, as structures symbolic of the lively and bold progress in regional rejuvenation.**

A groundbreaking ceremony of a 450-hectare greenhouse farm and vegetable science research centre took place with splendour on February 10.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony.

Pak Thae Song, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, made the groundbreaking speech.

Saying that grand greenhouse farms on a modern, intensive and industrial footing have been built one after another in the era of transformations led by the great Party, and thereby a new path of improving the people's living standards is being hewed out, the premier said that the edifices of the times built in different parts of the country are the crystallization of the ennobling desire and bold leadership activities of the Party that orients everything towards providing the people with a more affluent life and ushers in a golden

age of construction, self-sustenance and self-respect unprecedented in history.

Noting that the current construction project is a link in the whole chain of the struggle to turn Sinuiju into an advanced city which will vividly show and represent the development and might of socialist Korea and an important political undertaking for displaying the advantages of our Party's policy on regional development, the premier affirmed that the large-scale project will be certainly and triumphantly concluded thanks to the clear-cut policy of the construction revolution indicated by the great Party, our strong conviction and indomitable fighting spirit and the army-people unity.

Kim Jong Un made a rallying speech.

The speech reads as follows:

“Officers and soldiers of the Navy and Air Force units of the Korean People's Army, which are famed for their ardent spirit of patriotism and brilliant exploits,

“Officers and other members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade with the most honourable name,

“I extend my warm encouragement to you, who have come to the important construction site with a high ambition of playing a major role in implementing the Party's far-reaching plan.

“As I have already clarified, our Party and government are planning to implement a new, promising regional development project on the shore of this Amnok River, where damage caused by a natural calamity was removed and a new socialist life has settled.

“The site for the construction of a large greenhouse farm, on which we are now standing, will symbolize our cause of rejuvenating the whole country through a continuous, accelerated struggle, and it will provide another clear picture of the higher





stage and processes of development of the regional and rural rejuvenation as has been designed by our Party.

“I take pride in launching this ambitious regional development project, yet I feel more proud of the fact that I have entrusted the important task of carrying out this project to our most faithful large combined units of the services of the revolutionary armed forces and the youth brigade whose members are in a soaring spirit to wage an unyielding struggle.

“Wherever miraculous successes are achieved and legendary tales of construction are created, I can see the officers and soldiers of the Navy and Air Force units. This is by no means coincidental, and I believe it is an inevitable relationship between you and me, as we always share purpose.

“I am convinced that the officers and soldiers of our Navy and Air Force and the officers and other members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade will give full play to their qualities as befits the elite ranks that are carrying forward the great pioneering spirit with great creations and transformations, and thus present the most splendid and satisfactory structure to our country and people.

“Comrades,

“We are filled with confidence and courage great enough to change the times because we believe in our own strength, and we have the army and young people who are infinitely loyal to the Party’s leadership. And we are pushing our way uninterruptedly towards a powerful country along the path that nobody else in the world has ever trodden because our heroic army and young people are performing feats of labour.

“What you will build is a large-scale greenhouse farm, and yet what surpasses it by far is the prestige of our dignified state, a beautiful life of our beloved people and a lofty ideal we are going to achieve.

“I pay high tribute to the days of creation, which you will glorify with vibrant youth and enthusiasm, and the traces, which you will leave with your strenuous efforts reflective of your ennobling spirit and vigorous steps.

“Along with our ever-prospering times, the happy future of our parents and siblings will always encourage you.

“Let us all advance forward,  
“For the high prestige of our army and young people,  
“For the transformation of this region to be envied by the world,  
“For the eternal prosperity of our motherland!”



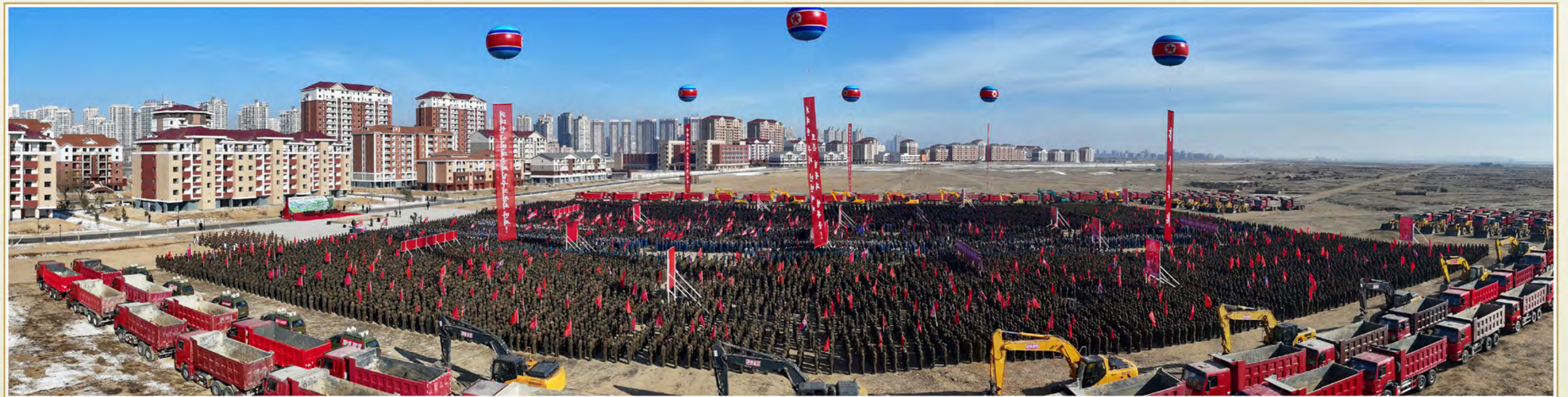
Kim Jong Un dug the first spadeful of earth in celebration of the ceremony and pressed the button for blasting.

Meeting and encouraging the commanding officers of the large combined units of the services of the KPA and the commanding officers of the youth shock brigade, Kim Jong Un gave a series of important instructions related to the project.

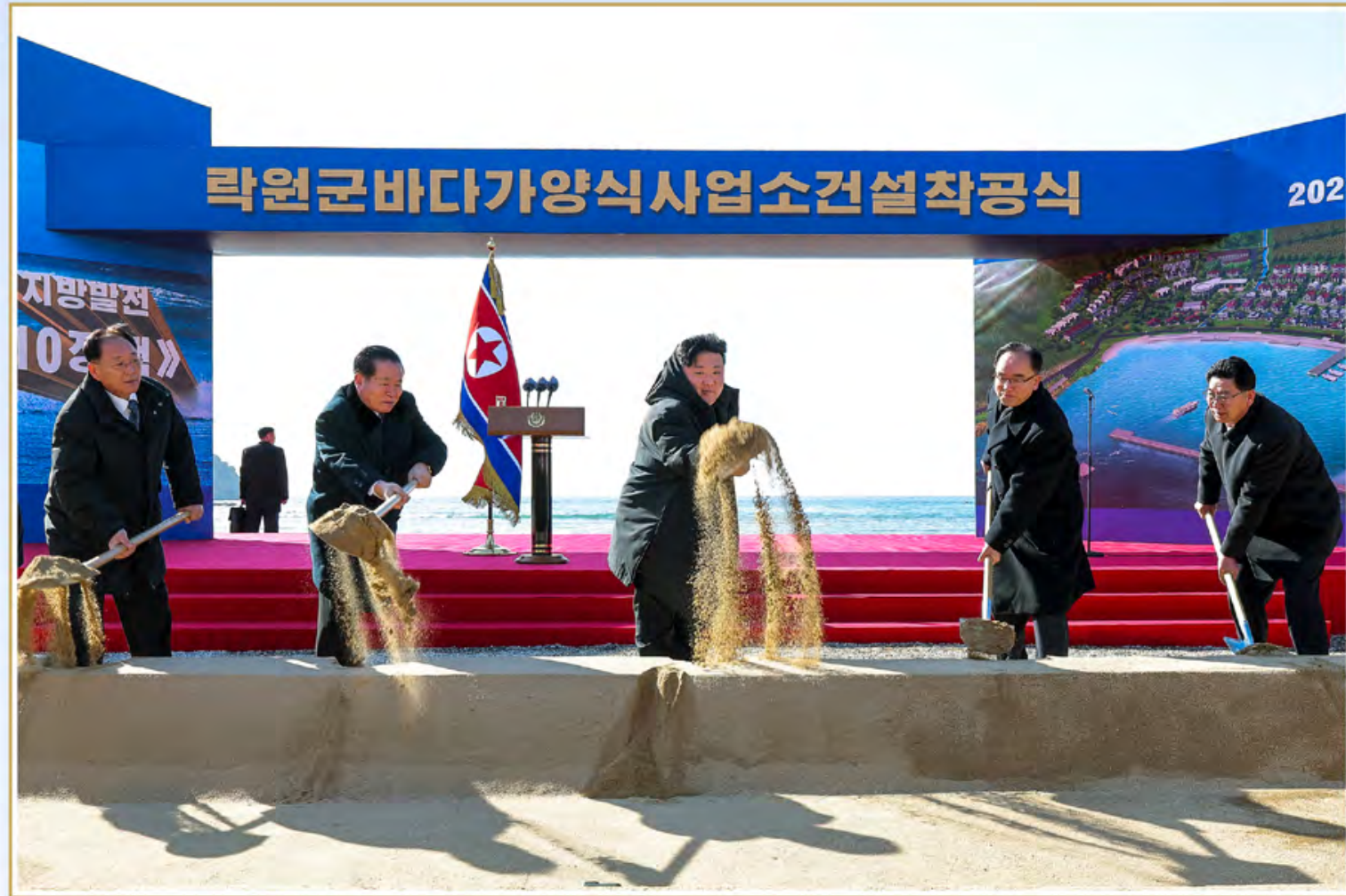
Repeatedly appraising that the KPA has always supported the plans

and intentions of the Party Central Committee without an inch of deflection and with unconditional practice, he advanced the militant task for the army to push forward dynamically, in parallel with the greenhouse farm construction, with the dike project qualitatively to provide an eternal security guarantee in the island area on the lower reaches of the Amnok River and reliably defend the happy life of the people from any natural disaster.





# Groundbreaking Ceremony of Ragwon County Offshore Farm Held with Splendour



A groundbreaking ceremony of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm took place on February 14.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Waving back to the cheering crowds, Kim Jong Un sent warm blessings to all the inhabitants and officials in Ragwon County who were greeting the historic occasion that heralded a greater happiness for them.

He said that the construction of the second modern offshore farming base would start today after the first of its kind in the city of Sinpho under the WPK's policy on effectively exploiting and utilizing the regional natural and economic resources. After deciding the construction of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, the Party Central Committee had a lot of issues including the designation of its appropriate place and its architectural design discussed and

examined since the outset of the year and relevant measures taken to this end, he said, adding that this site was the one he had chosen personally.

This place is free from unfavourable marine meteorological effects and convenient for building a wharf and breakwater as it is enclosed by land on three sides and it is very close to the offshore farming ground, rich in aquatic animal and plant resources and superior in the aspect of marine ecology and, therefore, it is the most suitable site for building the farm, he noted. He said with pleasure that he would present the most beautiful fishing village in the world to Ragwon County by building a modern offshore farm in the area and even flats sustaining the characteristics of the coastal area, and that it would be a good idea to call the fishing village Ragwonpho in the future.

Noting that the prospect of the development of this county, which is one of the smallest counties in the country and has weak economic foundations, lies in making good use of the sea, he said it is his desire

to lay a solid foundation for development and create a model socialist paradise we can be proud of so that the county could prosper forever to suit its name Ragwon (Paradise).

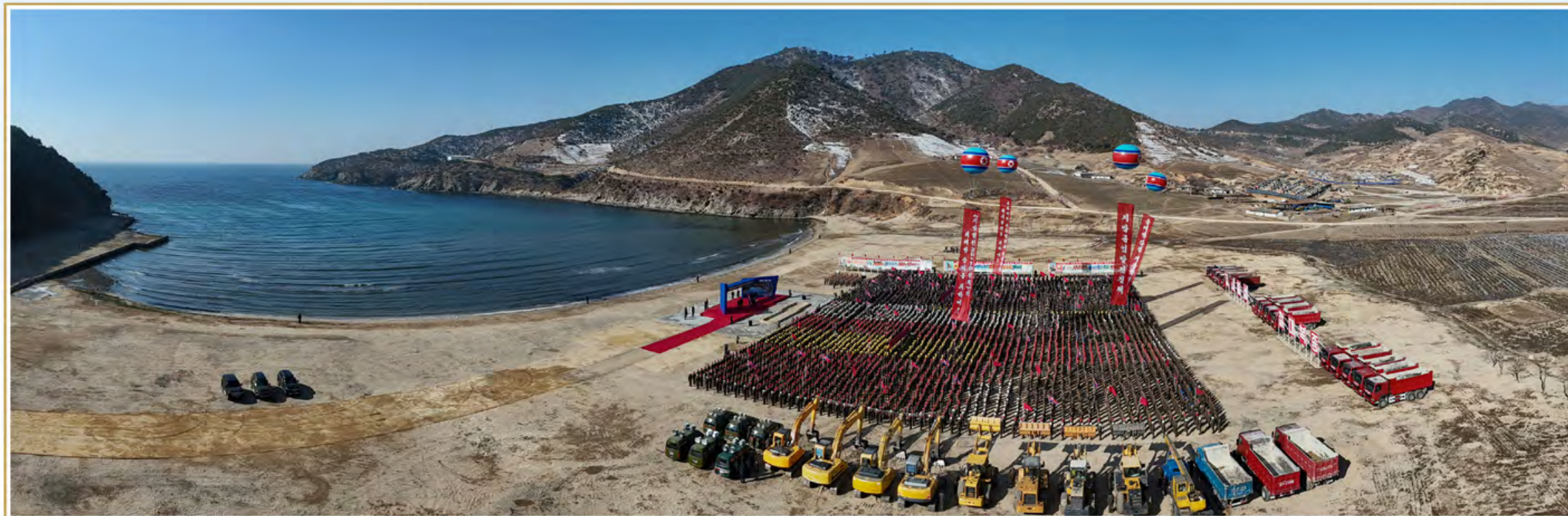
He proudly said that if the farm that will be more distinctive and wonderful than the Sinpho City Offshore Farm and a spectacular fishing village that no one has yet witnessed are built, it will directly demonstrate the validity and prospect of the regional development policy pursued by the Party and serve as a model symbolic of the future change of the county, and a brilliant page will be recorded in the history of the county.

He noted that the inauguration ceremonies of regional-industry factories have been held with splendour in the areas accounting for one-tenth of the country's territory almost every day for more than one month from the end of last year as a proud fruition of the one-year struggle for implementing the Party's regional development policy. This proves that the scope of our struggle has remarkably

expanded and a powerful motive force, capable of advancing our cause, has been created, he added.

He said that our Party will be more thoroughgoing and steadfast, in the future, in defending the demands, rights and interests of the people, stressing that in this context, today's groundbreaking ceremony serves as an important occasion for reaffirming and reclarifying the steadfast principled stand of the Party and the government that perform absolute service for the people.

Saying that aquaculture in our country is a sphere of resources development, whose profitability and prospective nature have already been proved, and a sure guarantee for the development of cities and counties located in the coastal areas, he indicated the orientation and ways for the coastal cities and counties to effectively exploit and utilize marine resources on the basis of a scientific study and analysis of the natural and geographical conditions and marine ecological environment.



The future of Ragwon entirely depends on its inhabitants, he said, calling on the officials and working people in the county to turn out, regarding the maritime industry as their vital issue, and thus open up a new sphere of aquaculture unique to the county.

He said that it is necessary to dynamically advance, through our resolute struggle and constant creation of miracles, the new era of comprehensive prosperity, a period of new development, that will be welcomed by all the people enjoying a rich life improved in quality, expressing once again his firm will to forcefully push forward with the great cause of regional transformation for realizing the people's long-cherished desires.

Kim Jong Un dug the first spadeful of earth in celebration of the ceremony.

Expressing his respect for the warm sincerity and courageous efforts of the service personnel who are devoting themselves to the people's happiness true to the Party's plan, Kim Jong Un expressed belief and expectation that the officers and soldiers of the People's Army will build an ideal fishing village of Korean style to be admired by the world with boundless loyalty, courageous disposition and creative mettle unique to them and proudly bring about a new miracle of regional transformation.

# Five-year Plan for Capital City Construction Decided by Eighth Congress of WPK Enters Its Final Stage

## Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fourth-stage Project to Build 10 000 Flats in Hwasong Area Takes Place with Splendour



Construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, decided by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea to turn Pyongyang into a wonderful world-class city, in which the people-first principle is thoroughly applied, in the new era of comprehensive development towards the supreme ideal of civilization and prosperity, has entered its final stage.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un personally planned to have 50 000 flats built in the capital city, a project to be specially recorded in the sacred history of development of the Party and the state, and set it as the most important task and cherished desire to be realized without fail. And since he declared the first meaningful groundbreaking for implementing the project, he has ceaselessly given brilliant guidance at the grand construction sites to usher in a new heyday of Pyongyang, in which ideal streets of the people to be

proud of in the eyes of the world are built every year.

The final-stage struggle of the five-year plan for the monumental construction of the capital city is the most important undertaking of creation this year for perfectly fulfilling the pledge, which our Party made before the people and has discharged without an inch of deflection. It is also an honourable revolutionary undertaking to inject greater vitality into the all-people general advance towards the 80<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the WPK and the Ninth Party Congress.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the fourth-stage project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area took place with splendour on the afternoon of February 16.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Present there were Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, and other senior Party, government and military officials, officials of the Cabinet, armed forces organs, ministries, national

agencies and Pyongyang and military and civilian builders.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the groundbreaking ceremony, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers, looking up to the outstanding statesman and benevolent leader of the people, who is steadily ushering in a golden age of rejuvenation and an era of comprehensive prosperity on this land where all the people's well-being and socialist civilization are coming into full bloom, by bringing about epochal victories and grand transformations unprecedented in



history with his great state building idea of believing in the people as in Heaven and extraordinary leadership.

Kim Jong Un made a speech on the occasion of the groundbreaking.

Explaining the significance of holding another groundbreaking ceremony for the new year's project to build 10 000 flats, just as we did without fail over the past four years, he extended warm thanks

and militant greetings to all the builders who are taking a vigorous step forward to attain more ambitious goals with the dignity and pride in having performed brilliant exploits in the worthwhile construction work.

After clarifying the great role of construction in the course of our struggle to move from a revolution to a more gigantic one and from a stage of development to a higher level of transformation, he



declared his intention to have the capital city construction continued until all conditions are provided for its citizens to lead a civilized and happy life without any inconvenience, and introduced an immediate construction plan for expanding the capital city.

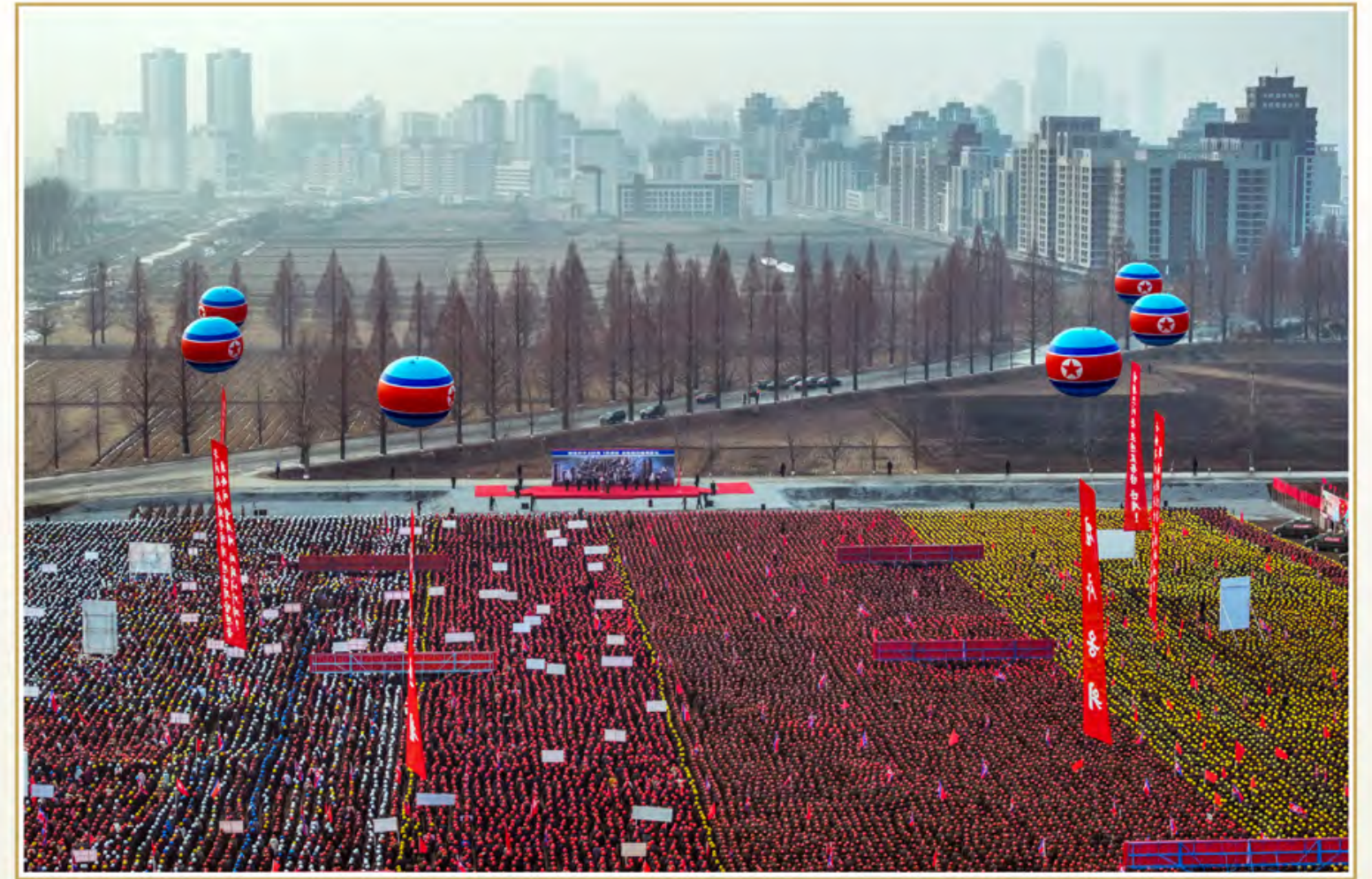
Expressing belief that the fourth-stage construction project in the Hwasong area will surely bear good fruit and thus make the area more famous not only as a cradle of the happy and civilized life of

the people but as a land of history, which tells new miraculous tales of indomitable socialist Korea, he ardently called for turning out more courageously in the great struggle for the great appearance and eternal prosperity of our capital city, for the civilization of our state and for the happy life of our people.

All the builders broke into enthusiastic cheers with boundless reverence for Kim Jong Un, who is warmly inspiring them with







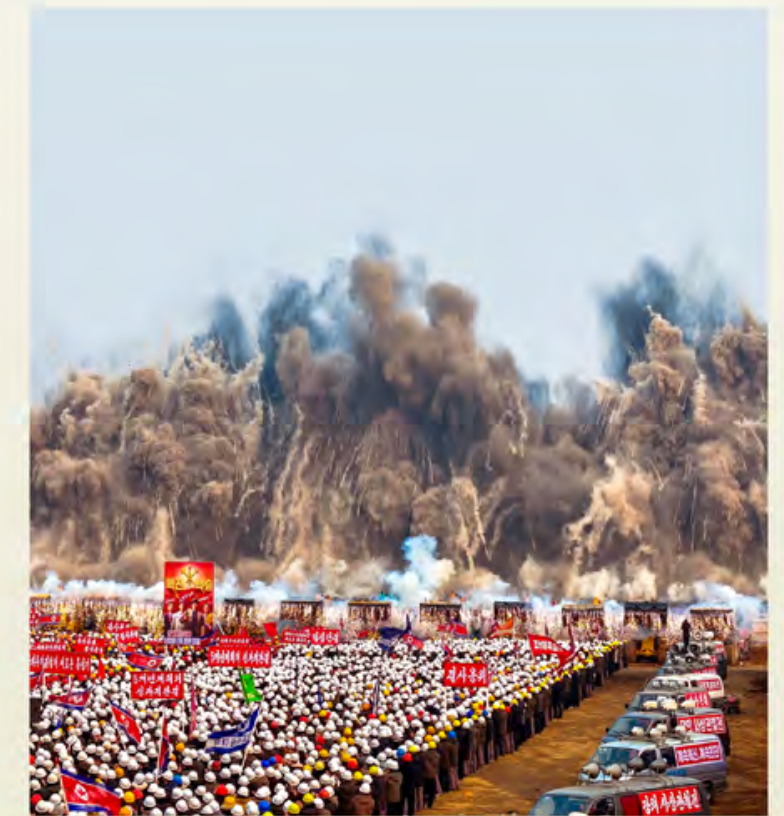
great trust so that they can perform eye-opening feats once again in this year's struggle for successfully concluding the tasks decided by the Party congress.

The venue of the groundbreaking ceremony was filled with the ardent enthusiasm of the builders of the capital city to fulfil the cherished desire of our Party with miracles of creation, bearing deep in mind Kim Jong Un's instructions that the Hwasong area is the epitome that intensively shows the spirit peculiar to the Workers' Party of Korea that wages the revolution uninterrupted and the onward march of our state that advances towards the future with a great ambition.

Kim Jong Un pressed the button for blasting to herald the start of the project for building 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area.

Fireworks were set off one after another to declare the start of a new advance as the loud sound of blasting shook the sky and the land.

Expressing expectation that all the military and civilian builders will as ever demonstrate the honour of our times and our generation and steadily carry forward the glorious history of the people-first architecture, he warmly acknowledged their cheers for a long time.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun on Day of Shining Star

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 Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on February 16, the Day of the Shining Star.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon and Ri Hi Yong, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Kim Jae Ryong, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where the eternal leaders of our Party, state and people are preserved in their lifetime appearance, was wrapped in a solemn atmosphere.

A flower basket in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Un, together with leading cadres accompanying him, paid high tribute to the statues of the President and the Chairman.

At the hall where Kim Jong Il lies in state, Kim Jong Un paid homage to him praying for his immortality in the humblest reverence for him.

He expressed his solemn will to devote himself to the sacred struggle for the eternal prosperity of the country, the security of the people and the promotion of their well-being, always remaining faithful to the revolutionary ideas and cause of the President and the Chairman.





Working people, service personnel, and youth and students laid flower baskets and bouquets before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.



A national photo show and national fine art exhibition were held.

# Greatest National Holiday Celebrated in February

All the people in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea celebrated with splendour the 83<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il (February 16), the greatest national holiday.

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, and their statues and the mosaic murals depicting the peerlessly great men across the country were visited by many people.

Working people, youth and students in Pyongyang and the provinces (municipalities) visited photo exhibition halls, recollecting the noble revolutionary career of the Chairman who opened up a broad avenue for eternal victory and prosperity of Juche Korea with his iron will and superhuman efforts.

The national flag as well as posters were displayed at major places of Pyongyang and provincial capitals, city and county seats and at institutions, enterprises, factories and farms across the country to rev



A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took place.



Evening gala of youth and students in Pyongyang and fireworks display took place at Kim Il Sung Square.

up the festive mood.

A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took place in Pyongyang to celebrate the holiday.

There were art performances celebrating the holiday.

Artistic performances of renowned art troupes were staged at the Mansudae Art Theatre, East Pyongyang Grand Theatre and other theatres. And art groups from ministries and national agencies gave their performances at the People's Palace of Culture, Pyongyang Grand Theatre and Central Youth Hall.

With the boundless yearnings for the Chairman, great saint, youth and students in Pyongyang had an evening gala at Kim Il Sung Square on the evening of February 16.

Public catering establishments across the country were crowded with visitors, and happy laughter resounded at the Central Zoo, Natural History Museum and other cultural and leisure centres.

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There were artistic performances in various parts of the country.



# Successive Inaugurations of First Entities in Implementing Regional Development Policy

Modern regional-industry factories, the first results of the gigantic campaign for creation to be specially recorded in the history of the struggle of the sacred Workers' Party of Korea and the course of development of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, have been built in 20 cities and counties in different parts of the country in less than one year.



January 29, 2025

## Kosan County

The wonderful factories in the fruit-growing area, which has been turned into a socialist fairyland with a sea of apple trees at the foot of Chol Pass, will ensure the county signally improves the inhabitants' living standards and develops the regional economy by relying on the solid foundations as well as developed pomiculture.





The city of Kusong has been known throughout the country for the historical relics of national value and rich forest resources, and now factories that produce sweets, condiments, garments, daily necessities and building materials have been set up here.



January 30, 2025

City of Kusong





January 31, 2025

Orang County



Modern marine product-processing, foodstuff and daily necessities factories have been built in Orang County in the northern part of the country. The county on the shore of the East Sea of Korea has now solid foundations for improving the living standards of the local residents by making effective use of its advantageous economic conditions.





February 1, 2025

### Jangphung County

Regional-industry factories have been sprung up in the county thanks to the noble intention of the Workers' Party of Korea to make all the people, whether they live in the capital city or regions, in towns or mountain villages, lead an abundant and civilized life under the socialist policy of the state. They are valuable assets for dynamically propelling the development of the regional economy.





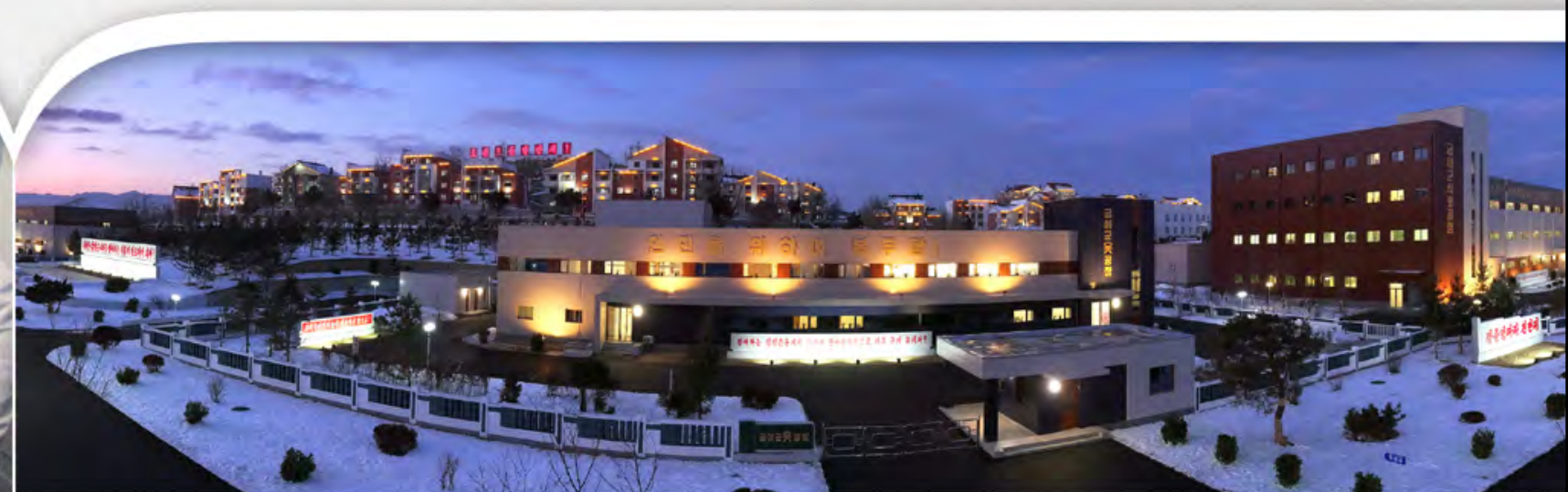


February 3, 2025

**Kumya County**



Inauguration of regional-industry factories took place in Kumya County, South Hamgyong Province, an industrial province in the country, following the greenhouse farm in Ryonpho, large-scale offshore farm in Sinpho, a "rich city," and regional-industry factories in Hamju County.





February 5, 2025

# Tongsin County

Regional-industry factories built to suit the characteristics of the mountainous region and sustain modern and practical features have brought delight for a new life to the people in the remote county.



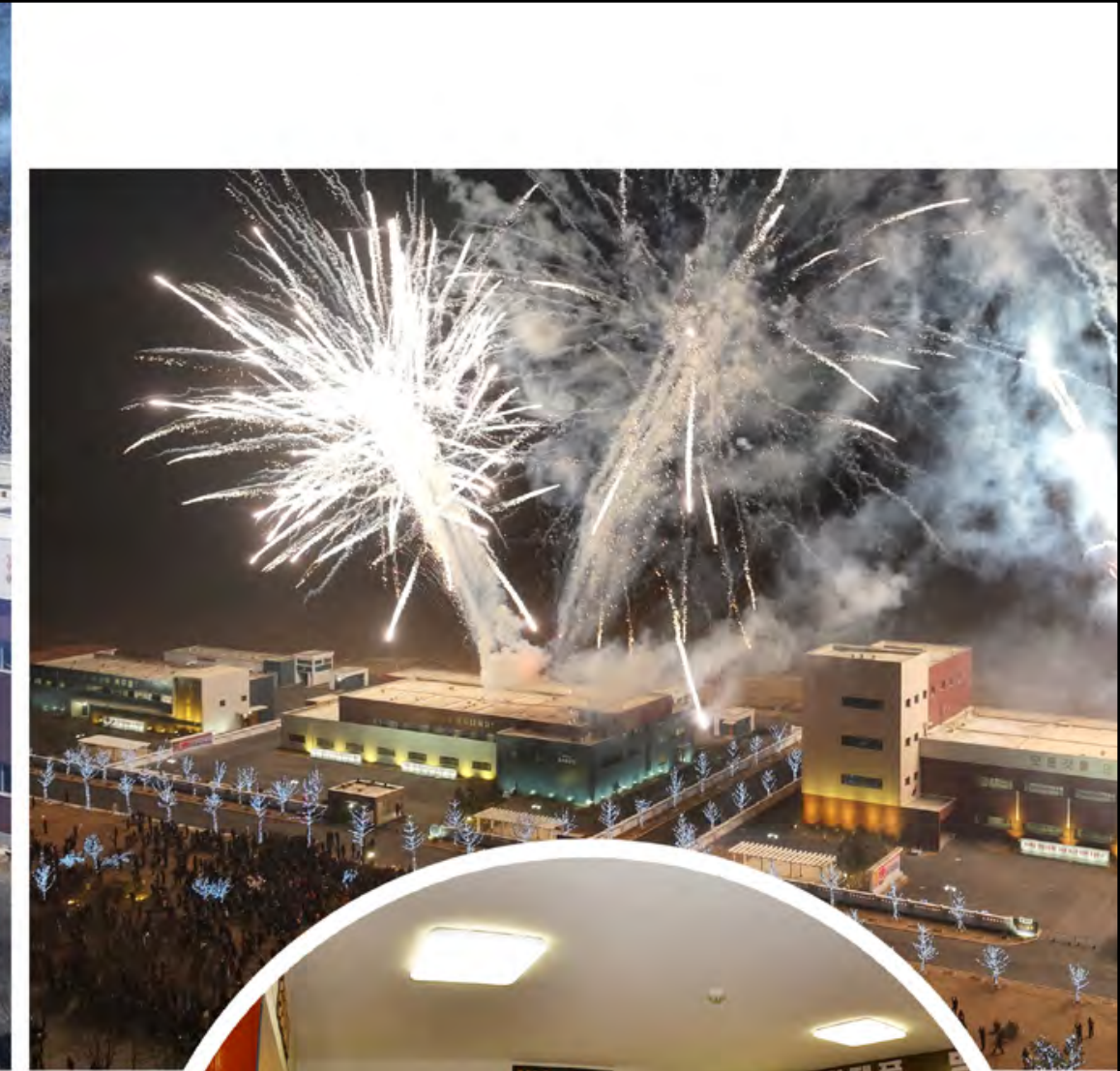


February 7, 2025

# Unsan County

The regional-industry factories built in Unsan County, whose name originated from its high mountains with frequent clouds, are precious creations that promise a beautiful life to local residents and firmly guarantee the regional economic development.





February 9, 2025

# Ichon County

People in Kangwon Province celebrated with splendour the inauguration of regional-industry factories in Ichon County, proud entities of transformation welcomed and hailed by the people along with those in Kimhwa County, a remote region in the province.





With the inauguration of the regional-industry factories in this county, the first-year task for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy, a great revolutionary cause unprecedented in the history of the DPRK, has successfully been finished thanks to the far-reaching plan of the great Party Central Committee to open an era of civilization and prosperity, in which all the ideals of the people are realized, and to its bold decision and thoroughgoing execution.



February 11, 2025

Kim Hyong Jik County



# Enthusiasm for Creation and Spirit of Vigorous Advance to Bring About Fresh Proud Miracles for Regional Transformation

Groundbreaking ceremonies of regional-industry factories, hospital and leisure complex for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy took place with splendour in Sinyang, Koksan, Jongphyong, Taegwan, Rangnim and Sepho counties and in the cities of Kusong and Sinpho.



Regional-industry factories in Sinyang County



Hospital in the city of Kusong



Regional-industry factories in Koksan County



Regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Jongphyong County



Regional-industry factories in the city of Sinpho



Regional-industry factories in Rangnim County



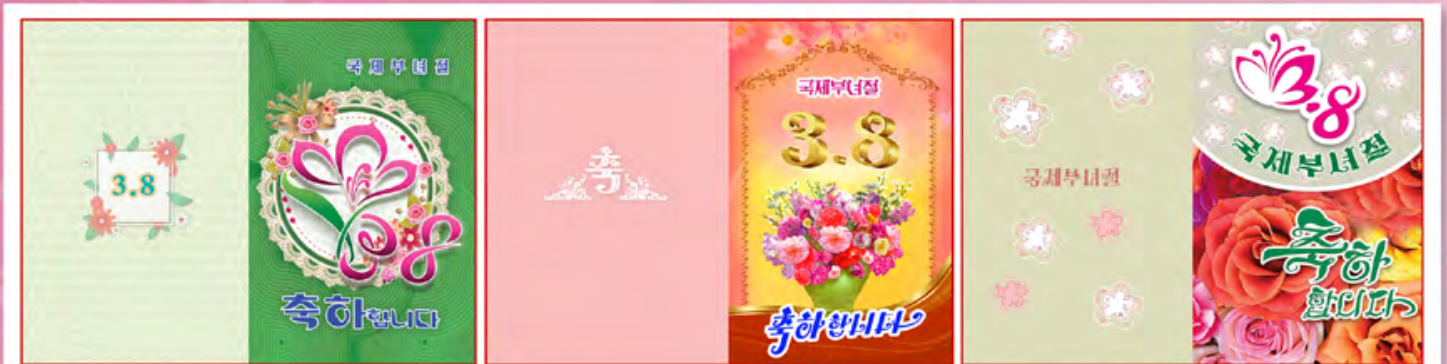
Regional-industry factories in Taegwan County



Regional-industry factories in Sepho County



*Congratulations on  
March 8 International  
Women's Day*



Greeting cards newly issued on the occasion

On the occasion of the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March 8 International Women's Day, all the people in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are offering heartfelt congratulations to the women who are adding to the delight of the families and society and supporting the country with genuine affection, warm feeling and sincere devotion.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK have

pursued policies of respecting the women and giving importance to their role and lead them to make a proactive contribution to socialist construction while enjoying a dignified and happy life.

At present, women in the DPRK are exercising equal rights with men in the political, economic, cultural and all other fields and making tangible contributions to the development of the country and society.



The final-stage struggle of the five-year plan for the monumental construction of the capital city is the most important undertaking of creation this year for perfectly fulfilling the pledge, which our Party made before the people and has discharged without an inch of deflection, and also an honourable revolutionary undertaking to inject greater vitality into the all-people general advance towards the 80<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the WPK and the Ninth Party Congress.



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